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**The New York Botanical Garden Hosts Its Annual
Antique Garden Furniture Show and Sale
April 28, 29, and 30, 2006
Preview Party, Thursday Evening, April 27**

The New York Botanical Garden will host its 14th annual *Antique Garden Furniture Show and Sale* from Friday, April 28 through Sunday, April 30, 2006. This is the country's original and most important showcase for quality garden antiques and is a must-see for leading collectors. The Show kicks off with a Benefit Preview Party and Collectors' Plant Sale on Thursday, April 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. The finest antique fountains, urns, statues, bird cages, benches, botanical prints, and rare gardening books will be on display and for sale by exhibitors from around the country. Garden specialists will offer tours and lectures daily. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This year's exhibitors will offer garden antiques varying in scale, from life-size rabbit sculptures to seven-tiered fountains and ten-foot urns. Booths full of cast iron, wicker, marble, and Galloway terra-cotta ornament are planned, and Barbara Israel Garden Antiques will replicate a 19th-century English country antiques shop, complete with stucco walls and hand-hewn beams. To celebrate the Chinese Year of the Dog, there will be a selection of cast stone, cast iron, and Coade stone garden hounds, as well as Ming marble planters and a 17th-century Chinese wall lattice. Pieces with provenance and patina are the Show's specialty. Highlights this year include fountains from famous foundries, birdhouse replicas of actual residences, and garden ornaments from the Oyster Bay Cove estate of the late Geoffrey Beene. Many booths will be endowed with "interior garden" pieces such as Greek-, Roman-, and Egyptian-themed urns, small scale Grand Tour bronzes and marbles, finials, obelisks, weather vanes, folk art, botanical books, and prints. *The Antique Garden Furniture Show and Sale*, with nineteen demonstrations and talks scheduled over three days, is the ideal venue for learning about garden antiques and building on personal collections.

The Show takes place in a tent surrounded by flowering trees, plants, and shrubs outside the landmark Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, America's preeminent Victorian glasshouse. Admission is \$13 for adults, \$11 for seniors, and \$5 for children for a Combination Ticket that includes access to the Show, Botanical Garden grounds, the Conservatory, Rock Garden, Native Plant Garden, Everett Children's Adventure Garden, and Tram Tour. Preview Party ticket prices start at \$200 per person and offer enthusiasts and collectors the opportunity to view the antiques and plants and make early purchases, while enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. For Preview Party tickets and information, please call 718.817.8885. The New York Botanical Garden's lush and colorful indoor exhibition, *Spring Sensations: The Conservatory Flower Show*, will be on view during the *Antique Garden Furniture Show and Sale*. Visitors will also have the opportunity to see the new LuEsther T. Mertz Library exhibition, *Dutch Watercolors: The Great Age of the Leiden Botanical Garden*, in the William D. Rondina and Giovanni Foroni LoFaro Gallery.

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The New York Botanical Garden is a museum of plants located at Bronx River Parkway (Exit 7W) and Fordham Road in the Bronx. The Botanical Garden is open year-round, Tuesday through Sunday and Monday federal holidays, from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. April through October, and 10 a.m.–5 p.m. November through March. The best way to enjoy the Botanical Garden is with the *Combination Ticket*, which includes admission to the grounds, the Conservatory, Rock Garden, Native Plant Garden, Everett Children's Adventure Garden, and Tram Tour, and costs for \$13 for adults; \$11 for students and seniors; \$5 for children 2–12. Grounds admission is free to everyone on Wednesdays all day and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, visit www.nybg.org or call 718.817.8700.

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