

Public Events for Spring at The New York Botanical Garden

Programs Celebrate the Season of Nature's Rebirth

Few places feature as many facets of nature's ever-changing seasonal displays as The New York Botanical Garden. This spring at the Botanical Garden promises a rich, multi-sensory visitor experience of floral delights, both indoors and out, complemented by exhibitions, programs, and events, including a celebration of plant science, coinciding with the grand opening of the new Pfizer Plant Research Laboratory. Below is a list of scheduled events through June.

(Information subject to change.)

Please call 718.817.8700 or visit www.nybg.org for more information.

EXHIBITIONS

Spring Sensations: The Conservatory Flower Show

April 15–June 4

Irises, daffodils, tulips, foxgloves, astilbes, poppies, pansies... the list of spring favorites in this exhibition in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory goes on and on, highlighting the broad scope of color, texture, and form on display throughout the new season. You'll think you've stepped into a beautiful meadow dotted with meandering streams and gentle waterfalls.

In the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory

*Spring Sensations: The Conservatory Flower Show has been made possible by
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin H. Davidson.*

Exhibitions in the Conservatory have been made possible by the late Enid A. Haupt.

Dutch Watercolors: The Great Age of the Leiden Botanical Garden

April 8–July 9

Historic watercolors on loan from the National Herbarium of the Netherlands at Leiden, together with prints and rare books from The New York Botanical Garden's LuEsther T. Mertz Library's collections, will be on display, providing a context for understanding the historical significance of Leiden's Hortus Botanicus, one of the earliest European botanical gardens, established in 1590.

In the Rondina and LoFaro Gallery of the Library Building

*Exhibitions in the Mertz Library are made possible by the LuEsther T. Mertz Charitable Trust,
William D. Rondina and The Carlisle Collection, and The Kurt Berliner Foundation.*

Primrose Palette

April 11–May 21, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Colorful, cheerful primulas—primroses, as they are often called—will lend their charming beauty to *Primrose Palette*, in the Bourke-Sullivan Display House. Starting April 11, some dozen primula species, including rare and choice auriculas, will be featured along with fuchsias, roses, gardenias, ferns, and other classic Victorian glasshouse plants. Because they are diminutive, ephemeral, and delicate, primroses can be shown at their best in the intimately-scaled display house.

In the Bourke-Sullivan Display House of the Nolen Greenhouses for Living Collections

Plants and Fungi: Ten Current Research Stories

Ongoing

This exhibition of research by Botanical Garden scientists in the field, laboratory, library, and herbarium, probes the mysteries of the evolution, ecological roles, and economic uses of plants.

In the Britton Science Rotunda and Gallery of the Library Building

Leadership support provided by Edward P. Bass

The Luminous Lens of Mick Hales: Photographs of The New York Botanical Garden

Ongoing

The Luminous Lens of Mick Hales showcases 23 magnificent images that capture the seasonal beauty of the Botanical Garden, as seen through the keen eye of internationally renowned landscape photographer Mick Hales.

In the Arthur and Janet Ross Gallery

Made possible by support from the Arthur and Janet Ross Fund

ANTIQUÉ GARDEN FURNITURE SHOW AND SALE

April 28–30, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

More than 30 of the country's leading antique dealers offer their finest quality pieces at the *Antique Garden Furniture Show and Sale*, America's most celebrated venue for garden antiques. During the three-day event, fountains, statues, benches, urns, sundials, birdbaths, and botanical prints beckon novice collectors and garden designers alike. Throughout the weekend, antiques experts and designers provide informative demonstrations and talks.

In the Conservatory Tent

Sponsored by Garden Design magazine

SPRING OPENING OF THE HOME GARDENING CENTER

May 13 and 14

Welcome spring to your garden at the Home Gardening Center on Mother's Day Weekend. Delight in a wealth of demonstrations, tours, talks, Q & A sessions, and book signings, including David Hirsch from Moosewood Café and Scott Tilden, author of *The Glory of Gardens*, as well as dozens of the Botanical Garden's own experts and curators. And don't miss the Home Gardening Demonstrations by Sonia Uyterhoeven, Gardener for Public Programs, offered every Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. The Home Gardening Center is a haven for gardeners at every level who seek answers to questions, ways to combat gardening challenges, and the latest in the home gardening world.

In the Home Gardening Center

The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company is the Official Sponsor of Home Gardening.

Generous support for the Home Gardening Center has been provided by Kenneth and Ellen Roman.

IN CELEBRATION OF PLANT SCIENCE

May 16–21

The New York Botanical Garden will observe the grand opening of its new state-of-the-art Pfizer Plant Research Laboratory with a multi-day program, "In Celebration of Plant Science." The festivities begin on Tuesday, May 16, 2006, with the dedication of the Pfizer Laboratory. They continue through the following weekend with behind-the-scenes tours open to the public, lectures, demonstrations, a *Café Scientifique*, family and children's programs, and other exciting events.

Throughout the Botanical Garden

Principal funding for the Pfizer Plant Research Laboratory has been provided by the federal government through the leadership of Congressman José E. Serrano; Pfizer Inc and The Pfizer Foundation; the State of New York through the leadership of Governor George E. Pataki; and Lewis B. and Dorothy Cullman.

TOURS

Bird Walks

Saturdays through June 24, 11 a.m.

Bring your binoculars and walk the grounds with a bird expert to learn more about bird-friendly habitats and both passage birds and birds that reside at The New York Botanical Garden.

Meet at the Great Garden Clock at the Leon Levy Visitor Center

Expert-led Tours of Dutch Watercolors: The Great Age of the Leiden Botanical Garden

April 8 and 22, May 6, 20, June 10 and 24, 2:30 p.m., and May 21, 11:30 a.m.

Join a curator for a tour of more than 60 botanical watercolors, prints, and rare books spanning three centuries of worldwide exploration in the exhibition, *Dutch Watercolors: The Great Age of the Leiden Botanical Garden*. The selection of works portrays the history of one of the earliest European botanical gardens, founded in 1590.

Meet in the LuEsther T. Mertz Library's Rondina and LoFaro Gallery

HOME GARDENING DEMONSTRATIONS

All take place in the Home Gardening Center unless otherwise noted.

Selecting, Siting, and Planting Beautiful Trees and Shrubs

April 8 and 9, 1:30 p.m.

Trees and shrubs form the backbone of any landscape. If installed properly, they also add enormous value to your property. Join Gardener of Public Programs Sonia Uyterhoeven as she teaches you how to “Go Green” and takes you through the basics of creating and maintaining a beautiful landscape.

Daffodil Delight: Adding Color to Your Home in Spring

April 15 and 16, 1:30 p.m.

Join Gardener for Public Programs Sonia Uyterhoeven to learn how to bring some early color into your homes with ideas for decorative indoor containers and baskets.

Solutions to Common Problems in Your Garden:

Rites of Spring: Fail-safe Steps for Preparing Your Garden for Success

April 22 and 23, 1:30 p.m.

Join Gardener for Public Programs Sonia Uyterhoeven for a home gardening demonstration on the basic principles of preparing your beds for spring—from winter clean-up to soil preparation. A discussion of early vegetable crops will be included in the demonstration.

Solutions to Common Problems in Your Garden:

Trouble-free Lilacs

April 29 and 30, 1:30 p.m.

Join Gardener for Public Programs Sonia Uyterhoeven as she takes you through the basics for growing lilacs. Learn how to rejuvenate old plants to get them to flower again.

Pruning Your Shrubs

May 6 and 7, 1:30 p.m.

Bad pruning cuts can accidentally remove flowers and fruits for the season or last for years. Join Gardener for Public Programs Sonia Uyterhoeven as she takes a closer look at the architecture of some of the most common garden shrubs and reviews basic timing and techniques for pruning them.

Preparing Your Vegetable Garden

May 20 and 21, 1:30 p.m.

If you will do anything for a good meal, join Gardener for Public Programs Sonia Uyterhoeven as she teaches you how to successfully feed your local family of rabbits, squirrels, woodchucks, and hopefully yourself by growing glorious vegetable gardens.

Spring Annuals

May 27, 28, and 29, 1:30 p.m.

Available these days in almost every color, shape and size—join Gardener for Public Programs Sonia Uyterhoeven as she demonstrates how to plant, maintain and create beautiful designs with spring and summer annuals.

The Basics of Rose Care

June 3 and 4, 1:30 p.m.

From pruning to fertilizers, join Sonia Uyterhoeven, Gardener for Public Programs to learn the basics on how to care for your roses. *In the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden*

Rose Pruning Basics

June 10 and 11, 1:30 p.m.

Experience firsthand how to prune and deadhead roses. Find out how to make this task more enjoyable and easier. *In the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden*

Companion Planting for Roses

June 17 and 18, 1:30 p.m.

Learn how to plant unique combinations of roses with annuals and perennials to create beautiful designs and discover which plants make healthy companions for your roses. *In the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden*

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June 24 and 25, 1:30 p.m.

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FAMILY EVENTS

Wake Up, Garden!

April 1–30, 1–5:30 p.m.

When springtime arrives, children help awaken the Family Garden from its winter rest! They can plant flower and vegetable seeds, make compost, create unique nature crafts, and enjoy the beautiful spring bulbs.

In the Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden

Mud, Buds, and Butterflies

April 4–June 25

Tuesday–Friday, 1:30–5:30 p.m.; Weekends, 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Explore the buds and blossoms that make springtime so special. Children have the opportunity to plant seeds to take home and go on a spring scavenger hunt.

In the Everett Children’s Adventure Garden

Plant and Bunny Hunt

April 15 and 16, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Hunt for topiary creatures amid glorious spring blossoms and identify special plants to find the treasure.

Throughout the Botanical Garden

Wild Wiggly Worms

May 2–28, 1–5:30 p.m.

Learn all about worms and how they are hard at work in the garden. Make a worm craft, sift nutritious worm compost to take home for your houseplants, and more.

In the Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden

Bronx Arts Ensemble Presents “Rumpelstiltskin”

June 18, 3 p.m.

With the Children’s Theatre Company at Lehman College, directed by Dante Albertie, the Bronx Arts Ensemble presents the classic tale of Rumpelstiltskin, who demands the Queen’s first-born, unless she can guess his crazy name. Don’t miss this funny and gentle popular version that invites audience participation.

In the Arthur and Janet Ross Lecture Hall

Family Programs are supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

ROSE MONTH

June 3–25

Celebrate thousands of roses in flower in The New York Botanical Garden’s splendid rose garden. Expert talks, tours, tips, demonstrations, and special events are part of the floral festivities.

In the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden

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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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