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Spring Sensations: The Conservatory Flower Show
Highlights the Season's Glory in an Evolving Display
April 15 – June 4, 2006

As spring returns, so too does The New York Botanical Garden's annual exhibition celebrating the rebirth of nature in all its splendor. The spectacular *Spring Sensations: The Conservatory Flower Show* begins on April 15 and runs through June 4, 2006 in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, where the broad scope of flowers' color, texture, and form will be on display throughout the new season. Visitors view a seemingly endless parade of spring favorites—irises, daffodils, tulips, astilbes, poppies, pansies, and many more. As the outdoor landscape changes, so will the Conservatory show's bulbs, perennials, annuals, trees, and shrubs, with the spotlight in May on a rainbow of irises, from tall-bearded to Japanese to Siberian.

Experience the serenity of a beautiful woodland meadow with meandering streams and gentle waterfalls, all under glass. *Spring Sensations* showcases lush seasonal beauties in an ever-changing palette of plantings from spring blossoms to early summer-flowering selections. Pools and streams add charm in the midst of trees, bulbs, grasses, and rocks throughout the Conservatory's seasonal galleries. Foxglove, coral bells, violas, forget-me-nots, daffodils, violets, hyacinth, and many more favorites create a field of pinks, purples, blues, greens, yellows, and whites.

A variety of spring flowers unfold as the season progresses, with the changing display providing renewed inspiration for home gardeners. The panorama of choice plants includes delicate woodland ephemerals, bold herbaceous perennials, a kaleidoscope of spring bulbs, and shrubs with both floral and foliage appeal.

Outdoors, visitors can also enjoy captivating gardens, including the early blooms of the Jane Watson Irwin Perennial Garden, eye-catching springtime alpins in the Rock Garden, as well as peonies, iris, and tulips, and fabulous flowering cherry trees, magnolias, and crabapples across the Botanical Garden's 250-acre National Historic Landmark site..

Whether indoors or outside, under glass or across the expansive grounds, The New York Botanical Garden is a wonderful place to experience spring. Complementing its world-renowned outdoor highlights of the season, *Spring Sensations: The Conservatory Flower Show* showcases the enchantment of the season for all to appreciate, from its dawning days in April until its twilight in June when summer beckons.

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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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