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**The New York Botanical Garden Hosts Its Annual
Antique Garden Furniture Show and Sale
April 27, 28, and 29, 2007**

From Friday, April 27 to Sunday, April 29, 2007, The New York Botanical Garden will host its 15th annual *Antique Garden Furniture Show and Sale*. As the country's original and most important venue for quality garden antiques, the show is a must for leading collectors, kicking off with a Benefit Preview Party and Collectors' Plant Sale, Thursday, April 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. The finest antique fountains, urns, statues, bird cages, benches, botanical prints, and rare gardening books will be displayed by exhibitors from around the country. Garden antique specialists will offer tours and lectures daily. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Two popular specialists who helped to establish the *Antique Garden Furniture Show and Sale* are returning to celebrate its 15th year. **Debra Queen** of South Dartmouth, Massachusetts, is an expert in gnomes, miniature wheelbarrows, vintage garden tools, and whimsical "smalls" to enhance your garden or indoor décor. **Anne and Garrett Rowe of The Sugarplum**, based in Wilmot, New Hampshire, typically import an entire menagerie of garden animals from France and England—and often sell out their entire booth by the show's end.

Barbara Israel Garden Antiques' booth will be a recreation of an antiques shop influenced by Isle-sur-la-Sorgue with a totally French flavor, including wood flooring and a heavily beamed ceiling. A large circular French gothic revival mirror, a rare Val D'Osne garden seat, an 18th-century French stone circular cistern, and a marble musician figure by L. Madrassi of Paris are among the pieces to be featured. The booth's exterior will evoke a French-style cottage garden.

Aileen Minor's booth will unveil an oriental garden theme featuring a 19th-century bridal sedan chair as an oriental "folly," the focal point in a conservatory or garden room filled with lush plantings and sculpture. The sedan chair is rectangular in form with a pagoda roof decorated with carved corner dragons. Completing the ensemble are mammoth sandstone heads of Chinese temple guardians, Chinese floral painted wood panels, and Chinese glazed tiles.

The leader in modern garden antiques at this year's show is **Avant Garden Ltd.**, favoring clean, modernist lines and bold forms and colors. They will exhibit a three-legged composition planter from France, a zinc and painted wood skittles ball, and a zinc-top dining table. Also offered are a two-tiered municipal fountain from France, a 19th-century stone wellhead, a 1950s three-piece slate "jigsaw" table from the south of France, a huge studded copper vessel with outstanding verdigris, an amorphous composition planter from the south of France, and a three-tiered American Deco painted plant stand.

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The *Antique Garden Furniture Show and Sale* takes place in a tent surrounded by flowering trees, plants, and shrubs outside the landmark Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors, and \$5 for children for a combination ticket that includes access to the show, Botanical Garden grounds, Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, Rock Garden, Native Plant Garden, Tram Tour, and Everett Children's Adventure Garden. Advance tickets are available online at www.nybg.org. Preview Party ticket prices start at \$200 per person and offer enthusiasts and collectors the opportunity to view the antiques and plants, make early purchases, and enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. For Preview Party tickets and information, please call 718.817.8885.

Caribbean Gardens: Journey to Paradise, The New York Botanical Garden's lush and colorful indoor exhibition, will be on view in the Conservatory beginning April 27. Visitors will also have the opportunity to see the new LuEsther T. Mertz Library exhibition, *Paradise in Print*, in the William D. Rondina and Giovanni Foroni LoFaro Gallery.

The *Antique Garden Furniture Show and Sale* is the ideal venue for learning about garden antiques and building on personal collections.

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The New York Botanical Garden is a museum of plants located at Bronx River Parkway (Exit 7W) and Fordham Road. It is easy to reach by Metro-North Railroad or subway. The Botanical Garden is open Tuesday through Sunday and Monday federal holidays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April through October. PRICING: \$18, Seniors/Students \$16, Children \$5. Advance tickets are available online at www.nybg.org. For more information, please call 718.817.8700 or visit our Web site at www.nybg.org.

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2007 Exhibitor Listing

Kate A. Alex and Co.	Warner, N.H.
Ani Ancient Stone	New York, N.Y.
Avant Garden Ltd.	Pound Ridge, N.Y.
Balsamo Antiques	Pine Plains, N.Y.
Eleanor and David Billet Antiques LLC	New York, N.Y.
Joan Bogart Antiques	Rockville Centre, N.Y.
Brennan & Mouilleseaux	Northfield, Conn.
Dawn Hill Antiques	New Preston, Conn.
Dean Antiques	London, England
Michael Donovan	Nashua, N.H.
Margaret Doyle	Cumberland Foreside, Maine
Joan Evans Antiques	Lambertville, N.J.
Finnegan Gallery	Chicago, Ill.
Fleur	Mount Kisco, N.Y.
Jeffrey Henkel	Pennington, N.J.
Barbara Israel Garden Antiques	Katonah, N.Y.
Danielle Ann Millican, Inc.	Florham Park, N.J.
Judith and James Milne	New York, N.Y.
Aileen Minor Antiques	Centreville, Md.
Mark Morris	Wadsworth, Ohio
Francis J. Purcell, Inc.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Debra Queen	South Dartmouth, Mass.
R.T. Facts Antiques	Kent, Conn.
Shop in the Garden	Bronx, N.Y.
Joseph Stannard Antiques	Norfolk, Conn.
Linda & Howard Stein	Bridgehampton, N.Y.
Jef & Terri Steingrebe	Springfield, N.H.
Marianne Stikas	New York, N.Y. & Kent, Conn.
The Sugarplum	Wilmot, N.H.
The Thompson Studio	Berwyn, Pa.
Michael Trapp Inc.	West Cornwall, Conn.
Treillage Ltd.	New York, N.Y.
Trifles	Bath, Maine
Village Braider Antiques	Plymouth, Mass.
Bob & Debbie Withington	York, Maine