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***Caribbean Gardens: Journey to Paradise***  
**Exhibition at The New York Botanical Garden**  
**Celebrates Caribbean Flowers and Culture**  
**Begins April 27, 2007**

From spring through the end of summer, The New York Botanical Garden celebrates the flora and culture of the tropics with a spectacular new exhibition, *Caribbean Gardens: Journey to Paradise*. Travel through exotic lands during this Garden-wide event beginning on Friday, April 27. Discover a Spanish courtyard garden overflowing with lush, tropical plants and flowers inside the historic Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. Delve into diverse, fascinating cultures with Caribbean-inspired events. Dance to the beat of island music, indulge in the flavor of the region's spices and fruits, and learn the vibrant history of its plants and people. Accompanied by the botanical art exhibition, *Paradise in Print*, on view in the LuEsther T. Mertz Library gallery through July 29, and the flowering of the beautiful outdoor living collections, *Caribbean Gardens* at The New York Botanical Garden will be an exhibition to remember, continuing through the summer months.

The exhibition will emphasize Spanish influence on Caribbean gardening with a lush courtyard, as well as programming that celebrates the Caribbean culture through music, food, and dance with tours and demonstrations.

Visitors will immerse themselves in a tropical dreamland inside the Conservatory, surrounded by the fragrance and colors of passionflower, bougainvillea, and many more Caribbean favorites. A spectacular two-story façade of a Caribbean-style house with columns will be a centerpiece of the flower show's elaborate design. Surrounding beds will be filled with a wide assortment of tropical color and greenery, from bromeliads to cycads, caladiums and cannas to heliconias and hibiscus. As visitors walk through the Conservatory exhibition, they will pass by a variety of color-themed configurations – for example, some areas will have more yellows, others will have more reds, all part of an elaborate motif, transforming the galleries into a Caribbean paradise.

*Caribbean Gardens: Journey to Paradise* is an exhibition that combines the tradition and formality of Spanish gardens with the variety and vividness of Caribbean flora.

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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. For more information, please call 718.817.8700 or visit our Web site at [www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org)

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