



THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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***Gingerbread Adventures* Returns to the Botanical Garden
To Entertain and Teach Children about Plant Ingredients
in the Sweet and Spicy Holiday Treat**

Saturday, November 20, 2010–Sunday, January 9, 2011

In the hands-on *Gingerbread Adventures* program at The New York Botanical Garden, children learn about the different plant parts used in creating the favorite holiday snack, gingerbread. From November 20, 2010, through January 9, 2011, in the Discovery Center of the Everett Children's Adventure Garden, youngsters will be amazed to discover that cinnamon comes from the bark of a tree and ginger is derived from an underground stem, as they use their senses to examine these and other plant ingredients that go into a classic gingerbread recipe.

Vibrant vignettes of a gingerbread town deck the halls of the Discovery Center where *Gingerbread Adventures* takes place. A gingerbread jazz band, ice skaters, and farmer are among the colorful characters displayed having adventures of their own. Meanwhile, children grind and examine gingerbread ingredients under a microscope and develop a field research notebook about their visit. They'll also have the opportunity to decorate pots with faces and plant wheat seeds that will quickly grow into a miniature head of wheat hair at home and be a fun, living reminder that flour, a key ingredient in gingerbread, is derived from a plant.

While in the Adventure Garden, families should not miss the display of gingerbread houses. Some of New York's best and most imaginative bakers prepare an exhibit of whimsical, one-of-a-kind gingerbread creations sure to capture the imaginations of children and adults alike, while evoking all the wonder of the winter holiday season.

The bakers who are creating themed "Gingerbreads on Vacation" confections this year are: Lauri DiTunno, Cake Alchemy, Manhattan; Irina Brandler, Sugar and Spice Bake Shop, the Bronx; Kay Hansen, Riviera Bakehouse, Ardsley; Patti Paige, Baked Ideas, Manhattan, Kate Sullivan, Cake Power, Manhattan; and Mark Tasker, Balthazar Bakery, Manhattan.

Gingerbread Adventures is a fun and educational component of the entire holiday experience at the Botanical Garden and a great interactive complement to the annual *Holiday Train Show* in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, which features large-scale model trains traversing replicas of New York landmarks made from plant parts.

Gingerbread Adventures supporting sponsor, Fisher-Price

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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.

HOLIDAY TRAIN SHOW HOURS: During the *Holiday Train Show*, November 20, 2010–January 9, 2011, The New York Botanical Garden will be open 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Tuesday–Sunday. Closed all day on December 25. Closing at 3 p.m. on November 25 and December 24. *Holiday Train Show* only closing at 3 p.m. on December 10. Extended hours, 10 a.m.–7 p.m., on select Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays and during holiday weeks: November 26, 27, 28, December 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and January 1, 2, 8, 9.

PRICING:

NON-HOLIDAY: Adults \$20, Seniors/Students \$18, Children \$10.

HOLIDAYS (December 21 – January 2): Adults \$25, Seniors/Students \$22, Children \$15. Advance timed tickets are strongly advised and are available at nybg.org

Discounts available for groups of 15 or more. Contact Group Tours: 718.817.8687.

Bank of America credit, ATM, or debit cardholders: Purchase one full-priced adult ticket to the *Holiday Train Show* and get the second adult ticket free. Weekdays only 11/23/10 through 12/17/10. Other restrictions may apply. See Web site for details.

For more information, please visit our Web site at nybg.org or call 718.817.8700.

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