



THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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## Experience the Magic of the Holiday Season at The New York Botanical Garden

### Schedule of Events for November 21, 2009, through January 10, 2010

#### Conservatory Exhibition

##### ***Holiday Train Show*—Saturday, November 21, 2009, through Sunday, January 10, 2010**

The *Holiday Train Show* in The New York Botanical Garden's Victorian-style Conservatory beckons visitors to enter a magical world under glass brimming with history and enchantment. Experience the wonder of large-gauge model trains and trolleys wending their way past more than 100 replicas of New York landmarks, including the Statue of Liberty, the Brooklyn Bridge, Yankee Stadium, and Radio City Music Hall—all created from plant materials such as bark, moss, twigs, berries, and pine cones. Debuting in the 18th edition of this favorite family outing is what the show's designer Paul Busse says, "could be our most exciting building yet," the original Pennsylvania Station (1910–1964). The elaborate, 20-square-foot replica features the "Grand Concourse" and a cutaway view to the train tracks beneath the station with a shuttling passenger train. A rendition of the iconic Brooks Brothers flagship on Madison Avenue is also new to this year's show.

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#### Everett Children's Adventure Garden Program

##### ***Gingerbread Adventures*—Saturday, November 21, 2009, through Sunday, January 10, 2010**

Vibrant vignettes of a gingerbread town deck the halls of the Discovery Center, where children smell, touch, taste, and view under a microscope the spices and other plant ingredients that go into a classic gingerbread recipe. A gingerbread jazz band, ice skaters, and a farmer are among the colorful characters providing a festive atmosphere as participants also plant up wheat seeds, develop field research notebooks, and decorate their own gingersnap cookies in the *Gingerbread Adventures* program. The entire family can enjoy the display of elaborate gingerbread creations by renowned bakers: Kate Almond, Sugar and Spice Bake Shop; Jill Adams, The Cake Studio; Liv Hansen, Riviera Bakehouse; Kate Sullivan, Lovin Sullivan Cakes; and Mark Tasker, Balthazar Bakery.

#### Holiday Tree Lighting and Sing-Along

##### **Saturday, November 21, 4 p.m.**

View the lighting of a stunning conifer display in the Reflecting Pool in the Leon Levy Visitor Center. Then join in an old-fashioned sing-along, featuring carols from many traditions, with the Westchester Chordsmen. It's an evening of holiday cheer the whole family will enjoy.

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### Puppet Show

***The Little Engine That Could*<sup>TM</sup> Puppet Show** (©Penguin Group USA)—**Friday, November 27, Saturdays and Sundays, November 28–December 20, 2 & 3 p.m., and daily, December 26–January 1, 1, 2, & 3 p.m.**

The Arthur and Janet Ross Lecture Hall is the site for this whimsical production of the classic tale, presented by New York City's puppet master Ralph Lee. Trains and fun go hand-in-hand as the story comes to life through old-fashioned steam engine puppets, each with its own eccentric personality.

### Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends<sup>TM</sup> Visits

**Saturday, January 2–Sunday, January 10, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.**

Photograph your child with Thomas the Tank Engine<sup>TM</sup> and meet Sir Topham Hatt. Become certified as an honorary engineer, and take home *Thomas & Friends* coloring sheets, stickers, and temporary tattoos, while supplies last.

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### Shop in the Garden

Don't miss this one-of-a-kind holiday shopping experience with distinctive, delightful gifts, thousands of glittering ornaments, and *Holiday Train Show* souvenir books and DVDs for sale.

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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 21, 2009–January 10, 2010, 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 December 4 and 24. Extended hours, 10 a.m.–7 p.m., on select Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays and during the holiday week: November 27, 28, 29, December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and January 1, 2, 3, 9, 10.

### **PRICING:**

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

**HOLIDAY WEEK (December 26 – January 3):** Adults \$25, Seniors/Students \$22, Children \$15.

Advance timed tickets are strongly advised and will be available online beginning November 2 at [www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org)

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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 at 50% off. Weekdays only 11/24/09 through 12/24/09. Other restrictions may apply. See Web site for details.

The New York Botanical Garden is located on property owned in full by the City of New York, and its operation is made possible in part by public funds provided through the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. A portion of the Garden's general operating funds is provided by The New York City Council and The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The Bronx Borough President and Bronx elected representatives in the City Council and State Legislature provide leadership funding.

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