

For Immediate Release
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Experience the Magic of the Holiday Season at The New York Botanical Garden

Schedule of Events for November 20, 2010, through January 9, 2011

Conservatory Exhibition

***Holiday Train Show*—Saturday, November 20, 2010, through Sunday, January 9, 2011**

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 original Penn Station and Yankee Stadium, Statue of Liberty, Brooklyn Bridge, and Radio City Music Hall—all created from plant materials such as bark, moss, twigs, berries, and pine cones. Debuting in the 19th edition of this favorite family outing is a re-creation of Eero Saarinen's icon of modern design, the Trans World Airlines (TWA) Flight Center at JFK International Airport.

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Additional support has been provided by the Karen Katen Foundation and Brooks Brothers.

Everett Children's Adventure Garden Program

***Gingerbread Adventures*—Saturday, November 20, 2010, through Sunday, January 9, 2011**

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: 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, Lovin Sullivan Cakes, Manhattan; and Mark Tasker, Balthazar Bakery, Manhattan.

Gingerbread Adventures supporting sponsor, Fisher-Price

Holiday Tree Lighting and Sing-Along

Saturday, November 20, 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*TM Puppet Show** (©Penguin Group USA)—

Tuesday–Thursday, November 30–December 3, and December 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 11:30 a.m. Daily, December 27–31 at 1, 2, and 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.

For more information on dates and times, please visit www.nybg.org/hts/

TootleTM Theatrical Performances

November 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and December 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26 at 11:30 a.m., 1, 2:30 and 4 p.m.

In addition to the popular *Little Engine That Could*TM *Puppet Show*, this year the Garden will present *Tootle*TM. Based on the third best-selling *Little Golden Book* of all time, this theatrical performance features lively music and help from the audience to tell the story of a young steam engine that prefers to play in the flowers but must learn to “stay on the rails no matter what!” For more information on dates and times, please visit www.nybg.org/hts/

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Thomas the Tank Engine & FriendsTM Visits

Saturday, January 1–Sunday, January 9, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Photograph your child with Thomas the Tank EngineTM. 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 the new *Holiday Train Show* souvenir book, *All Aboard!* 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 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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