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Antique Garden Furniture Fair: Antiques for the Garden and the Garden Room at The New York Botanical Garden April 25–27, 2014

Benefit Preview Party and Collectors' Plant Sale, Thursday, April 24, from 6 to 8 p.m.

From Friday, April 25, through Sunday, April 27, 2014, The New York Botanical Garden hosts its 22nd annual garden ornament show, *Antique Garden Furniture Fair: Antiques for the Garden and the Garden Room*. Visitors can enjoy the Fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The country's original, largest, and most important venue for authentic garden antiques features more than 30 leading exhibitors offering their finest pieces for sale, displaying centuries of classic design inspiration gathered from across the United States and Europe. The Fair is a must for leading collectors and designers as well as buyers seeking professional advice. Named the "Best in America" by the experts and long held as the most renowned stage for authentic garden antiques and rarities, the annual Fair, which in recent years also featured contemporary offerings, returns to its roots with a central theme of "Antiques for the Garden and the Garden Room," showcasing fascinating antique furnishings and objects, an expansive collection of ornament, decorative art, and timeless furniture for the home and garden.

The Fair opens with a Benefit Preview Party and Collectors' Plant Sale on Thursday, April 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. All proceeds directly support the work of the curators and gardeners who are responsible for making The New York Botanical Garden one of the most important horticultural showplaces in the world. The Preview Party is sponsored by 1stdibs[®].

Admission to the *Antique Garden Furniture Fair* on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday is included with the *All-Garden Pass*. Experts will offer presentations daily. They will also discuss trends in the appreciation and acquisition of garden ornament as well as assist buyers looking for the perfect piece to complement a garden, landscape, or interior.



A fine terra-cotta figure of Flora, partially draped, holding a basket of flowers, French, ca. 1840. Offered by Barbara Israel.

Visitors to the Fair can browse and buy unique items of the highest quality and provenance, including fountains, sundials, statues, bird baths, gates, garden benches, antique wicker, urns and planters, botanical prints, and architectural ornament. Additionally, this year there will be exhibitors offering an array of interesting ways to bring the outdoors inside by creating garden rooms in your homes.



A monumental 18th-century urn. Offered by New England Garden Ornaments.

Located at the entrance to the *Antique Garden Furniture Fair*, a Garden Room features a Specialty Plant Sale with an extensive selection of unusual, colorful plants representing some of horticulture's finest growers. A variety of shrubs and trees, including Japanese maples, Itoh peonies and other perennials, as well as annuals and herbs will be available.

On the opening day, Friday, special talks with garden designers Page Dickey and Deborah Nevins and booksignings with leading authors will be featured. Throughout the weekend, visitors can participate in Q&As with antique and plant experts.

The Antique Garden Furniture Fair takes place in a tent amid the flowering trees, plants, and shrubs outside the landmark Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. Please visit our Web site for information about the All-Garden Pass, which includes access to the Fair, Botanical Garden grounds, Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, the Everett Children's Adventure Garden, and Tram Tour. Advance tickets are available online at 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 718.817.8773 or e-mail <u>cbalkonis@nybg.org</u>.

The *Antique Garden Furniture Fair* is the ideal venue for learning about garden antiques and building personal collections. On-site shippers are available to assist with Tri-State deliveries throughout the Fair and other shipping needs in the weeks following.

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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 Garden is open year-round, Tuesday through Sunday and Monday federal holidays, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The best way to enjoy the Garden is with the *All-Garden Pass*, which includes admission to the grounds as well as to seasonal gardens, exhibitions, and attractions such as the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, Everett Children's Adventure Garden, and Tram Tour. For ticket prices, please check our Web site. For more information, please call 718.817.8700 or visit nybg.org

The New York Botanical Garden, 2900 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York 10458

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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2014 Exhibitor Listing

Antediluvian Antique American Wicker Arader Galleries Balsamo David Bell Antiques Blithewold Home Joan Bogart Brennan & Mouilleseaux Cherry Gallery Cottage & Camp Dawn Hill Scott Estepp Gallery Fine Antique Prints Finnegan Gallery **Firehouse Antiques** Fleur Jeffrey Henkel Barbara Israel Judith and James Milne At Home Antiques Aileen Minor Antiques New England Garden Ornaments Pagoda Red Post Road Gallery Francis J. Purcell Inc. R.T. Facts Schorr & Dobinsky Shop in the Garden Linda and Howard Stein The Sugarplum Village Braider Bob and Debbie Withington

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