



THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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Autumn Events at The New York Botanical Garden

Experience the enchantment of fall at The New York Botanical Garden with a variety of programming from late September through mid November. Programs are subject to change. Please check the Web site www.nybg.org or call 718.817.8700 for the latest information.

Greenmarket

Every Wednesday and Saturday through November 15

Wednesdays at the base of the Library Allée

and Saturdays at the Metro-North Parking Area near Mosholu Gate

Affordable, locally grown pumpkins, squash, and other seasonal produce along with fresh and nutritious baked goods are available each week at the Greenmarket. Take part in cooking or gardening demonstrations, and learn more about the nutritional and health benefits of gardening and eating locally. Every Wednesday and Saturday at noon, find out about composting, recycling, growing vegetables, and more during lunchtime demonstrations. The farmers market is organized in conjunction with Greenmarket, one of the largest and most successful open-air farmers markets programs in the country, that since 1976, has been working to promote regional agriculture, preserve farmland, and ensure a continuing supply of fresh, local produce for all New Yorkers. Greenmarket is a program of the Council on the Environment of NYC (CENYC), a hands-on non-profit group that has been improving New York City's environment for over thirty years.

Resplendent Roses

Saturdays and Sundays, September 19 through October 11

The Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden continues to show its splendor through the rest of the season. On weekends, learn more about the collection's history and the care of roses during tours, gardening demonstrations, and Q&A sessions with experts.

Ballet Among the Blooms

Saturday, September 26, 3-5 p.m.

In the Everett Children's Adventure Garden

Returning to the Botanical Garden for another year, dancers from the New York City Ballet's Education Department and the School of American Ballet will create dance routines with the children among the blooms in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden.

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Lenape Life

September 1 – September 27

Tuesdays–Fridays, 1:30–5:30 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.– 5:30 p.m.

In the Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden

Learn all about the first gardeners to tend plants in the Bronx! Investigate our “three sisters” gardens and sample a succotash made with fruits from the corn, beans, and squash. Sample a handful of freshly popped corn. Sit inside an authentic wigwam, shuck and grind corn kernels, and create a traditional Lenape craft – a cornhusk doll.

Goodnight, Garden!

September 29–November 1

Tuesdays–Sunday, 1–5:30 p.m.

Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden

Children and their families harvest and taste fresh fall vegetables, make flower bouquets and marigold crowns, till the soil and learn how vegetables grow.

Scarecrow and Harvest Weekend

Saturday, October 10–Monday, October 12, 10:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Everett Children’s Adventure Garden and Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden

Enjoy the delights of the harvest season. Create apple tarts, decorate gourds, and make applesauce, and make corn husk dolls, build a scarecrow, and sip apple cider.

Kiku in the Japanese Autumn Garden

October 17–November 15

Conservatory Courtyards

Visitors to The New York Botanical Garden this fall can share in the time-honored tradition of Japanese flower viewing as *Kiku in the Japanese Autumn Garden* showcases the spectacular autumn landscapes of Japanese gardens, with scarlet maples and golden bamboos against the backdrop of emerald conifers and clear blue sky. More chrysanthemums than ever are on display in traditional and contemporary display style, with bonsai providing another element to the exhibition. On weekends, participate in guided tours, autumn gardening demonstrations, and *taiko* drumming performances.

Japanese Autumn Adventures

October 17–November 15

Tuesdays–Fridays, 1:30–5:30 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Everett Children’s Adventure Garden

Kiku in the Japanese Autumn Garden will also feature fun and educational children’s programming. *Japanese Autumn Adventures* provides innovative projects for the Garden’s youngest visitors to complement the horticultural exhibition. Activities include an interactive Japanese tea ceremony, tea leaf exploration, chrysanthemum planting, and more. Using the Garden’s own living collections enables children to make connections between art and horticulture and provides for an understanding of Japanese culture’s intimate link with the natural world.

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Taiko Drumming

Saturdays and Sundays from October 17 – November 15, 1 & 3 p.m.

Conservatory Lawn

Kiku in the Japanese Autumn Garden features weekend performances by *taiko* drummers. Thundering and thrilling, the taiko (Japanese drum) has been called “the voice and spirit of the Japanese people.” From its roots in agriculture and the ancient music of shrines and temples, traditional taiko folk music is believed to entertain the gods, attract good fortune, drive away evil forces and insects, lend strength and courage to warriors, and celebrate life.

Bonsai

October 17 – November 15 in the Haupt Conservatory Courtyards

October 17 – November 1 in the Haupt Conservatory’s Seasonal Galleries

A selection of large bonsai from Shanti Bithi Nursery in Connecticut, including forest bonsai on slabs and single specimens in pots, will be on view amidst the chrysanthemums for the entire run of the exhibition. A premiere educational bonsai display will be on view in the seasonal galleries of the Haupt Conservatory for the first two weeks, October 17–November 1, featuring specimens grown by members of the Yama Ki Bonsai Society. Meaning “plants growing in a tray,” bonsai is the sophisticated and ancient Japanese art of growing dwarf plants in containers. The bonsai are displayed among simple beds of Japanese plants and chrysanthemums, and scroll paintings with traditional calligraphy.

Ex Libris: Treasures from the LuEsther T. Mertz Library

October 17, 2009–January 10, 2010, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Mertz Library’s Rondina and LoFaro Gallery

Considered to be one of the world’s greatest repositories of botanical and horticultural literature, the Mertz Library houses a treasury of published and archival documents that trace the development of botany and horticulture from the 12th century to the present day. Drawing from this wealth of materials, the exhibition highlights some rarely seen items that demonstrate the extraordinary beauty and depth of the collections. Eighty per cent of the items displayed in *Ex Libris* have never before been exhibited to the public.

The Presence of Trees: Photographs by Larry Lederman

Ongoing Exhibit beginning October 17

Ross Gallery

In his travels, Larry Lederman has photographed trees in all seasons, in wide view and in close detail. His photographs grace the Ross gallery beginning Saturday, October 17.

Halloween Hoorah!

Sunday, October 25, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

Across Garden Grounds

Come celebrate the thrills and chills of Halloween at The New York Botanical Garden. Come in your costume or make your own mask here and parade around the grounds. Finish the day decorating pumpkins and drinking fresh pressed cider in the Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden.

Home Gardening Demonstrations

Saturdays and Sundays through November 15, 2 p.m.

Home Gardening Center (except when noted in the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden)

Join Gardener for Public Education Sonia Uytterhoeven for seasonal home gardening tips. Find out how to care for roses in late September. Delve into elements of Japanese gardens and discover chrysanthemum training techniques.

Bird Walks

Saturdays, 11 a.m., beginning September 5

Meet by Reflecting Pool at Leon Levy Visitor Center

See the birds of autumn first hand in these free drop-in tours every Saturday morning.

The Season in Poetry

October 24, 4 p.m.

In the Jane Watson Irwin Perennial Garden

Welcome the arrival of fall with poets Stanley Moss, Gerald Stern, and Jeffrey Yang, reading favorites as well as their own work inspired by nature. *Co-sponsored by Poetry Society of America.*

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit www.nybg.org.

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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 year-round, Tuesday through Sunday and Monday federal holidays. 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, Rock and Native Plant Gardens, and Tram Tour: \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and students with ID, \$8 for children ages 2–12, children under 2 are free. A *Grounds-Only Pass* is available: \$6 for adults, \$5 for adult Bronx Residents; \$3 for seniors, \$2 for students with ID, \$1 for children ages 2–12, children under 2 are free. Grounds-only admission is free all day on Wednesdays and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. For more information, please call 718.817.8700 or visit www.nybg.org

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