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AREA'S FIRST MAJOR SHOW OF CHIHULY ART CONTINUES THROUGH OCTOBER 29

Chihuly at The New York Botanical Garden, presented by Target With More "Chihuly Nights" Added to the Schedule

The New York Botanical Garden is the glorious setting for a breathtaking exhibition of Dale Chihuly's sculpture, which explores the visual relationship of glass and nature. *Chihuly at The New York Botanical Garden*, presented by Target, is the first major display of Chihuly's art in the New York area, showcasing his sculptures among the Botanical Garden's premier plant collections and vistas. The show runs through October 29, 2006. Advance tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

Chihuly Nights on Thursday Evenings

On Thursday evenings from September 14 to October 26, visitors can enjoy the *Chihuly* exhibition from 4–9 p.m. and experience the sculptures dramatically lit. There will also be one final "Chihuly Night" on Saturday, October 28, right before the exhibition's conclusion. "Chihuly Nights" cost \$25 and include musical entertainment on the Conservatory lawn. Wine and other refreshments will be available for purchase at the Cafe. Shop in the Garden will be open for evening shopping. Advance tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

Art Meets Nature

Art meets nature in Dale Chihuly's dramatic installations at the Botanical Garden, Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., through October 29. The main location is the landmark Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, itself a historic glass structure, which enhances Chihuly's organic shapes and brilliant colors beautifully. A 20-foot-tall tower of glass weighing over 4,000 pounds, the **Rose Crystal Tower**, greets visitors at the Conservatory entrance.

An intriguing variety of monumental sculptures made from thousands of hand-blown glass parts dazzle visitors throughout the galleries of America's premier glasshouse. A 25-foot-tall **Palm Dome Tower** sculpture rises from the Conservatory's reflecting pool, surrounded by living palms. Chihuly's delicate **Ikebana** forms enliven the pool of the *Aquatic Plants and Vines Gallery*.

The Conservatory courtyards offer an especially rich combination of art and nature. Glass forms—**Blue Herons**, **Niijima Floats**, onion-shaped **Walla Wallas**, a **Blue Boat** full of indigo and lavender pieces, and a **Yellow Boat** overflowing with amber and orange glass—float in the elegant pools among exotic waterlilies and colorful lotus. A special highlight in the courtyards is Dale Chihuly's first-ever **Neon Tower**, a 20-foot-tall spire in two shades of green. The Neon Tower is an impressive feat of art and engineering using over half a mile of neon tubing. The tubing was imported from Italy, specially engineered in Brooklyn, N.Y., and shaped, designed, and built in Seattle before being disassembled, shipped cross-country, and reassembled and installed at The New York Botanical Garden.

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In the Conservatory's *Deserts of the Americas Gallery*, a **Persian Chandelier** hangs 30 feet overhead with **Neodymium Reeds** and a **Basket Forest** beneath, and a stunning **Desert Star** floats above equally spiky euphorbias in the *Deserts of Africa Gallery*. In the *Seasonal Galleries*, a multi-colored **Polyvitro Chandelier** is suspended above a pool bordered by colorful coleus plants in a vivid array of hues specially selected by the Botanical Garden's Horticulture staff for this exhibition. Brightly colored **Neodymium Twisted Reeds** mingle with equally bright cannas throughout the length of the gallery, leading back to the Conservatory entrance.

Visitors can also see Chihuly installations at other locations across the Botanical Garden, including a massive **Sun** sculpture set in the reflecting pool of the Leon Levy Visitor Center, **Fiddlehead Ferns** and **Polyvitro Crystals** in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden, a **Macchia Forest** in the Bourke-Sullivan Display House of the Nolen Greenhouses for Living Collections, and **Cobalt Fiori, Reeds, and Floats** at the entrance to the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden.

Shop in the Garden

Shop in the Garden features a special display of **Studio Edition Glass** by Dale Chihuly available for purchase. In addition, throughout the run of the *Chihuly* exhibition a variety of collectors will be on hand to assist visitors in the Shop, a rare opportunity to explore a remarkable artist's work in an extraordinary setting and to purchase art glass with expert guidance. Also available are **Original Limited Edition Prints** by Chihuly, as well as books, posters, and notecards. All purchases at Shop in the Garden, including that of Chihuly artwork, support the Botanical Garden's pursuit of excellence in horticulture, science, and education.

More to Experience at the Botanical Garden

While viewing the *Chihuly* exhibition, visitors are encouraged to explore The New York Botanical Garden's 250 acres of beautiful gardens and collections and its full array of educational, scientific, and horticultural exhibitions and programs. Tram tours depart regularly throughout the day. The whole family can enjoy the Everett Children's Adventure Garden, where children can create a Chihuly-inspired art project and draw a picture of their favorite Chihuly sculpture, and the Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden. A wide range of Continuing Education classes is also available.

Please visit www.nybg.org for updates and a full schedule of events as you plan your visit.

Ticket and Parking Procedures during *Chihuly at The New York Botanical Garden*

Admission prices:

Adults \$20, Seniors/Students \$18, Children (2–12 years) \$5

Advance purchase of tickets through Ticketmaster advised

Visit Ticketmaster.com or call 212.220.0503

Parking is limited. Use of Metro-North or subway is recommended, especially on weekends. The New York Botanical Garden, at Bronx River Parkway and Fordham Road, is easy to reach via Metro-North direct to Botanical Garden Station. On-site self-parking (Tues.–Sun.) is \$10. Valet parking (Sat. & Sun.) is \$15.

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The New York Botanical Garden is located at Bronx River Parkway (Exit 7W) and Fordham Road. The Botanical Garden is open Tuesday through Sunday and Monday federal holidays. During the *Chihuly* exhibition, the Botanical Garden is open 10 a.m.–6 p.m. For more information, including directions, admissions pricing, and programming specifics, please visit www.nybg.org or call 718.817.8700.

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