



THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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## **Dutch Garden Design Stars Joined by Royalty to Plant Rare Bulbs in Their New Creation for Botanical Garden's Seasonal Walk**

### **Complementary Spring Flower Show Heralding Henry Hudson 400 Events in 2009 Also Announced During Ceremonial Planting**

**November 20, 2008**—Internationally renowned Dutch garden designers Piet Oudolf of Hummelo, the Netherlands, and Jacqueline van der Kloet of Weesp, the Netherlands, have collaborated to create a custom, four-season installation at The New York Botanical Garden. The two gathered today on Seasonal Walk, the site of the new garden creation, with HRH Princess Margriet of the Netherlands and her husband, Prof. mr Pieter van Vollenhoven, Mr. Frans Roozen, Technical Director of the International Flower Bulb Center of Hillegom, the Netherlands, and the Botanical Garden's Vice President for Horticulture and Living Collections, Todd Forrest, for a ceremonial planting of rare Dutch tulip bulbs—*Tulipa* 'Duc van Tol', which dating from 1595 is the oldest tulip cultivar in the historic collection of Holland's famed *Hortus Bulborum*—that will be the crowning glory of the design when they flower in spring 2009.

Seasonal Walk is one of 50 gardens and plant collections on the Botanical Garden's National Historic Landmark grounds. Adjacent to the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, the nation's preeminent Victorian-style glasshouse, this garden path is flanked by two deep borders of 184 feet and 86 feet in length, featuring elaborate plantings that are changed with the seasons. It is a favorite, picture-perfect location for thousands of Botanical Garden visitors each year and an ideal canvas for Mr. Oudolf and Ms. van der Kloet to create a garden that has been planted once, but will evolve throughout the coming year.

Mr. Oudolf is famed for his artful uses of perennials and his "new wave planting style" in which combinations of native plants, perennials, grasses, bulbs, and other plant material are brought together to create harmonious landscapes that unfold over the seasons as do natural landscapes. While Ms. van der Kloet's sophisticated designs for spring, summer, and early fall that mix perennials, flower bulbs, blooming shrubs and trees have won her international acclaim. The two design stars have teamed up to design Seasonal Walk to feature many spring and summer-blooming bulbs, including the rare tulips, anchored by flowering perennials and ornamental grasses, a number of which are Piet Oudolf introductions. (A plant list available. See the Botanical Garden's "Plant Talk" blog for highlights on the planning process: <http://www.nybg.org/wordpress/> )

### **Botanical Garden's Spring 2009 Exhibition to Feature Dutch Bulbs in Nod to *Henry Hudson 400***

Next spring, the Dutch designed Seasonal Walk will be a dynamic outdoor complement to the Botanical Garden's Conservatory exhibition, *The Glory of Dutch Bulbs: A Legacy of 400 Years*. These two indoor and outdoor floral extravaganzas at the Garden will kick-off a series of festivities in New York commemorating the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's voyage from Amsterdam to New York.

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Set to run May 1 through June 7, 2009, *The Glory of Dutch Bulbs* is being inspired by the world-famous gardens of Keukenhof, located near Amsterdam and famed for spring displays of flowering bulbs and will showcase large swaths of vibrantly-colored flowering bulbs and companion plants. Though many types of bulbs will be featured during the flower show, focus will be placed on tulips and lilies. More than 50,000 bulbs will be forced for display in the flower show, including *Tulipa* ‘Hamilton’, *Lilium* ‘Golden Stargazer’, *Allium* ‘Globemaster’, *Iris* ‘Casa Blanca’, and *Narcissus* ‘Sorbet’.

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, \$7 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](http://www.nybg.org)

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## Backgrounder: Plant List for The New York Botanical Garden's Seasonal Walk Designed by Piet Oudolf and Jacqueline van der Kloet

Category	Common Name	Botanical Name
fall flowering bulb	colchicum	<i>Colchicum</i> 'Rosy Dawn'
fall flowering bulb	colchicum	<i>Colchicum</i> 'Violet Queen'
flowering perennial	purple-leaved Kamchatka bugbane	<i>Actaea simplex</i> (Atropurpurea Group) 'Brunette'
flowering perennial	threadleaf bluestar	<i>Amsonia hubrichtii</i>
flowering perennial	Japanese anemone	<i>Anemone x hybrida</i> 'Honorine Jobert'
flowering perennial	Japanese anemone	<i>Anemone x hybrida</i> 'Whirlwind'
flowering perennial	Frikart's aster	<i>Aster frikartii</i> 'Monch'
flowering perennial	Chinese astilbe	<i>Astilbe</i> 'Vision in Pink'
flowering perennial	greater masterwort	<i>Astrantia major</i> 'Claret'
flowering perennial	lesser calamint	<i>Calamintha nepeta</i> ssp. <i>nepeta</i>
flowering perennial	green coneflower	* <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> 'Green Jewel'
flowering perennial	purple coneflower	* <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> 'Fatal Attraction'
flowering perennial	coneflower	* <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> 'Vintage Wine'
flowering perennial	coneflower	* <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> 'Virgin'
flowering perennial	sea-holly	<i>Eryngium bourgatii</i>
flowering perennial	avens	* <i>Geum</i> 'Flames of Passion'
flowering perennial	sneezeweed	<i>Helenium</i> 'Moerheim Beauty'
flowering perennial	moor grass	<i>Molinia caerulea</i> ssp. <i>caerulea</i> 'Dauerstrahl'
flowering perennial	downy skullcap	<i>Scutellaria incana</i>
flowering perennial	stonecrop	<i>Sedum</i> 'Matrona'
flowering perennial	stonecrop	<i>Sedum</i> 'Sunkissed'
flowering perennial	stonecrop	<i>Sedum telephium</i> (Atropurpurea Group) 'Xenox'
flowering perennial	oregano	<i>Origanum laevigatum</i> 'Herrenhausen'
flowering perennial	oriental poppy	<i>Papaver orientale</i> 'Karine'
flowering perennial	forest phlox	* <i>Phlox divaricata</i> 'Clouds of Perfume'
flowering perennial	garden phlox	* <i>Phlox paniculata</i> 'Blue Paradise'
flowering perennial	blue mountain-mint	<i>Pycnanthemum muticum</i>
flowering perennial	sage	* <i>Salvia</i> 'Eveline'

flowering perennial	Caucasian germander	<i>Teucrium hircanicum</i> 'Paradise Delight'
flowering perennial	Japanese toad-lily	<i>Tricyrtis</i> 'Sinonome'
ornamental grass	fountain grass	<i>Pennisetum alopecuroides</i> 'Cassian'
ornamental grass	autumn moor grass	<i>Sesleria autumnalis</i>
ornamental grass	prairie dropseed	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>
spring flowering bulb	ornamental onion	<i>Allium atropurpureum</i>
spring flowering bulb	ornamental onion	<i>Allium cristophii</i>
spring flowering bulb	daffodil garlic	<i>Allium neapolitanum</i> Cowanii Group
spring flowering bulb	ornamental onion	<i>Allium schubertii</i>
spring flowering bulb	drumstick allium	<i>Allium sphaerocephalon</i>
spring flowering bulb	white Grecian windflower	<i>Anemone blanda</i> 'White Splendour'
spring flowering bulb	glory of the snow	<i>Chionodoxa</i> 'Pink Giant'
spring flowering bulb	snow crocus	<i>Crocus chrysanthus</i> 'Snow Bunting'
spring flowering bulb	netted iris	<i>Iris</i> 'Cantab'
spring flowering bulb	netted iris	<i>Iris</i> 'Harmony'
spring flowering bulb	grape-hyacinth	<i>Muscari armeniacum</i> 'Valerie Finnis'
spring flowering bulb	grape-hyacinth	<i>Muscari azureum</i>
spring flowering bulb	white grape-hyacinth	<i>Muscari botryoides</i> 'Album'
spring flowering bulb	large-cupped daffodil	<i>Narcissus</i> 'Cotinga'
spring flowering bulb	triandrus daffodil	<i>Narcissus</i> 'Ice Wings'
spring flowering bulb	large-cupped daffodil	<i>Narcissus</i> 'Pink Charm'
spring flowering bulb	jonquilla daffodil	<i>Narcissus</i> 'Sailboat'
spring flowering bulb	small-cupped daffodil	<i>Narcissus</i> 'Segovia'
spring flowering bulb	triandrus daffodil	<i>Narcissus</i> 'Thalia'
spring flowering bulb	white Siberian squill	<i>Scilla siberica</i> 'Alba'
spring flowering bulb	triumph tulip	<i>Tulipa</i> 'Attila'
spring flowering bulb	single early tulip	<i>Tulipa</i> 'Beauty Queen'
spring flowering bulb	fringed tulip	<i>Tulipa</i> 'Dallas'
spring flowering bulb	historic tulip	** <i>Tulipa</i> 'Duc van Tol Red and Yellow'
spring flowering bulb	Fosteriana tulip	<i>Tulipa</i> 'Flaming Purissima'
spring flowering bulb	triumph tulip	<i>Tulipa</i> 'Page Polka'
spring flowering bulb	single late tulip	<i>Tulipa</i> 'Pink Diamond'
spring flowering bulb	Fosteriana tulip	<i>Tulipa</i> 'Purissima'
spring flowering bulb	single late tulip	<i>Tulipa</i> 'Shirley'
spring flowering bulb	lily-flowered tulip	<i>Tulipa</i> 'White Triumphator'

\*Indicates Piet Oudolf introduction

\*\*Historic tulip

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