



THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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Spend Columbus Day Weekend with Scarecrows, Birds of Prey, Music, Family Fun, and Flowers at The New York Botanical Garden

October 10–12, 2009

During Columbus Day weekend, enjoy the delights of the harvest season during the *Scarecrow and Harvest Festival* on Saturday, October 10 through Monday, October 12 at The New York Botanical Garden. In the Everett Children's Adventure Garden, children and families can create apple prints in a field notebook and make delicious cider and applesauce. Then they can search the Adventure Garden for fruits and seeds that other animals harvest. In the Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden, children will enjoy building a scarecrow. Families can also guess how many seeds are in the gargantuan gourd. For more information visit www.nybg.org or call 718.817.8700.

Fun Fall Activities Abound for the Entire Family

There are plenty of sights to see and fun activities in the Garden that will teach how to connect with the environment and appreciate the bounty of autumn during the *Scarecrow and Harvest Festival*. Ablaze with colorful foliage, The New York Botanical Garden is the perfect place for the entire family to enjoy the fall season.

Greenmarket

Saturday at the Metro-North Parking Area across from the Mosholu Gate

Farm Stand in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden, Sunday and Monday

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, 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, which 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 30 years.

Birds of Prey and Other Native Forest Creatures

Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, 2:30 and 4 p.m.

on Daffodil Hill

The Bronx has a variety of key habitats, including the Native Forest. Meet some of the resident wildlife and discover why it is important to save natural habitats. Birds of prey are featured in this live animal demonstration.

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Goodnight, Garden!

in the Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden

Through November 1

Tuesdays–Sundays, 1–5:30 p.m.

Children will plant cover crops including buckwheat and clover. They will also bury bulbs before the frost and grab a rake to gather the fallen leaves. Children will also enjoy sketching a still life of the fabulous fall fruits and frame it with super seeds. Throughout the Family Garden, children will search for marigolds and harvest flowers to create bracelets, hairbands, and rings.

Fall Fun

in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden

Through October 12

Come explore the Adventure Garden and search for fruits scattered on the ground. Children can observe next year's leaf buds starting to grow and watch for birds on their migration south.

Musical Entertainment

in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden, 12–4 p.m.

Saturday: M Shanghai String Band

Good times are plenty with the M Shanghai String Band playing traditional and modern folk songs around a single microphone.

Sunday: The Ukeladies

Audience sing-a-longs and dance are part of the fun with The Ukeladies, a perpetually-touring act from Regina, Canada, with a lust for life. Sounds of the fiddle ukulele, toy piano, flute, glockenspiel, pennywhistle, and kazoo combine in perfect melody to send cowboy love songs and favorites from the '30s and '40s.

Monday: The Manhattan Valley Ramblers

Dance and have a good time to music that combines fiddle and banjo instrumentals with harmony singing —a staple of country and bluegrass songs.

Apple Cider Pressing Demonstration

Saturday and Sunday, 1 – 5 p.m., and Monday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden

Apples are everywhere in autumn. Turn them into a delicious drink by cranking them through an old-fashioned cider-press and collecting the juices. Have a taste of what you create!

Resplendent Roses

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. For more information about the Rose Garden, please visit <http://www.nybg.org/roses.php>

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 Read the Botanical Garden's popular blog, Plant Talk: Inside The New York Botanical Garden at www.nybg.org/wordpress

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