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Children Explore Nature-Inspired Art in a New Program at The New York Botanical Garden's Everett Children's Adventure Garden

May 24-November 2, 2008

A special interactive program in The New York Botanical Garden's Everett Children's Adventure Garden from May 24 through November 2, 2008, will help children create their own works of art using techniques inspired by Henry Moore, the famous British artist who created beautiful art and sculptures. The children's event will be part of Moore in America: Monumental Sculpture at The New York Botanical Garden, the largest outdoor exhibition of his work ever presented in a single venue in the United States.

While families are visiting the Everett Children's Adventure Garden, children can create a collage using natural materials such as seeds, leaves, twigs and hay. They will also learn how Henry Moore discovered ideas for his art through objects in nature and can craft clay sculptures out of pine cones, acorns, and bones.

The Henry Moore Family Guide, available in the Children's Adventure Garden and the Leon Levy Visitor Center and at the Mosholu Gate entrances, encourages families to explore Henry Moore's sculptures located throughout the Botanical Garden. One of the activities mentioned in the Guide instructs families to create a story through art by looking closely at the Mother and Child sculpture located in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden. During this activity, the youngest family member starts the story by inventing the first sentence. Each family member in turn adds sentences to the story. The Family Guide also encourages children to touch the sculptures and to listen to sounds heard around them.

The Henry Moore program in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden runs Tuesdays through Fridays, 1:30–5:30 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

The Everett Children's Adventure Garden is a 12-acre indoor/outdoor museum where children discover plant science through fun, hands-on, and engaging educational programs. Interactive exhibits convey different plant science concepts. Playful elements such as mazes and topiaries, a natural wetland, glorious gardens, and other attractions create an atmosphere of exploration and fun.

> Moore in America: Monumental Sculpture at The New York Botanical Garden is presented by MetLife Foundation.

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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. During Moore in America, the Garden is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The best way to enjoy the Garden during Moore in America 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. For more information, please call 718.817.8700 or visit www.nybg.org

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