



## THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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### Botanical Garden Program Highlights The Life and Work of George Washington Carver, Teaches Children about Plant Science

**January 17–February 22, 2009**

On Saturday, January 17, *The Life and Work of George Washington Carver* will return to the Everett Children's Adventure Garden at The New York Botanical Garden for the fifth consecutive year to teach children about the renowned plant scientist and his many contributions.

In this interactive program, among other things, children will learn how Dr. Carver introduced the peanut to southern farmers and helped them get the boll weevil (a type of beetle) population under control to promote the growth of successful cash crops. Donning white lab coats and armed with magnifying glasses, children will investigate the anatomy of seeds, diagnose and remedy sick plants, make an herbarium specimen, and plant a soybean to chart its growth at home. They can also enter a replica of Dr. Carver's Jesup wagon, which was named after New York financier and philanthropist Morris K. Jesup. Dr. Carver used the wagon as a traveling school to bring his agricultural knowledge to farmers.

*The Life and Work of George Washington Carver* will run January 17–February 22, Tuesdays through Fridays, 1:30–4:30 p.m., and Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

George Washington Carver was born to slave parents in Diamond Grove, Missouri, in 1864. He elevated himself from enslaved farmhand to scholar. At a young age, he became known as the "plant doctor" for helping neighbors and friends with ailing plants. Dr. Carver's plant discoveries, including 300 different uses for peanuts and hundreds more for pecans, soybeans, and sweet potatoes, were a tremendous contribution to the great agricultural progress in the American South.

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 topiaries and mazes capture children's imaginations and create an atmosphere of exploration and fun.

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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: \$13 for adults, \$11 for seniors and students with ID, \$5 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)

The New York Botanical Garden is located on property owned in full by the City of New York, and its operation is made possible in part by public funds provided through the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. A portion of the Garden's general operating funds is provided by The New York City Council and The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The Bronx Borough President and Bronx elected representatives in the City Council and State Legislature provide leadership funding.

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