



THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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## Experience the Magic of the Holiday Season at The New York Botanical Garden

### Schedule of Events for November 23, 2008, through January 11, 2009

#### Conservatory Exhibition

##### ***Holiday Train Show*—Sunday, November 23, 2008 through Sunday, January 11, 2009**

The *Holiday Train Show* in The New York Botanical Garden's Victorian-style Conservatory beckons visitors to enter a magical world under glass brimming with history and enchantment. Experience the wonder of large-gauge model trains and trolleys wending their way through spectacular landscapes and past more than 140 replicas of New York landmarks, including the Statue of Liberty, Brooklyn Bridge, Yankee Stadium, and Radio City Music Hall—all created from plant materials such as bark, moss, twigs, berries, and pine cones by designer Paul Busse and his team at Applied Imagination. Debuting in the 17th annual edition of this favorite family outing are new renditions of the American Museum of Natural History's Rose Center for Earth and Space, home of the famous Hayden Planetarium, and four structures in New York City's Historic House Trust—Hendrick I. Lott House, Swedish Cottage Marionette Theater, Old Stone House, and Merchant's House Museum.

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*Exhibitions in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory are made possible by the Estate of Enid A. Haupt.*

#### Everett Children's Adventure Garden

##### ***Gingerbread Adventures*—Sunday, November 23, 2008 through Sunday, January 11, 2009**

Vibrant vignettes of a gingerbread town deck the halls of the Discovery Center where children smell, touch, taste, and view under a microscope the spices and other plant ingredients that go into a classic gingerbread recipe. A gingerbread jazz band, ice skaters, and farmer are among the colorful characters providing a festive atmosphere as participants also plant up wheat seeds, develop field research notebooks, and decorate their own gingersnap cookies in the *Gingerbread Adventures* program. Everyone can enjoy the display of elaborate gingerbread creations by renowned bakers: Jill Adams, The Cake Studio; Kaye and Liv Hansen, Riviera Bakehouse; Mark Randazzo, Mark Joseph Cakes; Kate Sullivan, LovinSullivanCakes; and Mark Tasker, Balthazar Bakery.

#### Puppet Show

##### ***The Little Engine That Could*™ (©Penguin Group USA)—Saturdays and Sundays, December 6–21, and daily December 26–January 2 at 1, 2, and 3 p.m.**

The Arthur and Janet Ross Lecture Hall at the Botanical Garden is the site for this whimsical production of the classic tale, directed by master puppeteer Ralph Lee.

#### Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends™ Visits

##### **Saturday, January 3, through Sunday, January 11, 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.**

Photograph your child with Thomas the Tank Engine™ meet Sir Topham Hatt, and enjoy *Thomas & Friends* activities.

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Shop in the Garden

Don't miss this one-of-a-kind holiday shopping experience with distinctive, delightful gifts, thousands of glittering ornaments, and *Holiday Train Show* souvenir books and DVDs for sale.

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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.

**HOLIDAY TRAIN SHOW HOURS:** During the *Holiday Train Show*, November 23–January 11, The New York Botanical Garden will be open 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Tuesday–Sunday. Closed all day on November 27 and December 25. Closing at 3 p.m. on December 5 and December 24. Extended hours, 10 a.m.–7 p.m., on select Fridays, Saturdays, and Mondays and during Christmas week: November 28, 29, December 6, 13, 20, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and January 1, 2.

**PRICING:** Adults \$20, Seniors/Students \$18, Children \$10. Advance timed tickets are strongly advised and will be available online at [www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org). For more information, please call 718.817.8700 or visit our Web site at [www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org).

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