

Fiesta de Flores Celebrates Hispanic Culture on September 10 **Food, Music, Dance, Crafts, and More at The New York Botanical Garden**

The New York Botanical Garden presents a festival celebrating the people and plants of Latin America on Saturday, September 10, 2005 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. (Rain date, Sunday, September 11.) Visitors to the Garden can enjoy live music and dance performances, Salsa dance lessons, savory and sweet food specialties, storytelling, crafts, and more.

All *Fiesta de Flores* activities take place at the Clay Family Picnic Pavilion and Daffodil Hill unless otherwise noted. Admission to the Botanical Garden's grounds and *Fiesta de Flores* is free until 12 p.m. on September 10.

Music and Dance

Tito Sandoval—Salsa dancing—1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

Renowned Salsa dancer Tito Sandoval has performed with the Eddie Torres Dancers and Nydia Ocasio at the World Salsa Congress. Join him and have fun learning the basics. If you are “ON-2” his Salsa’s for you!

Bronx Specialty dance groups—12–1 p.m.

- ***Arthur Aviles Typical Theater** presents “Meco’s Disco Wizard” at 12 p.m.
- ***INSPIRIT** performs “Enduring Process” at 12:20 p.m.
- **Second Generation, Inc. South Bronx Kids** dances at 12:40 p.m.

*Groups are performing in collaboration with the **Bronx Museum @ The Point ACTION LAB Collaborative Arts Project**

Richie Vitale’s *Son de Madre*—All Day

This six-piece “conjunto” Cuban band will entertain throughout day. **Kelly di Bertolli**, from the **Bronx Museum @ The Point’s ACTION LAB** dances on stilts to the band’s music.

Storytelling, Printmaking, and Hands-On Activities

Bilingual Storytelling with Regina Ress—All Day

Listen as master storyteller Regina Ress spins folktales about flowers, nature, and other themes in both Spanish and English.

Printmaking Workshops—11 a.m. and 1, 2, and 3 p.m.

Alejandra Delfin, an artist in the **Bronx Museum @ The Point’s ACTION LAB**, provides instruction on printmaking.

Face Painting, Balloon Sculpture, Magic, Mime, and more—All day

Street performer and balloon artist Ruby Rodriguez creates balloon sculptures and enchants visitors with her magic. Have a Spanish rose or your favorite flower painted on your face.

Food and Crafts

Latin American Food—All day

Buy and try foods such as *pernil*, *pollo al horno*, *arroz con gandules*, *carne de res guisada*, *Tostones*, beef, chicken, and cheese patties, and Monserrante Zabala’s special salsa *picante*.

Artesanía Típica—All Day

Explore “functional” art, wood sculpture, dolls, hats, and photos from ten vendors who bring authentic flavor to this celebration of Hispanic cultures.

Fiesta Tram—All Day

Steve Bloom plays folk songs on his guitar or a guide narrates in Spanish as visitors tour the Garden aboard this festive tram.

Other Activities to Enjoy at the Botanical Garden During *Fiesta de Flores*

While at the Garden, participants in *Fiesta de Flores* may also enjoy a number of other early fall activities on Saturday, September 10.

In the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory (*fee*)

- ***Waterlilies and Lotus***

See this exhibition of exotic and tropical plants in the dramatic pools of the Conservatory courtyard.

- ***Victorian Ornamentals***

The *Victorian Ornamentals* exhibition radiates the gorgeous colors and timeless beauty that once filled the planting beds of Victorian gardens and is right at home in the world’s preeminent Victorian glasshouse—the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory.

- ***A World of Plants***

Complimentary English, Spanish, and children’s audiotours are available when visiting the historic Conservatory for an ecotour of the Conservatory’s permanent exhibitions. Journey from the *Palms of the Americas Gallery* through the *Lowland and Upland Tropical Rain Forest Galleries* and on to the *Deserts of the Americas and Africa Galleries*.

In Everett Children’s Adventure Garden (*fee*)

Children 2 to 12 explore nature through hands-on activities. There’s a Boulder Maze for climbing, a Touch Tank for getting up-close to water-loving plants, and an indoor “living laboratory” for junior plant scientists.

In the Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden

Come to the Family Garden to visit the Caribbean Garden. Dig for worms, plant, water, and weed. Children can join the Children’s Gardening program and grow their own gardens.

In the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden

Savor this annual September peak of flowers and fragrance.

Bird Walk—11 a.m. (Saturday, September 10 only)

Bring your binoculars and stroll the Garden grounds with a member of the National Audubon Society to encounter and learn about the many species of birds that live and visit here. *Meet at the Great Garden Clock in the Leon Levy Visitor Center.*

Conservatory Tour—12:30 p.m. (Saturday, September 10 only)

Take an expert-led tour of the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory biomes and *Seasonal Exhibition Galleries*. *Meets in the Palms of the Americas Gallery.*

At the Shop in the Garden

Discover garden-inspired merchandise, specialty plants, and the outstanding gardening and horticultural bookstore. Take a memento of the Garden home with you.

The New York Botanical Garden is a museum of plants located at Bronx River Parkway (Exit 7W) and Fordham Road in the Bronx. The Garden is open year-round, Tuesday through Sunday and on Monday holidays, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. April through October, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. November through March. The best way to enjoy the Garden is with the *Combination Ticket*, which includes grounds admission, the Conservatory, Rock Garden, Native Plant Garden, Tram Tour, and Everett Children’s Adventure Garden, and costs \$13 for adults, \$11 for seniors and students, and \$5 for children 2-12 (free for children under 2). Grounds admission is free all day Wednesdays and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, or to buy tickets online, visit our Web site at www.nybg.org or call 718.817.8700.

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