



THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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Children Explore the Work of Historic Plant Scientist George Washington Carver in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden

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From January 21 through February 22, come to the Everett Children's Adventure Garden at The New York Botanical Garden and participate in an informative interactive exhibit about the renowned plant scientist, Dr. George Washington Carver.

During *The Life and Work of George Washington Carver* program, children will learn how he introduced the peanut to southern farmers and helped them get the boll weevil (beetle) population under control to promote the growth of successful cash crops. Through hands-on observations and scientific experiments, explore some of Dr. Carver's findings. Investigate the anatomy of seeds, diagnose and remedy sick plants, create a personal science timeline, taste a soybean, and plant a soybean to chart its growth at home.

The Life and Work of George Washington Carver runs Tuesdays through Fridays, 1:30–4:30 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

In 1864, Dr. Carver was born to slave parents in Diamond Grove, Missouri. He rose from farmhand to scholar. Dr. Carver's discoveries provided great agricultural progress in the American South including 300 different uses for peanuts and hundreds more uses for pecans, soybeans and sweet potatoes.

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 more 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 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The best way to enjoy the Garden during *The Life and Work of George Washington Carver* is with the All Garden Pass, which includes admission to the Conservatory, Everett Children's Adventure Garden, and tram tour and costs \$13 for adults, \$11 for students and seniors, and \$5 for children 2 – 12 . A grounds only ticket is also available at a cost of \$6 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students, and \$1 for children 2-12. For more information, please call 718.817.8700 or visit our Web site at www.nybg.org

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