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Discover the Botanical Beginnings of a Holiday Treat *Gingerbread Adventures* Returns to the Botanical Garden

Friday, November 23, 2007–Sunday, January 13, 2008

In the hands-on *Gingerbread Adventures* exhibit at The New York Botanical Garden, children can learn about the different plant parts used in creating the favorite holiday snack gingerbread. From November 23, 2007, through January 13, 2008, in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden, youngsters will be amazed to discover that cinnamon comes from the bark of a tree, ginger is derived from an underground stem, and more. They'll have an opportunity to examine ingredients under a microscope, create spicy sachets, decorate gingersnap cookies, and develop a field notebook about their visit.

While in the Adventure Garden, families will also enjoy viewing the **Winter Wonderland of Gingerbread Houses** display. Some of New York's best and most imaginative bakers will prepare an exhibit of whimsical one-of-a-kind gingerbread creations that is sure to capture the imagination of children and adults alike, while evoking all the wonder of the season.

This year's bakers are:

Jill Adams, from The Cake Studio in Brooklyn, New York, will create a magical fairy forest featuring hibernating animals in a wintery atmosphere.

Kaye and Liv Hansen, a mother-daughter team and co-owners of the Riviera Bakehouse in Ardsley, New York, will create a castle with snow-covered roofs, an icy mote inhabited by a dragon, and a beautiful wintery landscape.

Ruth Seidler, owner of JollyBe Bakery in Brooklyn, New York, will create an exquisite stained-glass house of birds.

Kate Sullivan, owner of LovinSullivanCakes, based in Manhattan, will present a gingerbread rocket ship house located in a winter wonderland on the moon.

Mark Tasker, from Soho's Balthazar Restaurant, will create a snow-covered version of the Empire State Building with hand-carved windows.

Gingerbread Adventures is a fun and educational component of the entire holiday experience at the Botanical Garden and a great interactive complement to the annual *Holiday Train Show* in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, which features replicas of New York landmarks made from plant parts.

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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.

HOURS: November 23–January 13, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Tuesday–Sunday. The Botanical Garden is closed on Christmas Day and closes at 3 p.m. on December 7 and 24. The Garden will be open on Monday, December 31.

“HOLIDAY NIGHTS AT THE GARDEN”: November 23 and 24 and December 1, 8, 15, 22, and 26–31; 6–9 p.m.: opening day and the first Saturday, all Saturdays in December, plus the holiday week ending with New Year’s Evening.

PRICING FOR THE HOLIDAY TRAIN SHOW:

Adults: \$20, Seniors/Students with ID: \$18, Children ages 2–12: \$7, Children under 2: free. Advance timed tickets are strongly advised and are available online at www.nybg.org or by phone at 212.721.6500.

A *Grounds-Only Pass* is available on-site: \$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 our Web site at www.nybg.org

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