



THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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***Gingerbread Adventures* Returns to the Botanical Garden
to Entertain and Teach Children about Plant Ingredients
in the Sweet and Spicy Holiday Treat**

Saturday, November 17, 2012–Sunday, January 13, 2013

In the hands-on *Gingerbread Adventures* program at The New York Botanical Garden, children learn about the different plant parts used in creating the favorite holiday snack, gingerbread. From November 17, 2012, through January 13, 2013, in the Discovery Center of the Everett Children's Adventure Garden, youngsters will discover that cinnamon comes from the bark of a tree and ginger is derived from an underground stem, as they use their senses to examine these and other plant ingredients that go into a classic gingerbread recipe.

Vibrant vignettes of a gingerbread town deck the halls of the Discovery Center where *Gingerbread Adventures* takes place. A gingerbread jazz band, ice skaters, and farmer are among the colorful characters displayed having adventures of their own. Meanwhile, children grind and examine gingerbread ingredients under a microscope and develop a field research notebook about their visit. They'll also have the opportunity to decorate pots with faces and plant wheat seeds that will quickly grow into a miniature head of wheat hair at home and be a fun, living reminder that flour, a key ingredient in gingerbread, is derived from a plant.

While in the Adventure Garden, families should not miss the display of gingerbread houses. Some of New York's best and most imaginative bakers prepare an exhibit of whimsical, one-of-a-kind gingerbread creations sure to capture the imaginations of children and adults alike, while evoking all the wonder of the winter holiday season.

The bakers who are creating themed "Old New York" scenes this year are: Cake Alchemy, Manhattan (Design: Barney's store windows); Eat Cake Be Merry, New York/New Jersey (Design: The Chrysler Building on a busy winter day); Riviera Bakehouse, Ardsley, NY (Design: snowy Central Park featuring Belvedere Castle); and Cake Power, Manhattan (Design: tenement scene titled "Woodbine Street").

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 large-scale model trains traversing 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.

HOLIDAY TRAIN SHOW HOURS:

During the *Holiday Train Show*, November 17, 2012–January 13, 2013, The New York Botanical Garden will be open Tuesday–Friday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.–7 p.m., including Friday, November 23 (day after Thanksgiving). Closed all day on November 22 (Thanksgiving) and December 25 (Christmas). Closing at 3 p.m. on Friday, December 14; and Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve). Extended hours, 10 a.m.–7 p.m., all seven days of the week (including Monday) from Monday, December 17–Tuesday, January 1.

PRICING:

Weekdays (November 20–December 14; January 2–11): Adults \$20, Seniors/Students \$18, Children ages 2–12 \$10, Children under 2 free.

Weekends and Holiday Weeks (December 17–January 1): Adults \$25, Seniors/Students \$22, Children ages 2–12, \$15, Children under 2 free. Advance timed tickets are strongly recommended and are available at nybg.org. Discounts available for groups of 15 or more. contact Group Tours: 718.817.8687. For more information, please visit our Web site at nybg.org or call 718.817.8700.

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