



THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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## **Learn to Create Botanically Inspired Holiday Crafts in Special Botanical Garden Saturday Program**

### **Register Now for *Holiday Crafts Saturday* on November 1**

*Holiday Crafts Saturday* offers a selection of courses for anyone who wants to create their own holiday decorations. Whether you wonder how to make botanical ornaments, dress your table, or construct a wreath, these courses offer inspiration and help you create a holiday atmosphere by an assortment of dried and fresh botanicals and other materials.

Spaces are still available for this popular one-day Saturday program. Participants may select as many as three classes from six topics. The fee for each *Holiday Crafts Saturday* session is \$48 for Botanical Garden members and \$51 for non-members. Visit [www.nybg.org/edu/conted](http://www.nybg.org/edu/conted) or call 718.817.8747 to register. Register for all three sessions and receive a 10% discount.

The topics for *Holiday Crafts Saturday* are:

#### **Saturday, November 1, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.**

##### ***Wheat Candlestick Holders***

Create unusual candlesticks for your Thanksgiving table. Learn how to assemble wheat to hold a taper candle, and then add a finishing touch with ribbon.

##### ***Origami Floral Gift Boxes***

Beautiful papers make these stunning boxes both useful and decorative. Students learn to fold several different boxes that have a floral theme.

#### **Saturday, November 1, 12:30–2:30 p.m.**

##### ***Botanical Gifts***

Create a variety of holiday botanical crafts, including pink rosebud pomanders, whimsical dried chili pepper sunflowers, dried fruit, and mini-bouquets with roses. Learn how to assemble a dried fruit and bay leaf garland, using orange and apple slices, pomegranates, artichokes, garlic, hot peppers, and more.

##### ***Origami Floral Centerpiece***

This unique centerpiece is made entirely from paper. The paper base utilizes a “frog” to hold a selection of folded paper flowers in place. By changing the colors of the paper used, it can be modified for any holiday or occasion.

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Saturday, November 1, 3–5 p.m.

***Special Harvest Centerpiece***

Learn how to create a round Thanksgiving centerpiece with mini-pumpkins, Indian corn, wheat, lotus pods, and other seasonal dried botanicals.

***Holiday Eucalyptus Arch***

Create a fragrant green arch as a gift or home decoration. Arrange dried flowers in holiday and harvest colors using a eucalyptus wreath and hydrangeas, nuts, berries, lavender, grasses, and more.

The New York Botanical Garden's Continuing Education program, which presents *Holiday Crafts Saturday*, has helped people achieve their horticultural education goals for more than 80 years. The Botanical Garden offers over 500 different courses each year comprising seven certificate programs: Botanical Art and Illustration, Botany, Floral Design, Gardening, Horticulture, Landscape Design, and Horticultural Therapy. Classes are held during the day, evenings, and weekends to fit any busy schedule. Other satellite centers are located in New York City, Westchester, New Jersey, and Connecticut. For additional information, visit [www.nybg.org/edu/conted](http://www.nybg.org/edu/conted) or call 718.817.8747.

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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. 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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