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## **Experience the Magic of the Holiday Season at the Botanical Garden Schedule of Events for November 19, 2005 through January 8, 2006**

### Conservatory Exhibition

#### ***Holiday Train Show*—Saturday, November 19 through Sunday, January 8**

The *Holiday Train Show* in The New York Botanical Garden's Victorian-style Conservatory beckons visitors to enter a magical world brimming with history and enchantment. Experience the wonder of large-gauge model trains and trolleys wending their way through spectacular landscapes and past more than 100 replicas of New York landmarks, including the Brooklyn Bridge, the Plaza Hotel, Radio City Music Hall, and the Empire State Building—all created from plant materials such as bark, moss, twigs, berries, and pinecones by designer Paul Busse. New this year are the original 1923 Yankee Stadium and five historic Hudson Valley mansions, including Van Cortlandt Manor, Olana, and Kykuit (the Rockefeller estate).

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### Conservatory Exhibition

#### ***Glasshouse Winter Flowers*—Saturday, November 19 through Sunday, January 8**

Stroll among lush, soaring palm trees to discover hundreds of brilliantly colorful rain forest anthuriums (flamingo flowers) and bromeliads with their vibrant flower-like bracts, thick leaves and deep water-catching vases. Brought together in the Conservatory's *Palms of the Americas Gallery*, these plants combine to create a tropical holiday sensation.

*Exhibitions in the Conservatory are made possible by Enid A. Haupt.*

### Everett Children's Adventure Garden

#### ***Gingerbread Adventures*—Saturday, November 19 through Sunday, January 8**

Larger-than-life topiary bunnies are hard at work in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden preparing a recipe for the sweet and spicy holiday favorite, gingerbread. At *Gingerbread Adventures* children smell, touch, and taste the spices and other plant ingredients that go into a classic gingerbread recipe and decorate their own gingersnap cookie. And everyone can enjoy the display of elaborate gingerbread creations in the by renowned bakers: Jill Adams, The Cake Factory; Kaye Hansen, Riviera Bakehouse; Rebecca Russell; Mark Tasker, Balthazar Bakery; and Gail Watson, Gail Watson Custom Cakes.

### Shop in the Garden

#### **Evergreen King and Snowdrop Queen—Saturdays and Sundays, November 19 through January 1**

Visit with royalty and soak up the holiday spirit. Our royal Plant Kingdom Majesties—the Evergreen King and the Snowdrop Queen—will be holding court at Shop in the Garden. Bring the children to join the royals as jesters in the Winter Garden Parade every Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m. All jesters will be given a jolly jingle bell wristband.

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Holiday Tree Lighting & Sing-Along

**November 19, 4:30 p.m.**

Participate in the Botanical Garden's traditional start to the winter holiday season. View the lighting of a stunning 25-foot conifer. Then join in an old-fashioned sing-along and fun for the whole family.

Holiday Puppet Theater

***The Little Engine That Could*—December 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 26–31, and January 1 at 1, 2, and 3 p.m.**

The Arthur and Janet Ross Lecture Hall at the Botanical Garden is the site for this whimsical production of the classic tale directed by Master Puppeteer Ralph Lee.

Thomas the Tank Engine™ Visits

**December 16–January 1**

Bring your camera to photograph your children atop Thomas the Tank Engine™, beloved television and storybook character.

Library Exhibition

***Flowers by Redouté, Artist for an Empire*—through Sunday, January 22**

This exhibition, located in the William D. Rondina and Giovanni Foroni LoFaro Gallery, encompasses the life and work of Pierre-Joseph Redouté (1759–1840), one of the most famous botanical illustrators. Redouté's light-filled compositions earned him the nickname "the Raphael of botanical illustration." His scientific illustrations and monumental works featuring French Empress Joséphine's plants at Château Malmaison are among the objects on view.

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*Exhibitions in the Mertz Library are made possible by the LuEsther T. Mertz Charitable Trust,  
William D. Rondina and the Carlisle Collection, and The Kurt Berliner Foundation.*

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The New York Botanical Garden is a museum of plants located at Bronx River Parkway (Exit 7W) and Fordham Road.  
**HOLIDAY HOURS:** November 19–January 8, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Tuesday–Sunday and Monday holidays. The Botanical Garden is open on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2. The Botanical Garden is closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, and closes at 3 p.m. on December 9 and December 24.

**Off-Peak Pricing:** Tuesday–Thursday through December 22: Adults \$13, Seniors/Students \$11, Children \$5.

**Peak Pricing:** Weekends Friday–Sunday through December 18 and every day Monday–Sunday December 23 through January 8: Adults \$16, Seniors/Students \$14, Children \$5.

To purchase tickets, order online at [www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org) or call 800.965.4827. For more information, visit our Web site or call 718.817.8700.

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