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## **Experience the Magic of the Holiday Season at the Botanical Garden Schedule of Events for November 18, 2006 through January 7, 2007**

### Conservatory Exhibition

#### ***Holiday Train Show*—Saturday, November 18 through Sunday, January 7**

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 140 replicas of New York landmarks, including the Brooklyn Bridge, Yankee Stadium, Radio City Music Hall, and Statue of Liberty—all created from plant materials such as bark, moss, twigs, berries, and pine cones by designer Paul Busse and his team. The new replicas for this season are the Bedford Park railroad station and five elaborate Manhattan mansions that were built and ultimately torn down between the years 1764 and 1939.

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

### Everett Children's Adventure Garden

#### ***Gingerbread Adventures*—Saturday, November 18 through Sunday, January 7**

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 cookies. And everyone can enjoy the *Winter Wonderland of Gingerbread Houses* display of elaborate gingerbread creations by renowned bakers: Jill Adams, The Cake Studio; Kaye and Liv Hansen, Riviera Bakehouse; Collette Foley, Collette Foley Specialty Baking; Mark Tasker, Balthazar Bakery; and Kate Sullivan, LovinSullivanCakes.

### Shop in the Garden

#### **Evergreen King and Snowdrop Queen—Sundays, November 19 through January 7**

Visit with royalty and soak up the holiday spirit. The Evergreen King and the Snowdrop Queen will be holding court at Shop in the Garden on Sunday afternoons. Enjoy their tales from the plant kingdom and impromptu song bursts.

### Holiday Tree Lighting & Sing-Along

#### **Saturday, November 18, 4 p.m.**

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

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### **Bronx Art Ensemble Concert**

#### ***Catch That Train!* Sunday, November 19, 3 p.m.**

Don't miss this new show by the Bronx Arts Ensemble and Lehman Children's Theatre, directed by Dante Albertie. Casey has a problem. He is the conductor on the 5:30 local train, but he can never get to work on time. If he doesn't change his ways, his boss will fire him. Come to the Botanical Garden's Arthur and Janet Ross Lecture Hall to find out if Casey's zany bunch of friends can help him *Catch That Train*.

### **Holiday Puppet Theater**

#### ***The Little Engine That Could*™—Saturdays and Sundays, December 2–17 and Tuesday through Sunday, December 26–31 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**

#### **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, January 5–7**

Meet Thomas the Tank Engine™ and enjoy storytelling with Sir Topham Hatt, music, and temporary tattoos of the island of Sodor friends.

### **Library Exhibition**

#### ***Buried Treasures: The Nature and Art of Bulbs*—through Sunday, January 7**

Sumptuously illustrated folios, some dating back as far as the 17<sup>th</sup> century, and original artwork from the outstanding holdings of the LuEsther T. Mertz Library are presented in this exhibition located in the William D. Rondina and Giovanni Foroni LoFaro Gallery. Among the superb historical illustrations on display are Basilius Besler's striking and intricately detailed 1713 copperplate engraving of a crown imperial fritillaria and a beautifully hand-colored lithograph of a crinum lily published in 1830-32 from a drawing by Vishnupersaud. The exhibition also includes masterpieces of botanical art by renowned artists such as Georg Dionysius Ehret, Pierre-Joseph Redouté, and Walter Hood Fitch. Engravings (hand-colored, copperplate, and colored stipple) as well as lithographs and watercolors are media showcased.

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

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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 HOURS:** November 18–January 7, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Tuesday–Sunday. The Botanical Garden is closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, and closes at 3 p.m. on December 8 and 24.

**PRICING:** \$18, Seniors/Students \$16, Children \$5. 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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