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Experience the Magic of the Holiday Season at The New York Botanical Garden

Schedule of Events for November 23, 2007, through January 13, 2008

Conservatory Exhibition

***Holiday Train Show*—Friday, November 23 through Sunday, January 13**

The *Holiday Train Show* in The New York Botanical Garden's Victorian-style Conservatory beckons visitors to enter a magical world under glass 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 Statue of Liberty, Brooklyn Bridge, Yankee Stadium, and Radio City Music Hall—all created from plant materials such as bark, moss, twigs, berries, and pine cones by designer Paul Busse and his team at Applied Imagination. Ellis Island and the George Washington Bridge are the new replicas for the 16th annual edition of this favorite family outing.

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

Everett Children's Adventure Garden

***Gingerbread Adventures*—Friday, November 23 through Sunday, January 13**

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. 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; Ruth Seidler, JollyBe Baker; Kate Sullivan, LovinSullivanCakes; and Mark Tasker, Balthazar Bakery.

Shop in the Garden

Don't miss this one-of-a-kind holiday shopping experience with distinctive, delightful gifts, thousands of glittering ornaments, and large-gauge holiday train sets, starter sets, and train toys for sale.

"Holiday Nights at the Garden"

November 23, 24, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 26–31; 6–9 p.m.

These 12 special holiday evenings will be held from 6–9 p.m. on opening day of the *Holiday Train Show*, the first Saturday, all Saturdays in December, plus the holiday week ending with New Year's Evening. "Holiday Nights at the Garden" will provide an opportunity for enjoyment of the *Holiday Train Show* at night, when the exhibition is most stunning and magical. Holiday lights, caroling performances, treats such as cider, hot chocolate, and gingerbread, and themed family suppers in the Garden Cafe will combine for a delightful holiday experience reminiscent of the days of old.

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Holiday Tree Lighting & Sing-Along

Saturday, December 1, 4 p.m.

View the lighting of a stunning conifer display at the Reflecting Pool near the Leon Levy Visitor Center. Then join in an old-fashioned sing-along and fun for the whole family.

Puppet Show

***The Little Engine That Could*TM—Saturdays and Sundays, December 1–23, and Wednesday through Monday, 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 EngineTM Visits

Saturday, January 5 through Sunday, January 13; 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Meet Thomas the Tank EngineTM and Sir Topham Hatt, and enjoy *Thomas & Friends* storytime with Driver Daniel.

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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

The New York Botanical Garden is located on property owned in full by the City of New York, and its operation is made possible in part by public funds provided through the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. A portion of the Garden’s general operating funds is provided by The New York City Council and The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. The Bronx Borough President and Bronx elected representatives in the City Council and State Legislature provide leadership funding.

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