

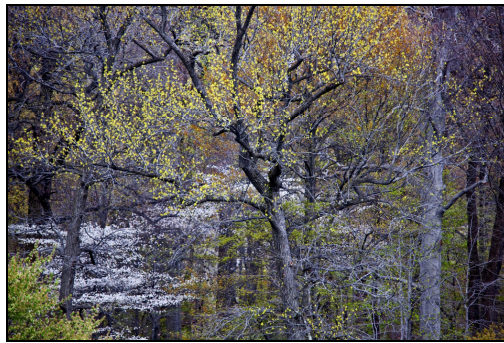
THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

Studying, exhibiting, and conserving plants for 120 years

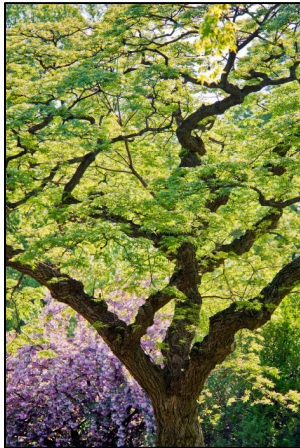
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View Large-Scale Photographs by Larry Lederman of Trees in Spring, Including Two Showcasing The New York Botanical Garden, On Display at the Four Seasons Restaurant

Through June 20, 2011



Larry Lederman, photographer and member of The New York Botanical Garden's Board of Advisors, has been invited to celebrate the changing of the seasons at the iconic Four Seasons restaurant in Manhattan with an exhibit of gorgeous, large-scale photographs of trees in spring, including trees at The New York Botanical Garden. The monumental-size images will be on display in the lobby of the Four Seasons, free to the public, now through June 20, 2011.



The photos are 40 inches by 60 inches and larger. They include stunning depictions of a Willow Tree, Pleached Sycamores, and Cherry Blossoms. From The New York Botanical Garden, which celebrates its 120th anniversary this year, Lederman has photographed the Native Forest, a 50-acre, uncut remnant of the original woodland that once covered New York, and a wonderfully shaped Cork Tree.

Sale of the photographs on display benefits The New York Botanical Garden's mission in horticulture, education, and plant science research. For more information, contact Richard Pickett at 718.817.8951 or rpickett@nybg.org

"Images of trees and forests show very well when they are large," Larry Lederman said. "Photographs help you to see structure and form in a way that is difficult to see otherwise. When they are large there is an emotional impact that informs your sense of the divine. It is the way that I see the images when I take them. For me, photography is an emotional experience."

The Four Seasons restaurant is located at 99 East 52nd Street, between Park Avenue and Lexington Avenue in Manhattan.

Larry Lederman has spent close to a decade capturing the beauty and diversity of the Botanical Garden throughout the seasons. His poetic images reveal the intricacy of the way light works within a garden or landscape. In 2003 the Botanical Garden published his first calendar, *Woodland Creatures*, which led to his annual series, *Trees*. In May 2008 Lederman was a Visiting Artist at the American Academy in Rome, where among other subjects, he photographed the Academy's gardens and the Roman Campagna. In 2009-2010, an exhibit of his photographs, *The Presence of Trees*, was mounted at The New York Botanical Garden's Arthur and Janet Ross Gallery.

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. The Garden is open year-round, Tuesday through Sunday and Monday federal holidays, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The best way to enjoy the Garden is with the *All-Garden Pass*, which includes admission to the grounds as well as to seasonal gardens, exhibitions, and attractions such as the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, Everett Children's Adventure Garden, Rock Garden, and Tram Tour: \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and students with ID, \$8 for children ages 2–12, free for children under 2. A *Grounds-Only Pass* is also available: \$6 for adults, \$5 for adult Bronx Residents; \$3 for seniors and students with ID, \$1 for children ages 2–12, free for children under 2. 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 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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