

THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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***Gingerbread Adventures* Returns to the Botanical Garden to Entertain and Teach Children about Plant Ingredients in the Sweet and Spicy Holiday Treat**

Saturday, November 19, 2011–Monday, January 16, 2012

In the hands-on *Gingerbread Adventures* program at The New York Botanical Garden, children learn about the different plant parts used in creating the favorite holiday snack, gingerbread. From November 19, 2011, through January 16, 2012, in the Discovery Center of the Everett Children's Adventure Garden, youngsters will discover that cinnamon comes from the bark of a tree and ginger is derived from an underground stem, as they use their senses to examine these and other plant ingredients that go into a classic gingerbread recipe.

Vibrant vignettes of a gingerbread town deck the halls of the Discovery Center where *Gingerbread Adventures* takes place. A gingerbread jazz band, ice skaters, and farmer are among the colorful characters displayed having adventures of their own. Meanwhile, children grind and examine gingerbread ingredients under a microscope and develop a field research notebook about their visit. They'll also have the opportunity to decorate pots with faces and plant wheat seeds that will quickly grow into a miniature head of wheat hair at home and be a fun, living reminder that flour, a key ingredient in gingerbread, is derived from a plant.

While in the Adventure Garden, families should not miss the display of gingerbread houses. Some of New York's best and most imaginative bakers prepare an exhibit of whimsical, one-of-a-kind gingerbread creations sure to capture the imaginations of children and adults alike, while evoking all the wonder of the winter holiday season.

The bakers who are creating themed "Gingerbread Fantasy Houses" this year are: Lauri DiTunno, Cake Alchemy, Manhattan; Irina Brandler, Sugar and Spice Bake Shop, the Bronx; Kaye and Liv Hansen, Riviera Bakehouse, Ardsley, NY; and Kate Sullivan, Cake Power, Manhattan.

Gingerbread Adventures is a fun and educational component of the entire holiday experience at the Botanical Garden and a great interactive complement to the annual *Holiday Train Show* in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, which features large-scale model trains traversing replicas of New York landmarks made from plant parts.

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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 TRAIN SHOW HOURS: During the *Holiday Train Show*, November 19, 2011–January 16, 2012, The New York Botanical Garden will be open 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Tuesday–Sunday. Closed all day on November 24 and December 25. Closing at 3 p.m. on December 9 and 24. Extended hours, 10 a.m.–7 p.m., on select Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays and during holiday weeks: November 20, 25, 26, 27, December 4, 11, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and January 1, 2, 7, 8, 14, 15.

PRICING:

NON-HOLIDAY: Adults \$20, Seniors/Students \$18, Children ages 2–12 \$10, Children under 2 Free, Members Free.
HOLIDAY WEEKS (December 19–January 2): Adults \$25, Seniors/Students \$22, Children ages 2–12, \$15, Children under 2 Free, Members Free. Advance timed tickets are strongly recommended and are available at nybg.org. Discounts available for groups of 15 or more. Contact Group Tours: 718.817.8687. For more information, please visit our Web site at nybg.org or call 718.817.8700.

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