

For Immediate Release
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Rich Programming for *Momijigari: The Japanese Autumn Garden* Makes Repeat Visits to the Botanical Garden Exhibition a Must

Inspired by ancient Japanese traditions of leaf-viewing excursions in the autumn season and by the timeless beauty of historic Japanese gardens, *Momijigari: The Japanese Autumn Garden* is set in the grand outdoor courtyard of the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. This favorite fall exhibition at The New York Botanical Garden runs October 4 through November 17 and features many varieties of graceful Japanese maples in rich autumn shades of scarlet and gold, as well as other plants native to Japan.

An expertly achieved goal of this exhibition is for visitors to feel as if they've been transported to a classic Japanese stroll garden in the fall. On select weekends during *Momijigari*, talks, demonstrations, and performances enrich the visitors' experience of this vibrantly colorful exhibition that still evokes a tranquil atmosphere. (*Events are often added and details of scheduled events may change. Visit www.nybg.org for updates.*)

Weekend of October 15 & 16

Origami: The Art of Paper Folding

Saturday and Sunday, October 15 & 16—12 p.m.

Enjoy this demonstration, presented by Origami U.S.A. and learn the basics of Origami, the Japanese art of intricate paper folding, which shapes paper into objects such as flowers and birds. All ages and levels are invited to participate.

Meets in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory courtyard

Japanese Autumn Gardens

Saturday and Sunday, October 15 & 16—1–4 p.m.

Chat with plant experts Anita Finkle-Guerrero and Dorrie Rosen on Saturday and Sunday, respectively, and get answers about the care of your own Japanese-style garden.

Meets in the Hanging Baskets Gallery of the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory

Japanese Taiko Drummer Performance

Saturday, October 15—1:45 p.m.

Meets in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory courtyard

Bonsai at the Garden

Saturday and Sunday, October 15 & 16—2:30 p.m.

Join bonsai expert Bernard Gastrich of the Yama Ki Bonsai Society for a journey into the ancient Japanese art of miniaturizing mature shrubs and trees to create living sculptures.

Meets in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory

The Saecho Ichinohe Dance Company Performance

Sunday, October 16—2 p.m.

Meets in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory courtyard

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Weekend of November 5 & 6

Origami: The Art of Paper Folding

Saturday and Sunday, November 5 & 6—11:30 a.m.

Enjoy this demonstration, presented by Origami U.S.A. and learn the basics of Origami, the Japanese art of intricate paper folding, which shapes paper into objects such as flowers and birds. All ages and levels are invited to participate.

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Japanese Saori Hand Weaving Demonstration

Saturday, November 5—1 p.m.

Colors unfold, designs emerge, and beauty blooms directly from each individual working in harmony with loom, thread, and the inspiration of the moment. Join Yoko Shimm and Yukako Satone for a demonstration with hands-on participation for all ages and levels.

Meets in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory courtyard

Colorful Fall Containers

Saturday and Sunday, November 5 & 6—1:30 p.m.

During this home gardening demonstration, Gardener for Public Programs Sonia Uytterhoeven experiments with different plant material suitable for fall and winter displays, discusses the basics of autumn color in the garden, and teaches how to plant and winterize late-season containers.

Meets in the Home Gardening Center

The Art of Ikebana

Sunday, November 6—2:30 p.m.

For many people, flower arrangement means symmetrically placing flowering plants in a vase. Japanese *Ikebana* (literally translated, “flowers kept alive”) is much more complex. Join Trish O’Sullivan for a demonstration on this timeless and elegant art.

Meets in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory courtyard

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

The New York Botanical Garden is a museum of plants located at Bronx River Parkway (Exit 7W) and Fordham Road in the Bronx. The Garden is open year-round, Tuesday-Sunday and on Monday holidays, from 10 a.m. -6 p.m. April-October, and 10 a.m.-5p.m. November-March. The best way to enjoy the Garden is with the *Combination Ticket* that includes grounds admission, the Conservatory, Rock Garden, Native Plant Garden, Tram Tour, and Everett Children’s Adventure Garden. Grounds admission is free to everyone all day Wednesdays and on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. To purchase tickets, call 800.965.4827 or order online at www.nybg.org. For other information, call 718.817.8700.

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