



THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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***Holiday Train Show* Returns to The New York Botanical Garden for  
21st Year of Model Trains, New York City Landmark Replicas, and  
Programming for All Ages**

**Macy's Department Store Replica is New Addition; *The Artist's Studio* Includes  
Trains Re-Imagined in Plant Materials**

**Saturday, November 17, 2012 through Sunday, January 13, 2013**



The *Holiday Train Show* is unique each and every year, never installed in the same way and always adding new replicas and components for visitors to enjoy at The New York Botanical Garden's annual extravaganza. Some visitors are eager to see more than a dozen large-scale model railway trains; some are keenly interested in the more than 140 scaled iconic buildings and structures—artistically made of natural materials such as bark, twigs, stems, fruits, seeds, and pine cones—including the original Penn Station and Yankee Stadium, Radio City Music Hall, St. Patrick's Cathedral, The New York Public Library on 42nd Street, and the Brooklyn Bridge. Each year the *Holiday Train Show* allows for new discovery among the older generations of visitors while younger generations look on with wonderment of viewing such an enchanting display for the first time.

A replica of Macy's flagship location ("the miracle on 34th Street") makes its home in the *Holiday Train Show* this year. Four feet wide and four feet long, it will be the first replica that visitors see before entering the magical world of the *Holiday Train Show* inside the Botanical Garden's Victorian glasshouse, the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. The Macy's replica has been created with the same ingenuity as the other replicas by the show designer Paul Busse and his team at Applied Imagination in Alexandria, Kentucky.

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Returning for a second year by popular demand, *The Artist's Studio* is an additional element of the show that exhibits how the replicas are constructed and displays models in varying stages of completion, from the framing of the landmark structures to the addition of plant part details such as magnolia leaf roof shingles and radish seed marquee lights. New *Artist's Studio* features this year are two botanically inspired trains (trains made of plant materials) running on their own separate tracks, as well as the chance to get up close to some of Applied Imagination's other creations, including replicas of national and international sites and landmarks.

The model trains, a viewing delight for train-enjoying toddlers and rail enthusiasts alike, also cover a wide variety of ground—a quarter-mile of track, to be specific. Late-1800s American steam engines and streetcars travel alongside modern freight and high-speed passenger trains and trolleys in The New York Botanical Garden's *Holiday Train Show*. Cable cars travel over the Conservatory's reflecting pool. Even Thomas the Tank Engine™ joins the fleets, which traverse across rustic bridges, along overhead trestles, through tunnels, and past waterfalls that cascade into flowing creeks. Sharp-eyed children might even spot a ladybug, butterfly, or bumblebee train during their visit.

### A Destination for the Holidays

The holiday season at the Botanical Garden offers activities for the whole family. In addition to seasonal activities, stroll the spectacular grounds, break for lunch and hot chocolate at one of our two Cafes, and shop for everyone on your list at **Shop in the Garden**.

- Attend the Holiday Tree Lighting of a stunning conifer display by special guests, and join in an old-fashioned sing-along with the Westchester Chordsmen featuring carols from many traditions. Saturday, November 17, 4–5:15 p.m.
- Children explore the plant ingredients that make up a classic gingerbread recipe, venture into a child-sized gingerbread playhouse, and decorate a gingersnap cookie with frosting and candies during *Gingerbread Adventures*. Daily; check times at [nybg.org](http://nybg.org).
- Get a behind-the-scenes look at the creation of the *Holiday Train Show* in a PBS **documentary screening** narrated by David Hartman and featuring exclusive interviews with designer Paul Busse. Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays through December 30, 11:30 a.m., 1, 2, and 3 p.m.
- Trains and entertainment go hand-in-hand in *The Little Engine That Could*™ **Puppet Show**. This classic tale is brought to life in an exciting presentation by New York City puppet master Ralph Lee. Tuesdays–Thursdays, November 27–December 27, and Mondays, December 17 & 31; check times at [nybg.org](http://nybg.org).  
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- **Bar Car Nights** provide the opportunity to attend an evening viewing of the *Holiday Train Show* and sip a complimentary cocktail. Saturdays, December 8, 15, & 22, 7–9 p.m. Advance tickets are recommended and are available for purchase at [nybg.org](http://nybg.org). Non-Member \$30/Member \$20 (Adults 21 and over).

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- In January it's *All Aboard with Thomas & Friends*<sup>TM</sup>. Join Thomas and Driver Sam on a fun-filled, sing-along, mini-performance adventure by helping Thomas find his way from Knapford Station to Brendam Docks using teamwork, friendship, and discovery. Parents: Bring your camera to have a photo op with Thomas and capture the special day! Daily, January 1–27.

*Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends* ©2012 Gullane [Thomas] Limited.

Visit the Garden's Web site, [nybg.org](http://nybg.org), to check dates and times for all of the Garden's holiday offerings and to purchase advance timed tickets.

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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 17, 2012–January 13, 2013, The New York Botanical Garden will be open Tuesday–Friday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.–7 p.m., including Friday, November 23 (day after Thanksgiving). Closed all day on November 22 (Thanksgiving) and December 25 (Christmas). Closing at 3 p.m. on Friday, December 14; and Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve). Extended hours, 10 a.m.–7 p.m., all seven days of the week (including Monday) from Monday, December 17–Tuesday, January 1.

**PRICING:**

Weekdays (November 20–December 14; January 2–11): Adults \$20, Seniors/Students \$18, Children ages 2–12 \$10, Children under 2 free.

Weekends and Holiday Weeks (December 17–January 1): Adults \$25, Seniors/Students \$22, Children ages 2–12, \$15, Children under 2 free. Advance timed tickets are strongly recommended and are available at [nybg.org](http://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](http://nybg.org) or call 718.817.8700.

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