



THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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A Host of Activities Treat Families to Fun Throughout October at The New York Botanical Garden

***Halloween Hoorah* Features 500 Creatively Carved Pumpkins**

Three of the Country's Largest Pumpkins on Display

***Goodnight, Garden* Offers Harvest Crafts
and Hands-on Preparation of the Family Garden for Winter**

Saturday, October 9–Sunday, October 31

From Saturday, October 9, through Sunday, October 31, *Halloween Hoorah* treats visitors to a frightfully fun journey featuring more than 500 pumpkins intricately carved to create scarecrows, snakes, and spiders adorning the paths, mazes, and trails of the Everett Children's Adventure Garden. Join in rotating hands-on activities and demonstrations such as Creepy, Crawly Critter Exploration, Ghostly Leaf Rubbing, Applesauce Making, Cider Pressing, and weekend Halloween Parades.

From Friday, October 22, through Sunday, October 31, don't miss an unforgettable display of three of the largest pumpkins grown in the United States this year—each weighing over 1,500 pounds! *Giant Pumpkins*, a showcase of champions, will delight visitors at the Leon Levy Visitor Center.

In addition to the festive *Halloween Hoorah* activities taking place throughout the month of October, families can enjoy harvest crafts and hands-on gardening fun as they help put the Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden to bed for the winter as part of *Goodnight, Garden*.

A list of all family activities during October is below. For more information, visit: nybg.org

Playful Display of More Than 500 Pumpkins in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden

Tuesdays–Sundays, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

More than 500 genuine pumpkins and fanciful Funkins™ set the stage for *Halloween Hoorah* in the 12-acre Everett Children's Adventure Garden. Created by artist Michael Anthony Natiello, the display features artfully carved pumpkins with designs ranging from seasonal scarecrows and spiders to intricate botanical illustrations of garlic and laurel—herbs used traditionally in medicines or “witches' brews.”

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A gateway of smiling carved pumpkins greets visitors at the Adventure Garden, as spooky scarecrow pumpkin people grace the nearby ivy patch. Sneaky pumpkin snakes “slither” along Beth’s Maze while squash swans float across the pond. Even the Adventure Garden’s resident critters—the caterpillar, ladybug, and frog topiaries—are costumed in pumpkins. Visitors can stroll among elevated pumpkin flowers, hanging pumpkin butterflies, a waterfall of swirling pumpkins, and more. These pumpkins will delight parents and kids alike as they explore the Adventure Garden’s paths and trails.

Halloween Hoorah Activities in the Everett Children’s Adventure Garden

Tuesdays–Fridays, 1:30–5:30 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Apple Stamping

October 9–22

Decorate a fall harvest bag with an apple print. Collect fallen leaves and other goodies along the trail through the Garden marked on your special map.

Applesauce Making

October 9–22

Make homemade applesauce and savor this fall treat.

Cider Pressing Demonstration and Tasting

Weekends only, October 9–31, 2–5:30 p.m.

Help press freshly harvested apples into cider. You’ll be thirsty for a taste of this cool refreshment!

Creepy, Crawly Critter Exploration

October 23–31

Take a magnifying glass to the edge of the log terrarium and get an up-close look at what decays at ground level.

Ghostly Leaf Rubbing

October 23–31

Decorate your treat bag with a sassafras leaf rubbing. Collect fallen leaves along the Adventure Garden trails.

Halloween Parades

Saturdays and Sundays, and Columbus Day, October 9–31, 12 and 2 p.m.

Join our “Pumpkin Gardeners” on a whimsical journey in the Everett Children’s Adventure Garden. With a taller-than-life gardener on stilts to lead the way and musical instruments to add to the festivities, explore the pumpkin displays on a mission to care for the garden. Children are invited to come in costume and join the parade.

Pumpkin Playhouse

October 9–31

Live performers: Saturdays and Sundays, and Columbus Day, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Explore a larger-than-life pumpkin that you can go inside (if you are little), or peek in through the windows (if you are big). Enjoy the playhouse for festive photos, or just for play. “Pumpkin Gardeners” engage in live, interactive performances.

Sensational Seed Sorting

Ongoing, October 9–31

Kids will love sorting, weighing, and experimenting with apple seeds and pumpkin seeds at this fun, fall activity station.

Giant Pumpkins, a Showcase of Champions at the Leon Levy Visitor Center

Friday, October 22–Sunday, October 31, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Three winning pumpkins from regional weigh-offs will be on display for a limited time only. Take in the spectacle of pumpkins, each weighing over 1,500 pounds!

Goodnight, Garden in the Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden

Saturday, October 9–Sunday, October 31, Tuesdays–Sundays, 1:30–5:30 p.m.

Help prepare the Family Garden for the winter. Plant a cover crop, bury bulbs before the first frost, and grab a rake to help gather the fallen leaves. Make marigold jewelry and sketch a still life of the last of the fall fruits, then frame it with seeds!

During the opening weekend, October 9, 10, and 11, kids can bring old clothing from home to help make scarecrows that will keep watch over the fall harvest. Children also can help tally up the seeds in the gargantuan gourd and help prepare the garden for the coming winter.

Tickets to *Halloween Hoorah* include access to *The Edible Garden* (through Sunday, October 17). Click [here](#) to purchase tickets or visit nybg.org

Goodnight, Garden

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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. The Botanical Garden is open year-round, Tuesday through Sunday and Monday federal holidays. Tickets to *Halloween Hoorah* include access to *The Edible Garden*. **ADMISSION PRICES FOR HALLOWEEN HOORAH (October 9–31): Weekends Featuring Celebrity Chefs During The Edible Garden (Columbus Day Weekend, October 9–11 and October 16–17): Adults \$20, Seniors/Students \$18, Children \$8, Children Under 2 and Members Free; Other Weekends (Saturdays and Sundays): Adults \$15, Seniors/Students \$13, Children \$8, Children Under 2 and Members Free; Weekdays (Tuesdays–Fridays): Adults \$10, Seniors/Students \$9, Children \$4, Children Under 2 and Members Free. Proceeds benefit the Children’s Gardening program. Discounts available for groups of 15 or more; contact Group Tours, 718.817.8687. 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 www.nybg.org Read the Botanical Garden’s popular blog, *Plant Talk: Inside The New York Botanical Garden* at nybg.org/wordpress**

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