
THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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**The New York Botanical Garden Announces
The Edible Academy Family Garden Picnic,
Featuring Carla Hall and Chefs from Mario Batali's Restaurants**

**NYBG's Celebration of Organic Vegetable Gardening and
Cooking for the Whole Family**

**Sunday, September 27, 2015
12:30–4:30 p.m.**



On Sunday, September 27, 2015, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., rain or shine, The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) presents ***The Edible Academy Family Garden Picnic***, a celebration of organic vegetable gardening and cooking. Set in the Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden, this afternoon of outdoor discovery features special guests **Chef Carla Hall**, co-host of ABC's *The Chew*, along with chefs from Mario Batali's acclaimed restaurants – **Andy Nusser** of Tarry Lodge and **Anthony Sasso** of Casa Mono – for a delicious picnic and live cooking demonstrations. Kids of any age will enjoy a boxed lunch, kitchen crafts, gardening activities, live music, and much more. All proceeds benefit the Botanical Garden's Edible Academy, hub of the children's organic vegetable gardening program.

Schedule of Events:

12:30–4:30 p.m.

The Edible Academy Family Garden Picnic and Activities

In the Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden

Mario's Menu Mystery

Explore Mario Batali Chefs' "Kitchen Tales" garden beds with a scavenger hunt story.

Kids Cooking Workshops

Learn how to prepare garden-friendly recipes of fresh salsa, hand-pressed tortillas, and fruit smoothies.

Sample Shaved Ice

Treat yourself to a freshly shaved ice pop and top it off with handmade local fruit syrups.

Pot Up a Basil Plant

Start a “kitchen garden” by potting up and taking home a basil plant.

Marigold Jewelry

Spring together bright autumn-blooming marigold flowers to wear as a bracelet while learning about this flower’s uses in our organic garden.

Corn Husk Dolls

Recycle the husks of a corn cob to make a doll and decorate it with plant parts from our meadow.

Kitchen Crafts

Decorate a chef’s apron and embellish a harvest bag to collect your picnic activities.

Pickle Making

Did you ever wonder how a cucumber turns into a pickle? Here is your chance to watch how it happens and make fridge pickles to take home and enjoy.

Seed Sculptures

Make a seed sculpture to take home and watch it grow.

Tree Climbing

Climb to the top of a giant oak tree with the Garden’s arborists.

1:30 p.m.

Cooking Demonstration with Chef Anthony Sasso of Casa Mono

In the Whole Foods Market® Family Garden Kitchen

2:30 p.m.

Cooking Demonstration with Chef Andy Nusser of Tarry Lodge

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3:30 p.m.

Cooking Workshop featuring Chef Carla Hall, co-host of ABC’s *The Chew*

On the Edible Academy Lawn

The Chairmen of *The Edible Academy Family Garden Picnic* are **Christina and Laurent de Marval, Emma and Todd Goergen, Sharon and Bill Jacob, Nathalie Kaplan, Annie and James Lansing, Kimberly and Jean Putzer, and Julia and Ted Weld.** The Grandparents Chairmen are **Anne and Tom Hubbard, Edie and Hamilton Kean, Susan Lynch, and Eliot and Wilson Nolen.** The Honorary Chairman is **Jill Joyce.** The Founding Chairmen are **Julie and Nick Sakellariadis.**

The Edible Academy, and its planned state-of-the-art facility, will significantly expand the edible gardening program opportunities so that twice as many children, parents, and teachers (from 50,000 to 100,000 annually) will be able to learn how to grow fruits and vegetables and make the important connections among plants, gardening, and nutrition.

For ticket pricing and more information, please visit nybg.org/familypicnic or contact Heather Gries at 718.817.8657 or hgries@nybg.org.

About The New York Botanical Garden

The New York Botanical Garden is an iconic living museum and, since its founding in 1891, has served as an oasis in this busy metropolis.

As a National Historic Landmark, this 250-acre site's verdant landscape supports over one million living plants in extensive collections. Each year 900,000 visitors enjoy the Garden not only for its remarkable diversity of tropical, temperate, and desert flora, but also for programming that ranges from renowned exhibitions in the Haupt Conservatory to festivals on Daffodil Hill.

The Garden is also a major educational institution. More than 300,000 people annually—among them Bronx families, schoolchildren, and teachers—learn about plant science, ecology, and healthful eating through NYBG's hands-on, curriculum-based programming. Nearly 90,000 of those visitors are children from underserved neighboring communities, while more than 3,000 are teachers from New York City's public school system participating in professional development programs that train them to teach science courses at all grade levels.

NYBG operates one of the world's largest plant research and conservation programs, with nearly 200 staff members—including 80 Ph.D. scientists—working in the Garden's state-of-the-art molecular labs as well as in the field, where they lead programs in 18 countries.

For more information, visit nybg.org or call 718.817.8700.

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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 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, and Tram Tour. For ticket pricing and more information, please call 718.817.8700 or visit nybg.org

The New York Botanical Garden, 2900 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York 10458

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