



THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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Springtime Programs at The New York Botanical Garden

April–June 2010

Discover the beauty of springtime at The New York Botanical Garden. From April through June the Garden's 250-acre historic landscape features a world-class exhibition, *Emily Dickinson's Garden: The Poetry of Flowers* (April 30–June 13, 2010), engaging programs for the entire family, and spectacular displays of daffodils, tulips, and flowering trees within the 50 magnificent gardens and collections.

Prepare, plant, and harvest vegetables with your entire family as part of Dig, Plant, Grow! Engage your mind and senses with A Season in Poetry readings. Celebrate Earth Day and Mother's Day with related programming. Learn seasonal gardening tips from Garden experts. Enjoy a family concert with the Bronx Arts Ensemble. Details of these unique programs and activities are listed below. For a full list of programming through June, visit www.nybg.org

Explore Nature in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden

Spring Fun

Tuesday, April 13–Thursday, April 29

Tuesday–Friday, 1:30–5:30 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Discover what awakens in spring in the Children's Adventure Garden. Children and their families can complete a scavenger hunt and plant a seed to take home as they explore the 12-acre site designed just for kids.

In the Everett Children's Adventure Garden

Children's Poetry Garden

Friday, April 30–Sunday, June 13

Tuesday–Friday, 1:30–5:30 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Observe and spend time in nature and be inspired. Whimsical words and poems in the natural landscape will connect families to Emily Dickinson as they explore nature as she did. Children will record their experiences through drawing, movement, and writing. Just like Dickinson, children will start their own herbarium to take home.

In the Everett Children's Adventure Garden

Dig, Plant, Grow!

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Tuesdays–Sundays, 1:30–5:30 p.m.

Children and families learn about plants and the natural world through hands-on gardening. Children—with help from their parents, volunteers, and staff—are encouraged to dig, weed, compost, plant, tend, and harvest in garden plots. These ongoing garden activities are complemented by a changing roster of programs that encourage children to explore seasonally appropriate and garden related themes. April is *Wake Up Garden!*, May is *Bulbs Unearthed*, and June is *Herbal Delights, Naturally*.

In the Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden

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**Spring Home Gardening Demonstrations
Saturdays and Sundays, 2 p.m.**

Join Sonia Uyterhoeven, Gardener for Public Education, this spring for hands-on instruction and answers to your gardening questions on topics such as vegetable care and early spring garden preparation. Seasonally tailored tip sheets are always available at the Home Gardening Center's Kenneth Roman Gazebo and online. The Garden will also feature Home Gardening Demonstrations celebrating the spring exhibition: *Emily Dickinson's Garden: The Poetry of Flowers*. For details about Emily Dickinson-related demonstrations, please visit: nybg.org

Early Season Gardening Chores

Saturday, April 17, and Sunday, April 18, 2 p.m.

Participants work their way through the garden, getting their hands dirty with everything from planting annuals and perennials to early spring pruning.

In the Home Gardening Center

Vegetable Gardening for a Green Planet

Saturday, April 24, and Sunday, April 25, 2 p.m.

How can you grow food all season long? Find out easy steps for stocking your kitchen.

In the Home Gardening Center

**Earth Day at the Garden
Earth Day, Thursday, April 22, 2010**

What better place to celebrate Earth and its gifts than at the Botanical Garden? Plant a seedling to take home and care for all year, recycle plants into compost, and learn about the actions the Garden is taking to become even more Earth-friendly. Take home important green tips as well.

Guided Forest Tours

1 & 3 p.m.

Experience the beauty of the Garden's 50-acre Native Forest on a walking tour with an expertly trained docent. Learn about the trees, history, geology, and ecology of this original, uncut woodland.

Meet at the Leon Levy Visitor Center Reflecting Pool

Compost Information Table

12–2 p.m.

Stop by for free tip sheets, pamphlets, and workshop schedules designed to help gardeners increase their horticultural, composting, and recycling knowledge.

In the Home Gardening Center

Earth Day Is Everyday

1:30–5:30 p.m.

Plant a pea plant with a climbing trellis, recycle old magazines into colorful necklaces or bracelets, and discover the biodiversity of the pond and wetland in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden through water sample investigations, microscopes, and interactions with Explainers.

In the Everett Children's Adventure Garden

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Earthworms on Earth Day**1:30–5:30 p.m.**

Learn all about our slimy friends and how they are hard at work in the garden. Sift nutritious worm compost to take home for your houseplants.

In the Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden

Compost Q & A**2–4 p.m.**

Master Composters with the NYC Compost Project in the Bronx will provide you with the practical tips, advice, and encouragement you need to take composting to the next level, whether you are just starting out or have been digging for years.

In the Home Gardening Center

Home Gardening Demonstration: Vegetable Gardening for a Green Planet**2 p.m.**

How can you grow food all season long? Gardener for Public Education Sonia Uytterhoeven provides easy steps for stocking your kitchen.

In the Home Gardening Center

Compost Tea Q&A**3:30–4 p.m.**

Before the planet can be green it needs to be brown. Join Gardener for Public Education Sonia Uytterhoeven as she covers the fundamentals of gardening and demonstrates how to make your own home brew of compost tea.

In the Home Gardening Center

Mother's Day Celebration
Saturday, May 8–Sunday, May 9, 2010

Celebrate Mother's Day at The New York Botanical Garden. Enjoy the beauty of spring flowers while enjoying the poetry of Emily Dickinson in the exhibition *Emily Dickinson's Garden: The Poetry of Flowers* (April 30–June 13, 2010). Create a *tussie-mussie* card for your mother while learning the meaning of flowers and the inspiration they provided for Emily Dickinson. On Mother's Day join in a Children's Theatre Company at Lehman College production of the classic tale *Beauty and the Beast*.

Tussie-Mussie Cards for Mom**Saturday, May 8, and Sunday, May 9, All Day**

Learn the language of flowers as you create a card for someone special. Stop at the Home Gardening Center, Perennial Garden, Everett Children's Adventure Garden, and the Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden to pick up pressed flowers and herbs to create a *tussie-mussie* design and write a poem inspired by spring at the Garden.

Across the Garden Grounds

A Voice of Her Own: Book reading and discussion**Saturday, May 8–Sunday, May 9, 1 and 3 p.m.**

Barbara Dana, an award-winning author of books for children and young adults and actor of the stage and screen, comes to the Garden for a book reading in the fictional voice of Emily Dickinson and a discussion of the poet for young audiences.

Everett Children's Adventure Garden

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18th Annual Antique Garden Furniture Show and Sale

Friday, May 7–Sunday, May 9

More than 30 of the country's leading dealers offer their finest quality pieces at America's most celebrated venue for garden antiques. During the three-day event, fountains, statues, benches, urns, sundials, birdbaths, and botanical prints beckon novice collectors and garden designers alike. Throughout the weekend, antiques experts and designers provide informative demonstrations and talks. The *Antique Garden Furniture Show and Sale* is the ideal venue for learning about garden antiques and building personal collections.

In a tent outside the landmark Enid A. Haupt Conservatory

Bronx Arts Ensemble Family Concert

Sunday, May 9, 1 and 3 p.m.

Bronx Arts Ensemble Family Concert: Beauty and the Beast

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Join the Children's Theatre Company at Lehman as they reinterpret the classic story *Beauty and the Beast*, with an added sprinkle of their special brand of fairy-tale sketch comedy, with musical accompaniment by the Bronx Arts Ensemble. An *All-Garden Pass* is needed for admittance to show.

In Arthur and Janet Ross Lecture Hall

A Season in Poetry Readings

Saturday, May 15, 3 p.m.

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Enjoy the spring blossoms and celebrate the season with renowned poets L.S. Asekoff, Ken Chen, and Eamon Grennan reading classic favorites as well as their own work. The program is co-sponsored by The Poetry Society of America.

In the Jane Watson Irwin Perennial 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. 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, Rock Garden, and Tram Tour: \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and students with ID, \$8 for children ages 2–12, children under 2 free. A *Grounds-Only Pass* is available: \$6 for adults, \$5 for adult Bronx Residents; \$3 for seniors, \$2 for students with ID, \$1 for children ages 2–12, children under 2 are free. 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

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