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## **Shop in the Garden Offers Fine Orchids for Sale During *The Orchid Show***

**February 26–March 27, 2005**

The Shop in the Garden at The New York Botanical Garden will offer thousands of spectacular orchids for sale during *The Orchid Show*. This is the Garden's third annual presentation of this sale and exhibition of fine orchids. The orchid adventures take place February 26 through March 27, 2005.

The orchids available for purchase, both species and hybrids, reflect the extensive range of orchids on display in *The Orchid Show*, including slipper orchids and miniatures. All are hand-selected and of the highest quality. Many of these exotic beauties are unusual and hard-to-find varieties that connoisseurs will treasure. Among them are *Dendrobium aphyllum*, *Vanda* Kultana Blue, and *Cattleya* Moon Festival 'Springtime' × Iwaganara Appleblossom 'H&R', to name just a few. For the novice to the world of orchids, there will be exciting, easy-to-care-for selections of moth orchids (*Phalaenopsis*) and Asian slipper orchids (*Paphiopedilum*).

An impressive selection of other orchid products will also be available in the Shop in the Garden. Note cards and address books, as well as limited edition prints featuring enchanting 19<sup>th</sup> century orchid illustrations from the LuEsther T. Mertz Library archives will be offered, in addition to orchid-themed jewelry, orchid-scented soaps and lotions, and more. The Shop, which houses one of the largest horticultural bookstores in the country, will also have hundreds of books on orchids in stock, ranging from indispensable reference works to glorious art books to specialized monographs. Products and tools that lend themselves to successful orchid growing at home will be in-store and visitors will be able to solicit advice from orchid experts who will be on hand in the Shop to answer questions.

Also included among the thousands of orchids the Shop in the Garden will have for sale are: ***Cattleya***—Large gorgeous flowers, often with a captivating fragrance, make these some of the most popular orchids and they are fairly easy to grow. Native to Central and South America, there are thousands of spectacular new hybrids to choose from, each one more beautiful than the next.

***Cymbidium***—These bold, dramatic plants, celebrated in Chinese art and literature for years, have slender upright leaves and tall spikes crowded with long-lasting flowers. The flowers of many new hybrids come in unusual combinations of yellow, pink, green, white, and chartreuse.

***Dendrobium***—With more than 1,400 species in Asia, there are countless beautiful dendrobiums for the orchid enthusiast to choose from like the *Dendrobium aphyllum* with its fragrant lavender and white flowers on long, leafless stems.

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***Epidendrum***—Clusters of small flowers in hot shades of orange, pink, and gold top long stems in this group of orchids from tropical America.

***Miltoniopsis***—are often called pansy orchids because their large flat flowers with striped and spotted petals. Many are sweetly fragrant with a scent reminiscent of roses or sweet peas.

***Oncidium*** and ***Odontoglossum***—and their many hybrids have long sprays covered with flowers that look something like colorful moths or butterflies in flight. The flowers are very long-lasting and come in a dazzling array of patterns and colors including yellow, gold, pink, and brown. One of the best is Sharry Baby, which smells like chocolate.

***Paphiopedilum***—These strange and wonderful orchids originally come from Asia. Their long-lasting flowers all have the same slipper shape, but their patterns and colors are wildly different: some are subtle, classic whites and pinks, while others are green, near-black or wine-red with stripes, bumps, warts, and hairs. Each one is different and they are easy to grow.

***Phalaenopsis***—Moth orchids are popular and easy to grow. Most people are familiar with the classic white forms. But there are so many new hybrids with different colors and patterns that it's hard to choose your favorites. There are spots and stripes, deep maroons, bright pinks, soft yellows and more.

***Phragmipedium***—These tropical American slipper orchids are new and exciting: they're more dainty than the Asian *Paphiopedilums* and come in a stunning range of colors including sunset shades of terra cotta, pink, and red.

***Vanda***—Eye-catching flowers in vivid shades of near-blue, purple, hot pink, lavender, gold and orange make this Asian group some of the most spectacular of all orchids. They are more of a challenge to grow, but the flowers are so stunning that they're well worth the effort.

*There are some photography restrictions in The Orchid Show. Please call 718.817.8700 or visit [www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org) to learn where photography is permitted in the Conservatory or how to purchase a Tuesday Morning Photography Ticket.*

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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 through Sunday and on Monday holidays, from 10 a.m.–6p.m. April through October, and 10 a.m.–5 p.m. November through March. The best way to enjoy *The Orchid Show* is with the *Garden Passport*, a combination ticket that includes grounds admission, the Conservatory, Tram Tour, and Everett Children's Adventure Garden, and costs \$15 for adults, \$13 for students and seniors, \$5 for children 2–12. For information call 718.817.8700 or visit our Web site at [www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org).

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