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## ***Spring Flower Show: An Aquatic Woodland in the Conservatory* Highlights the Season's Glory in an Evolving Conservatory Display**

**April 12 – June 12, 2005**

Spring at The New York Botanical Garden is an unparalleled experience that truly captures the rebirth of nature in all its splendor. The spectacular indoor *Spring Flower Show: An Aquatic Woodland in the Conservatory* begins April 12 and runs through June 12, 2005, in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, highlighting the broad scope of color, beauty, and floral variety of the new season. Visitors will experience the serenity of a woodland garden full of lush spring beauties amid meandering streams and reflecting ponds, showcasing an ever-changing palette of plantings from spring blossoms to early summer-flowering selections during the exhibition. Aquatic features add fresh elements to this year's show.

Five pools add serene charm in the midst of trees, bulbs, grasses, and rocks. A flowing stream contributes sound and motion to a woodland wonderland that will thrill all the senses. Foxglove, coral bells, violas, forget-me-nots, daffodils, violets, hyacinth, and many more spring favorites cover the landmark Conservatory's Seasonal Galleries alongside birch trees, rhododendron, and dwarf roses, creating a sea of pinks, purples, blues, greens, yellows, and other colors.

A variety of spring flowers will unfold as the season progresses, from daffodils to tulips, from iris to lilies, and dozens more, all in an intricately designed display stretching throughout the landmark Conservatory's Seasonal Galleries. A panorama of choice plants will include delicate woodland ephemerals, bold herbaceous perennials, a kaleidoscope of spring bulbs, and shrubs with both floral and foliage appeal. The changing display will unfurl throughout spring's many phases, providing constant inspiration for home gardeners and delighting the senses of all guests who stroll through the crystal hallways of the famous Victorian glasshouse.

This year's indoor spring flower exhibition will feature a number of new additions, including: 'Camelot' foxgloves (*Digitalis*), with magnificent, tall flower spikes in lavender and rose, excellent for use as cut flowers; a new germander (*Teucrium hircanicum* 'Purple Tails') with flowery purple spears and heart-shaped leaves; and a new group of *Astilbe*, the showy plant with fluffy pink and white plumes.

Guests can enjoy the captivating outdoor gardens including the early blooms of the first full spring season of the recently restored Jane Watson Irwin Perennial Garden, eye-catching springtime blossoms such as alpines in the Rock Garden, as well as peonies, iris, and tulips, and fabulous flowering cherry trees, magnolias, and crabapples throughout the Botanical Garden's 250-acre grounds. Mature cherry trees are interplanted among the conifers in the historic Arthur and Janet Ross Conifer Arboretum. Covering 37 acres, the Ross Conifer Arboretum is one of the world's most important collections of pines, firs, and spruces, majestic and venerable trees that appear magnificent in every season. Visitors can then treat their senses to more exhilaration in the *Spring Flower Show*'s tantalizing exhibit of blossoming flowers thriving in the midst of fresh runnels of brooks and tranquil reflecting pools in a beautiful woodland garden setting.

Whether indoors or outside, across the expansive grounds or under glass, The New York Botanical Garden is a wonderful place to visit and enjoy any time of the year, no matter what the weather is like outside. Complementing its world-renowned outdoor highlights of the season, the *Spring Flower Show: An Aquatic Woodland in the Conservatory* will emphasize the enchantment of the season for all to appreciate, from its dawning days in April until its twilight as summer beckons in June.

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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 Botanical 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 Garden is with the *Garden Passport*, a combination ticket that includes grounds admission, the Conservatory, Tram Tour, and Everett Children’s Adventure Garden, and costs \$13 for adults, \$11 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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