



THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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***The Orchid Show: Brazilian Modern*
at The New York Botanical Garden
Offers a Full Complement of Programming**

February 28–April 12, 2009

Not only does *The Orchid Show: Brazilian Modern* give visitors to The New York Botanical Garden a chance to come in from the cold to marvel at thousands of colorful orchids on breathtaking display, but it also offers an opportunity to learn all about these flowers in many ways. Tours and talks abound every weekday during the run of the exhibition, from February 28 through April 12, while weekends at *The Orchid Show* feature special presentations, orchid-care demonstrations, booksignings, and more.

Weekly Tours, Talks, Q&A, and more

***The Orchid Show* Cell Phone Tour and Take-Home Tips**

A cell phone tour of *The Orchid Show* gives a thoughtful look at this year's theme, Brazil and its flora. Additional recordings offer advice for caring for your particular species of orchid at home. Tip sheets are also available at Shop in the Garden and the Home Gardening Center.

***Tuesday Talks*—Every Tuesday during the exhibition, 1, 2, and 3 p.m.**

Before entering *The Orchid Show*, get an introduction to the biology of orchids in a brief, informal presentation by a Garden docent.

Docent-led Tours—Every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday during the exhibition, 2:30 p.m.

Expert volunteers are the guides for tours of *The Orchid Show: Brazilian Modern* that provide in-depth looks at some of the rarest and most extraordinary orchid specimens.

Home Gardening Demonstrations—Every Saturday and Sunday during the exhibition, 1:30 p.m.

A little attention and the proper care is all you need to grow gorgeous and healthy orchids in your home. Join Sonia Uyterhoeven, Gardener for Public Education, as she discusses the basics of orchid care and how to choose and successfully grow these exotic plants.

Q&A with the Experts—Every Saturday and Sunday during the exhibition, 1–4 p.m.

Gardening and orchid experts share their best secrets and explain the simple steps to healthy plants.

Saturday Booksignings—Every Saturday during the exhibition, 2–4 pm.

Each week John Suskewich, Shop in the Garden Book Manager, invites renowned authors to the Garden for informal conversations about their favorite topic—orchids—and to sign copies of their books.

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Special Weekend Offerings

“Celebrate Brazil” Weekend of February 28–March 1

**Lecture with Raymond Jungles, Designer of *The Orchid Show: Brazilian Modern*—
Saturday, February 28, 1 p.m.**

Raymond Jungles, designer of *The Orchid Show: Brazilian Modern*, will discuss his work and his influences. His designs illustrate his dedication to the preservation of natural habitat and the use of indigenous species. He will sign copies of his book *Colors of Nature: Subtropical Gardens of Raymond Jungles* in the Ross Gallery from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

In the Arthur and Janet Ross Lecture Hall

**Booksigning with Raymond Jungles, Designer of *The Orchid Show: Brazilian Modern*—
Saturday, February 28, 3–4 p.m.**

Raymond Jungles, designer of *The Orchid Show: Brazilian Modern*, will be available to sign copies of his book, *Colors of Nature: Subtropical Gardens of Raymond Jungles*, at Shop in the Garden. His designs illustrate his dedication to the preservation of natural habitat and the use of indigenous species.

In Shop in the Garden

Dance Performance by Samba New York—Saturday, February 28, 3:30 p.m.

From a full *Carnaval samba* show to an intimate trio, this performance takes you to the heart of Brazil. Percussion, guitar or *cavaquinho* (small Brazilian guitar), and a lead vocalist provide the musical backdrop for a traditionally costumed dancer.

In the Arthur and Janet Ross Lecture Hall

Brazilian Guitar—Saturday, February 28, and Sunday, March 1, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The welcoming melodies of Brazil transport you abroad on your way into *The Orchid Show*.

In the Conservatory Palms of the Americas Gallery

**Brazilian Food Presentation and Tasting—Saturday, February 28, and
Sunday, March 1, 2 p.m.**

A lively cooking demonstration whets your palette for the tropics. Samples provided for the first 100 participants.

In the tent of the Leon Levy Visitor Center Café

***Paradise Preserved! Tales from a Rain Forest Sanctuary*—Saturday, February 28, and
Sunday, March 1, 12 p.m.**

Orchid expert Darrin Duling takes you on a visual journey to the Macae de Cima Forest Reserve, located in the Organ Mountains of Brazil, just an hour away from bustling Rio de Janeiro. This 38,000-acre tropical mountain paradise, filled with endangered orchids and other rarely seen plants, exists only through the efforts of one couple’s 30-year struggle to keep developers and loggers at bay. You will marvel at breathtaking images of lush panoramas and dazzling flowers that still survive in this precious remnant of a once-great forest. This presentation is an *Orchid Show* favorite!

In the Conservatory GreenSchool

Home Gardening Demonstration:

***A Celebration of Orchids*—Saturday, February 28, and Sunday, March 1, 1:30 p.m.**

Gardener for Public Education Sonia Uyterhoeven takes you through the basics of orchid care and discusses some of the best varieties to grow in your home.

In the Conservatory GreenSchool

Weekend of March 7–8

Home Gardening Demonstration:

***Orchids that Tickle Your Nose*—Saturday, March 7, and Sunday, March 8, 1:30 p.m.**

Join Gardener for Public Education Sonia Uyterhoeven for a discussion of orchids that stimulate your senses. She will show you the best orchids to grow at home for both color and fragrance. Learn firsthand about basic orchid care and experience the fragrance of many orchid varieties—from chocolate to fruit punch.

In the Conservatory GreenSchool

Weekend of March 14–15

Home Gardening Demonstration:

***Why Doesn't My Orchid Rebloom*—Saturday, March 14, and Sunday, March 15, 1:30 p.m.**

Someone has given you a beautiful flowering orchid as a gift. How do you do keep it alive and what can you do to have it flower again? Join Gardener for Public Education Sonia Uyterhoeven as she takes you through the basics of orchid care and gives tips on reblooming.

In the Conservatory GreenSchool

Weekend of March 21–22

***Fragrant Orchids: Cinnamon! Chocolate! Lemon! Vanilla!*—Saturday, March 21, 3 p.m.**

Only one experience is more breathtaking than seeing a gorgeous orchid in bloom and that is *smelling* a perfumed gorgeous orchid in bloom. In this presentation, Steven A. Frowine returns to the Garden to introduce you to the heady world of scented orchids with exquisite images of each. He will also provide key cultural details about the orchids so that you can be successful in growing and enjoying them in your home. He will be available before and after the presentation to sign copies of his three books: *Fragrant Orchids*, *Miniature Orchids*, and *Orchids for Dummies*.

In the Conservatory GreenSchool

Home Gardening Demonstration:

***The Right Orchid for Your Home*—Saturday, March 21, and Sunday, March 22, 1:30 p.m.**

Join Gardener for Public Education Sonia Uyterhoeven for a discussion of some of the easiest orchids to grow on a sunny or shady windowsill. She will discuss selection and take you through basic maintenance routines so that your orchids thrive and flower for years.

In the Conservatory GreenSchool

Miniature Orchids—Sunday, March 22, 3 p.m.

With all the color, fragrance, and beauty of their larger cousins, miniature orchids are the perfect choice for an aspiring orchid grower with limited space. Orchid expert Steven A. Frowine demonstrates tips and tricks for success with these tiny treasures. He will be available before and after the presentation to sign copies of his three books: *Fragrant Orchids*, *Miniature Orchids*, and *Orchids for Dummies*.

In the Conservatory GreenSchool

Weekend of March 28–29

Home Gardening Demonstration:

***Potting and Dividing Orchids*—Saturday, March 28, and Sunday, March 29, 1:30 p.m.**

Join Gardener for Public Education Sonia Uytterhoeven as she shows how to re-pot and divide your orchids and different potting mediums to use.

In the Conservatory GreenSchool

Weekend of April 4–5

Photographing Orchids—Saturday, April 4, 1 and 3 p.m.

Alan Detrick, author of *Macro Photography for Gardeners and Nature Lovers*, walks you through parts of *The Orchid Show* and explains how to approach different shots. Have the chance to talk one-on-one with the author as he signs copies of his book in Shop in the Garden.

In the Conservatory Palms of the Americas Gallery

Home Gardening Demonstration:

***The Right Orchid for Your Home*—Saturday, April 4, and Sunday, April 5, 1:30 p.m.**

Join Gardener for Public Education Sonia Uytterhoeven for a discussion of some of the easiest orchids to grow on a sunny or shady windowsill. She will discuss selection and take you through basic maintenance routines so that your orchids thrive and flower for years.

In the Conservatory GreenSchool

Burle Marx Display, Continuing Education Classes, and Family Fun

Display Celebrating Roberto Burle Marx: February 28–April 12

In conjunction with *The Orchid Show: Brazilian Modern*, which features an original mosaic by Roberto Burle Marx (1909–1994), the Botanical Garden's LuEsther T. Mertz Library will have a display in the Rare Book and Folio Room celebrating the life and work of the extravagant Brazilian artist and architect who transformed modern landscape design. In his own gardens and in those that he created for others, Burle Marx favored bromeliads, water lilies, and orchids. The Library display will include images of *Sobralia*, *Laelia purpurata*, and *Grammatophyllum speciosum*, several of Marx's preferred orchid species.

Continuing Education Orchid Classes

If you want to conquer a fear of growing orchids, learn about orchids with special features, or find out what may be ailing a specimen, the Botanical Garden's Continuing Education program offers a class for you. For a complete course list or to register, visit www.nybg.org/edu or call 718.817.8747.

***Chocolate and Vanilla Adventures*: February 28–April 19**

Did you know that vanilla comes from the seedpod of the vanilla orchid? Visit the Everett Children's Adventure Garden to find out about the origins of both of these favorite flavors, examine products, and sample a variety of treats that incorporate chocolate or vanilla.

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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. During *The Orchid Show* the Garden is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The best way to enjoy the Garden during *The Orchid Show* 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 and Native Plant Gardens, and Tram Tour: \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and students with ID, \$8 for children ages 2–12, children under 2 are 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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