



THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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***The Orchid Show* at The New York Botanical Garden  
Offers a Full Complement of Programming  
February 23–April 6, 2008**

**Exhibition Tours, Q&A Sessions, Home Gardening Demonstrations, Presentations, and More**

**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* that provide in-depth looks at some of the rarest and most extraordinary orchid specimens.

*Meets in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory—Palms of the Americas Gallery*

**Orchid Q&A Sessions—Every Saturday and Sunday during the exhibition, 1–4 p.m.  
(Saturday, March 15 session, 1–3 p.m.)**

Get answers to your questions about orchids in these informal, expert-led sessions.

*Meets at Shop in the Garden*

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***Orchids of Asia with a Special Look at Singapore Botanic Garden*—Sunday, February 24, 3 p.m.**

Join Michael A. Morales, a founder of the Manhattan Orchid Society, as he takes us on a whirlwind tour of the orchids grown in Asia, with a special look at orchids in the world-renowned Singapore Botanic Garden.

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**Home Gardening Demonstration:**

***Keeping Your Orchid Healthy*—Saturday, February 23, and Sunday, February 24, 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 Gardener for Public Education Sonia Uyterhoeven as she discusses how to choose and successfully grow these exotic plants.

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**Weekend of March 1–2**

***Growing Orchids in Your Apartment*—Saturday, March 1, 12 p.m.**

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***Ikebana with Orchids—Japanese Floral Design*—Saturday, March 1, 3 p.m.**

Join expert Judith Hata for a presentation devoted to *ikebana*, the traditional Japanese art of floral arranging. Learn how to arrange *Cymbidium* and *Phalaenopsis* orchids into unique “fusion *ikebana*,” also known as New York-style *ikebana*.

*Meets in the Orchid Learning Tent*

***Marvelous Miniature Orchids for the Home Gardener*—Sunday, March 2, 12 p.m.**

With all of 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 Carlo Balistrieri provides tips for success with these tiny treasures.

*Meets in the Orchid Learning Tent*

**Torrey Botanical Society Lecture:**

***The Orchids of Peru*—Sunday, March 2, 1 p.m.**

Dr. Eric Christenson, author, orchidologist, and contributor to the Andes to Amazon Biodiversity Program, will discuss the magnificent Andean country of Peru and its rich orchid diversity of more than 3,500 species. He will focus on the orchids of southern Peru and the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu. Special note will be made of the country’s highly endangered *Phragmipedium* genus and how ecological observations can translate to horticulture and successful ex situ conservation. Finally, he will discuss ongoing research efforts.

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**Home Gardening Demonstration:**

***Reviving Ailing Orchids*—Saturday, March 1, and Sunday, March 2, 1:30 p.m.**

Join our orchid experts for a lesson on basic orchid care. Some of the most common mistakes and maladies will be covered, with tips on how to rescue an ailing plant.

*Meets in the Orchid Learning Tent*

**Weekend of March 8–9**

***Flower Arranging with Orchids*—Sunday, March 9, 12 p.m.**

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***The Way of the Orchid in Asia*—Sunday, March 9, 3 p.m.**

For centuries, the long fluid leaves and soft curling petals of the orchid plant have been popular in Asian art and culture. The fragrant flower of the orchid, known as *lan* in Chinese, has represented the virtue, moral excellence, and refinement of the superior man whose reputation precedes him like perfume. The orchid is also often used as a symbol for spring, and is associated with a woman’s beauty. This presentation will explore the ancient practices of orchid cultivation in China, and take a look at the medicinal and cultural uses there and elsewhere in Asia.

*Meets in the Orchid Learning Tent*

**Home Gardening Demonstration:**

***Growing Fragrant Orchids in the Home*—Saturday, March 8, and Sunday, March 9, 1:30 p.m.**

Join Gardener for Public Education Sonia Uytterhoeven to learn about the best orchids to grow at home for both color and fragrance. Learn firsthand about basic orchid care and the fragrance of many orchid varieties.

*Meets in the Orchid Learning Tent*

**Weekend of March 15–16**

***Growing Orchids in Your Apartment*—Saturday, March 15, 12 p.m.**

Learn the basics of keeping these exotic plants thriving in your apartment. Elena Andrews Gaillard, a past president of the Manhattan Orchid Society, shares her tips on sunlight, watering, potting, and most importantly, which orchids to try.

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**Booksignings—Saturday, March 15, 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.**

Author Paul Martin Brown will sign copies of *Wild Orchids of the Northeast* at 2 p.m.

Author Michael Tcherevkoff will sign copies of *Shoe Fleur: A Footwear Fantasy* at 3:30 p.m.

*Meets at Shop in the Garden*

***Paradise Preserved! Tales from a Rainforest Sanctuary*—Saturday, March 15, 3 p.m.**

Join orchid expert Darrin Duling on a visual journey to the Macae de Cima Forest Reserve, located in the Organ Mountains of Brazil, only 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. Marvel at breathtaking images of lush panoramas and dazzling flowers that still survive in this precious remnant of a once-great forest.

*Meets in the Orchid Learning Tent*

***Repot, Divide, and Conquer—Sunday, March 16, 12 p.m.***

Conquer your fear of working with orchids during this hands-on demonstration with Ellen Zachos, author of *Orchid Growing for Wimps: Techniques for the 'Wish I Could Do That' Gardener*. Learn how to divide and repot monopodial and sympodial orchids, distinguish between healthy and rotten roots, separate and plant keikis, and bark-mount epiphytic orchids.

*Meets in the Orchid Learning Tent*

***Hybrid Orchids for Easy Growing—Sunday, March 16, 3 p.m.***

Orchids are renowned for their ability to be bred across genetic lines. This has spurred hybridizers to produce a multitude of vigorous, easily grown plants that offer a sumptuous complexity of size, color, form, and fragrance. Using specimens from the Garden's collections and Shop in the Garden, orchid expert Darrin Duling shows you how fun and easy it is to grow members of this delightful group.

*Meets in the Orchid Learning Tent*

**Home Gardening Demonstration:**

***ABCs of Orchid Care—Saturday, March 15, and Sunday, March 16, 1:30 p.m.***

Join Gardener for Public Education Sonia Uytterhoeven as she guides you through the basics of orchid care and provides reblooming tips.

*Meets in the Orchid Learning Tent*

**Weekend of March 22–23**

***Orchid Conservation from the Ground Up—Saturday, March 22, and Sunday, March 23, 12 p.m.***

Terrestrial orchids are some of the most endangered plants in the world. Join Curator of Glasshouse Collections Marc Hachadourian on a visual trip around the world to see how scientists are using modern technology to save plants from the edge of extinction.

*Meets in the Orchid Learning Tent*

***History of the Orchid—Saturday, March 22, and Sunday, March 23, 3 p.m.***

Since the time of Confucius, orchids have been revered for their beauty. From their humble beginnings in Chinese art to the Victorian obsession for these plants, the legend and lore surrounding orchids is almost as diverse as the plants themselves. Join Curator of Glasshouse Collections Marc Hachadourian for a fascinating presentation on orchid history, and discover what has made orchids some of the most popular plants in the world.

*Meets in the Orchid Learning Tent*

**Home Gardening Demonstration:**

***Potting and Dividing Orchids—Saturday, March 22, and Sunday, March 23, 1:30 p.m.***

Join Gardener for Public Education Sonia Uytterhoeven as she explains how to repot and divide your orchids. She will show you different potting mediums to use and will demonstrate some basic dividing techniques.

*Meets in the Orchid Learning Tent*

### **Weekend of March 29–30**

#### ***Who's Afraid of the Big, Bad Orchid?*—Saturday, March 29, 12 p.m.**

Is your orchid looking a bit sad or trying to crawl out of its container? Maybe it's time to repot. Don't let its exotic nature intimidate you. Orchids are just another type of houseplant and dividing, repotting, or re-mounting them involves only a little extra consideration. Join orchid expert Darrin Duling for a hands-on demonstration on how to tackle these tasks with all types of orchids. Pick up tips on containers, potting mixes, fertilizers, and general care issues.

*Meets in the Orchid Learning Tent*

#### ***Growing Orchids in Your Apartment*—Saturday, March 29, 3 p.m.**

Learn the basics of keeping these wonderful flowers thriving in your apartment. Elena Andrews Gaillard, a past president of the Manhattan Orchid Society, shares her tips on sunlight, watering, potting, and most importantly, which orchids to try.

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#### ***Growing Orchids Under Artificial Light*—Sunday, March 30, 12 p.m.**

Artificial light makes it possible to grow orchids almost anywhere. Join orchid expert Carlo Balistreri to learn how to make orchids flourish in your home.

*Meets in the Orchid Learning Tent*

#### **Home Gardening Demonstration:**

#### ***The Brightest and Best Orchids*—Saturday, March 29, and Sunday, March 30, 1:30 p.m.**

If you have ever successfully grown a houseplant or enjoyed a flowering potted plant, you can grow orchids. Join Gardener for Public Education Sonia Uytendaele as she demonstrates how to care for orchids at home and suggests the best varieties to choose from.

*Meets in the Orchid Learning Tent*

#### ***Taking the Perfect Orchid Picture*—Sunday, March 30, 3 p.m.**

Botanical Garden photographer Ivo M. Vermeulen helps participants develop photography techniques using on-the-spot analysis, lighting, angle, and composition study to create the perfect orchid photograph.

*Meets in the Orchid Learning Tent*

### **Weekend of April 5–6**

#### ***Cultivation and Curing of the Vanilla Bean*—Saturday, April 5, 12 p.m.**

Ever wonder how the vanilla orchid becomes a vanilla bean? Take a wonderful journey to learn how this beautiful orchid provides one of the greatest flavors and aromas in the world.

*Meets in the Orchid Learning Tent*

#### ***History of Vanilla*—Saturday, April 5, 3 p.m.**

The vanilla orchid gives the world one of its favorite flavors; this presentation looks at the history of vanilla. Learn how this universally loved spice migrated from the hills of Papantla in Mexico to the store shelves of today.

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***Flower Arranging with Orchids*—Sunday, April 6, 12 p.m.**

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**Home Gardening Demonstration:**

***The Right Orchid for Your Home*—Saturday, April 5, and Sunday, April 6, 1:30 p.m.**

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

*Meets in the Orchid Learning Tent*

**Rare Books, Continuing Education Classes, and Family Fun**

**Rare Orchid Books on Display—February 23–April 6**

Large, rare folios published in the 19th century, which contain beautiful orchid illustrations, will be on display in the Rare Book and Folio Room of the Botanical Garden’s LuEsther T. Mertz Library.

**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, visit [www.nybg.org/edu](http://www.nybg.org/edu) or call 718.817.8747.

***Chocolate and Vanilla Adventures*—March 1–April 6**

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 with chocolate and vanilla in them.

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*Exhibitions in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory are made possible by the Estate of Enid A. Haupt.*

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, \$7 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](http://www.nybg.org)

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