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NYBG's *Garden Art & Antiques Fair* Kicks Off with an Exclusive Preview Party and Renowned Collectors' Plant Sale on the Evening of May 3, 2018

Fair Continues All Weekend, May 4–6, Featuring Leading Exhibitors Showcasing the Finest Garden Art and Antiques for Purchase, and, New for 2018, Experts Will Be on Hand Offering Guidance on Incorporating Art and Antiques into the Home and Garden



NYBG's Garden Art & Antiques Fair, Photo by Ben Hider

Bronx, NY—The New York Botanical Garden's 2018 *Garden Art & Antiques Fair* opens with a **Preview Party and Collectors' Plant Sale** on Thursday, May 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. The Fair takes place amid the glorious spring spectacle at the Garden and continues with a weekend-long celebration featuring the choicest plants, antiques, and art. Visitors can explore a wide range of decorative art and classic furniture of the finest quality—some with a modern twist, both elegant and fanciful—for the home and garden from nearly 30 leading dealers. New for 2018, experts take the stage for engaging and informative sessions on topics from interior to floral design. Guests can meet and mingle with prominent designers who will share their expertise by offering advice on how to incorporate items purchased at the Fair into their own homes and gardens.

The festivities begin on Thursday evening with an exclusive Preview Party and Collectors' Plant Sale featuring a curated selection of choice, rare, and beautifully grown garden plants hand-picked by NYBG's horticultural staff, who will be on hand to advise on the best selections for your home and garden. Be among the first to peruse the Fair offerings and enjoy demonstrations and booksignings by some of NYC's finest interior and floral designers, a Silent Auction, plus music, signature cocktails, and light fare.

For Preview Party tickets and information, please call 718.817.8773 or e-mail cbalkonis@nybg.org. All proceeds benefit NYBG's Fund for Horticulture, directly supporting the work of the curators and gardeners who are responsible for making The New York Botanical Garden one of the most important horticultural showplaces in the world.

Friday through Sunday bring a newly expanded specialty plant sale at NYBG Shop featuring trees, shrubs, vines, hard-to-find perennials, herbs, and annuals from some of horticulture's finest growers. NYBG Shop's expert staff will be on hand to help you make the perfect selections. On Saturday, after exploring the Fair, watch artists create masterful works as more than 20 established plein-air artists spread out across the grounds during the Garden's Third Annual Plein-Air Invitational. Finished art will be available for purchase.

Expert-led guided tours of NYBG's renowned gardens and collections and live music round out this perfect spring weekend.

The *Garden Art & Antiques Fair* takes place in the Conservatory Tent with The New York Botanical Garden's landmark Enid A. Haupt Conservatory as its magnificent backdrop. It is the ideal venue for learning about garden antiques and building personal collections. Admission to the Fair on Friday through Sunday, May 4 through 6, is included with the *All-Garden Pass*, which also provides access to the Botanical Garden grounds, seasonal gardens, attractions such as the Haupt Conservatory, and Tram Tour.

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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, bus, or subway. The Garden is open year-round, Tuesday through Sunday and Monday federal holidays, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 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, and Tram Tour. For ticket pricing, please check our Web site. For more information, please call 718.817.8700 or visit <u>nybg.org</u>

The New York Botanical Garden, 2900 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York 10458

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