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NYBG's 27th Annual *Holiday Train Show*® Will Showcase Lower Manhattan—the Birthplace of New York City—with Several New Replicas, Including the Woolworth Building, One World Trade Center, and Vintage Ferry Boats

November 17, 2018–January 21, 2019



Replicas on display in NYBG's *Holiday Train Show*® include the Ellis Island Immigration Station and the Statue of Liberty. Photo courtesy of NYBG.



The *Holiday Train Show*® at The New York Botanical Garden.
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Bronx, NY—The New York Botanical Garden's *Holiday Train Show*® will showcase Lower Manhattan—the birthplace of New York City—in the 27th year of this beloved tradition. Enchanting model trains will zip through a display of more than 175 New York landmarks, each re-created with bark, leaves, and other natural materials—all under the twinkling glow of the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. The *Holiday Train Show* opens to the public on Saturday, November 17, 2018, and runs through Monday, January 21, 2019.

Replicas debuting this year include the historic Battery Maritime Building, vintage ferry boats, the Battery Park Control House, the Woolworth Building, One World Trade Center, the Oculus, and the Terminal Warehouse. The new Lower Manhattan replicas will share the spotlight with old favorites including the Statue of Liberty and the Ellis Island Immigration Station.

The **Battery Maritime Building**, located at 11 South Street at the corner of South and Whitehall Streets, is the ferry terminal to Governors Island. Completed in 1909, this Beaux-Arts building is often noted for its vivid, multicolored façade and tiled vaults.

Although NYBG has showcased botanical trains and airplanes, this will be the first *Holiday Train Show* to feature boats. Two replicas of **vintage ferry boats** from the early 1900s will be in the exhibition.

The **Battery Park Control House** at the south end of the Bowling Green Station was built in 1905 as the entrance for New York City's original IRT Lexington Avenue subway line. The handsome brick and stone building is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The 60-story **Woolworth Building** was the tallest building in the world when it opened in 1913. This National Historic Landmark is recognizable for its Neo-Gothic detailing inspired by European cathedrals.

Joining this early New York skyscraper will be a botanical re-creation of one that opened a century later in November 2014. **One World Trade Center** is the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere and the sixth-tallest building in the world. The nearby **Oculus**, the centerpiece of the World Trade Center Transportation Hub, opened in March 2016. It connects 11 lines of New York City's subway system, New Jersey's PATH rail system, and the Battery Park City Ferry Terminal. Its contemporary design featuring interlocking white steel ribs will be reimaged with natural materials by the *Holiday Train Show's* botanical architects.

Built in 1890, the enormous fortress-like **Terminal Warehouse** occupies the entire city block bounded by 11th and 12th Avenues between 27th and 28th Streets. The signature large, rounded arches were built to allow freight trains to enter the building. From 1986 through 2001, the warehouse was occupied by The Tunnel, a well-known nightclub.

Commenting on what inspired *Holiday Train Show* designers Applied Imagination to showcase Lower Manhattan this season, Director Leslie Salka said, "[The Woolworth Building has] a lot of beautiful ornamentation and a really lovely tower, so we hope that will be a nice juxtaposition to the sleek form of One World Trade Center. That's the beauty of Manhattan, the vast difference in architecture and different styles that have come about. You always have to appreciate the new and the old. It all works and blends together, a lot like the melting pot of Manhattan."

In the *Holiday Train Show*, more than 25 G-scale model trains, trolleys, and ferries will hum along nearly a half-mile of track past re-creations of iconic sites from all five boroughs of New York City, the Hudson River Valley, and other locations in New York State. Artistically crafted by founding visionary Paul Busse's team at Applied Imagination, all of the New York landmarks are made from natural materials such as bark, twigs, stems, fruit, seeds, fungus, and pine cones. American steam engines, streetcars from the late 1800s, and modern freight and passenger trains ride underneath overhead trestles, through tunnels, and across rustic bridges and past waterfalls that cascade into flowing creeks. *Thomas the Tank Engine*[™] and other beloved trains disguised as large colorful insects delight children as they zoom by.

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HOLIDAY TRAIN SHOW HOURS:

During the *Holiday Train Show*, November 17, 2018–January 21, 2019, The New York Botanical Garden is open Tuesday–Sunday, and Monday, December 17, 24, and January 21, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Extended hours, 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Saturdays, November 24–January 19; Friday, November 23 (day after Thanksgiving); and December 26–January 1. The Garden is closed all day on November 22 (Thanksgiving) and December 25 (Christmas); it closes at 3 p.m. on December 14 and 24 (Christmas Eve). The Enid A. Haupt Conservatory closes at 2 p.m. on November 28 and December 6.

PRICING:

***All-Garden Pass* tickets start at \$23 for adults and \$10 for children (ages 2–12) and differ during certain peak times and weekends. Members and children under 2 are free. Advance timed tickets are strongly recommended and are available at nybg.org. Discounts available for groups of 15 or more; contact Group Sales at 718.817.8687. For more information, please visit our Web site at nybg.org.**

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