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Spooky Pumpkin Garden Brings Thousands of Eye-Popping Pumpkins, Hundreds of Silly Scarecrows, and Plenty of Fun to The New York Botanical Garden

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Photo by Marlon Co

Bronx, NY—Starting September 22 and running through October 31, 2018, The New York Botanical Garden presents **Spooky Pumpkin Garden**, a Halloween makeover of the Everett Children's Adventure Garden. Every day children can explore more than 100 friendly larger-than-life scarecrows set among nearly 1,000 unusual pumpkins and gourds; pot up a black coleus plant to take home; put on a show at the Pumpkin Puppet Theater with insect, owl, and scarecrow hand-puppets; and investigate a mysterious Victorian playhouse to learn all about bats. Weekends bring even more fall fun with pumpkin-carving demonstrations by some of NYC's best artists and live presentations featuring creepy creatures such as snakes and lizards.

October 20 and 21 is **Giant Pumpkin Weekend**. Monstrous pumpkins from around the country—some weighing more than a ton—once again arrive at the Garden, arranged in collaboration with the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth. Visitors can meet the growers to learn more about the growing process during Q&A sessions and enjoy photo opportunities with these giant gourds.

Spooky Pumpkin Nights take place on October 26 and 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come dressed in your favorite costume, grab a flashlight, and go on a nighttime adventure to explore the Spooky Pumpkin Garden's scarecrow and pumpkin displays. Visit the Whole Foods Market® Trick-or-Treat Trail to decorate a bag and collect wholesome goodies. Other frightfully fun activities include gourd decorating, mingling with larger-than-life skeletons and costumed characters, and listening for critters of the night. (Special ticket required)

Tickets and more information are available at www.nybg.org/event/scarecrows-pumpkins/

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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 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 nybg.org

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

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