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NYBG's *Georgia O'Keeffe: Visions of Hawai'i* Closes on October 28

An Encore of Popular Cultural Evenings and Programming About Hawai'i's Endangered and Rare Flora Added During Final Weeks of Exhibition



Bronx, NY—The New York Botanical Garden's critically acclaimed exhibition *Georgia O'Keeffe: Visions of Hawai'i* closes on Sunday, October 28, and it is the last chance for visitors to see O'Keeffe's paintings of Hawai'i and experience Hawai'i's fascinating and complex botanical and cultural history at the Botanical Garden with beautiful seasonal vistas as a backdrop. NYBG has announced two Aloha Nights Encore events—featuring after-hours viewings of the exhibition—for the closing weekend, on Friday, October 26, and Saturday, October 27. Additionally, an opportunity for on-site and virtual visitors to become citizen scientists by documenting Hawaiian plants will take place as part of *WeDigBio! 2018* at NYBG on Saturday, October 20, and online Thursday, October 18, through Sunday, October 21. Also, as part of Climate Week NYC, the gallery tour *Flora Hawaiiensis: Plants of Hawai'i* is taking place on Thursday, September 27.

About *Georgia O'Keeffe: Visions of Hawai'i*

Bringing together 20 of Georgia O'Keeffe's little-known depictions of Hawai'i from a nine-week sojourn in 1939, this exhibition offers a new perspective on the pioneering American modernist. A lush plant and flower show in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory explores the remarkable beauty and variety of Hawaiian flora—as well as its complex botanical and cultural history. A stunning exhibition in the Library Art Gallery featuring O'Keeffe's Hawai'i paintings—reunited in New York for the first time since their debut in 1940—spotlights a transformative experience in the legendary artist's life. Elsewhere in the Garden, discover NYBG's ongoing scientific efforts to study and document the plants of Hawai'i; contemporary sculpture inspired by its flowers and fruit; and events and programs for all ages that include Hawaiian performances and demonstrations, an original short film, a film series, and the exhibition's Interactive Mobile Guide, accessed at nybg.org/mobile.

JUST ADDED: Aloha Nights Encore

Friday, October 26, and Saturday, October 27; 6:30–10:30 p.m.

Georgia O'Keeffe: Visions of Hawai'i culminates on this final weekend with the return of two spectacular Aloha Nights featuring an after-hours viewing of the exhibition in the Conservatory and Art Gallery as the centerpiece. Gather around our beautifully crafted fire pits under the autumn sky to enjoy live music, dance, and storytelling honoring Pele, the Hawaiian goddess of fire and volcanoes. Invoking awe and respect, her legendary force is always in harmonious balance with the creation of new land, life, and hope.

- **Music, Storytelling, and Dance**, 7, 8, & 9 p.m., Conservatory Plaza

Gather around our beautifully crafted fire pits to enjoy live music, storytelling, and dance.

Live Music: George Kahumoku, Jr.

Known as Hawai'i's Renaissance man, George Kahumoku, Jr. is a multiple Grammy Award-winning master slack key guitarist, songwriter, teacher, artist, and storyteller.

Storytelling: The Legend of Pele

Master storyteller and chant practitioner, Micah Kamohoali'i leads a lively recounting of the many supernatural sightings of Pele.

Kahiko Hula: Honoring Pele, Hawaiian Goddess of Fire and Volcanoes

Under the direction of sisters Mahealani and Lyndsey Kamau, E Hula Mai Dance Academy returns to the Garden to perform the ancestral hula.

- **Mysteries from the Deep: Volcanoes**, 7–10 p.m., Enid A. Haupt Conservatory
Join leading Hawaiian geologist Dr. Richard Hazlett for engaging conversation and learn more about the science behind Hawai'i's Kilauea volcano.
- **Contemporary Hawaiian Art by Mark Chai**
Outdoor installations by Hawaiian-Chinese sculptor Mark Chai, inspired by the forms of the plants that O'Keeffe encountered while visiting Hawai'i, are illuminated in the Leon Levy Visitor Center and along Garden Way.
- **Specialty Food and Drinks**
Enjoy an array of options for purchase, including Hawaiian-inspired fare such as poke from our Poke Truck and the signature *Passiflora* Punch. Make a reservation at the Hudson Garden Grill (last seating 5:45 p.m.) to enjoy specials such as the Loco Moco featuring crispy sushi rice, house-made Spam, filet mignon, and ginger tamarind gravy.

Special ticket required; events are rain or shine.

Member Adults \$28/Non-Member Adults \$38

Member Children (2–12) \$13/Non-Member Children (2–12) \$18

Aloha Nights are presented by Bank of America.

JUST ADDED: *Flora Hawaiiensis: Plants of Hawai'i* Gallery Tour

Thursday, September 27; 11 a.m. in the Britton Gallery; included with an *All-Garden Pass*

NYBG's Center for Conservation Strategy presents a special curator-led tour of the exhibit *Flora Hawaiiensis: Plants of Hawai'i*, part of *Georgia O'Keeffe: Visions of Hawai'i*, about Hawai'i's endangered and rare flora and NYBG's long history of research and conservation projects in the Pacific region. This tour is presented as part of Climate Week NYC.

JUST ADDED: Citizen Science Workshop: Botanical Exploration of Hawai'i
Saturday, October 20; 11 a.m.–3 p.m. in the William and Lynda Steere Herbarium
Virtual Expedition: Botanical Exploration of Hawai'i
Thursday, October 18 Through Sunday, October 21, online

As *Georgia O'Keeffe: Visions of Hawai'i* comes to a close, join this important citizen science project focused on the plants of Hawai'i. To help generate valuable data for researchers working to document biodiversity and protect threatened ecosystems, participants will navigate NYBG's online collections tools to interpret herbarium specimens collected on the Hawaiian Islands. As part of the workshop, participants will be briefed on Hawaiian plant biodiversity and get a private tour of the Steere Herbarium with a focus on Hawaiian plant exploration.

This free program is presented as part of *WeDigBio! 2018*.

To register, visit <https://www.nybg.org/event/botanical-exploration-of-hawaii>.

To help with the project virtually, citizen scientists can log in and help generate valuable data used to document biodiversity and protect threatened ecosystems. Using NYBG's online collections tools, they will interpret herbarium specimens collected on the Hawaiian Islands. For more information, visit <https://www.nybg.org/event/virtual-botanical-exploration-of-hawaii>.

Visit the Garden's Web site, nybg.org, for more information and to purchase tickets.

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

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