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NYBG's Juneteenth Weekend Features Gardening Activities, Cooking Demos, Dance Performances, and Fun for the Whole Family, Saturday, June 18 through Monday, June 20, 2022; 12–5 p.m.

Juneteenth Weekend Begins with a Symposium Highlighting the Resilience of Black Farmers on Saturday, June 18; 10 a.m.–12 p.m.



Left: The weekend celebration of Juneteenth 2022 includes gardening activities and culinary demonstrations based on the crops of the *African American Garden: Remembrance & Resilience* at NYBG's Edible Academy. (Photo by Ben Hider/The New York Botanical Garden)
Right: At the *African American Garden's* Hibiscus Drink Station, visitors can enjoy a traditional red Juneteenth beverage. (Photo by Marlon Co/The New York Botanical Garden)

During the weekend celebration of Juneteenth 2022 at The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG), visitors of all ages can enjoy hands-on gardening activities, crafts, cooking demonstrations, and more throughout the Edible Academy, which features the new *African American Garden: Remembrance & Resilience*. The weekend begins with a symposium, *A Seat at the Table*, which will explore how Black farming informs American history and culture in New York City and across the country. The symposium will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Arthur and Janet Ross Hall. Juneteenth Weekend programs take place at NYBG's Edible Academy from Saturday, June 18 through Monday, June 20, 2022, 12 to 5 p.m.

The schedule of events and programs follows.

- **Symposium: *A Seat at the Table***

Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.; Arthur and Janet Ross Hall

Two compelling sessions explore the long, ongoing struggle by Black farmers to acquire and keep their farms and regain their rightful place in America's farming history.

- **“Celebrating the African American Farmer”**
Natalie Baszile, author of the 2021 anthology *We Are Each Other's Harvest*, joins NYBG Trustee Jessica B. Harris, Ph.D., America's leading scholar of the foods and foodways of the African Diaspora, for a conversation in Ross Hall. Their wide-ranging dialogue covers topics from the historical perseverance and resilience of Black farmers and their connection to the American land to the generations of farmers who continue to farm despite systemic discrimination and land loss.
- **“Stories from the Farm”**
Farmer, urban gardener, food advocate, activist, and NYBG Trustee Karen Washington moderates a multigenerational panel discussion devoted to stories of Black farmers from many historical perspectives: North and South, Upstate New York and the Bronx, sharecroppers to family growers and urban farmers. Panelists including “chefarmer” Matthew Raiford and farmer/cultural anthropologist Gail P. Myers, Ph.D., give historical and contemporary context for Black farmers' contributions to communities and food justice movements in urban and rural America.
- **Juneteenth Weekend Celebration**
Saturday, June 18–Monday, June 20, 12–5 p.m.; Edible Academy
Visitors can the tour *African American Garden: Remembrance & Resilience*, a sequence of plantings that explores African American food and gardening histories and essential contributions to American foodways and is a major component of NYBG's multi-faceted exhibition [Around the Table: Stories of the Foods We Love](#). They can also learn how plants in the *African American Garden* were used historically in everyday life, mix and measure herbal teas, decorate a harvest bag, pot up seeds to grow collard greens, be inspired by cooking demonstrations, delight in a dance performance, and enjoy a red hibiscus drink that is a traditional Juneteenth beverage.
 - **Gardening Activities**
Visitors of all ages can help dig, plant, water, and harvest the crops in the Edible Academy and pot up collard seeds and take home a growing guide and recipes for collard greens like those in the *African American Garden*.
 - **Maker Station**
At hands-on activity stations in the Edible Academy's Solar Pavilion, families and other visitors can decorate a harvest bag with colorful garden and vegetable-themed stamps and mix and measure herbal teas using plants from the *African American Garden* such as hibiscus, ginger, and more.
 - **Culinary Demonstrations**
12:30, 2, & 3:30 p.m.
Local chefs and culinary educators will present culinary demonstrations based on seasonal crops from the *African American Garden* that will inspire chefs of all ages. Recipes will be shared following each workshop.
 - **Celebrate Juneteenth**
Visitors can learn more about the crops featured in the *African American Garden* and their uses now and throughout history, be informed about the history and celebration of Juneteenth through some of the Edible Academy's favorite books, and head to the *African American Garden's* Hibiscus Drink Station to enjoy a traditional red Juneteenth beverage.

- **Tours**
Guided tours of the *African American Garden* trace the roots of American cuisine to the plants of the African Diaspora (Saturday, 1 & 2:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m.)
- **Dance Performances**
The Harambee Dance Company—whose high-energy repertoire combines African-based movement, modern dance forms, percussion, and music—will perform at 1 and 3 p.m. on Sunday and Monday.

For more information, visit <https://www.nybg.org/event/around-the-table-stories-of-the-foods-we-love/around-the-table-programs/juneteenth-weekend/>

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The New York Botanical Garden is located at 2900 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York 10458. For more information, visit nybg.org

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