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***NYBG Fall-O-Ween* at The New York Botanical Garden Brings Fun Programming for All Ages Celebrating the Autumn Season, September 17 through October 30, 2022**

Offerings Include Pumpkin Displays, Disappearing Plants Tour, Themed Beer, Pumpkin Carving, and Halloween Weekends, Spooky Nights, and More

Tickets on Sale Now at <https://www.nybg.org/event/fall-o-ween-2022/>



Bronx, NY—From September 17 through October 30, 2022, The New York Botanical Garden presents *NYBG Fall-O-Ween*, a celebration of the autumn season with an array of attractions and activities for all ages. Visitors can experience pumpkins and gourds galore, an NYBG Beer Garden, and a self-guided tour of disappearing plants. Special weekends during *Fall-O-Ween* provide even more to see and do—beginning at the start of the fall season with Bales & Ales, a day of brews, music, lawn games, and hands-on gardening and craftmaking, and culminating at the end of October with the return of Giant Pumpkins. On select evenings, Spooky Nights offer Halloween-themed entertainment for adults and children alike, such as live music dance parties, a trick-or-treat trail, and a shadow puppet show. Tickets for *NYBG Fall-O-Ween*, for all the special weekends, and for Spooky Nights are on sale now at <https://www.nybg.org/event/fall-o-ween-2022/>.

Ongoing NYBG Fall-O-Ween Programming

The tricks and treats of fall come to the Botanical Garden this year with plentiful pumpkins, hordes of gourds, and a wealth of opportunities to celebrate this season of frights and foliage.

Plethora of Pumpkins

Conservatory Lawn and Conservatory Plaza

Learn about some of the many pumpkin varieties to be found at NYBG this fall, from decorative gourds in fascinating shapes to the best pumpkins to use for pie and more. Weave through a winding path of sorghum while discovering fun photo opportunities and pumpkins along the way.

Disappearing Plants

Native Plant Garden

Using the Bloomberg Connects app, visitors can take a self-guided tour of the Native Plant Garden to learn about plants that have been extirpated from the adjacent Thain Family Forest—meaning they no longer grow in the forest spontaneously due to the encroachment of invasive species and human disturbance.

NYBG Beer Garden

Visitor Center Cantina

Craft beers, ciders, and seltzers are available for sample and purchase. Grab-and-go meals, snacks, and drinks can also be purchased at the nearby Pine Tree Café.

Flavors of Fall: Artisan Demonstrations

Every Weekend; 1–4 p.m.

Leon Levy Visitor Center

Savor your favorite flavors of the season's harvest and explore the botanical backgrounds of pumpkins, spices, maples, chrysanthemums, and more with food and beverage talks, demonstrations, and tastings.

Scarecrows and Pumpkins

Everett Children's Adventure Garden

Delight in fearsome and friendly scarecrow displays among a tableau of pumpkins and gourds large and small along the trails of the Everett Children's Adventure Garden. Seasonal hands-on activities for children take place weekdays, 1:30–5:30 p.m. and weekends 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Kiku

Saturday, October 1–Sunday, October 30, 2022

Enid A. Haupt Conservatory

Artfully trained Japanese chrysanthemums—or *kiku*, a staple of fall flowering beauty—are on display in unique, sculptural forms that take nearly a year to grow to shape.

Special Weekends and Events During NYBG Fall-O-Ween

Join us for special weekends of pumpkin parades and carving face-offs, as well as the return of our beer sampling weekend for adults, newly reimagined for 2022. Artisan demos share the flavors of the season with food and drink talks. Evening events give kids the chance to show off their Halloween costumes and more.

Bales & Ales

Saturday, September 24, 2022; 12–5 p.m.

Rain Date: Sunday, September 25, 2022; 12–5 p.m.

Daffodil Hill

Advance purchase recommended to guarantee admission; events do sell out.

Non-Member \$48, Member \$20

(Tickets are for adults 21 and over and include a commemorative Sampling Mug)

Celebrate the beginning of autumn and the harvest season at NYBG. Settle on the lawn for music, games, and light bites.

- **Beer Garden**

Daffodil Hill

Pick up a souvenir mug and sample the many craft beers, ciders, and seltzers available from local breweries.

- **Live from the Lawn**

Daffodil Hill

A lineup of bands provide musical sets throughout the afternoon. Enjoy favorite lawn games, such as cornhole, giant Jenga, bean bag toss, bocce, and more. A variety of delicious bites are available for purchase from off-the-grill offerings to refreshing drinks.

- **Hand in the Harvest**

1, 3, and 4 p.m.

Clay Family Picnic Pavilions

Learn how Broken Bow Brewery makes its beer from harvesting to packaging and the steps in-between. From grain to glass, Broken Bow's passion for its craft reflects its commitment to quality and sustainability. Broken Bow Brewery is a family-owned and -operated New York State microbrewery in Tuckahoe, New York.

Sensational Seeds Weekend

Saturday, October 8, Sunday, October 9, and Monday, October 10, 2022; 12–5 p.m.

Learn and explore the stories shared by seed cultivation and seed-saving in this rich weekend of activities and adventures at the Edible Academy. Join chefs and gardeners to dig in with hands-on gardening, cooking demonstrations, and seedy crafts.

- **Gardening Activities**

Ruth Rea Howell Vegetable Garden; 12–5 p.m.

Help us plant and tend the crops in our garden as we cover crops to prepare the soil for next year. Make your own seed ball of wildflower seeds to start growing at home. Meet the Global Gardeners and learn what they're growing.

- **Makers Station**

Solar Pavilion; 12–5 p.m.

Make your own colorful harvest bag using botanical stamps. Learn to save seeds and design your own seed package to keep them in until spring.

- **Culinary Demonstrations**

Pauline Gillespie Gossett Overlook Pavilion; 12:30, 2, and 3:30 p.m.

Chefs of all ages can delight in culinary demonstrations presented by local chefs and culinary educators inspired by seasonal crops from the garden.

- **Celebrate Seed Stories**

Palm Family EAT Lab; 12–5 p.m.

Join our special guests in the Edible Academy Technology (EAT) Lab to learn all about the practice of saving seeds and discover how the stories contained within seeds are passed along from one generation to the next.

- **Tours of African American Garden: Remembrance & Resilience**

Barnsley Beds; 12–5 p.m.

Participate in guided tours of our *African American Garden*, which traces the roots of American cuisine to the plants of the African Diaspora.

- **Live Entertainment**

Susan P. and Coley Burke Amphitheater; 1 and 3 p.m.

Get moving with live, family-friendly music performances throughout the day.

Pumpkin Carving Face-Off Weekend

Saturday, October 15 and Sunday, October 16, 2022; 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Witness master carvers compete in pumpkin carving challenges.

- **Top Carver: A Master Pumpkin Carving Face-Off**

Leon Levy Visitor Center; Saturday, October 15, 2022; 12–4 p.m.

Three carvers battle in a round of intense pumpkin carving challenges, hosted by master carver Adam Berton.

- **Pumpkin Carving with Adam Berton**
Leon Levy Visitor Center; Sunday, October 16, 2022; 12–4 p.m.
Watch as amazing pumpkin faces and designs emerge from pumpkins of all shapes and sizes. Adam Berton is a professional sculptor and pumpkin carver, as well as winner of the Food Network series *Halloween Wars*.
- **Design Your Own Pumpkin**
Clay Family Picnic Pavilions; 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
Come on by and design your own mini-pumpkin.

Pumpkin Parade Weekend

Saturday, October 22 and Sunday, October 23, 2022; 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Join us for some pumpkin pomp:

- **Parade Prep with Materials for the Arts**
Clay Family Picnic Pavilions; 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
Join Materials for the Arts to craft colorful streamer wands and recycled shakers. You'll be sure to be heard and seen when you join in the Garden's Pumpkin Parade.
- **Pumpkin Parade**
Everett Children's Adventure Garden to Conservatory Plaza; 2 p.m.
Put on your best Halloween costume and join in NYBG's Pumpkin Parade. The parade concludes with a Halloween dance party in front of the iconic Enid A. Haupt Conservatory.
- **Pumpkin Carving with Adam Berton**
Leon Levy Visitor Center; 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
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- **Giant Pumpkins on Display**
Conservatory Plaza
Some of the largest pumpkins in the world will be on view at The New York Botanical Garden, in collaboration with the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth.
- **Meet the Growers: Q&A and Seed Harvesting**
Conservatory Plaza; 1 and 3 p.m.
Have your questions about giant pumpkins answered by the growers and watch them gather the seeds from the gigantic gourds.

Spooky Nights

Two Saturdays, October 22 and 29, 2022; 6:30–9 p.m.

Spooky Nights are back and better than ever with fun for all ages. Wear your Halloween costume and explore the twisting trails of the Everett Children's Adventure Garden by flashlight during this frightfully fun nighttime adventure.

- **Spooky Pumpkin Garden**

Everett Children's Adventure Garden

Visit the Everett Children's Adventure Garden for a trick-or-treat trail, goodie-bag decorating, pumpkin carving demonstrations, and roaming skeletons.

- ***The Secret Life of Scarecrows: Live Shadow Puppet Performance***

Clay Family Picnic Pavilions

Under the autumn moon, scarecrows come to life and make mischief in the Garden. Using the magic of shadow puppetry, vintage overhead projectors, live music, and a giant shadow puppet screen, the award-winning cast of Hit the Lights! Theater Company weaves an enchanting story of scarecrows that awaken on Halloween night. The 10-minute live performance will be presented several times throughout the evening. After the performance, visitors can make their way down the haunted Mitsubishi Wetland Trail, where the story continues with an immersive sound installation. Using 30 speakers, this pre-recorded soundtrack features the sounds of our nocturnal forest friends.

- **Monster Mash Dance Party**

Conservatory Plaza

Groove to live music and dance around in your best outfits. Food and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available for purchase.

- **Kiku After-Hours**

Enid A. Haupt Conservatory

Head to the Conservatory to explore the weaving path of the Edible Harvest and the awe-inspiring shapes of the Japanese chrysanthemum displays found in the *Kiku* exhibition.

Halloween at the Garden

Saturday, October 29 and Sunday, October 30, 2022; 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

Celebrate the spookiest holiday here in our beautiful 250 acres with all things pumpkin as artist Adam Berton tackles some of the largest pumpkins in the world, carving them into stunning and frightful sculptures during this weekend of tricks and treats.

- **Giant Pumpkin Carving**

Conservatory Plaza

Marvel as Adam Berton teams up with professional pumpkin carvers to create an amazing giant jack-o-lantern.

For more information about *NYBG Fall-O-Ween* and to purchase tickets, visit our website at nybg.org.

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