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## **NYBG Announces a New Photography Fellowship Established by and Named for Board of Advisors Member Larry Lederman**

**Application Period for Annual Opportunity for an Outstanding Professional or Emerging Garden or Landscape Photographer Runs October 20 through December 31, 2022**

**Inaugural Fellow to Be Announced in February 2023**



**Bronx, NY**—The Humanities Institute of The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) has announced a new photography fellowship established by Larry Lederman, a member of NYBG's Board of Advisors. The Larry Lederman Photography Fellowship will be awarded annually to an outstanding established or emerging photographer whose work focuses on gardens or landscapes and demonstrates excellence and a creative approach to the art of landscape photography. The application period runs from October 20 through December 31, 2022. The selected Fellow will receive a \$20,000.00 grant disbursed in installments for a nine-month term, March 1 through November 30, 2023, during which time the Fellow will have complimentary access to NYBG's 250-acre landscape and historic collections. The Larry Lederman Photography Fellowship is available to any photographer 21 years of age or older who is a United States citizen or is an international photographer currently authorized to work in the U.S. The inaugural Fellow will be announced in February 2023.

During the 9-month term, the Fellow will create a portfolio of photographs that captures the aesthetic character, seasonality, and ephemeral quality of The New York Botanical Garden and/or community gardens in its Bronx Green-Up program, parks, natural areas, and urban landscapes throughout the Bronx environs. At least 20 percent of the work should include photos taken onsite at NYBG, a 250-acre National Historic Landmark site, or its affiliated community gardens. A portfolio of at least 20 prints, from the submitted body of work, will be delivered to the NYBG's LuEsther T. Mertz Library at the end of the term.

Larry Lederman has been photographing landscapes for the past 20 years. His work has been exhibited in the Arthur and Janet Ross Gallery at NYBG and numerous other venues. He is the author of *Garden Portraits: Experiences of Natural Beauty*, *Magnificent Trees of The New York Botanical Garden*, and *Rockefeller Family Gardens: An American Legacy*, all published by Monacelli Press, and the principal photographer of *The New York Botanical Garden* (Abrams), *Interior Landmarks: Treasures of New York* by Judith Gura and Kate Wood (Monacelli Press), and *Frederic Church's Olana on the Hudson: Art, Landscape, Architecture*, edited by Julia B. Rosenbaum and Karen Zubowski (Rizzoli New York).

In establishing the Fellowship, Larry Lederman said, “Encouraging creative expression by photographers interested in our natural and cultivated landscapes is needed in this time of environmental change.”

### **Larry Lederman Photography Fellowship Application Requirements**

In addition to a biography and resume, applicants are required to submit the following via the [application portal](#):

- **Artist Statement**—(up to 200 words), a concise overview of the applicant's photography practice. The statement should provide a brief introduction to the photographer's themes and methods.
- **Preliminary Proposal**—(up to 300 words), a concise statement of the applicant's proposed approach and anticipated coverage of the gardens and landscape.
- **Work Samples**—(10 digital images; 2000 pixels+ with descriptions), representing the applicant's artistic work created within the last five years.

A nomination and advisory committee appointed by NYBG will assess applications. The committee will consider the appreciation for natural beauty that the applicants' proposals will inspire. The committee will be comprised of Todd Forrest, NYBG's Arthur Ross Vice President for Horticulture and Living Collections; Vanessa Sellers, NYBG's Director of the Humanities Institute; representative(s) from the International Center for Photography; Jay A. Levenson, Director of the International Program at the Museum of Modern Art; and photographer John Maggiotto.

For more information about the Larry Lederman Photography Fellowship, and to submit an application, please visit <https://www.nybg.org/learn/humanities-institute/research-opportunities/the-larry-lederman-photography-fellowship/>.

### **About The New York Botanical Garden**

Founded in 1891, The New York Botanical Garden is the most comprehensive botanical garden in the world and an integral part of the cultural fabric of New York City, anchored in the Bronx. Visitors come to the Garden to connect with nature for joy, beauty, and respite, and for renowned plant-based

exhibitions, music and dance, and poetry and lectures. Innovative children's education programs promote environmental sustainability and nutrition awareness, graduate programs educate the next generation of botanists, while engaging classes inspire adults to remain lifelong learners. The 250-acre verdant landscape—which includes a 50-acre, old-growth forest—and the landmark Enid A. Haupt Conservatory support living collections of more than one million plants. Unparalleled resources are also held in the LuEsther T. Mertz Library, the world's most important botanical and horticultural library with 11 million archival items spanning ten centuries, and William and Lynda Steere Herbarium, the largest in the Western Hemisphere with 7.8 million plant and fungal specimens. Committed to protecting the planet's biodiversity and natural resources, Garden scientists work on-site in cutting-edge molecular labs and in areas worldwide where biodiversity is most at risk.

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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](http://nybg.org)**

**The New York Botanical Garden is located on property owned in full by the City of New York, and its operation is made possible in part by public funds provided through the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. A portion of the Garden's general operating funds is provided by The New York City Council and The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. The Bronx Borough President and Bronx elected representatives in the City Council and State Legislature provide leadership funding.**

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