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The New York Botanical Garden Celebrates Women's History Month, Honoring the Lives and Accomplishments of Trailblazers in Science, Horticulture, and Education

Now through Friday, March 31, 2023

Bronx, New York—Throughout Women's History Month 2023, The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) celebrates the lives and achievements of pioneers and trailblazers, researchers and innovators, activists and advocates, and thought-leaders and influencers of the botanical world. The consequential work of women who inspired, transformed, and contributed to important advancements in horticulture, plant science, and education, which continue to inform environmental action and empower diverse communities, is highlighted through offerings online and at the Botanical Garden.

Online offerings are available at <https://www.nybg.org/event/womens-history-month-at-home/>

Programs taking place at NYBG are noted below.

NYBG's 2023 Women's History Month celebration features:

- ***The Orchid Show: Natural Heritage***

Through April 23, 2023

Enid A. Haupt Conservatory

Landscape artist Lily Kwong is the guest designer of NYBG's 20th annual orchid exhibition, *The Orchid Show: Natural Heritage*, which features immersive installations of thousands of orchids inspired by her ancestral connections to the natural world.

- ***Rooted in Plants***

Through March 31, 2023

Self-guided exploration: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; weekday guided activities: 1:30–5:30 p.m.; weekend guided activities: 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; weekend storytime: 2:30 p.m.

Everett Children's Adventure Garden

During Women's History Month, visit the Everett Children's Adventure Garden to explore the many ways in which women have contributed to our collective understanding and uses of plants. In the Children's Adventure Garden greenhouse, investigate a plant light maze inspired by botanist Marie Clark Taylor, who was the first

woman to earn a Ph.D. in botany from Fordham University in 1941. Make your own plant light maze to take home inspired by Taylor's research, while discovering inspirational stories about the influential legacy of woman botanists, herbalists, and environmentalists.

- **Celebration of Life, Carol Gracie (1941–2021): Interpreter of Nature's Stories**

Wednesday, March 8, 2023; 11 a.m. (online)

On International Women's Day 2023, NYBG will honor Carol Gracie, who was an accomplished and beloved member of the NYBG community in both its Science and Education programs. This celebration of Carol's life will feature presenters who knew Carol well and experienced her profound influence through acclaimed books on wildflowers of northeastern North America, photography and field research in the Neotropics, and engaging the public during botanical lectures, ecotours, and field trips.

Speakers will include NYBG CEO and The William C. Steere Sr. President Jennifer Bernstein; NYBG Curator Emerita Jacquelyn Kallunki, Ph.D.; leading garden writer Margaret Roach; professor of biology and post-doctoral NYBG researcher Tatyana Lobova, Ph.D.; Margaret Sanger Award-winner Hella McVay; tropical ecologist Amy Berkov, Ph.D.; and former member of the U. S. delegation to the International Whaling Commission Scott McVay.

To register, proceed to the link:

https://nybg-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tfJbCAi9Q0i1g8JZt73WEO

- **Women in Garden Design Tour**

*Saturday, March 11; Sunday, March 19; and Saturday, March 25, 2023; 12:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 26, 2023; 2:30 p.m.*

Meets at the Leon Levy Visitor Center Reflecting Pool

Join NYBG volunteer experts on a one-hour guided tour of NYBG's collections that were designed by trailblazing women, including the Ladies' Border, the Perennial Garden, the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden, and more. The program highlights not only these collections but also the legacies of the women who cultivated them.

- **Native Plant Garden Tour**

Saturdays; 2:30 p.m.

In the Native Plant Garden and on the [Bloomberg Connects App](#)

This interpretive tour highlights the notable contributions of pioneering botanist and NYBG co-founder Elizabeth Gertrude Knight Britton to native plant conservation and bryology, the study of mosses and their close relatives.

- ***Plants as Liberation***

Online

Throughout this wide-ranging series of interviews with herbalists, houseplant enthusiasts, farmers, and gardeners who use plants as a powerful expression of liberation and freedom to lift up their local communities, stories of “plants as liberation” are shared. Hear from Black women in the plant world and learn how they are using plants as a powerful expression of liberation and freedom.

- **Leah Penniman**, Co-Founder and Farm Director, Soul Fire Farm; Grafton, New York. Leah Penniman is a farmer, educator, food sovereignty activist, and author of *Farming While Black*.
- **Maryah Greene**, “Plant Doctor” and Consultant, Greene Piece. Greene popularized her individualized repotting workshops and plant problem diagnoses through Instagram and provides support to plant parents who wish to create green spaces of their own.

- **Interior Plant Styling with Maryah Greene**

Thursday, March 23; 6:30–7:30 p.m. (online)

In this online course, plant consultant and former elementary educator Maryah Greene provides support to new plant parents to create functional, long-term green spaces of their own. Greene will share how she turned an Instagram account full of plant care tips and tricks into Greene Piece, a Brooklyn-based business that provides individualized repotting workshops, plant problem diagnoses, full-service interior plant designs, and more.

To register, proceed to the link:

<https://www.nybg.org/maryah-greene>

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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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