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Celebrate the Season during *Spectacular Spring Weekends* at The New York Botanical Garden in April and May

Themed Spring Weekends Feature Tours and Activities Amid NYBG's Daffodil and Lilac Collections, the Perfect Mother's Day Outing, a Wine Lovers Event, and a Celebration of Planet Earth

Monitor Peak Flower and Color Across NYBG's 250-acres with Our [Bloom Trackers to Plan Your Visit](#)



Daffodil Hill (NYBG Photo)

Bronx, NY—Spring is here and one of the best places to behold the glory of nature this time of year is at The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG). *Spectacular Spring Weekends* in April and May celebrate the breathtaking beauty of all the Botanical Garden's seasonal attractions in the outdoor gardens and living collections of its 250-acre landscape, a National Historic Landmark. Springtime highlights include a monthlong commemoration of Earth Day and an ample assortment of programming during themed weekends in our daffodil and lilac collections, for Mother's Day, and during Spring Uncorked—NYBG's annual pairing of wine and the beauty of spring. *Spectacular Spring Weekends* include tours, music, gardening and craft workshops, and other fun activities for all ages. Tickets are on sale now at <https://www.nybg.org>.

Spring at NYBG is a time of abundant color and life, when trees return to leaf and thousands upon thousands of flowers burst into bloom as the weather warms. Daffodils, cherry blossoms, and magnolias display their peak blooms in April, and lilacs, crabapples, and azaleas are must-see horticultural spectacles in May. The Rock, Native Plant, and Perennial Gardens are not to be missed during a springtime visit to NYBG. Follow along with the bloom progression of some of the most

beloved spring collections and keep apprised of peak flower and color via the Botanical Garden's [Bloom Trackers](#), informed by NYBG's horticultural experts.

April is also the final month to see *The Orchid Show: Natural Heritage* in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, showcasing the immersive and dynamic designs of landscape artist Lily Kwong.

Themed Weekends and Events

Join us for special spring weekends, featuring tours, gardening and artisan demonstrations, hands-on crafting, and more.

Earth Day Weekend

Saturday & Sunday, April 22 & 23, 2023

Earth Month culminates with a lecture, an open house, tours, demonstrations, and more on Earth Day Weekend, the annual global event to support environmental protection.

- **2023 Andrew Carnegie Distinguished Lecture:**

- Re-Orcharding New York***

- Saturday, April 22, 2023; 11 a.m.–12 p.m.**

- In the Arthur and Janet Ross Lecture Hall*

- Non-Member \$39; Member \$35*

- Registration required*

- <https://www.nybg.org/event/earth-day-2023-with-sam-van-aken-re-orcharding-new-york/>

- As part of this year's Earth Day programming, NYBG hosts artist, professor, and fruit tree grower Sam Van Aken for a dynamic discussion about grafting—a centuries-old horticultural technique—and its integral role in improving local biodiversity and habitat conservation. Fascinated by the historical narratives and cultural significance embedded within fruit and their ability to preserve genetic diversity, Van Aken will share his citywide project, The Open Orchard, a public orchard on Governors Island that launched in 2022 and contains nearly 250 fruit tree varieties that once grew in and around New York City, but disappeared with the rise of industrialized agriculture. Van Aken will highlight the process of returning these lost varieties to sites throughout the city and its environmental benefits. He will also highlight additional projects, such as his partnership with NYC Parks GreenThumb, which distributes additional trees to local community gardens.

- **Apple Grafting Master Class**

- Saturday, April 22; 11 a.m.–12 p.m., 2:30–4 p.m.**

- Non-Member \$205; Member \$185*

- Registration required; Prerequisite: "Intro to Plant Science"*

- <https://www.enrole.com/nybg/jsp/session.jsp?sessionId=234HRT362&courseId=234HRT362&categoryId=10109>

- Sam Van Aken's famed conservation work, *Tree of 40 Fruit*, contains multiple varieties of apples, peaches, plums, apricots, and cherries that blossom and produce fruit sequentially. In this hands-on master class, explore the basics of grafting different varieties of apples,

and hear how old and new grafting technologies allow Van Aken to create public art that also serves as environmental preservation.

- **Earth Day Weekend Open House**

April 22 & 23, 2023; 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Learn what work is done behind-the-scenes at The New York Botanical Garden and how NYBG's collections are cared for and how botanical research is conducted. The Open House includes hands-on activities and opportunities to learn from NYBG staff. **Meet the Scientists** who explore, understand, and conserve the Earth's vast botanical diversity and learn about their unique projects currently underway. **Connect with the LuEsther T. Mertz Library Collections** representing over a century of commitment to botanical and environmental research, then sign up for a Mertz Library Card or take home a coloring book featuring some of the Library's favorite illustrations from its rare books related to botany, landscape design, and horticulture. **Participate in Herbarium Hoopla** by visiting the William and Lynda Steere Herbarium, a National Systematics Research Resource Center containing approximately 7.8 million specimens, making it the second-largest herbarium in the world, and learn how these specimens are collected, preserved, mounted, and categorized with NYBG's Herbarium team. Admire their display of specimens, enjoy a mounting demonstration, and create a specimen to take home. On Saturday and Sunday, meet at the Arthur and Janet Ross Gallery for a **Steere Herbarium Tour**. On Saturday, stop by the **Composting with Bronx Green-Up** table at the Solar Pavilions near the Mosholu Entrance to discover the various ways food scraps can be turned into compost in New York City, learn about the Master Composter Certificate Course, check out composting worms, and pick up a reusable bag.

- **Indigenous Plants & People Walk**

Saturday, April 22, 2023; 11:30 a.m.

Meet at the Leon Levy Visitor Center Reflecting Pool

Join a guided tour with Moskehtu Consulting, a Native American-owned cultural and heritage preservation firm, to learn more about native plants, birds, and people.

- **Indigenous Plant Identification Tour**

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- **Thain Family Forest Tour**

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Experience the beauty of the Garden's 50-acre Forest on this one-hour guided walking tour. Learn facts about the trees, history, geology, and ecology of this original, uncut woodland.

- **Native Plant Garden Tour**

Sunday, April 23, 2023; 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Meet at the Native Plant Garden entrance

The Native Plant Garden houses a diverse collection of ferns, perennials, shrubs, and trees native to the northeastern United States. Take a guided tour through these re-created habitats with one of the Garden's tour guides.

- **Native Forest Tour with Chenaë Bullock**
Ongoing

In the Thain Family Forest

As you walk through the paths of the Thain Family Forest on a self-guided tour, read this collection of curated interpretive signs that feature the writing of Indigenous perspective historian and entrepreneur Chenaë Bullock, revealing some of the useful and edible plants utilized by the Indigenous inhabitants of the Northeast.

- **Food for Thought**

April 22 & 23, 2023; 12–3 p.m.

In the Leon Levy Visitor Center

A series of demonstrations by local chefs introduce healthy and affordable ways to make your diet more sustainable—such as reducing consumption of processed foods, buying in-season and local, and eating more plants. On Earth Day Weekend, **Protein Power with Plant Candy** offers visitors the opportunity to learn healthy tips and tricks for keeping plant-based meals both delicious and protein-packed. Brandy Cochrane is a chef, recipe developer, teacher, author, and founder of the plant-based companies Entrepreneur Meal Plan and Plant Candy. Learn about Brandy's work to improve both the personal and professional lives of individuals through plants.

Daffodil Weekend

Saturday & Sunday, April 29 & 30, 2023; 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Watch demonstrations, listen to music, and participate in fun arts and crafts inspired by the vibrant blooms. Each year, the Garden springs to life with hundreds of thousands of daffodils. Find new favorites among the latest hybrids on Daylily/Daffodil Walk, and don't miss Daffodil Hill when it's a sea of yellow and white, including many antique cultivars planted in the early 20th century. Explore the Rock Garden for tiny species daffodils no more than three inches high, and find drifts of glowing color nearby in Daffodil Valley, where the Murray Liasson Narcissus Collection is located.

- **Open Air Studio**

Saturday & Sunday, April 29 & 30, 2023; 12–3 p.m.

On Daffodil Hill

Daffodil Hill is the dazzling location for a guided collage session from Bronx Community Collage, celebrating NYBG's heirloom daffodil collection. Visitors can create their own collages using archival images of the crabapples, daffodils, and lilacs in bloom. Vinyl collective Uptown Vinyl Supreme joins the fun to spin live DJ sets inspired by the sounds of spring. Collage expert Buddy YoMA has assembled an all-star lineup of Bronx-based artists and musicians, with Uptown Vinyl Supreme's Sunny Cheeba, Delaceiba, and Alexis Marcelo offering inspiring tunes. Collage artists include Emily Gabrielle, Antoinette Legnini, and Evan Bishop.

- **Spring Stoop & Window Box Demonstrations**
Saturday & Sunday, April 29 & 30, 2023; 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

On Daffodil Hill

Learn how to beautify a stoop or a window box through a guided demonstration with Materials for the Arts.

- **Lawn Games**
Saturday & Sunday, April 29 & 30, 2023; 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

On Daffodil Hill

Enjoy an assortment of family-friendly games, including Cornhole, Ladder Toss, Ring Toss, Giant Jenga, Giant Connect 4, Giant Chess, and Hoola Hoops.

- **Tours**

Participate in seasonal tours of Daffodil Hill and bird tours across the grounds.

Daffodil Hill Tour

Saturday only, April 29, 2023; 12 & 1 p.m.

Meet at Daffodil Hill

Explore this dramatic landscape and its tens of thousands of yellow and white daffodils, including many antique cultivars, with an NYBG Tour Guide.

Bird Tour

Sunday only, April 30, 2023; 11 a.m.

Meet at the Leon Levy Visitor Center Reflecting Pool

Join an expert bird guide from NYC Audubon for a tour of NYBG's diverse landscape to learn why this unique green space is such a vital haven for a great variety of avian species year-round. NYC Audubon is a grassroots community that works for the protection of wild birds and habitat in the five boroughs, improving the quality of life for all New Yorkers. Participation is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lilac Weekend

Saturday & Sunday, May 6 & 7, 2023; 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

The Burn Family Lilac Collection showcases this favorite American garden shrub in all of its glorious forms, colors, and scents. Lilac lovers have flocked to The New York Botanical Garden to see and smell these charming flowers since 1896. The 2016 expansion of this historic

collection showcases antique specimens as well as new disease-resistant, tall tree, and dwarf lilacs, and flowers that smell sweet and others that are spicy.

- **Open Air Studio**

Saturday & Sunday, May 6 & 7, 2023; 12–3 p.m.

In the Burn Family Lilac Collection

Join us for an ongoing drop-in embroidery workshop with Catherine Herrick Lewis, a local artist, illustrator, and educator living in Brooklyn, New York. Originally from Texas, Lewis studied Art and Art History at The University of Virginia before earning her MFA in Design and Technology at Parsons School of Design. Lewis' creative practice includes illustration, works on paper, and embroidery. An Associate Professor in the Design Program at Hostos Community College CUNY in the South Bronx since 2010, Lewis teaches Illustration, Foundation Drawing, 2D Design, and Web Design.

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- **Community Mural Project**

Saturday & Sunday, May 6 & 7, 2023; 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

At the Mosholu Entrance

Create a Bronx Community Mural that will be on public display throughout the year. Designed by Lady K Fever, this color-by-number project is a collaborative creation of a Bronx-inspired mural for all to enjoy. Pick up a paint brush and showcase your artistry. Lady K-Fever is a New York City-based street artist, activist, and educator specializing in unique projects that focus on community through collaboration, compassion, liberation, empowerment, and healing. Her artwork has been exhibited at The Bronx Museum and featured in *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*.

- **Bronx Arts Ensemble Performance**

Saturday, May 6, 2023; 2 p.m.

This one-hour performance is presented by members of the Bronx Arts Ensemble and features a repertoire inspired by the natural world. Bronx Arts Ensemble brings music and related arts to Bronx schools and neighborhoods. They contribute to the cultures of Bronx communities through live performances and innovative arts education that stimulate creativity, imagination, and aspiration.

- **NYBG Farmers Market Preview**

Saturday and Sunday, May 6 & 7, 2023; 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

At the Mosholu Entrance

Enjoy a preview of the NYBG Farmers Market, running every Wednesday, May 31–October 25, 2023. Purchase a variety of locally grown produce, fresh baked goods,

and other specialty items from top produce vendors, bakers, and specialty food purveyors from New York State and beyond.

- **Bird Tour**

Saturday only, May 6, 2023; 11 a.m.

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Mother's Day Weekend Garden Party

Saturday & Sunday, May 13 & 14, 2023; 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

Treat mom to a one-of-a-kind Garden party all weekend with arts and crafts, live music, food, and lawn games at the most spectacular spring landscape New York City has to offer.

- **Picnic on the Lawn**

Saturday & Sunday, May 13 & 14, 2023; 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

On Daffodil Hill

Picnic on Daffodil Hill while enjoying the delicious offerings for sale by Bronx Night Market.

- **Music on the Lawn**

Saturday & Sunday, May 13 & 14, 2023; 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

On Daffodil Hill

Celebrate the weekend with DJ Dance Party featuring Bronx-based DJ collective Uptown Vinyl Supreme, a Bronx-based DJ collective and community organization paying homage to the analogue roots of music, party, and dance culture.

- **Lawn Games**

Saturday & Sunday, May 13 & 14, 2023; 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

On Daffodil Hill

Enjoy an assortment of family-friendly games—from Cornhole and Ladder Toss to Hoola Hoops.

- **Crafting with Mom**

Saturday & Sunday, May 13 & 14, 2023; 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

At the Clay Family Picnic Pavilions

Join NYBG volunteers for follow-along demonstrations. Draw and color a card for Mom using a template of botanical illustrations from the Garden's archives. Join Materials for the Arts to use recycled materials to create a one-of-a-kind gift. Follow along to create a decorative paper magnolia designed by Charles Zimmerman, a self-taught artist and plant lover who has been crafting paper flowers inspired by years of experience archiving botanical specimens in The New York Botanical Garden's Steere Herbarium.

- **Face Painting**
Saturday & Sunday, May 13 & 14, 2023; 1–4 p.m.
At the Clay Family Picnic Pavilion
 Get your face painted with a whimsical design in the spirit of spring. Highlighted by *Time Out New York Kids* as one of the six best party entertainers in NYC, Face Art by Melissa is New York City's premier face painting company and an NYBG Mother's Day favorite. Melissa and her team of amazing artists will transform visitors into tigers, butterflies, flowers...or wherever your imagination takes you.
- **Tours**
Saturday & Sunday, May 13 & 14, 2023; various times
Meet at the Leon Levy Visitor Center Reflecting Pool
 Enjoy an array of volunteer-led seasonal tours showcasing NYBG's spring collections in bloom.
- **Plan Your Mother's Day Lunch**
Saturday & Sunday, May 13 & 14, 2023; 11 a.m.–5 p.m.
 Treat Mom to a delicious farm-to-table lunch at the Hudson Garden Grill, which draws inspiration from the Garden's acclaimed Edible Academy program. [Reservation](#) required.
- **Find the Perfect Gift for Mom**
Saturday & Sunday, May 13 & 14, 2023; 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
 Visit NYBG Shop for a wide selection of gifts, treat your mom to a girl's night out with a Continuing Education gift certificate or class, or give the gift of a Family Membership and visit the Garden year-round.

Spring Uncorked

Saturday & Sunday, May 20 & 21, 2023; 12–4 p.m.

Non-Member \$55, includes a souvenir NYBG wine tumbler and All-Garden Pass;

Member \$25, includes souvenir NYBG wine tumbler (All-Garden Pass is free for Members)

Sip and savor spring during this wine lover's weekend, featuring wineries from the Hudson Valley, Brooklyn, and Long Island. Enjoy samples, relax to live music, learn the science behind making great wines, and kick back with a variety of crafts and games. Enjoy delicious lunch options for sale presented by the Bronx Night Market.

- **Wine Tasting**
On Daffodil Hill
 Purchase a souvenir NYBG wine tumbler and join us for a flight of palate-pleasing wines from New York State wineries. Bottles will be available for sale.
- **Live Music**

On the Daffodil Hill Main Stage

As you sip your wine, relax or dance to the original sounds of some of the newest artists on the music scene.

Saturday, May 20, 2023; 12–4 p.m.

Ayanna Williams

Born and raised in the Bronx, Ayanna is both experimental and versatile, crafting a sound that has attracted many due to its raw and authentic essence. Ayanna is also the creator of Uptown Melody, a performance series dedicated to highlighting Bronx Artists through live music events.

The Royale Minks

Known for their bewitching stage presence and enchanting original songs, this 1960s-inspired girl group wows audiences of all ages. Sharing sonic similarities to The B52s, The Doors, and Fleetwood Mac, The Royale Minks deliver nostalgic sounds of the '50s, '60s, and '70s.

Juwan Crawley

Influenced heavily by Gospel, Juwan often draws from his early experiences singing and playing the drums in church. Juwan also finds inspiration in classical music, jazz, and pop.

NYChillharmonic

A Brooklyn-based, 18 piece, progressive-rock orchestra led by Sara McDonald, NYChillharmonic fuses multiple genres including rock, pop, classical, and jazz while sonically embracing unconventional arrangements and harmonies.

Sunday, May 21, 2023; 12–4 p.m.

Jaswiry Morel

Born and raised in the Bronx, Jaswiry takes musical influence from her Bronx and Dominican roots. With Latin- and jazz-infused percussion, dreamlike synths, soulful vocals, and bilingual lyrics, each song is a masterful experiment.

Eli Tyler

Singer-songwriter, performer, and producer Eli Tyler makes genre bending experimental electronic pop music. With soulful, soaring vocals, Eli creates a supernova of sounds.

Annalise Azadian

Born and raised in New York, 25-year-old singer, soulwriter, and musician Annalise is known for her unique, sultry voice and emotive storytelling.

Annalise solidified herself as a versatile voice in today's music scene and is known for creative visual content pieces.

- **Wine & Watercolor**

At the Clay Family Picnic Pavilions

Join artist Naomi Andrée Campbell for guided sketching sessions inspired by the Garden. Campbell is a New York-based interdisciplinary artist whose multimedia practice explores sense and perception, combining art and science through a wide spectrum of studio and new media art.

- **Lawn Games**

On the Daffodil Hill Lawn

Enjoy an assortment of family-friendly games, including Cornhole, Ladder Toss, Ring Toss, Horseshoes, Giant Jenga, Giant Connect 4, Giant Chess, Badminton, and Hoola Hoops.

- **Make Sense of the Scent**

1, 2, & 3 p.m.

At the Clay Family Picnic Pavilions

How well do you know what is in your glass? Stop by and try your nose at this aroma recognition training activity praised by sommeliers. From raspberry to pepper, this aroma selection allows you to identify common aromas found in wines and increase your sommelier vocabulary.

Other Programming During *Spectacular Spring*

The splendor of spring is on full display at The New York Botanical Garden this year with a wealth of opportunities to celebrate this season of nature's rebirth.

Earth Month Celebration

April 1–30, 2023

Celebrate our planet and learn to better steward the Earth throughout the month of April with ongoing science and nature programs, online activities for families and community scientists, wide-ranging classes, and engaging videos spotlighting NYBG's conservation work around the world. Don't miss a special science and collections open house and other programs during Earth Day Weekend on April 22 and 23.

- **Tours**

Saturdays, Sundays, and Select Weekdays; various times

Across the Garden Grounds

Join expert guides for explorations of native plants and their uses, as well as spring bird walks.

Indigenous Plants & People Walks

Saturdays, April 1, 8, 15, & 22, 2023; 11:30 a.m.

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Indigenous Ecological Knowledge Plant Walk

Saturday, April 15, 2023; 11:30 a.m.

Meet at the Leon Levy Visitor Center Reflecting Pool

Led by Chenae Bullock, Founder and CEO of Moskehtu Consulting, member of the Shinnecock Nation, and author of *50 Medicines: Indigenous Oral History and Perspective*, this tour is based on a body of observations, oral and written knowledge, practices, and beliefs that promotes environmental sustainability and the responsible stewardship of natural resources through relationships between humans and environmental systems.

Bird Walks

Saturday, April 15 & Sunday, April 30, 2023; 11 a.m.

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Thain Family Forest Tour

Sunday, April 9 & Thursday, April 20, 2023; 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 22, Tuesday, April 25, & Friday, April 28, 2023; 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26, 2023; 11 a.m.

Meet at the Leon Levy Visitor Center Reflecting Pool

Experience the beauty of the Garden's 50-acre Forest on this one-hour guided walking tour. Learn facts about the trees, history, geology, and ecology of this original, uncut woodland.

Native Plant Garden Tour

Thursday, April 13, Friday, April 14, Sunday, April 16, & Wednesday, April 19, 2023; 2:30 p.m.

Sundays, April 9, 16, & 23, 2023; 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 23, 2023; 11 a.m.

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- **Food for Thought**

Weekends, April 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, & 30, 2023; 12–3 p.m.

In the Leon Levy Visitor Center

A series of demonstrations by local chefs introduce healthy and affordable ways to make your diet more sustainable—such as reducing consumption of processed foods, buying in-season and local, and eating more plants.

Eating In-Season with Kris Da Bronx Vegan

Saturdays, April 8 & 15, and Sundays, April 9 & 16, 2023; 12–3 p.m.

Kris Da Bronx Vegan, a Bronx native who has dedicated her work to community involvement and health promotion, shares seasonal vegan options that people can even learn to forage for themselves. She started her business in 2020 and made it her goal to provide food access to her community and combat food injustices.

Protein Power with Plant Candy

Saturdays, April 22 & 29, and Sundays, April 23 & 30, 2023; 12–3 p.m.

Learn healthy tips and tricks for keeping plant-based meals both delicious and protein-packed. Brandy Cochrane is a chef, recipe developer, teacher, author, and founder of the plant-based companies Entrepreneur Meal Plan and Plant Candy. Learn about Brandy's work to improve both the personal and professional lives of individuals through plants.

- **Earth Month Classes**

Registration required

<https://www.nybg.org/event/earth-month-celebration-2023/earth-month-classes/>

Celebrate our planet all month long with NYBG's Continuing Education classes—in-person and online options—designed to teach you how to better care for the environment. A variety of classes offer the opportunity to learn about gardening fundamentals, such as an introduction to bulbs, an introduction to herbs, soil basics, and vegetable gardening; deep dive into spring blooms like daffodils and mushrooms; and culminate on Earth Day with the 2023 Andrew Carnegie Distinguished Lecture: *Re-Orcharding New York* with Sam Van Aken.

- **Kelly Street Garden iNaturalist Workshop and BioBlitz**

Monday, April 17, 2023; 5:30–7 p.m.

924 Kelly Street, Bronx, New York 10459

Community scientists are invited to join NYC EcoFlora and Bronx Green-Up for an evening of exploration, education, and community connection at this community garden. Located in the Longwood/Hunts Point section of the South Bronx, Kelly Street Garden aims to “cast a light on the healing components of food, justice, equality, culture.” The event will kick off with an iNaturalist workshop followed by a BioBlitz to document the wild organisms that use this garden for habitat and refuge.

- **Earth Day Weekend**

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Everett Children's Adventure Garden 25th Anniversary Family Drop-In Program

Saturday, April 1, through Friday, May 26, 2023

Weekday guided activities: 1:30–5:30 p.m.

Weekends and Monday Holiday Guided Activities: 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Self-Guided Outdoor Exploration: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Story Time Weekends: 2:30 p.m.

In the Everett Children's Adventure Garden

This spring the Everett Children's Garden celebrates its 25th birthday. Join the fun, celebrating 25 years of outdoor nature and science play in the Bronx. Discover how the Children's Adventure Garden has nurtured a generation of educators and environmentalists through the Explainer Program. Take a trip down memory lane on the Story Walk, looking back at Explainers, volunteers and staff over the years. Sing the “Happy Birthday” song to the topiary caterpillars and revisit iconic activities, such as exploring leaf litter and pond life. Have a birthday-themed tea party in the Victorian Playhouse. Pot up an *Oxalis triangularis* (commonly called false shamrock) plant party favor to take home.

Master Gardener.

Advance Film Screening Introduced by Sigourney Weaver and Paul Schrader

Thursday, May 4; 6–9 p.m.

In the Arthur and Janet Ross Lecture Hall

Registration required

Non-Member \$39; Member \$35

<https://www.nybg.org/event/master-gardener-advance-film-screening/>

Join us for a special sneak preview of the soon to be released motion picture *Master Gardener* starring Academy Award® nominee and NYBG Trustee Sigourney Weaver. Directed by Academy Award nominee Paul Schrader, the film follows horticulturist Narvel Roth (Joel Edgerton), the meticulous gardener of Gracewood Gardens. This screening will be introduced by Sigourney Weaver and Paul Schrader through an engaging conversation about the film and the pivotal role that gardening plays in this tale of redemption.

The Orchid Show: Natural Heritage

Through Sunday, April 23, 2023; 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

In the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory

Designed by landscape artist Lily Kwong, NYBG's 20th annual orchid exhibition features immersive installations of thousands of orchids that transport guests to ethereal, reverent landscapes inspired by ancient Chinese garden design and artistic principles, with complementary programming that enriches visitors' engagement and enjoyment of these beautiful and formidable flowers. On select nights, adults 21 and older can experience the exhibition through Orchid Nights, with music, cash bars, and food available for purchase.

For more information about *Spectacular Spring Weekends* and to purchase tickets, visit

<https://www.nybg.org/event/spectacular-spring-weekends/>.

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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

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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