

# NYBG

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## **Pride Event at NYBG 2023 on June 10 Features Music, a Runway Fashion Show, and More, Part of The New York Botanical Garden's Month-Long Celebration of the History and Contributions of the LGBTQ+ Community in the Botanical World**



**Bronx, New York**—The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) celebrates Pride Month on Saturday, June 10, 2023, with live music, DJ sets, and a runway show at the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory Plaza from 3 to 6 p.m. This event is part of NYBG's month-long celebration of the history and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community in the botanical world. Throughout June, visitors to the Botanical Garden and [NYBG.org](https://www.nybg.org) can take part in hands-on activities, hear stories from activists in the LGBTQ+ community, learn about the cultural significance of botanical specimens, and more. Visitors can also experience the major site-specific exhibition of sculptural and horticultural installations *...things come to thrive...in the shedding...in the molting...* by visual artist Ebony G. Patterson, which is currently on view at the Garden.

- **Pride Event at NYBG 2023**

*Saturday, June 10*

*Enid A. Haupt Conservatory Plaza*

Celebrate Pride at NYBG with live music, DJ sets, and a runway show presented by Bronx Fashion Week. Visitors can stop by to pick up a temporary tattoo to show their Garden pride.

- **Vanishing Art: A Living Gallery—Flower Arranging with Joshua Werber**

*2–5 p.m.*

As part of this summer's Vanishing Art program of interactive demonstrations, visitors can experience flower arranging with Joshua Werber. Drawing from the natural world, Werber's work is an exploration of emotion through the act of creation. His work is driven by a desire to create unique pieces and environments through which the participant can experience transformation. He has taught in NYBG's Continuing Education program and his work has been featured in *T: Magazine*, *VOGUE*, *ELLE India*, *The New York Times*, and *New York Post*.

- **Live Music with Garth**  
3–4 p.m.  
Enjoy live music by New York City-based singer, producer and multi-instrumentalist Garth at Conservatory Plaza. He has over five million streams on Spotify and has released three studio albums as well as a visual concert, *Live, in Color*, in June 2022. Up next for Garth is his fourth studio project, *Coronation*, which will be released later this year.
- **Pride Runway with Bronx Fashion Week**  
4–4:45 p.m.  
Witness a runway show of amazing fashions at NYBG's Conservatory Plaza presented by Bronx Fashion Week, which hosts some of New York City's leading fashion events. They cultivate talent and help mold future Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) fashion leaders, while encouraging and empowering diversity and inclusivity in fashion and building a platform fostering creativity, community, and culture.
- **DJ Dance Party with Niyah West**  
4:45–5:45 p.m.  
Listen to DJ sets by Niyah West, a New York-based DJ born and raised in central New Jersey. She has filled dance floors near and far with her pumping house sets and electrifying genre-bending sound. She believes that sharing moments on the dance floor allows space for learning, trying something new, and time to connect back to ourselves.
- **LuEsther T. Mertz Library Display**  
*Through Friday, June 30, 2023*  
*Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.*  
Throughout the month of June, the LuEsther T. Mertz Library is featuring highlight items for visitors to read during their visit, including *You Grow, Girl! Plant Kween's Lush Guide to Growing Your Garden* by Christopher Griffin.
- **Dig! Plant! Grow! at the Edible Academy**  
*Tuesdays–Saturdays, 1:30–5:30 p.m.*  
*Sundays and Monday Holidays, 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.*  
Venture to the Edible Academy to enjoy Rainbow Salad Mix demonstrations for Salad Days, as well as to learn about LGBTQ+ connections to botanical history.
- **Make Your Own Pride Button at the Everett Children's Adventure Garden**  
*Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25, 2023; 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.*  
In person at the Garden, visitors can celebrate their identity by making their own pride button and learning about the history of buttons to represent queer identity. An [online video](#) shows teen NYBG Explainers making flower lapel pins, just like English playwright Oscar Wilde did by wearing a dyed green carnation to symbolize his place in the gay community.
- **Plant Talk: Exploring Food Love Stories with Matthew López-Jensen**  
In honor of Pride Month and in celebration of his creation, *Lamb's Quarters: A Love Story*, from last year's NYBG exhibition *Around the Table: Stories of the Foods We Love*, artist and environmental educator Matthew López-Jensen invited LGBTQ+-identifying couples to join

him at the table and share their favorite food love stories. Interviewed by López-Jensen, couples spoke of their experiences exploring shared food memories, new cuisines sampled together, favorite restaurants or countries to visit, a love for cooking together, and tales of how they first met. NYBG's [Plant Talk blog](#) compiles the stories and memories shared by each couple.

- **Plant Talk: Shades of Lavender—Symbolism, Scent, Sightings, and Species**  
[Learn more](#) about lavender—the color symbolic of LGBTQ+ resistance and empowerment—as well as the plant's associated cultural and horticultural history. Whether the plant or the color, lavender's rich symbolism and storied history continue to fascinate and engage a wide range of enthusiasts.
- **Plants as Liberation: A Conversation with Arvolyn Hill and DJ Freedom**  
In this [online video](#), Manager of the Everett Children's Adventure Garden Arvolyn Hill has a discussion with musical artist and self-described "Trap Gardener" DJ Freedom. *Plants as Liberation* is a wide-ranging series of interviews with herbalists, houseplant enthusiasts, farmers, and gardeners, in which viewers can hear from Black people in the plant world and learn how they are using plants as a powerful expression of liberation and freedom.
- **The Hand Lens: Colorful Plants and Lichens**  
Discover all the colors of the rainbow in the archives of NYBG's William and Lynda Steere Herbarium with [LGBTQ+ botanical stories](#) both past and present on the Steere Herbarium's blog *The Hand Lens*.
- **NYBG Shop**  
Stop by NYBG Shop in person or [visit online](#) for a wide selection of books for Pride Month from celebrated authors and for visitors of all ages.

For more information about NYBG's programming for Pride Month, please visit <https://www.nybg.org/event/nybg-pride/>.

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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)

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