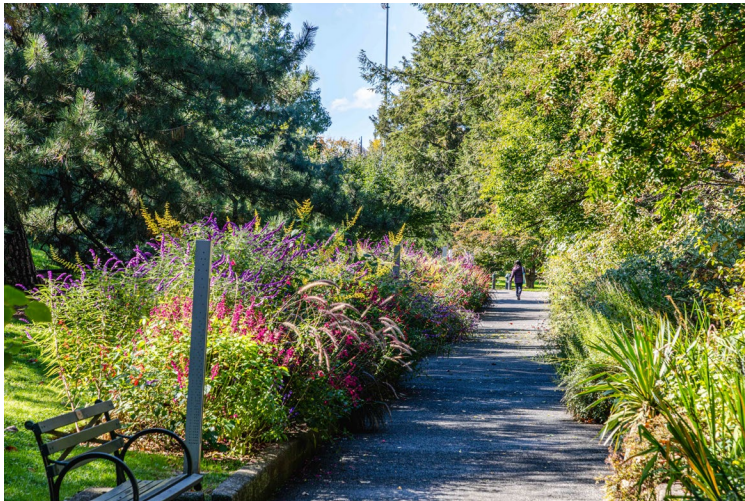


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The New York Botanical Garden Celebrates Women’s History Month, Honoring Contributions and Advancements of Women Pioneers, Innovators, and Advocates in Science, Horticulture, and Education

Commemorations Online and at the Garden through March 31, 2024



The Ladies’ Border at The New York Botanical Garden*

Bronx, NY—The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) celebrates Women’s History Month by honoring the lives and accomplishments of women pioneers and trailblazers, researchers and innovators, and activists and advocates who have advanced the knowledge of plants and protected the planet’s biodiversity. Throughout March 2024, NYBG highlights the work that not only made the Botanical Garden the cultural institution it is today, but also contributed to advancements in science, horticulture, and education that continue to steer efforts to empower communities and protect the planet. The consequential contributions of women are highlighted through tours, talks, and diverse offerings online and at the Garden.

Online offerings are available at <https://www.nybg.org/event/womens-history-month-2024/>

Women’s History Month 2024 programs taking place at NYBG are noted below.

- ***The Orchid Show: Florals in Fashion***
Through Sunday, April 21, 2024

Enid A. Haupt Conservatory

The 21st edition of The New York Botanical Garden's iconic exhibition, *The Orchid Show: Florals in Fashion*, showcases three rising women design stars who have all been inspired by nature and each present their unique perspective on the connections between the botanical world and fashion. Hillary Taymour is founder and creative director of Collina Strada, a fashion platform dedicated to promoting climate and social awareness and fostering self-expression. Olivia Cheng is designer and founder of fashion label Dauphinette, which is best known for its use of preserved botanicals and repurposed materials to create upcycled fashions. FLWR PSTL is Kristen Alpaugh, botanical artist, and founder and creative director at Haus of Stems, the world's first on-demand botanical art atelier, known for her experimental botanical artwork and custom wearables.

The exhibition's sartorial scene is set by thousands of diverse orchids and accessorizing plants in dramatic, picture-perfect installations, highlighting the designers' bold, fashion-themed creations within the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. For more information, and to purchase tickets, visit:

<https://www.nybg.org/event/the-orchid-show-florals-in-fashion/>

- **Women Leaders of the Garden Tour**
Sunday, March 3, 2024; 12:30 p.m.

Throughout its history, the women who have helped cultivate NYBG have been pioneers in botany, gardening, philanthropy, and the arts. Explore the ways these leaders contributed to horticulture, education, and scientific discovery across the Garden grounds. *This tour is included with the All-Garden Pass.*

<https://www.nybg.org/event/women-leaders-of-the-garden/>

- **Women in Garden Design Tour**
Saturday, March 9, 2024; 11 a.m.
Sunday, March 10, 2024; 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 14 and 21, 2024; 11 a.m.

NYBG Volunteers lead a one-hour guided tour of NYBG gardens that were designed by women, such as the Ladies Border, Perennial Garden, and the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden. The tour will highlight these collections, as well as the significant contributions of the women who cultivated them. *This tour is included with the All-Garden Pass.*

<https://www.nybg.org/event/women-in-garden-design/>

- ***The Orchid Show: Florals in Fashion* Tour**
March 1, 12, 15, 19, 20, 21, 26, and 28; 2:30 p.m.
March 1, 15, and 29; 4 p.m.
March 5, 13, 15, 20, and 26; 12:30 p.m.
March 7, 13, 15, 19, 20, 26, and 29; 11 a.m.

Alongside an NYBG Tour Guide, visitors will immerse themselves in a mesmerizing array of orchids and fashion-themed creations by the three women guest designers of the 21st edition of NYBG's iconic exhibition, *The Orchid Show: Florals in Fashion*, in the historic Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. *This tour is included with the All-Garden Pass.*

<https://www.nybg.org/event/the-orchid-show-tour-florals-in-fashion/>

- ***Little Island: More Than Meets The Eye With Signe Nielsen***
Thursday, March 28, 2024; 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Arthur and Janet Ross Lecture Hall

Signe Nielsen, RLA, FASLA, Principal of landscape architecture firm MNLA, will share insights into the design process that resulted in Little Island. Opened in 2021, Little Island offers 2.5 acres of new waterfront park within Hudson River Park. The project was born from a collaboration of U.K.-based Heatherwick Studio and N.Y.-based landscape architecture firm MNLA, led by Nielsen. Little Island provides an intersection of nature, art, and community, and was conceived as a leaf floating in water, built over a former pier in the Hudson River. For more information, and to register, visit:

<https://www.nybg.org/event/24th-annual-winter-lecture-series/little-island-more-than-meets-the-eye-with-signe-nielsen/>

*The photo above shows a view of the Ladies' Border, which was originally designed in the early 1930s by pioneering landscape architect Ellen Shipman. This garden was named by NYBG's Women's Auxiliary Committee, a group of women who were instrumental in establishing many of The New York Botanical Garden's most beautiful collections. In 2002, noted public garden designer and NYBG Trustee Lynden B. Miller redesigned the border as a display of unusual plants with a particular emphasis on those with winter and early spring interest, experimenting with plants not considered hardy in this region—an important effort that continues today.

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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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