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NYBG Celebrates Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month Now through October 15

Bilingual Tours and Performances, Plus Digital Offerings, Spotlight Important Contributions and Histories of Plants and People in This Diverse Community



The Tropical Pool of the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory's Courtyard at The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG Photo)

Bronx, NY—The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) celebrates Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month now through Tuesday, October 15, 2024, with an array of on-site and digital programs to spotlight the important contributions and histories of the plants and people in this diverse community.

Highlights include a bilingual guided tour of the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, exploring the sights and scents of *Alice in Wonderland*, part of *Wonderland: Curious Nature*, the garden-wide exhibition inspired by the curious and surreal elements of the beloved classics *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking-Glass, and What Alice Found There*, plus an immersive bilingual performance by New York City Children's Theater for young children and students with disabilities featuring Piper the Puppet. Discover inspiring books and stories on the shelves of the LuEsther T. Mertz Library and available for purchase at NYBG Shop. Delve into digital programs like the Bronx Foodways Oral Histories Project,

and magnify your knowledge of plants and Hispanic culture with behind-the-scenes stories of adventure and discovery through the work of NYBG scientists and collaborators in Latin America and the Caribbean.

On-site programs include:

- **Wonderland in the Conservatory Tour**
Friday, September 27, 2024; 2:30 p.m.
Enid A. Haupt Conservatory
Head down the rabbit hole with an NYBG Tour Guide to experience the sights, settings, and scents of the classic story of *Alice in Wonderland*. This tour is provided in English and Spanish.
- **FIVE**
Sunday, October 27, 2024; 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
At the Garden
New York City Children’s Theater will bring a bilingual touring performance designed for students with disabilities and young children (PreK–2nd grades) to the Botanical Garden to teach about the five senses. Piper the Puppet has traveled to New York City all the way from the planet Blank to learn about his FIVE senses! Incorporating live music, puppetry, videos, and sensory objects, FIVE will engage students in exploring their five senses while celebrating the unique boroughs of New York City.
This event is included in the All-Garden Pass; no special ticket required.
- **NYBG Shop**
Stop by NYBG Shop to peruse, enjoy, and purchase their titles that broadly reflect the history, the neighborhoods, the people, and the natural treasures found in the Bronx.

Digital programs include:

- **Bronx Foodways Oral Histories Project**
<https://www.nybg.org/learn/humanities-institute/bronx-foodways-oral-histories-project/>
As part of Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month, join us in learning from the compelling food stories of Bronx community gardeners, many of Latin American and Caribbean heritage, who have been instrumental in creating, caring for, and cultivating community in these critical spaces. These stories are part of the Bronx Foodways Oral Histories Project, launched in 2021 to preserve the food histories and life experiences of longtime community gardeners and urban farmers across the borough. Get to know some of the people who make these sources of food and community possible.

The Bronx Foodways Oral Histories Project is made possible with support from the Mellon Foundation.

- **Hispanic/Latinx Heritage and Philippine Medicinal Plants: The Personal Story of Kathleen Cruz Gutierrez, Ph.D.**
<https://www.nybg.org/planttalk/hispanic-heritage-and-philippine-medicinal-plants-the-personal-story-of-kathleen-cruz-gutierrez-ph-d/>
Kathleen Cruz Gutierrez, Ph.D., recent Andrew W. Mellon Fellow in NYBG's Humanities Institute, discusses her interest in the flora of her family's homeland, the Philippines.
- **Look Closely at Plant Discovery with The Hand Lens**
Magnify your knowledge of plants and culture through behind-the-scenes stories of adventure and discovery. Learn about the work of NYBG scientists and collaborators in Latin America and the Caribbean where they are leading efforts to conserve ecosystems that are among the most diverse in the world with these highlights from NYBG's William and Lynda Steere Herbarium collections, featuring stories from the Caribbean and South America:
 - [Achiote](#)
 - [Vanilla](#)
 - [Sweetsop vs. Soursop](#)
 - [Mango](#)
 - [Tobacco](#)
 - [Sweet Sweet Potato](#)

Learn more about behind-the-scenes stories at [*The Hand Lens*](#).

For more information about The New York Botanical Garden's Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month celebration and to access the digital programs, visit:
<https://www.nybg.org/event/hispanic-latinx-heritage-month-2024/>.

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For more information, visit [nybg.org](https://www.nybg.org)

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