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Holiday Train Nights Illuminate NYBG's *Holiday Train Show*® on 16 Select Evenings

Lively, After-Dark Celebrations with Music, Cocktails and Festive Bites for Purchase, and Three Themed Evenings Where Dressing Up Is Part of the Fun



Bronx, NY— On select evenings at the New York Botanical Garden (NYBG), Holiday Train Nights invites visitors to see the *Holiday Train Show*,® one of New York City's most beloved holiday experiences, in a new light. It's the perfect night out, whether planning a date, gathering friends, or seeking a more elegant experience. Visitors of all ages are welcome, but these special evenings are designed for those who want a more atmospheric, lively, after-dark celebration. Card-worthy photo opportunities await at every turn as a miniature cityscape of familiar landmarks is brought to life by model trains zipping to and fro. Roving train conductors welcome visitors to sip seasonal beverages, stroll the illuminated exhibition, and shop for everyone on their list at NYBG Shop, while enjoying the festive setting under twinkling lights. Bop along to holiday classics and Christmas pop favorites sung by performers, enjoy sweet and savory bites for purchase, or hop over to the "Bar Car"—back this year with a 21+ bar at the Hudson Garden Grill Patio.

Holiday Train Nights offer a premium, elevated nighttime experience from 7 to 10 p.m. on November 22, 28, and 29, 2025; December 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, and 29, 2025; and January 2, 3, and 10, 2026; 7 to 10 p.m. Holiday Train Nights are ticketed through NYBG's presenting partner Fever. Tickets start at \$39 for Non-Members purchasing for groups of four or more, with 20% off for NYBG Members, and free entry for children under the age of 2. For more information, visit <https://www.nybg.org/holiday-train-nights/>.

Visitors are encouraged to dress up for three special themed evenings.

- **Friday, November 28, 2025 is “Ugly Sweater Night.”** Break out your most “eye-catching” holiday sweater to celebrate the season with us—and the “uglier” it is, the better! With so few opportunities to wear that ugly sweater hanging in your closet, now’s your chance to put it to good use here at NYBG.
- **Monday, December 29, 2025 is “Hollywood Icons Night.”** Whether you see yourself as a Santa or more of a Grinch, come celebrate the season’s most famous characters in style. Wear your cheer on your sleeve by dressing up as an iconic holiday character, like Kevin from *Home Alone*, Mrs. Claus, Cindy Lou Who, or a deeper cut (yes, John McClane of *Die Hard* or Clark Griswold of *National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation* are totally valid). It’s a costume party after dark, so don your best look and join us for a holiday cocktail.
- **Saturday, January 10, 2026, is “Winter Wonderland Night.”** Wrap up the holiday party season with a date night or get the whole crew together for a picture perfect evening out, and be sure to dress the part—blues and whites, silvers and golds, and anything in your closet that screams “winter wonderland!”

The warm glow of the Haupt Conservatory with colorful lighting brings the holiday spirit under glass. Marvel at multiple beautifully lit Conservatory scenes, from the cactus-filled desert to the lush rainforest galleries. Enjoy the sounds of seasonal music from the curated playlist by iHeart Media’s 106.7 Lite FM.

The *Holiday Train Show*®, presented by Bank of America, runs through Sunday, January 11, 2026, for its 34th year of enchanting train displays and cherished seasonal traditions. Back with more magic, more memories, and the best value of the season, the *Holiday Train Show* offers something for everyone. The timeless magic of rail travel fills NYBG with seasonal cheer as model trains travel over famous bridges and through familiar City settings, bringing nearly 200 twinkling landmark replicas to life under the glass of the warm and welcoming Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, including new ones of the Delacorte Theater and the Whitney Museum of American Art Leonard A. Lauder Building. Get up close to see these miniature masterpieces, each one meticulously crafted from plant parts such as palm fronds, pinecones, and cinnamon sticks, fusing horticulture with design throughout the exhibition. Outside, explore a glowing mountain-scape brimming with even more trains and picture-perfect moments. Tickets are available for purchase at www.nybg.org.

About The New York Botanical Garden

The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) has been a connective hub among people, plants, and the shared planet since 1891. For more than 130 years, NYBG has been rooted in the cultural fabric of New York City, in the heart of the Bronx, its greenest borough. NYBG has

invited millions of visitors to make the Garden a part of their lives, exploring the joy, beauty, and respite of nature. NYBG's 250 acres are home to renowned exhibitions, immersive botanical experiences, art and music, and events with some of the most influential figures in plant and fungal science, horticulture, and the humanities. NYBG is also a steward of globally significant research collections, from the LuEsther T. Mertz Library collection to the plant and fungal specimens in the William and Lynda Steere Herbarium, the largest such collection in the Western Hemisphere.

The plant people of NYBG—dedicated horticulturists, enthusiastic educators, and scientific adventurers—are committed to helping nature thrive so that humanity can thrive. They believe in their ability to make things better, teaching tens of thousands of kids and families each year about the importance of safeguarding the environment and healthy eating. Expert scientists work across the city, the nation, and the globe to document the plants and fungi of the world—and find actionable, nature-based solutions to the planet's dual climate and biodiversity crises. With eyes always looking forward, they train the next generation of botanists, gardeners, landscape designers, and environmental stewards, ensuring a green future for all. At NYBG, it's nature—or nowhere.

The *Holiday Train Show* at NYBG is sure to be unforgettable, offering endless discoveries while creating new memories and traditions for visitors of all ages. For more information, visit nybg.org.

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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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