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Spring Weekends Continue at the New York Botanical Garden with Food, Music, Crafts, Games, the LEGO® Botanical Garden Pop-Up, and Spring Uncorked—the Perfect Pairing of Springtime Beauty and Local Wines



[Left to right] Spring Uncorked; LEGO® Botanical Garden at NYBG

Bronx, NY—Spring season continues at the New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) with exciting activities and nature’s beauty, a time of abundant color and life, with flowers bursting into bloom across 250 acres. On Saturday, May 17, from 12–5 p.m., **Spring Uncorked** offers the perfect pairing of springtime beauty and local wines. With the iconic backdrop of the LuEsther T. Mertz Library and its rows of tulip trees, it’s the perfect wine-lovers afternoon, featuring local wineries from the Hudson Valley, Brooklyn, and Long Island. Sip samples, relax to live music, learn the science behind making great wines, and kick back with crafts and games. While you’re here, grab lunch for sale from a line-up of the region’s finest local food vendors.

The LEGO® Botanical Garden Pop-Up will delight visitors of all ages on May 17–18 and 23–25, 2025, from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. The vibrant flower truck blooms with the LEGO Botanicals collection on display—designed to spark joy and inspire unexpected surprises for those you love. Explore the power of connection and creativity with a hands-on make-and-take experience, while supplies last. For more information about the LEGO Botanical Garden Pop-Up, please visit <https://www.nybg.org/event/lego-pop-up/>.

Spring Weekend
May 17 and 18, 2025

The LEGO® Botanical Garden Pop-Up, Spring Weekend

Tulip Tree Allée

10 a.m.–6 p.m.

The vibrant flower truck blooms with the LEGO Botanicals collection on display—designed to spark joy and inspire unexpected surprises for those you love. Explore the power of connection and creativity with a hands-on make-and-take brick-built floral heart, while supplies last.

Spring Uncorked

Saturday, May 17, 2025

In the event of inclement weather, this event will occur on Sunday, May 18, 2025. Ticket holders will be informed of any changes on Friday, May 16, 2025.

Ages 21+ Event

Non-Member Tickets: \$50; includes a souvenir NYBG wine tumbler and All-Garden Pass

Member Tickets: \$25; includes souvenir NYBG wine tumbler only; All-Garden Pass is free for Members.

Wine Tasting

Grab a souvenir NYBG wine tumbler and join us for a flight of palate-pleasing wines from over 10 New York State wineries. Bottles will be available for sale. Line-up of wineries includes:

- Adirondack Winery
- City Winery
- Ferriera-Carpenter Estates
- Freefall Sangria
- Fjord Vineyards
- Milea Estate Vineyard
- Pazdar Winery
- Quartz Rock Winery
- The Red Hook Winery
- Tousey Winery
- Whitecliff Winery

Live Music from the Lawn

As you sip your wine, relax or dance to the original sounds of established and up-and-coming artists on the scene.

▪ **Durieux**

12:30 p.m.

Durieux is a Bronx-based band known for an idiosyncratic, yet moving, take on Alternative R&B/Soul. Led by singer and rhythm guitarist Bryan Durieux, the band originally began as a solo act. The blend of Bryan's talent melded with soulful bass (Seth "Happy" Nicholson), groove centric drums (Danny Castro), and

intricate guitar (Gannon Ferrell) is a sight to see. Bryan is a storyteller and a performer with lyrics written from the heart and based on experiences in life.

- **The Victory Seeds**

1:30 p.m.

The Victory Seeds are a Cosmic Americana band from Ridgewood, Queens. Led by drummer and singer-songwriter Sophia Bondi, the band blends classic country arrangements with modern alt-rock and indie folk melodies to create a unique, timeless sound. The Victory Seeds released their first album in January of 2024, and are looking forward to the release of two upcoming singles and an EP in the spring and summer.

- **DD Island**

2:30 p.m.

DD Island is a Brooklyn-based folk-rock band known for their genuine, cathartic performances and infectious energy. Their sound blends rock and folk with strong vocals and authentic songwriting. Check out their most recent release “Waiting for the Day.” The band is gearing up for the release of a full-length album later this year, with more singles set to drop throughout the summer of 2025.

- **Old Lady**

3:30 p.m.

Having been dubbed “the hardest working band in construction,” Old Lady has spent over a decade playing in dance halls of the Mid-Atlantic and beyond. In a celebration of freedom and song, their music is a dance between the nightlife and the sun-up to sundown toil of the trades.

Lawn Games

12–5 p.m.

Enjoy an assortment of family-friendly games, including Corn Hole, Giant Jenga, and Ring Toss.

Make Sense of the Scent

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

Grab a Bite

Enjoy delicious lunch options at Pine Tree Café and Hudson Garden Grill and for sale from a lineup of the region’s finest local foods including:

- Chef Samir
- Taste of Greece
- Yankee Doodle Dandy’s
- Matylda’s

- Grumpy Dumpling Co.

NYBG Shop

Spring is in the air! Whether you're looking for tools to tend to your garden, home decor, stationary, or beautiful live plants, NYBG Shop has a wide selection to find the perfect gift—or treat yourself.

Van Gogh's Flowers Opening Weekend May 23 (NYBG Members Day), 24 and 25, 2025

The LEGO® Botanical Garden Pop-Up, Van Gogh Opening Weekend

Tulip Tree Allée

10 a.m.–6 p.m.

The vibrant flower truck blooms with the LEGO Botanicals collection on display—designed to spark joy and inspire unexpected surprises for those you love. Explore the power of connection and creativity with a hands-on make-and-take brick-built mini Vincent Van Gogh sunflower creation, while supplies last.

Van Gogh's Flowers

10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Revel in the beauty of the natural world that inspired Vincent van Gogh, one of the world's most revered artists. You've seen the paintings, now see them come to life at the Garden. NYBG presents botanical displays along with contemporary art by Lee Baker and Catherine Borowski of Graphic Rewilding, sculptor Amie Jacobsen, and immersive artist Cyril Lancelin, including a field of real and sculptural sunflowers in which visitors can wander through a sea of yellow blooms. Complementary daytime programming on select dates during *Van Gogh's Flowers* offer engaging, interactive experiences, such as "Plein Air Drop-In and Paint," that spark NYBG visitors' creativity, offer respite from City life, and inspire them to see nature as Van Gogh did.

About the LEGO Group

The LEGO Group's mission is to inspire and develop the builders of tomorrow through the power of play. The LEGO System in Play, with its foundation in LEGO bricks, allows children and fans to build and rebuild anything they can imagine. The LEGO Group was founded in Billund, Denmark in 1932 by Ole Kirk Kristiansen, its name derived from the two Danish words Leg Godt, which mean "Play Well". Today, the LEGO Group remains a family-owned company headquartered in Billund. Its products are now sold in more than 120 countries worldwide. For more information: www.LEGO.com.

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 nearly 135 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.

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