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The New York Botanical Garden Offers Vibrant Programming All Summer Long, Featuring *Flower Power*, *Summer of Moomin*, World Cup Garden, and More



[Left to right] *Summer of Moomin*; World Cup Garden in the Home Gardening Center

Bronx, NY— The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) unveils an expansive lineup of summer 2026 programming, inviting visitors to explore engaging exhibitions, cultural celebrations, and seasonal experiences set across its 250-acre landscape. Anchored by the major exhibition *Flower Power*, this season brings together art, nature, history, and community through a diverse array of offerings for audiences of all ages. From the *Summer of Moomin* activation in the Everett Children’s Adventure Garden to the World Cup Garden display in the Home Gardening Center, plus exhibitions that explore how plants and people shaped the land and the nation that followed, NYBG is the place to visit for a summer escape like no other without having to leave New York City.

Flower Power

Through October 18, 2026

Garden-wide

<https://www.nybg.org/event/flower-power/>

NYBG’s *Flower Power* programming brings the spirit of the 1960s to life through a vibrant mix of music, art, wellness, and hands-on experiences across the Garden. On select days, the Conservatory Lawn hosts a rotating series of folk performances curated by Jalopy Theatre, while in other parts of the Garden, visitors can join participatory drum circles, craft friendship bracelets, and engage in wellness offerings like sound baths and guided breathwork sessions. The season also includes a curated “Flower Power in Film” series featuring iconic titles like *Woodstock* and *Hair*. The programming complements the

multidisciplinary exhibition's celebration of flowers as symbols of peace and love, inspired by the era's enduring cultural and botanical legacy. The full list of *Flower Power* programming is available here:

<https://www.nybg.org/content/uploads/2026/05/Flower-Power-Programming.pdf>

Summer of Moomin

Through September 13, 2026

Everett Children's Adventure Garden

<https://www.nybg.org/event/summer-of-moomin/>

Also this summer, visitors can experience *Summer of Moomin* in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden. The beloved inhabitants of Moominvalley arrive for a celebration inviting audiences of all ages to step into the imaginative universe created by Finnish artist and author Tove Jansson. The Moomin takeover invites you to experience the Garden through the spirit of Moominvalley, evoking the joy and wonder of nature with a clue-based quest, hands-on nature crafts, and a larger-than-life character photo moment, and special events, including a dedicated Moomin's Day celebration on August 9.

World Cup Garden

June 13 through July 19, 2026; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Home Gardening Center

<https://www.nybg.org/event/world-cup-garden/>

As the World Cup comes to New York, join NYBG for this global moment that unites fans from all over the world and celebrate the diversity of the World Cup through a global array of plants. Challenge your family or friends to a friendly foosball match, snap your photo in front of a soccer-themed display featuring plants from participating countries, learn tips for growing the best turf, and participate in hands-on activities and crafts at the Kick-Off Day on June 13.

Growing America

July 4 through October 18, 2026

Mertz Library: Tuesdays through Fridays; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Barnsley Beds: Tuesdays through Sundays; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

<https://www.nybg.org/event/growing-america/>

Celebrate America's 250th anniversary at NYBG through the plants and foods that tell the stories of American history. In the LuEsther T. Mertz Library, see displays spotlighting archival materials that span Revolutionary-era New York, wartime Victory Gardens, NYBG's own role in American food culture, and the evolution of cookbooks and domestic food practices. A special collaboration with the George W. Bush Presidential Library and the Barack Obama Presidential Library extends the exhibition's story to the national stage, exploring food and diplomacy, White House state dinners, and the revitalization of the White House Vegetable Garden. Outside in the Barnsley Beds across from the Edible

Academy, explore a living display of the food plants that shaped American history, and see how agriculture has shaped our landscape. See how America's planting habits changed over time, from Indigenous foodscapes to the Transatlantic Slave Trade, the Great Migration, and the state of food plants today.

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Before New York

Through November 15, 2026

Arthur and Janet Ross Gallery

<https://www.nybg.org/event/before-new-york-a-traveling-pop-up-exhibition/>

Exploring the historical ecology of the land on which it now sits, *Before New York* presents the region that would become New York City—its natural features, inhabitants, geography, flora, and fauna—as it existed before Henry Hudson's arrival in 1609, and its eventual colonization, as well as how it has evolved to the present day. *Before New York* is based on the comprehensive research of renowned New York City ecologist Dr. Eric W. Sanderson, Vice President of Urban Conservation at NYBG's Center for Conservation and Restoration Ecology. The exhibition reveals the early sights and sounds of this region's remarkably rich and diverse coastal landscape, illustrated through large-scale photographs, never-before-seen digital renderings, and soundscapes that connect audiences to the ecological history of the place they stand in today.

NYBG Farmers Market

Wednesdays, through October 21, 2026

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mosholu Entrance

<https://www.nybg.org/event/farmers-market/>

The annual NYBG Farmers Market season is here with fresh local food and live music. Visit and enjoy a variety of locally grown produce, fresh baked goods, and other specialty items to celebrate *Flower Power*. Curated by Market Director Pascale Le Draoulec, the NYBG Farmers Market boasts rotating vendors each week, with two featured farms: Fino Farms and Trinity Farms.

NYBG Shop

Tuesdays through Sundays and holiday Mondays: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

<https://www.nybgshop.org>

NYBG Shop, frequently called one of the best plant shops in the boroughs by visitors, offers a lush, curated collection of indoor and outdoor plants, garden tools and supplies, pottery, and Garden-inspired gifts for every kind of plant lover. From statement houseplants and seasonal blooms to terrarium favorites, orchids, native plants, and thoughtful finds for the home and garden, the Shop brings the beauty of NYBG home in every season. This summer,

NYBG Shop will feature a special assortment of limited-edition collaborations with beloved and design-forward partners including Moomin; GreenRow, the sustainable home furnishings brand from Williams-Sonoma, Inc.; and Bloomist. Together, these collections celebrate nature, storytelling, craftsmanship, and the joy of living among plants, with exclusive merchandise and home accents available for a limited time. Shop in person at NYBG or online 24/7 at www.nybgshop.org.

Dining at NYBG

<https://www.nybg.org/visit/dining/>

Whether looking for a hearty meal, a sweet treat, a savory nibble, or an inventive handcrafted cocktail, all can find something to whet and satisfy their appetites.

- **Pine Tree Café**

Daily, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The family-friendly menu features artisanal panini, rustic Neapolitan-style pizza, and delicious signature salads, plus sweet treats and snacks.

- **Hudson Garden Grill**

Tuesday through Friday, 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Weekends and holiday Mondays, 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

No visit to NYBG is complete without a meal at its renowned farm-to-table restaurant, the Hudson Garden Grill. Savor seasonally inspired dishes and decadent desserts, all made from locally sourced, ethically produced ingredients.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit 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 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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