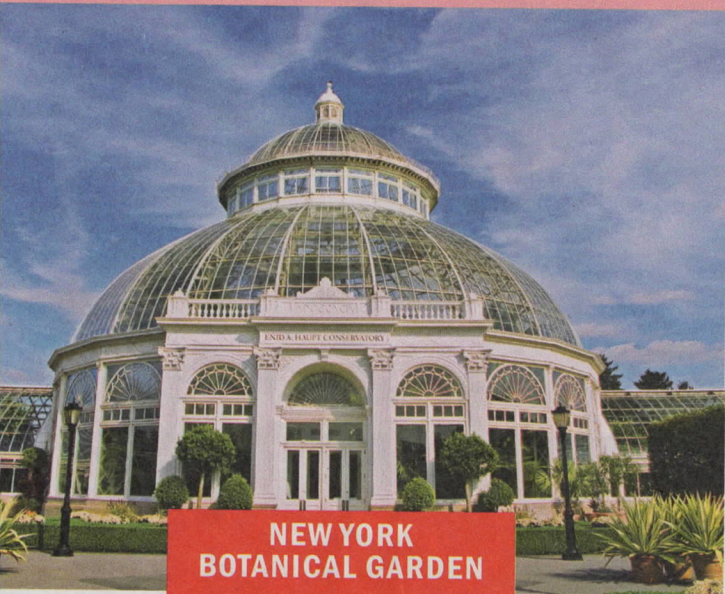


The Week in New York

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Battle of the gardens

See how our urban oases—one garden in Brooklyn, the other in the Bronx—shine in their own light, starting with two huge festivals this weekend. *By Dorkys Ramos*



NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

→ 2900 Southern Blvd, Bronx
 (nybg.org). Free–\$25.



BROOKLYN BOTANICAL GARDEN

→ 990 Washington Ave (bbg.org).
 Free–\$15.



Enjoy more than 300,000 blooming daffodils as well as a selection of local wines during the Daffodil Celebration & Wine Weekend (Sat 29, Sun 30 10am–6pm; \$38).

The garden hosts a summer exhibition of about 20 colorful installations by sculptor Dale Chihuly, along with his drawings, early works and complimentary programs.

Roam the gardens during Chihuly Nights (certain dates including Sat 29), and you'll be treated to an otherworldly experience, as the dynamic sculptures are illuminated.



The Enid A. Haupt Conservatory (home of the stinky corpse flower) houses the collection "A World of Plants" with living samples from various climates, including aquatic and carnivorous specimens.

If you crave a little fauna with your flora, the Bronx Zoo (tigers, penguins, anacondas, oh my!) is located next door.

This weekend

Celebrate Japanese culture and cherry blossom season at the annual Sakura Matsuri (Sat 29, Sun 30 10am–6pm; \$25–\$30), which offers more than 60 events and performances.



Art touches

Artist Shayne Dark's large-scale sculptures made of tree trunks, roots and branches are on display on Cherry Walk through September.



After hours

Members enjoy the garden for an extra two-and-a-half hours after it closes. BBG also hosts movie nights, garden cocktails and sunset picnics so those perfect summer days last a bit longer.

Don't miss

Cherry blossoms might steal the show this season, but make sure to stroll through Magnolia Plaza, where 72 magnolia trees showcase 17 varieties of blooms.

Cultural neighbors

An Art & Garden ticket from BBG grants you same-day admission to its neighbor Brooklyn Museum.