A Letter from Susan

Dear Friend,

Fall is a spectacular time at the Garden. Full of bright colors and kids, QBG buzzes with activity!

Last year, we served over 32,000 school children who learned about nature, science, and the environment... and this year we are on track to do it again! Our education programs supplement science education that kids get in school, giving them the opportunity to visit the Garden where they can breathe fresh air, work with plants, and learn about the natural environment—all in a hands-on way!

So many ways to enjoy QBG! Look for our annual Harvest Fest on Sunday, October 16 and an old-fashioned Tree Lighting in the Garden on Sunday, December 4.

See you out in the Garden!

Susan Lacerte
Executive Director

P.S. This summer we had the good fortune to welcome esteemed dignitaries and elected officials to QBG. Please look inside for more about our visit from Ambassador Lily Hsu from Taiwan and City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito and our own local Council Member Peter Koo.

SUNDAY, OCT 16
HARVEST FEST
11am to 5pm

Save the date for our biggest event of the year!

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon for the whole family—Live Music, Games, Nature Walks, Farm Tours, Bouncy Houses, Craft & Food Vendors, Petting Zoo, Beer Tent, Pumpkin Patch (additional fee) and more!

Go to queensbotanical.org/HarvestFest2016 for program information.
Queens Botanical Garden Hosts Third Annual
Taiwan: A World of Orchids Exhibit

Queens Botanical Garden, in partnership with the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO-NY), presented the third annual weekend-long exhibit Taiwan: A World of Orchids. QBG was honored to welcome Ambassador Lily L.W. Hsu of Taiwan, Republic of China, to a VIP Reception and Exhibit Preview on August 11, along with NYS Assemblymember Nily Rozic, NYC Councilmembers Peter Koo and Barry Grodenchik, and other luminaries and friends.

From Friday to Sunday, August 12 to 14, the exhibit featured a stunning display of orchids, including over 250 pots containing exquisite Taiwanese varieties. Orchid genuses showcased were *Phalaenopsis*, *Dendrobium*, *Cymbidium*, and *Oncidium*. Experts from the Long Island Orchid Society were available to answer questions about the different types of plants, how to keep them healthy, and how to help an ailing orchid.

Accompanying the flower exhibit was a weekend of live music by students of award-winning violinist Kevin Shue. A highlight was a stellar performance by world-class musicians Wei-Yang Andy Lin (erhu) and Nan-Cheng Chen (cello) who played traditional Taiwanese music.

“We were so delighted to bring Taiwan: A World of Orchids to the Garden for the third year! The event has become a wonderful Queens tradition. We thank TECO-NY and Ambassador Lily L.W. Hsu and all of our sponsors for bringing this wonderful event to QBG, the place where people, plants, and cultures meet.”

—Susan Lacerte
QBG’s Executive Director

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Art in the Garden: *Fantasías y carnavales*

Now through Sunday, November 13 • Visitor & Administration Building Gallery • Free with Garden admission

Artist Manuel Macarrulla exhibits hand-crafted masks, drawings, and paintings inspired by carnivals and fantasies that incorporate nature and animal imagery, as well as his Dominican heritage.

Closing Reception—Sunday, November 13, 2 to 4pm • Free
Meet Macarrulla and take one last look at *Fantasías y carnavales*. Refreshments will be served.

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Halloween at the Garden

Sunday, October 30, 12 to 4pm • Free with Garden admission • queensbotanical.org/Halloween

Celebrate Halloween early with the whole family! Make a seasonal botanical craft, and meet and take pictures with Flora, QBG’s friendly mascot! Show off your Halloween costume and bring your trick-or-treat bags! Add Caribbean flair to your Halloween costume by making your own carnavale mask with guest artist Manuel Macarrulla. Trick or Treating around the Garden, bounce houses and games, and mask-making with Manuel Macarrulla from 12 to 4pm. Costume parade at 12:30pm; Magic Show at 1:15pm; Storytime 2–3:30 pm.

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Floral Design Workshop: Holiday Centerpiece

Sunday, November 20, 1 to 2:30pm • $25 materials fee
Registration required: floraldesign.eventbrite.com

Try your hand at creating your own holiday centerpiece! Participants will be introduced to tips and techniques used by pros, and take home their own centerpiece.

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Art in the Garden: *East of East River*

November 22 through February 26, 2017 • Visitor & Administration Building Gallery

Queens based photographer Vikram Dogra presents a photo series recording the unique and changing makeup of both the landscape and the people of Astoria and Long Island City from 2004–2015.

For more information on current and upcoming exhibits visit: queensbotanical.org/ArtintheGarden

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Christmas in the Garden & Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 4

Get into the holiday spirit! Live musical performances, photos with Santa (fee required), garden tour, holiday crafts, tree lighting, and blowout sales at QBG Shop!

For more information, go to queensbotanical.org/QBGChristmas
Harvest Fest & Pumpkin Patch

Sunday, October 16, 11am to 5pm
ADMISSION: FREE for members
$12 Adults and Seniors; $10 Children
Free hours are suspended on this day.

Pumpkin Patch and select activities require additional fees.

FAMILY FUN! Live Music by Lonesome Moonlight String Band,
Games, Nature Walks, Farm Tours, Bouncy Houses, Craft & Food
Vendors, Petting Zoo, Beer Tent, Pumpkin Patch (additional fee)
and more!

Special thanks to our Lead Harvest Fest Sponsor NewYork-
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Queens Botanical Garden is a stunning location for your ceremony and reception.

An intimate setting framed by flowering plants and charming bridges and gazebo, enclosed by a white picket fence, the Wedding Garden gracefully blends elements of Eastern and Western garden design, and bursts with the brilliant palette of the changing seasons.

Reception spaces are available in our magnificent Cherry Circle, Oak Allée, or Auditorium, just steps away.

Come see for yourself! Appointments are required.

Contact Ebony Wiggins, Special Events & Rental Manager, at ewiggins@queensbotanical.org or 718.886.3800 ext 201.
“This year, I fought for new capital and programming funding for our schools, parks, and other critical infrastructure, and I am especially proud that I was able to work closely with the Speaker, the Borough President and my colleagues in the Council to direct this funding to important improvements right here in Flushing.”

—Peter Koo, NYC Council Member
Each year as part of their Corporate Membership, employees from Astoria Bank and Con Edison come to the Garden for volunteer days. The five employees of Astoria Bank who came this fall planted 124 chrysanthemums in the Circle Garden. They were joined for part of the time by participants from Life’s Worc, an organization that is dedicated to ensuring that those with developmental disabilities are afforded the opportunities, compassion and dignity all of us deserve.

Twenty Con Edison employees participated in our September 10 Community Volunteer Day. They spent time working in the Perennial Garden and mulching trees. Our Corporate Members benefit not only from privileges of membership for their employees, but also in knowing they are providing vital support to help us fulfill our mission of offering inspiring gardens, innovative educational programs and demonstrations of environmental stewardship.

QBG’s Corporate Membership program invites businesses of all sizes to join. Contact Stephanie Ehrlich at sehrlich@queensbotanical.org or Annette Fanara at afanara@queensbotanical.org to find out how your company can participate and be part of the place where people, plants and cultures meet!
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