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Savage Gardens: The Real and Imaginary World of Carnivorous Plants

Visit *Savage Gardens* at the U.S. Botanic Garden to feed your senses with the captivating, the bizarre, the larger-than-life, real and imaginary world of carnivorous plants. Celebrating the oddities of the natural world, *Savage Gardens* explores plant adaptation and displays carnivorous plants and larger-than-life sculptures, as well as children's interactive exhibits, and carnivorous plant bog gardens - all of which will immerse visitors in the fascinating world of these plants.

Orchid Mystique: Nature's Triumph

The U.S. Botanic Garden presents its annual orchid exhibit, in collaboration with Smithsonian Gardens, featuring orchids from around the globe. *Orchid Mystique: Nature's Triumph* observes the 100th anniversary of Japan's gift of the cherry blossom trees to Washington, D.C., by presenting our orchids around the Conservatory in serene settings evocative of Japanese gardens to complement the thousands of orchids on display. The tranquility of the Japanese aesthetic invites appreciation of the beauty, form and exquisite floral complexity of nature's most diverse plant family.

First Projects Certified by SITES(tm) National Rating System for Sustainable Landscapes

The Sustainable Sites Initiative(tm) (SITES(tm)) has announced the first three projects to be certified by the nation's most comprehensive system for rating the sustainable design, construction and maintenance of built landscapes. SITES is a partnership of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center of The University of Texas at Austin and the United States Botanic Garden.

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