

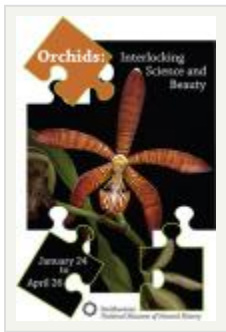


Exhibits

The U.S. Botanic Garden is committed to creating and offering extraordinary exhibits that delight, educate and inspire the public to become more active stewards of the plants that support life on earth.

Seasonal Exhibits

Orchids: Interlocking Science and Beauty



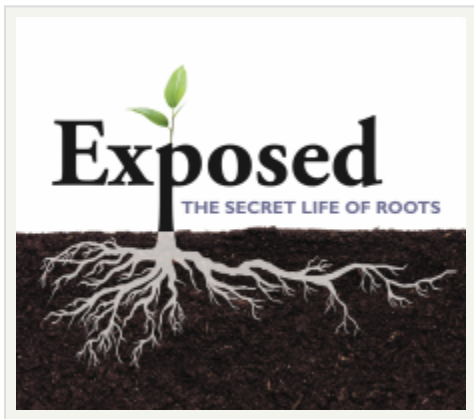
National Museum of Natural History

January 24, 2015 through April 26, 2015

The U.S. Botanic Garden and Smithsonian Gardens will display hundreds of orchids in this annual exhibit. This year the exhibit explores how new ideas, technologies, and inventions are changing the way we study, protect, and enjoy orchids.

More information on *Orchids: Interlocking Science and Beauty* can be found [here](#).

Exposed: The Secret Life of Roots



East Gallery

February 21 through October 13, 2015

Plant roots are vital components of the earth's ecosystem. They are necessary for plant growth, including the production of food and nutrients for humans and many other organisms. However, as root systems are out of sight, their beauty and importance often go unnoticed. This exhibit uses the work of Agricultural Ecologist Dr. Jerry Glover and photographer Jim Richardson to showcase the importance of roots through visually stunning root representations.

Plant Collections

- **Conservatory:** The permanent exhibits in our Conservatory will take you around the world all year long. It houses collections of plants from subtropical, tropical and arid regions and showcases orchids, medicinal, economic, endangered and Jurassic plants. From late May to mid-October, the Conservatory Terrace features thematic exhibitions.
- **National Garden:** Our newest outdoor garden, the National Garden features the Regional Garden of Mid-Atlantic native plants, the Rose Garden - all grown organically - devoted to the U.S. national flower, the Butterfly Garden and the First Ladies Water Garden."
- **Bartholdi Park:** Bartholdi Park, a favorite "secret" garden of Washingtonians, is across Independence Avenue from the Conservatory. Here visitors will find a tapestry of theme gardens surrounding the historic Bartholdi Fountain. The gardens suggest interesting plants and innovative designs at a scale suitable for the home landscape.

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- **Titan Arum:** *Amorphophallus titanum* is known as the titan arum, or corpse flower, because at full bloom, the inflorescence is said to smell like a large rotting corpse. In addition to the July 2013 blooming titan arum, the U.S. Botanic Garden has displayed these amazing blooming plants in 2003, 2005 and 2007.
 - **Savage Gardens** provided a special look into the captivating, and bizarre, world of carnivorous plants and their astounding adaptations to inhospitable habitats. Hungry for more? Don't miss the time lapse video of a sundew trapping a fruit fly.
 - **Slow Life** is a window into the world of plants. It accelerates the time-scale of plants into our own frame of reference, speeding up their everyday lives to a pace that resonates with our own. This online guide to the lives of plants is based on the traveling exhibit developed by the U.S. Botanic Garden, Chicago Botanic Garden and Indiana University.
 - The advent of book publishing ushered in an exuberant age of plant exploration and discovery. *Plants in Print: The Age of Botanical Discovery*, a collaboration between the U.S. Botanic Garden and the Chicago Botanic Garden, shares the rich history of botany and plant exploration with a nationwide audience.
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