

Orchids in Focus exhibit



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Conservatory Garden Court and East Gallery

Orchids in Focus, in partnership with Smithsonian Gardens, highlights the world's largest plant family and the USBG's most extensive plant collection. Four continents except Antarctica, orchids amaze with their diversity of forms and colors. Come see for yourself why these exotic beauties have inspired artists and photographers. Immerse yourself in a floral paradise of orchids from the forest canopy down to the ground, and focus your own camera on these unique and beautiful plants.



Orchid-gami

The United States Botanic Garden is working with the North American Orchid Conservation Center (NAOCC) to develop punch-out models of our native orchids for use in classrooms and other educational activities. The models are colorful and fun and designed to capture the imaginations of kids of all ages. Each one provides information about the life history and ecology of the orchid species and links to the NAOCC and Go Orchids web sites. We are developing 25 of these punch-out models that represent orchids native to North America and plan to release all of them in 2016. We are excited to share this prototype of our first model, the showy lady's slipper (*Cypripedium reginae*). This is a two-sided pdf file that can be downloaded and printed at home - or you can pick up an already printed and perforated model at the Garden. Give orchid-gami your own twist, or share what you think.

* [Download the Showy Lady's Slipper orchid-gami \(PDF\)](#) >>

Orchids on the Windowsill

