



Plan Your Holiday Visit

Season's Greenings 2017

November 23, 2017 - January 1, 2018

More information including theme and holiday concert series will be announced fall 2017. Explore information on planning your visit and learn about the

Hours and Holiday Concerts

The Conservatory is open every day of the year, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., free of charge. The best times to visit *Season's Greenings* are weekdays early in the morning. On Tuesday and Thursday evenings in December, the Conservatory is open until 8 p.m. with live seasonal music. Please travel lightly, as the Conservatory does not have storage for personal items. You must keep strollers and all personal items with you at all times. More information about visiting (directions, etc.) >>

- [Click here to see the full holiday evening concert series >>](#)

Photography

We welcome - and encourage - personal photography at the U.S. Botanic Garden. Due to the increased number of visitors to the Garden during *Season's Greenings*, flash photography will not be used on throughout the run of the exhibit.

Commercial and posed photography - including wedding, engagement, and professional family photography - is not allowed in the Garden at any time of the year.

Entrances

During *Season's Greenings*, there are two entrances to the Conservatory on Maryland Avenue SW.

- The **Model Train Entrance** provides entry to the model train exhibit. After you've seen the trains, you can view the rest of the *Season's Greenings* exhibit throughout the Conservatory.
- The **Conservatory Entrance** bypasses the main train display and provides entry to the rest of the Conservatory. You'll find seasonal plant displays, replicas of the capital's landmark buildings in the Garden Court and one of the largest indoor decorated trees in Washington, D.C.

In short, if you want to see the model trains, please use the Model Train Entrance.

Tours

Group tours are not offered during *Season's Greenings*, but resume in January each year after the holiday exhibit is over.



2016: Season's Greenings: National Parks and Historic Places

November 24, 2016 - Monday, January 2, 2017

Immerse yourself in the sights, smells, and sounds of the season in our annual holiday show Season's Greenings. See thousands of blooms throughout, from exotic orchids to a showcase of heirloom and newly developed poinsettia varieties. Throughout the Conservatory, we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service and the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act, including displaying one of the largest indoor trees decked out with ornaments. This year's model train show, the trains will chug around, below, through, and above plant-based recreations of more than 50 iconic national parks and historic sites, including Grand Canyon, Old Faithful Inn and Geyser, the Gateway Arch, Mount Vernon, Mount Rushmore, the Statue of Liberty, and many more. Our collection of D.C. landmarks, made from natural materials, will return to fill the Garden Court. Join us as we celebrate the holidays and America's natural and cultural treasures.

Building Guide - Materials and History

This year's holiday show features models representing more than 50 national parks and historic sites -- all made from plants and natural materials. Come see all of the buildings, monuments, parks, and models; all the plants used to make them; and some history about each one!

- [Click here to open and download the PDF file >](#)
- [See the building materials for our DC landmarks \(U.S. Capitol, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial...\)](#)

[Map of all National Parks and Historic Sites models in the show](#)

[List of all National Parks and Historic Site models in the show](#)

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