



Plan Your Holiday Visit



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 the Conservatory 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 from national parks. In 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 places. See the 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, all 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.

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 December. On select Tuesday and Thursday evenings in December, the Conservatory is open until 8 p.m. with live seasonal music. Please travel lightly, as the Conservatory is not equipped to store 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*, tripods cannot 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: Pollination Station* 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 throughout the Conservatory, replicas of the capital's landmark buildings in the Garden Court and one of the largest indoor

decorated trees in Washington, D.C., in the West Gallery.

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.



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! Explore this guide to 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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