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Washington, D.C. - This year's annual U.S. Botanic Garden (USBG) holiday exhibit, *Season's Greenings: All Aboard!*, will open Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2018, and run through New Year's Day, January 1, 2019. The USBG is vibrant throughout the holidays with the sights, scents, and sounds of the season.

This year, take a train ride across America as our annual holiday show *Season's Greenings* showcases train stations! Plant-based recreations of iconic train stations from across the United States will be represented in the train room. Explore classic stations like New York City's Grand Central Terminal, Detroit's Michigan Central Station, and many more, plus fantasy Dinosaur and North Pole stations.

In the Garden Court, find model landmarks from our nation's capital - all made from plant materials. On display are 12 D.C. landmarks including the U.S. Capitol, the Lincoln Memorial, and a new addition this year, an inspired botanical version of Union Station. Thousands of poinsettias will be on display in the Conservatory, including a showcase of more than 30 varieties of poinsettias featuring heirlooms, classics, and multiple newly developed varieties.

The U.S. Botanic Garden is open to the public, free of charge, every day of the year from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On most Tuesdays and Thursdays in December, the Garden will be open until 8 p.m. for live seasonal music concerts and after-dark holiday exhibit viewing. Join us as we celebrate the holidays and America's natural beauty.

Holiday Music in the Garden concerts begin at 6 p.m.; this year's schedule includes:

- 12/4: Project Natale (contemporary jazz)
- 12/6: 40 Thieves (Irish rock)
- 12/11: Samovar (Russian folk)
- 12/13: Dial 251 for Jazz (contemporary jazz)
- 12/18: Tony Craddock, Jr. & Cold Front (smooth jazz)
- 12/20: The Capital Hearings (a cappella)
- 12/27: Capital Accord Chorus (choral)



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- **Note to Editors: Photos and video clips available in Media photo folder** (high resolution photos of new Union Station model, D.C. landmarks, poinsettias, decorated tree)

About the U.S. Botanic Garden

The United States Botanic Garden (USBG) is one of the oldest botanic gardens in North America. The Garden informs visitors about the importance and diversity of plants, as well as their aesthetic, cultural, economic, therapeutic and ecological significance. With over a million visitors annually, the USBG promotes sustainable practices. The U.S. Botanic Garden is a living plant museum accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. www.USBG.gov

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