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A century ago,
Brooklyn Botanic Garden's founders had the vision to transform a city ash heap into a premier botanic garden in the heart of the borough. Since the Garden opened its gates to the public, it has been an influential and joyful place for education, science, and sanctuary.

As you explore,
you'll discover BBG's lively history, collections, and achievements. Join us in celebrating the Garden's 100th birthday!

Artful Harmony
This garden was designed by Takeo Shiota in 1915, who aspired to create "a garden more beautiful than all others in the world."

Metropolitan Wilderness
BBG's first garden was originally installed in 1911 to showcase plants native within a 100-mile radius of New York City.



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A botanic garden is . . .
of special benefit in a large city . . . offering breathing space, and a place of natural beauty where one may keep in touch with growing things, and retire from the noise, dust, and confusion of the city streets . . .
—Dr. Charles Stuart Gager, first director of BBG, 1910–1943

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LOUIS BUHLE

Steinhardt Conservatory Gallery
Enjoy a centennial selection of photos and memorabilia reflecting the personal connections to the Garden of visitors, members, volunteers, and staff. The items on display feature treasures from the archives and firsthand BBG memories over the past 100 years.

Centennial Border
This bed commemorates the Garden's first 100 years by using carpet bedding styles and heirloom plants popular in 1910.

Nature's Bounty
BBG's new Herb Garden is the latest in a series of physical improvements and expansions taking place as part of the centennial.



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Summer Centennial Events

Please visit bbg.org/100years for a complete listing.

BBG Centennial Bee-Day Party Saturday, June 12

Join us for a bee-inspired birthday party for all ages with honey tastings, lectures, presentations, tours, and live music throughout the Garden. Tease your beehive into shape for an old-school concert with a cappella kings The Persuasions and legendary soul singer Maxine Brown, performing with Brooklyn honeys The Sweet Divines.



Patrick Dougherty at Work Sunday, August 1 – Saturday, August 21

Internationally renowned environmental artist Patrick Dougherty will create a monumental site-specific sculpture in honor of the Garden's centennial. Over three weeks, Dougherty, aided by a band of BBG volunteers, will create the piece from saplings gathered locally. The result will be on view in the Plant Family Collection for a year.

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Nature's Bounty August

Throughout the month of August, BBG celebrates the opening of the new Herb Garden with curator's talks; edible landscaping and cooking workshops in the Herb Garden's living classroom; and performances of Rachael and Michael Kosch's suite of dance-poems, *The Festival of the Vegetables* (August 14 and 15).



Talks and Walks

A Garden by Design Sunday, June 13

BBG's president, Scot Medbury, lectures on the history of the Garden as a composite creation by talented individuals from the Olmsted Brothers to Alice Recknagel Ireys.

Cranford Rose Garden Sunday, June 20

Join curator Sarah Owens on a special walk through the Cranford Rose Garden. Visit again for an additional tour in autumn as the fall blooms reach their peak.

Native Flora Garden Thursday, July 8

Curator Uli Lorimer leads a tour of the most natural-looking manmade wilderness around. Tour size limited; preregistration required. Register for a post-tour talk by Doug Tallamy, author of *Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants*.

Lily Pool Terrace Thursday, August 5

Join Cayleb Long, curator of Lily Pool Terrace, for a special tour of the border gardens, which pay homage this summer to the centennial with plantings that mirror garden design from 100 years ago.

Herb Garden Saturday, August 14

Wander BBG's new Herb Garden with curator Caleb Leech and explore the global journey our food plants have taken to get to our plates. This beautiful garden integrates traditional and modern elements—including a fresh take on BBG's original 1930s knot garden.

Seasonal Highlights Weekends

Enjoy an informative tour through the Garden led by our highly trained Garden Guides. June through September at 1 p.m.



MARTIN EPSTEIN

What is your most cherished BBG memory?

Upload your favorite Garden photos and tell us your stories: bbg.org/memories.

100 Years, 100 Stories Tours

Tour BBG's Garden-wide summer exhibition with a Garden Guide, free with admission. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Tuesdays 1 p.m.; weekends, 3 p.m.



Gift Shop and Garden Shop

In honor of the centennial, BBG features a new line of merchandise, including seeds, bulbs, and plants that grow beautifully in city apartments and gardens.

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Discovery Garden Workshops for Families

BBG's drop-in workshops for families incorporate planting, art projects, and open-ended exploration. They are free with admission and appropriate for a broad range of ages. Children must be supervised by an adult.

Insect Heroes

Saturdays & Sundays
June 5–27 | 1–3 p.m.

Botany for Kids

Tuesdays & Thursdays
July 1–29 | 1–3 p.m.

Earth Art

Tuesdays & Thursdays
August 3–31 | 1–3 p.m.



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Brooklyn Botanic Garden Centennial Summer June 8–September 5

