World’s Fair Anniversary Events at Queens Botanical Garden

Queens Botanical Garden evolved from the 5-acre Gardens on Parade exhibit showcased at the 1939-1940 Fair. Officially opening as “The Queens Botanical Garden Society, Inc.” in 1946 after local residents saved and grew the original exhibit, the Garden was moved to its current location on Main Street, Flushing to make way for the 1964 New York World’s Fair.

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Tuesday, May 6 through Saturday, September 28
Harvesting our History: The Story of Queens Botanical Garden
Public Celebration – June 8 – 2 to 4pm
QBG’s Gallery will host an exhibition created largely from our archives that looks back at both the '39 and '64 Fairs and traces QBG’s history.

Saturday, July 19 – 12 to 7pm
Taste the World: Botanical Brew Fest
Two tasting sessions (noon to 3pm; 4 to 7pm). Participants will sample beers from around the globe and enjoy music, food and craft vendors. The Brew Fest partner is Great Brewers. Tickets are required. Must be 21 years or over.

Saturday, May 24 through Monday, May 26 – 10am to 5pm
World’s Fair Train Show
The Long Island Garden Railway Association presents a working “G-scale” model train exhibit in a World’s Fair-themed outdoor setting. On Saturday, May 24, festivities will include food and craft vendors, a trackless train for rides through the Garden, and a 4pm concert by John Yao’s Big Band co-presented by The Kupferberg Center for the Arts.

Tuesday, August 5 through Saturday, November 1
The New York World’s Fairs and The Port Authority: Bringing Trade, Travel and Tourism to Queens, the Region and the World A multi-media exhibit showing how aviation, the Port of New York and the States of New York and New Jersey contributed to the success of the New York World’s Fairs and to the economy of the region.

Sunday, September 28 – 2pm
World’s Fair Lecture
The Garden will present Margaret Anne Tockarshewsky, former QBG staff member, currently the Executive Director of the New Haven Museum, and an expert on the histories of the Fairs.

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