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Gardens

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN:
'THE ORCHID SHOW: PATRICK BLANC'S VERTICAL GARDENS' (Friday through Sunday, and Tuesday through Thursday) Orchid enthusiasts can view these beauties up close and learn about others through film and discussions. "Orchid Evenings" continue on Saturdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m., with at least one Friday session on April 20, with music and cocktails for visitors 21 and older; \$30, or \$20 for members. Special events this weekend include a session in flower arranging with orchids on Saturday at 1 p.m.; the screening of a film about the care of the vanilla orchid in Mexico on Sunday at 1 p.m.; and orchid care demonstrations on Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m. This 10th annual show runs through April 22. Garden admission is \$20, or \$18 for students and 65+; \$8 for children 2 to 12; members and children under 2, free. Garden hours: Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Bronx River Parkway, Exit 7W, and Fordham Road, the Bronx, (718) 817-8700, nybg.org.



'THE ORCHID SHOW: PATRICK BLANC'S VERTICAL GARDENS' (through April 22) With spring in the air and on the calendar, the city's floral treats now include the thousands of beauties at the annual orchid show, in its 10th year, at the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx. (Above, some of this year's varieties in the Haupt Conservatory.) In addition to workshops in orchid care and arranging, the garden has weekly Saturday night socials, with cocktails and music for those 21 and older. Beginning on Sunday the Macy's Flower Show, a grand dame at 38, will take to the store's windows and the streets of Herald Square through April 7, while store renovations are under way. A tent will house this year's salute to the flowers of Brazil; events will also be featured inside the store. And on Sunday at 11 a.m., the magnolia trees of Roosevelt Island are the attractions of a walk sponsored by the Roosevelt Island Historical Society. Details for each are in the listings on this page. Even the street-corner daffodils are divas now; watch where you step. (Anne Mancuso)