



**New England  
Botanic Garden**  
AT TOWER HILL

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### **A world of legend and lore comes to life at New England Botanic Garden this fall**

**Experience *Myths, Magic, and Monsters* from September 1 – October 31**

**BOYLSTON, MA, August 21, 2023** — [New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill](#) recently announced an exciting new exhibition coming this fall. [Myths, Magic, and Monsters](#) invites visitors to discover a world of wonder as part of the garden transforms to host some of the mythical, magical, and monstrous creatures that have captured human imaginations for centuries. Sculpted from nature-inspired materials, the cast of legendary creatures featured at the Boylston-based botanic garden includes unicorns, dragons, trolls, fairies, phoenixes, and more. *Myths, Magic, and Monsters* opens on September 1 and continues through October 31 with special events, like the illuminated series Magic by Moonlight and an Enchanted Weekend festival.

Lea Morgan, exhibitions manager at New England Botanic Garden and the artist responsible for the creative vision of *Myths, Magic, and Monsters*, says the exhibition celebrates the special sense of wonder people find in nature this time of year. “For this exhibition, we’ve constructed a mythical, autumnal garden where recognizable creatures from fantasy and folklore emerge with a colorful, botanical twist,” she says.



Garden visitors will find *Myths, Magic, and Monsters* set in The Ramble, a 1.5-acre garden space designed specifically for children and families. “Whimsical and extremely wonder-inspiring, The Ramble offers the perfect backdrop for this exhibition,” says Marissa Gallant, New England

Botanic Garden's director of education. Year-round, The Ramble hosts educational programs including nature-based drop-in activities for kids. "Whether designing programs for the young or young at heart," Gallant says, "our aim is always to create experiences that spark people's curiosity about the natural world and inspire them to learn more and do more to protect it."

While [\*Myths, Magic, and Monsters\*](#) is on display, Garden guests can enjoy magic-inspired educational programs for kids, families, and adults such as a plant potions class, fairy house making workshops, and a botanical mixology class. On select Friday and Saturday evenings beginning September 29, *Myths, Magic, and Monsters* will be illuminated as part of a ticketed event series called Magic by Moonlight. In addition to dazzling light displays, Magic by Moonlight includes enchanting activities for the whole family, atmospheric music, real-life folklore friends, and more. Pre-registration is required as the series is expected to sell out. Over the weekend of October 7-9, Garden guests can also experience the magic with regular Garden admission during Enchanted Weekend. This three-day event includes opportunities to enjoy the *Myths, Magic, and Monsters* exhibition along with an artisan market, beer garden, crafts, family activities, and more.

New England Botanic Garden is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Learn more about *Myths, Magic, and Monsters* and reserve tickets for Magic by Moonlight online at [nebg.org/myths-magic-and-monsters](http://nebg.org/myths-magic-and-monsters).

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**Photo Caption:** The feet and tailfeathers of a phoenix, one of several magical beings featured in the exhibit *Myths, Magic, and Monsters* at New England Botanic Garden. Photo by Megan Stouffer/New England Botanic Garden.

#### **About New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill**

New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill is a nonprofit organization located at 11 French Drive in Boylston, Massachusetts. A regional destination, we are operated on 171 acres by the Worcester County Horticultural Society, one of the oldest of its kind in the country, and are open to the public for garden viewing, trail walking, activities, private events, educational classes, weddings, exhibitions, and more. We are an [AAM-accredited](#) museum that includes an irreplaceable collection of plants. We hope to engage you in a life-long passion for growing plants for their ornamental, economic, and ecological value. Learn all about New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill including its history, mission, and its staff, please visit [www.nebg.org](http://www.nebg.org).

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