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**New England
Botanic Garden**
AT TOWER HILL

***Allure* exhibition spotlights art and science of orchids
at New England Botanic Garden
Save the Date: Orchid sale scheduled for March 31!**

(February 22, 2023) BOYLSTON, MA – [New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill](#) has filled its conservatories with orchids in one of the most dramatic and mesmerizing plant exhibitions of the year. [Allure: An Orchid Exhibition](#) showcases thousands of living orchids in artful arrangements. Through March 19, 2023, visitors can explore what makes orchids so enchanting, not only to human senses, but to the pollinators they specialize in tempting.

“People are captivated by orchids, but for these plants, insects and birds are the real targets of all of their alluring adaptations,” says Lea Morgan, Exhibitions Manager for New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill. “*Allure* immerses guests in the beautiful, fascinating world of orchids and spotlights the dramatic relationships these plants form with their pollinators.”

In addition to showcasing 61 different varieties of orchids, the exhibit also includes larger-than-life sculptures of several orchid species and their preferred pollinators. Visually and anatomically accurate, these sculptures help depict the tricks, traps, and treasure tactics orchids have evolved over millennia. The sculptures are the work of [Kara Walker](#), a California-based artist and maker known for whimsical, colorful creations and featured on season three of NBC’s “Making It.”

“One of the special things about a botanic garden is that our work with plants invites the community to experience art and science together,” says Grace Elton, CEO of New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill. “*Allure* is a terrific example.”

On Wednesdays throughout the exhibition, guests can register for early morning walk and talk tours of the orchids on display led by New England Botanic Garden’s horticulture team. For orchid enthusiasts looking to take home one of these special plants, save the date. On March 31, the Garden will host a sale of all the orchids in the exhibition. To learn more about *Allure: An Orchid Exhibition*, walk and talk tours, or the upcoming orchid sale, visit <https://nebg.org/allure-orchid-exhibition> or contact Liz Nye at lnye@nebg.org.

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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.