

# New Native Plant Garden at NYBG

THE OPENING OF THE new Native Plant Garden at the New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) in May completes the final phase of NYBG's "Heart of the Garden"



**Black gum and pin oaks frame this water feature, which was under construction last fall at the new Native Plant Garden at the New York Botanical Garden.**

restoration projects. The three-and-a-half-acre installation was designed by Sheila Brady, principal of Oehme, van Sweden & Associates in Washington, D.C., who was one of the speakers at the garden's dedication ceremony on May 3.

The contemporary design incorporates a dramatic 230-foot-long water feature as its centerpiece. Meant to inspire and teach, the garden also showcases sustainable practices such as a pool fed by recycled stormwater captured on site and filtered by aquatic plants, and benches and buildings constructed of salvaged, recycled, and sustainably harvested materials.

"What makes this garden special is that it was not only designed to be a beautiful and inspiring garden, but it was also designed to teach our visitors the essential role that plants play in the living ecosystem all around us," says Jody Payne, curator of the Native Plant Garden. "The many habitats throughout the garden will transport our visitors well outside of New York City."

AHS members can save 20 percent on All-Garden Pass Tickets by using Code 9942 online at [www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org) (limited to six tickets).

—Lynne Hoffman, Editorial Intern