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ask Carrie Barratt, the new president of the New York Botanical Garden, to name a favorite collection on the grounds, and she demurs. "A bit like having to pick a favorite child: unfeasible and unwise." Barratt, however, is quick to confess her passion for sowing the seeds of conservation beyond the garden gates. "Without plants, life on Earth would be impossible," says Barratt. "My favorite NYBG project, because it can involve all of us, is our Citizen Scientist program," which enlists volunteers to observe and record data about plant life in their natural surroundings. Here, she shares her (mostly) off-duty indulgences. □



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CARRIE BARRATT'S FAVORITE THINGS

- 1. THE ANNUAL NYBG ORCHID SHOW** "On display through April 28, this year's show is a tribute to Singapore." nybg.org.
- 2. GIN AND APEROL WITH THE BOTANIST GIN** "Made from 22 botanicals foraged from the Isle of Islay." thebotanist.com.
- 3. FLORA ILLUSTRATA** "Manuscripts, botanicals, and more from the NYBG library archives." nybgshop.org.
- 4. COUNTERTOP COMPOST BUCKET** "A daily reminder to recycle." williams-sonoma.com.
- 5. PETRIFIED TREE FERN AND PEARL EARRINGS** "Like wearing a favorite tree." mishnewyork.com.
- 6. CALEB GARDNER'S NEWPORT EASY CHAIR** "Extraordinary embroidery from 1758." meimuseum.org.
- 7. SCENIC WEDGWOOD CHINA** "I collect plates wherever I go." replacements.com.
- 8. BROWN-EYED SUSAN** "The perennial meadow flower evokes summers in Michigan."
- 9. BICYCLE YELLOW PAINT** "Like sunshine on a bright summer day." behr.com.
- 10. TALL RAIN BOOTS IN WAVE BLUE** "Great for garden navigating and puddle jumping." hunterboots.com.
- 11. MALA BEADS** "They remind me to be calm and compassionate."

INSET: ROBERT BEYSON/PHOTOGRAPHY/NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN; BOOK AND DRINK: BRIAN WOODCOCK; FOOD STYLING BY ERIN MERRIAR; TRANSFERWARE AND BIN, PAMELA COOK; FLOWER, CAVE KING/GETTY IMAGES; BEADS, SHUTTERSTOCK