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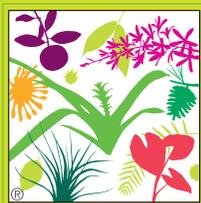
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### New Summer Hours!

Beginning Thursday, June 1–Sunday, September 17, the Garden’s hours will be 8am–3pm daily.

The Garden will be closed for routine maintenance Monday, September 18–Saturday, September 30. Regular hours, 9am–5pm (8am–5pm on Tuesdays) will resume Sunday, October 1.

## OUR MISSION

Conserve & Discover.  
Engage & Inspire.

To develop and conserve collections and habitats representative of the flora and cultures between the 26th latitudes. To discover, research, and share knowledge about these plants and their gifts to us of beauty, tranquility, sustenance, and well-being. And to engage and inspire everyone to care for the plants around them and become stewards of the environment.



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## On the Cover

*Syzygium aqueum* (common name: water apple) | Photo credit: Paul G. Osborn, Horticulture Volunteer

Top-rated TripAdvisor Attraction    



My first few months as President and CEO have been full of amazing opportunities to get to know Naples Botanical Garden. My time has been spent meeting with Garden members and donors, community leaders, our staff, and devoted volunteers. From these first introductions it is crystal clear that the Garden is blessed with passionate supporters and a bright future. From cutting the ribbon on the newly redesigned Scott Florida Garden to celebrating more than 41,000 hours contributed in 2016 by our 659-strong volunteer team, inspiring moments abound.

This year we also recognized the amazing leadership of retiring Board member Bates Lea. After 17 years serving on the Garden’s Board as well as naming the beloved Lea Asian Garden, Bates and his wife Marcia have made a lasting impact on the organization.

The Garden is what it is today because of the generosity of people like Bates. We thank Bates for his leadership and commitments over the years and are grateful he answered Harvey Kapnick’s request to get involved with a fledgling garden project.

In this edition of the Garden magazine, you will notice a special Year in Review section. This snapshot of the financial health of the organization is for our most recently completed fiscal year which ended September 30, 2016.

Though Naples Botanical Garden is young, it is definitely making an impact. According to a recent report on U.S. botanical gardens classified as “large” (budgets of \$3 million or more), our garden has a membership base larger than half of them, and we are in the top 20 for number of volunteers! This is a striking achievement when you consider that we’ve only had the Chabraja Visitor Center as our “front door” for two years.

The Garden’s influence on plant conservation and education can be felt well beyond our borders. This past September, several garden staff members traveled to Panama to meet with leaders representing gardens in 18 countries from across the Caribbean and Latin America. This conference led to several partnerships and opportunities to share knowledge and resources. In January, William Cinea, the founder and Director of Jardin Botanique des Cayes (Haiti) visited Naples to begin the process of rebuilding their garden after the devastating effects of Hurricane Matthew. This spring we also welcomed representatives from the Bahamas who are making improvements to The Retreat Garden Nassau. Later this summer, we will be hosting leaders from five gardens throughout the region for a Collier Greens School Garden Leadership Summit. Through these partnerships, we are making a significant impact on plant conservation and education efforts on an international scale.

No other American garden has grown this quickly, and it’s thanks to our members and supporters who made it possible. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you this summer in the Garden! 

Donna McGinnis  
President & CEO



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# DISCOVERING Tropical Fruits



Mango  
'Rosa'

Many of the world's favorite fruits – like banana, coconut, pineapple, and more – have subtropical or tropical origins. Our climate in southwest Florida is also well-suited for growing these sweet treats, and here at Naples Botanical Garden, you can find fruiting plants growing in nearly all of our designed landscapes. In fact, when you visit the Garden, you encounter several tropical fruits ranging from the familiar to the unusual before you even reach the Ticketing Window. On the left side of the boardwalk just inside Kathryn's Garden, you'll find 'Mallika' mango fruiting above your head; on the right, you'll see limbs of a lychee tree stretching over the pond. A few feet up the boardwalk, look for a fruit that resembles red pears: these are actually refreshing water apples (*Syzygium aqueum*). On the Berger Garden Shop side of that tree is a relative, *Syzygium polycephalum*, which produces bunches of tart black fruit.

"Can you eat that?" is a question many of our staff and volunteers hear from Garden visitors as they admire our plants. Sometimes the answer is no, as is the case with the large, woody oblong pods that adorn silk floss trees (*Ceiba speciosa*) in late winter, but more often we get to tell visitors that the thing that looks like an edible fruit is, in fact, an edible fruit.

Alas, you will see few citrus trees at the Garden because a serious disease called greening is affecting most trees in our state. Research into resistant varieties is progressing, and we hope they will be available in a few years.

Whether at the Garden or at home, our subtropical climate affords us the perfect opportunity to enjoy the sights and tastes of colorful, delicious tropical fruit.

Advice for growing fruit at home from Dr. Stephen Brady, noted fruit collector, member of the Garden's Horticulture and Collections Committee, and extraordinary plantsman:

- Taste before you buy. "Avail yourself of chances to taste tropical fruit: the Garden's classes and programs, your friends, organizations like Collier Growers and Bonita Springs Tropical Fruit Club, the Friendly Burds at the Third Street Farmers' Market, and Fruitscapes on Pine Island all offer fruit tastings."
- Consider whether you'll be present when your fruits come into season. For example, if you are a seasonal resident who leaves in the summer and you want to grow mangoes, choose an early or late-season cultivar. This way you have a better chance of enjoying your mangoes. However, Dr. Brady warns, "No matter how much you love mangoes, if you are only here from November to March, you are destined to be frustrated."
- Think carefully before you plant. "Not every tree is suited to every spot in your yard. Consider drainage, sun, and wind exposure, irrigation, and how cold it is likely to get. Plan to manage your fruit trees so that you don't have mangoes or avocados dropping 50 feet to the ground."
- Consider smaller fruiting plants. Barbados cherry (*Malpighia emarginata*) and bananas (*Musa sp.*) make good hedges or screens. Jaboticaba (*Plinia cauliflora*) and grumichama (*Eugenia brasiliensis*) are smaller trees known as dooryard fruits. Other small fruiting plants to consider include papaya (*Carica papaya*), miracle fruit (*Synsepalum dulcificum*), or pineapple (*Ananas comosus*). 🌿

SAVE  
THE DATE

July 22:

Tropical Fruits of the Summer event! Activities will include fruit carving, proper tree planting, fruit tastings, and more!



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Noris Ledesma, Ph.D.,  
Curator of Tropical Fruit,  
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden  
and Guest Speaker at the  
Tropical Fruits of the Summer Event



# HIDING in plain sight,

the mysterious ghost orchid is one of  
many native orchid species

Naples Botanical Garden is working to conserve.

In the fall of 2015, about 80 ghost orchids (*Dendrophylax lindenii*) were meticulously attached to pond apple trees (*Annona glabra*) along the Sonne Ghost Orchid Boardwalk and in other preserve areas in the Garden. Grown from seeds collected at the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge and propagated by Dr. Michael Kane and students at the University of Florida, the orchids are part of an experiment to see whether these elusive plants can be reintroduced to native habitats. So far, the answer seems to be “yes.” Most of the plants have adapted to this environment well and losses are mostly due to animal damage and a dry winter.

With no visible leaves, the ghost orchid’s grayish-green roots radiate from a central growing point and are well disguised until the flowers open and float like ghosts in the air. Not knowing when, or if, our plants would bloom, staff members here were pleasantly surprised to see evidence of bloom spikes forming in May 2016, but it was slow going. In August 2016, we were finally rewarded with a total of three night-fragrant, white and green flowers. We hope that the summer of 2017 will bring more. About ten ghost orchids may be observed from the Sonne Ghost Orchid Boardwalk.

Not all of our experiments have been as successful. Seedlings of the endangered Florida dancing lady orchid (*Tolumnia babamensis*) propagated by Atlanta Botanical Garden were introduced to the coastal scrub habitat in the Smith Uplands Preserve, a habitat similar to their environment on Florida’s east coast. Tied to the bases of saw palmetto (*Serenoa repens*) and wild rosemary (*Ceratiola ericoides*), this orchid’s fresh green leaves were simply irresistible to the gopher tortoises in residence. One healthy specimen is back in the Orchid House, and when our seedlings are ready, we will repeat the experiment – but this time with fences to deter hungry predators.

An ambitious orchid propagation program, led by Associate Director of Horticulture Nick Ewy and supported by volunteers and interns, has begun. Using facilities on campus at the Kapnick Education and Research Center, and in partnership with FGCU faculty member Brian Bovard, Ph.D., eight native orchid species are in the flask or seedling stage. They include clamshell orchid (*Prosthechea cochleata* var. *triandra*), cowhorn orchid (*Cyrtopodium punctatum*) and night-scented orchid (*Epidendrum nocturnum*). An abundance of Florida butterfly orchid (*Encyclia tampensis*) seedlings are destined for many sites at the Garden, schools, and other public places.

From a conservation standpoint, growing native orchids on-site allows visitors to experience their beauty in a safe environment, so there are more opportunities for education about their importance, which may make them less vulnerable to poaching in the wild. As collaborators in the Native American Orchid Conservation Center, and with a wide variety of habitats on-site, the Garden has emerged as an important place to test native orchid introductions and foster public appreciation for them. 🌱

# Highlighted Volunteers

## Honored April 6, 2017, at the Garden's Volunteer Recognition Celebration

**D**edicated, steadfast, and committed are just a few words to describe the individuals who volunteer at Naples Botanical Garden. At this spring's Volunteer Recognition Celebration, we recognized five exceptional volunteers who embody the qualities that comprise a healthy and successful volunteer program.



**Nancy Ayala has been part of the Garden family since she attended summer camp over ten years ago** when the Garden just consisted of the Tropical Mosaic Garden behind the Administration Building. In fact, Nancy was in the group of Global Garden students at Avalon Elementary School that created the drawings that are found throughout the Vicky C. and David Byron Smith Children's Garden (Nancy's name can be found on one of the signs, too). A 2017 Naples High School graduate, Nancy has volunteered with the Garden's Summer Camp for six summers so far, and has been a regular volunteer at the Avalon Elementary Global Garden program, mentoring students just as she was mentored early on. In addition to helping with Garden programs, Nancy runs cross country, plays violin, and looks forward to beginning college in the fall as a nursing student.



**During the holidays of 2003, Jean Barrineau came to see our beautiful Windstar Garden Room decorated with Poinsettia Christmas Trees and holiday décor.** Before she left that day, Sally Richardson had interviewed her and slated her for the administration volunteer in the Volunteer Services office. Jean has very carefully entered all new volunteer information and photos into the database and she is the one who scrutinizes the volunteer reply forms each fall for any changes in emails, emergency contacts, and other important dates. Having retired as a Federal Government Assistant of 37 years, she came well prepared for her work in the volunteer office. Jean has donated over 2,100 hours not only in the office, but also at the Garden's special events – which is no surprise given her outgoing and social personality! When Jean isn't taking programs at the library, entertaining family, or participating in the local National Association for Retired Federal Employees meetings, she is out walking her "wonder" dog, Jake.



**Photography has played a major role in Paul Osborn's life for the last 18 years.** Self-taught in the art, he is constantly searching for his next "fresh assignment." That is why you will likely see Paul capturing natural moments at every big Garden event, or checking the plants for each year's "fresh" bloom. Having been gifted a membership to the Garden years ago, his personal visit photos quickly became public, as staff of the Garden noticed his work and became intrigued. His favorite locations are the LaGrippe Orchid Garden and Foster Succulent Garden where colorful and texturally interesting inspirations get added to his portfolio. Paul has shared thousands of images with the Garden's Collections, Education, and Marketing departments.



**When Merle Payne decided to retire from her 43 years in the public school system of New York, she knew she wanted to work with flowers.** She knew she had chosen the right place to volunteer when, in her early years at the Garden, she had to undergo a surgical procedure and the staff and fellow volunteers offered great support throughout. You can find Merle helping out for big Garden events, working hard in the Orchid House, greeting our four-legged friends on Sunday mornings, nurturing the patio plants at the Berger Shop in the Garden, and coordinating daily tours on the Smith Entry Prow. In addition to volunteering at the Garden, Merle also helps youngsters get creative at the local children's museum. We are so grateful for Merle's nurturing skills not only with plants, but also with fellow volunteers and staff.



**Having been raised in farm country, Michael Upper's familiarity and respect for nature developed at a young age.** When not helping to design, develop, and nurture the native Florida plants behind the Kapnick Center, you can find him doing the same for his church community. There he has created both butterfly gardens and a raised vegetable garden for the youth ministry. Michael is always introducing friends and acquaintances to the Garden in hopes of bringing them into our volunteer community. Inspired to volunteer by the Garden's reputation and caring staff, Michael's dedication to the Garden has taught him the difference between plants surviving and plants prospering. 🌱

**! 659 Volunteers Contributed 41,539 Hours in 2016**

If you are lucky enough to meet up with any of these volunteers, please thank them, tell them how much they are appreciated, and wish them a most magical day!



# HEALTH & wellness

Since the dawn of the first designed landscapes, gardens have served as sites where a visitor's most pressing tasks have been to breathe fresh air, exercise, and delight in nature. These beautiful spaces provide an opportunity to relax, rejuvenate the senses, and momentarily leave behind the stresses of the outside world. Naples Botanical Garden has long been such a destination for visitors, where they can stimulate their minds with educational classes or simply enjoy botanical beauty with a stroll through our grounds. Our peaceful surroundings contribute to an overall sense of wellness that we enhance with other activities like yoga, tai chi, and Writing in the Garden.

Visitors will see a growing focus on health and wellness in future Garden programs and activities as we embark on our three-year strategic plan.

To support these endeavors, the Garden has partnered with Blue Zones Project, a community-wide well-being improvement initiative to help make healthy choices easier for everyone in Southwest Florida. "Naples Botanical Garden is a wonderful jewel which oozes well-being, so this partnership was a natural fit," explains Deb Logan, Executive Director of Blue Zones Project-Southwest Florida. To that end, Blue Zones Project sponsored the Garden's first Wellness in the Garden Day in January 2017, a family-friendly, activity-packed day that got visitors tasting delicious plant-based foods in the Scott Florida Garden, practicing their downward-facing dog and tree poses in the Kapnick Caribbean Garden, stretching their legs on a guided ethnobotanical walk in the Smith Uplands Preserve, and much more.

Wellness is something that we practice internally as an organization as well. Just a week before Wellness Day, the Garden became a Blue Zones Approved Worksite, capping off a year-long application process led by the employee Wellness and Engagement Committee. The mission of this committee, comprised of staff members from all departments, is to establish and maintain a workplace that encourages an environment and social support for a healthy lifestyle. As you wander through the Garden on your next visit, you might just bump into our weekly employee walking group!

To learn more about health and wellness programs at the Garden, please visit our website, [www.NaplesGarden.org](http://www.NaplesGarden.org).



## Coconut Banana Cream Pie

### Make the crust:

Preheat oven to 350°. Combine all crust ingredients in a bowl and mix until evenly blended. Press the mix into a 9" pie pan. Bake at 350° for 5-7 minutes, until the edges are light golden brown. Cool and chill while you prepare the pie filling.

### Make the glazed bananas:

Slice the bananas into ½-inch pieces. Melt the butter in a nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the bananas and brown sugar and cook for 2-3 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the bananas begin to caramelize and soften slightly. Add the rum, stir, and then remove the bananas to a plate to cool for about 15 minutes. Once cool, arrange the bananas in the bottom of the chilled graham cracker crust. Set aside while you prepare the filling.

### Make the filling:

Combine the sugar, cornstarch, and salt in a medium bowl. In a large pot, heat the coconut milk and whole milk, bringing it just to a boil. Whisk the eggs into the sugar mix, then carefully whisk in ⅓ of the hot liquid, stirring so as not to scramble the eggs. Add another ⅓ of the hot liquid, stirring. Whisk the egg mixture back into the pot with the remaining liquid, and return to medium heat. Cook, whisking constantly, until the mixture boils. Boil for 2 minutes, whisking the entire time. Remove from the heat, stir in the butter, followed by the vanilla, and shredded coconut. Pour the custard over the bananas in the pie shell. Cover with plastic wrap pressed directly on the surface and chill for at least 4 hours.

### Make the topping:

Combine the whipping cream, powdered sugar, and vanilla, and whip to stiff peaks. Spread on top of the fully chilled custard. Sprinkle toasted coconut flakes over the top and *enjoy!*

### CRUST:

- 1 ½ cups graham cracker crumbs
- ¼ cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup butter, melted

### GLAZED BANANAS:

- 2 large ripe bananas, peeled
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon dark rum

### COCONUT FILLING:

- ¾ cup sugar
- ¼ cup cornstarch
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 ½ cups coconut milk
- 1 ½ cups whole milk
- 2 eggs
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 cup shredded coconut

### TOPPING:

- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- ¼ cup powdered sugar
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- Toasted coconut flakes for topping



**Saturdays and Sundays at 10:30am**  
**in the Vicky C. & David Byron Smith Children's Garden**

Come and join us for our W.O.N.D.E.R. in the Garden program! Together we will imagine, create, and explore throughout the Vicky C. and David Byron Smith Children's Garden with lessons and activities about a monthly theme. No prior registration necessary. All W.O.N.D.E.R. programs are included with regular Garden admission.

- June: Art Naturally
- July: Worm Wranglers
- August: Florida's Flora
- September: Mangroves and Stormy Weather
- October: Super Seeds

**Summer Camp** IN THE GARDEN

Join us for another summer of fun in the Garden as we kick-off the season with a range of camps sure to make this a memorable year! Each week of camp is designed to encourage discovery and actively promote your child's sense of creativity. Children can spend their summer exploring the Garden through investigations into science, art, food, and nature! Our great camp counselors emphasize the importance of healthy eating, taking care of the environment, and connecting with the outdoors. Campers will get a chance to interact with daily guest speakers like park rangers, chefs, naturalists, organic gardeners, local artists, and more!

- **JUNE 5-9 & JUNE 26-30 / Wild Florida Wanderers:** For adventurous campers interested in art, exploration, and connections to the beautiful natural world around us. Get up-close and personal with a butterfly, follow marsh rabbit tracks through the garden, investigate the walking mangrove tree, and discover the natural wonders that Florida has to offer.
- **JUNE 12-16 & JULY 10-14 / Gardeners in the Kitchen:** Does your child have a green thumb? Young chefs and gardeners will follow the journey of a plant from a small seed to a meal on their plate, all while having fun. Campers will grow their own seeds, harvest a bounty of fruits and vegetables from the garden, and create their own gourmet recipes.
- **JUNE 19-23 & JULY 17-21 / Botanical Artists:** This camp caters to blossoming artists both experienced and those just getting interested. Paint, draw, design, and more! There is no shortage of beautiful blooms, butterflies and scenery to inspire young artists at the Garden.
- **JULY 3-7 (there is no camp July 4th) / Surviving Florida:** Hot, humid, and swampy: south Florida has a challenging environment. How did early people survive the harsh conditions found here? How do people in modern times survive when they're lost in the wilderness? In this exciting new camp, we'll learn about the role plants have played in helping humans. From shelter materials to tools to food and beyond, one thing is for sure: plants are not optional.

**Registration**

Summer camp is led by highly qualified teachers and is for children entering 1st through 6th grades. Join the fun for one week or multiple weeks! The cost of each camp is \$250 per child/per week for Garden members or \$300 for non-members (\*Week of July 3-7: \$240 for non-members or \$200 with membership; there is no camp July 4th). Each day of camp runs from 8am to 3pm and includes healthy breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Become a Garden member today to enjoy discounts on summer camp. Additional discounts may be applied for either sibling or multi-week registrations. Camp availability is limited. To register, email [education@naplesgarden.org](mailto:education@naplesgarden.org), visit our website at [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org), or call 239.325.1356 for more information.



The Garden thanks the Naples Children & Education Foundation, founders of the Naples Winter Wine Festival for their support for Summer Camp. The Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF) supports charitable programs that improve the lives of underprivileged and at-risk children in Collier County. NCEF is committed to making a profound and sustaining difference in the quality of life of children. NCEF funding assists in underwriting camp opportunities for students from Shadowlawn and Avalon Elementary Schools.

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NAPLES BOTANICAL GARDEN | 14TH ANNUAL



# Hats in the Garden

NAPLES BOTANICAL GARDEN

NOVEMBER 8, 2017

A CELEBRATION OF FLORIDA

PRESENTED BY



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11:30AM | STROLL THROUGH THE  
CHABRAJA VISITOR CENTER AND GARDENS

12:15PM | LUNCHEON UNDER THE TENT ON THE  
SUSTAINING LEADERSHIP COUNCIL PLAZA

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HATS IN THE GARDEN CHAIR | ELEANOR B. CHABRAJA

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FASHION BY SAKS FIFTH AVENUE

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OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO THE GARDEN.

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SPECIAL THANKS TO:  
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# YEAR IN REVIEW

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FY2016 | October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016

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## Annual Expenses



22%	Horticulture	\$1,598,768
22%	Arts & Culture	\$1,554,709
15%	Education	\$1,093,328
4%	Conservation	\$295,730
35%	Fundraising	\$2,510,339
2%	Administration	\$176,635
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$7,229,509</b>

## Annual Revenue



67%	Development & Membership	\$4,871,370
22%	Admissions	\$1,628,489
3%	Retail Net	\$255,148
3%	Café, Catering & Rentals	\$215,334
1%	Education Programs	\$69,030
4%	Misc	\$283,022
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$7,322,393</b>

## Endowment

End of FY 2016 Endowment: \$2,926,463



Naples Botanical Garden's IRS Form 990 and audited financial statements are available at [naplesgarden.org](http://naplesgarden.org)

# Conserve & Discover.

## Research and Partnerships

The Garden partnered with several organizations on research initiatives and ongoing conservation efforts including:

### Marie Selby Botanical Gardens and Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park

Through partnerships with regional public gardens and parks, the Garden is working to conserve native bromeliads under threat from the Mexican bromeliad weevil (*Metamasius callizona*).

### Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park, and Collier-Seminole State Park

Through partnerships with local land managers, the Garden continues to grow a significant collection of native swamp bay (*Persea* sp.). Regional populations of the tree have been devastated by laurel wilt (*Raffialea lauricola*).

### Florida Gulf Coast University

Several students from FGCU are completing research projects in collaboration with the Garden, including an investigation of bromeliad use by breeding insects and a long-term study comparing different selections of beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*).

### University of Florida and Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge

The Garden is partnering with University of Florida and Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge on a project to study opportunities to reintroduce ghost orchids (*Dendrophylax lindenii*) to the wild.

Last year, the Garden hosted several professional meetings, including the 2016 International Plumeria Conference, the North American Orchid Conservation Center (NAOCC) Regional Orchid Research Symposium, and public garden professionals during the 2016 American Public Gardens Association (APGA) Conference.

Staff from the Garden attended the Building Botanical Bridges Conference in Panama. The Conference, hosted by the Caribbean & Central American Botanic Garden Network and Botanical Gardens Conservation International, brought botanical professionals from over 18 countries across the region together to improve plant conservation efforts through collaboration.

Dr. George Wilder, Botanist and Herbarium Curator at Naples Botanical Garden, published A Floristic Inventory of Collier-Seminole State Park and Immediately Adjacent Lands (Collier County), Florida, U.S.A., in the *Journal of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas*.



# Engage & Inspire.

Last year, the Garden welcomed over 212,782 annual visitors.

## Education

**8,406 children** participated in youth programming and 5,291 adults participated in Lifelong Learning programs, for a total of 13,796 participants in our Education programs.

**1,116 contact hours** were provided to youth and adults with special needs as part of our growing Therapeutic Horticulture program.

**190 students** ages 5-13 attended the Garden's Summer Camp and Middle School Science Academy. 85% of participants received a need-based scholarship.

## Community Outreach

**107 representatives** from 40 school and community gardens across southwest Florida attended Collier Greens workshops at the Garden.

**Our staff provided** horticultural assistance, consultation, and free plants for the patio area at Golden Gate Senior Center and later spruced up the building's front entrance in conjunction with Greater Naples Leadership's Done in a Day project.

**The Garden hosted groups** from the Alzheimer's Support Network, Foundation for the Developmentally Disabled, Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, United Cerebral Palsy of Southwest Florida, and Lighthouse of Collier, Center for Blindness and Vision Loss for Therapeutic Horticulture programs in the Buehler Enabling Garden.

## Events and Exhibits

**Last year, over 108,468 visitors** enjoyed the return of the popular exhibit, *Nature Connects: Art with LEGO Bricks*. Also in 2016, the Garden hosted the Naples Ikebana International Show, the Naples Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale, and the Flower Show & Garden Market. 12,278 visitors enjoyed these fantastic flower shows. Concerts in the Garden, from jazz to tribute bands, delighted a total of 1,527 visitors.

## Collections

The Garden added **1424 accessions**, representing individual or groups of like seeds, cuttings, or plants to its collection.

**879 taxa, i.e. new species, cultivars or varieties**, were added to the collection, for a total of 5,600 taxa.



**Over 500 donated books** were accepted into the Library collection, which was successfully converted into a new database.

The Herbarium of Southwest Florida added 1,500 specimens to its collection, which now totals **over 39,400 specimens**.

# Thank You

Thank you to each and every one of our members for your continued support of the Garden. Your membership dues are critical in supporting all aspects of our programming and operations, including education, research, and conservation.

## Membership Growth



# Annual Giving

January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

Annual Giving to the Garden includes membership dues, gifts to the Annual Fund, grants, sponsorships, and other donations.

These gifts directly impact the quality and success of the Garden's programs and events, in addition to supporting the maintenance and operations of our stunning Garden.

We would like to thank all of our Garden supporters for your contributions throughout the year.

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## Demonstrate Your Leadership Support

The Royal Palm Society is a way to support Naples Botanical Garden through annual giving while enjoying the benefits of membership. You can become part of a group of dedicated patrons who provide critical support to sustain our ongoing mission.

All Royal Palm Society members enjoy exclusive preview events, complimentary general admission for you and all accompanying guests, recognition in the Annual Donor Listing, special event invitations, extra guest admission passes, and more!

### Basic Royal Palm Society Annual Benefits:

- Free general admission for you and all accompanying guests
- Four one-time-use guest admission passes
- Complimentary preview event invitations
- Invitation to Hats in the Garden and other exclusive Garden events
- Royal Palm Society membership card(s)
- Recognition in Annual Donor Listing
- Advanced registration opportunities
- Complimentary use of accessibility scooter
- Discounts on Shop purchases, Lifelong Learning classes, and more!

### Bougainvillea — \$1,500-\$2,999

- Basic Royal Palm Society benefits for two adults

### Ginger — \$3,000-\$4,999

- Bougainvillea membership benefits, *plus*
- Prearranged private Naples Botanical Garden Tour for six led by Senior Staff
- Two additional one-time-use guest admission passes (6 total)

### Heliconia — \$5,000-\$9,999

- Ginger membership benefits, *plus*
- Complimentary tickets to three Lifelong Learning Programs
- Two additional one-time-use guest admission passes (8 total)

### Bromeliad — \$10,000-\$14,999

- Heliconia membership benefits, *plus*
- Prearranged home consultation with Garden horticulture specialist and the delivery of a specially selected plant
- Two additional one-time-use guest admission passes (10 total)

### Orchid — \$15,000+

Our highest membership level, Orchid level members are closely connected to the Garden through philanthropic leadership. Your commitment to the Garden at this level is making a difference to ensure the future of the Garden. Experience all of the above benefits, plus a heightened sense of belonging to Naples Botanical Garden. We are so grateful for your support.

*Note: Tour/Visit benefits to be scheduled by member.*



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For questions about the Royal Palm Society or to join, please call 239.325.1936.

# MEMBER INSIDER TOURS

Tours are free, but advanced registration is required.  
All tours begin at the Chabraja Visitor Center.  
Please wear comfortable shoes and sun protection.  
All tours require walking.

Registration is required for all tours as space is limited. Members only.



## HOW TO REGISTER

Members at the *Individual* level may register one person; Members at the *Family* level and above may register two people.

E-mail [membership@naplesgarden.org](mailto:membership@naplesgarden.org) specifying your desired date(s).  
Your reservation is complete when you receive e-mail confirmation.



### NATIONAL PLUMERIA COLLECTION

**Thursday, May 25th, 8-9:30am OR  
Wednesday, June 7th, 8-9:30am**  
Led by Hetty Ford, *Curator of  
Plumeria Collections*

Back by popular demand! Naples Botanical Garden holds the National Plumeria Collection, which includes over 500 cultivars, varieties, and species. Join Curator Hetty Ford for a guided tour out to Plumeria Hills and experience these gorgeous blooms at their peak!



### SENSORY TOUR

**Tuesday, June 28th, 9-10:30am**  
Led by Taylor Burnham, *Buehler Enabling  
Garden Coordinator*

Join us for a stimulating sensory stroll through the Garden! Enjoy elements of art, history, and nature as you connect with plants and one another. This calming and interactive tour will highlight some of the most engaging and inspiring plants as you smell, listen, see, touch, and taste your way through the gardens.



### EDIBLES OF THE GARDEN

**Wednesday, May 31st, 9-10:30am**  
Led by Andrea Grace, *Adult  
Education Manager*

Edibles are everywhere! Join Andrea Grace for this fun tour highlighting a wide variety of edibles throughout the Garden. You'll also learn edible landscaping tips and harvesting advice about what thrives in our climate and what edibles you could easily grow in your own garden. This fun tour will be a treat!



### LEGACY TREES IN THE GARDEN

**Friday, July 7th, 9-10:30am**  
Led by Brian Galligan, *Director of  
Horticulture*

Over the years, the Garden has rescued and received a number of impressive trees that have found a new life here at the Garden. These legacy trees – each with their own unique history – are now part of the Garden you love. In fact, you have probably spent time admiring them! Learn about Chuck, Gumby, the FedEx tree, and others. Brian's personal stories and insight will give you a new perspective when you walk the Garden.



### RARE PALM COLLECTION TOUR

**Thursday, June 15th, 9-10:30am**  
Led by Liz Chehayl, *Brian Holley Curator  
of Collections*

Did you know that the Garden is home to two impressive rare palm collections? Take a tour with our Curator of Collections and discover the Ware Palm Collection in the Kapnick Caribbean Garden as well as the Geraldine Martin Rare Palm Collection in Scott Florida Garden and Kathryn's and Irma's Gardens. Stops along the way will allow you to admire other notable palms in the Garden.



### ORCHIDS IN THE GARDEN

**Thursday, July 20th, 9-10:30am**  
Led by Nick Ewy, *Associate Director of  
Horticulture*

Do the orchids throughout the Garden always seem to catch your eye? This is a great opportunity to learn about the variety of species in our collection and how we work to keep the Garden full of these blooming beauties. And if you're lucky, you might be treated to a ghost orchid in bloom. A beautiful way to spend the morning!

# Seeding the Garden's FUTURE



Your gift to Naples Botanical Garden will ensure this place of beauty will continue to touch people's lives for many generations to come.

– By Deborah L. Russell, Esq.  
Cummings & Lockwood

If you had the choice, would you rather pay income taxes or support Naples Botanical Garden? If you are one of the millions of Americans who have contributed to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and you have reached the age of 70½, you do have that choice!

Up until fairly recently, there was no incentive for retirees to give their IRAs to a charity because the funds withdrawn from the IRAs were subject to income tax, and there were limitations on the amount of the charitable deduction. Thanks to legislation that is now permanent, donors aged 70½ or older can now gift up to \$100,000 each year directly from an IRA to the Garden without paying any federal income tax on the distribution. And the IRS will treat the direct distribution to the Garden as satisfying part (or all) of the donor's required minimum distribution for the year (RMD).

What if you have not reached the age of 70½, and you plan on leaving a testamentary gift to the Garden, with the balance of your estate to your two children? Leaving all (or a portion) of your IRA to the Garden can provide a significant tax savings for your children. Assume your estate consists of real estate worth \$1.5 million, a brokerage account worth \$1.5 million, and an IRA worth \$1.5 million. You want to leave equal amounts to each of your two children and the Garden. If you leave a portion of the IRA to your children, they will be paying income tax on each distribution from the IRA. How much smarter it would be to leave the entire IRA to the Garden, and leave the other assets to your children. The IRA's entire income tax liability can be eliminated by leaving the IRA to the Garden!

Is there a way to save taxes with a gift to the Garden during your lifetime if you have not reached the age of 70½? If you gift appreciated stock to the Garden you will receive a charitable deduction for the fair market value of the stock on the date of the gift, but you will not be liable for any capital gain tax on the transaction.

Your gift to Naples Botanical Garden will ensure this place of beauty will continue to touch people's lives for many generations to come. What you would rather do: pay taxes or support the Garden? The choice is yours. *(We encourage you to discuss these "tax saving gifts" with your professional advisor.)* 🌱



## Ed and Judy Bergauer first came to the Garden in 2010 when they were still exploring the area.

Ed is a golfer and knew exactly what he would be doing in Naples—Judy was still considering options. When they came to the Garden for the first time, they were blown away by the beauty and, more importantly, the friendly people. Judy says "I remember meeting a wonderful volunteer in the Buehler Family Foundation Enabling Garden who took the time to answer all my questions. I said to myself, 'this is a fabulous place...maybe I could volunteer here as well?'" Now, the Garden is a shared passion. "This is our #1 spot to bring people, and we just love to brag about it."

Judy now wears many hats here in the Garden, as a docent in the LaGrippe Orchid Garden, Karen and Robert Scott Florida Garden, and the summer information station, daily and group tour leader, and crowd control. "You name it and I have done it, especially during crunch times."

Ed and Judy were college sweethearts. Ed had the GI Bill, and Judy had an Office of Education Scholarship. They agree, "The financial help we received made a big difference in our careers. This is one of the reasons we feel it is important to give back to the community, especially at key moments when you can actually jump in and make sure no corners are being cut." Judy adds, "We were fortunate enough to be able to help with the Scott Florida Garden—we saw an opportunity to make a difference. The [Garden's horticultural staff] were going full-out sourcing trees and materials, and we knew that our support would help make their jobs easier."

The past summer was a rough one all around. While staff at the Garden was toiling in the mud to rebuild the Scott Florida Garden, we had our own struggles with Ed's health and pending surgery. All the while the garden slowly took shape, and we had an incredible visceral feeling that we saw it being birthed, coming alive." When the Scott Florida Garden was completed, Judy remembers thinking "it had been a long summer and fall, but everything turned out perfectly—both Ed's health and the Florida Garden renovation."

Ed and Judy are optimistic about the future of the Garden, seeing great opportunities but also challenges. "As we add gardens, we need to figure out how to move people of all ages more efficiently. We need to plan for growth, but maintain the spirit of the place, allowing people their quiet spots."

Day in and day out, they love spending time in the Garden together, the evenings, special moments, hanging out with other volunteers, the quiet views at all times during the day and night. Judy's last thought? "Sometimes I just sit and think, wow, I'm such a lucky person to be a part of this." 🌱

## Special Exhibitions/Events

**Memorial Day Appreciation Weekend** - To show our appreciation to our servicemen and women, military personnel (active or retired) will receive free admission to the Garden.

Saturday, May 27-Monday, May 29; 9am-5pm / Active and Retired Military Personnel FREE admission (ID required)

Regular Garden admission applies for all other guests.

### Chamber Music in Kapnick Hall Naples Philharmonic Community Partnerships

Thursday, June 1, 1pm

FREE admission to Naples Botanical Garden beginning at 12pm this day only

Friday, September 8, 1pm

FREE admission to Naples Botanical Garden beginning at 12pm this day only

Seating is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Wild Wednesdays** - Join Naples Botanical Garden's Conservation team for a weekly tour of the Garden's natural areas in the Smith Uplands Preserve. This engaging walk through coastal scrub habitat is an opportunity to see one of Florida's most endangered plant communities with an expert from the Garden. The Smith Preserve is home to a number of Florida's most charismatic species, including gopher tortoises, insectivorous plants, ghost orchids, and a number of birds. Please wear lightweight clothing, long sleeves and pants, closed-toe shoes, hat, and sunglasses. Please also bring a water bottle, and wear sunscreen and insect repellent if you are sensitive to the sun and mosquitos.

Each Wednesday from 9-10am beginning June 7-September 13  
Participants will meet at the Garden entrance

**Father's Day** - Express your gratitude to Dad or Granddad this Father's Day with Catch-and-Release Fishing in the Garden Lakes! Nothing says, "You're My Superhero," like a day of fishing or a walk along the Garden trails, taking in what the great outdoors has to offer. Who knows? You may catch (and then release) something "this big."

Fishing takes place all weekend, Saturday, June 17 and Sunday, June 18;  
10am-2pm; the Garden will be open 8am-3pm

Dads and Granddads FREE admission on Sunday, June 18 /  
Regular Garden admission applies for all other guests.

Special thanks to Windstar on Naples Bay Fishing Club for helping with Father's Day Fishing.



## Family Programming

**W.O.N.D.E.R. is held on Saturday & Sundays at 10:30am in the Vicky C. and David Byron Smith Children's Garden** - Together we will imagine, create, and explore through the Smith Children's Garden with activities that fall under a monthly theme. No registration necessary. All W.O.N.D.E.R. programs are included with regular Garden admission.

Upcoming weekend W.O.N.D.E.R. themes include:

June – Art Naturally

July – Worm Wranglers

August – Florida's Flora

September – Mangroves and Stormy Weather

October – Super Seeds

## Summer Camp at the Garden

Join us for another summer of fun in the Garden as we kick-off the season with a range of camps sure to make this a memorable year! Each week of camp is designed to encourage discovery and actively promote your child's sense of creativity. Children can spend their summer exploring the Garden through investigations into science, art, food, and nature!

CAMP DATES ARE:

Wild Florida Wanderers: June 5-9 and June 26-30

Gardeners in the Kitchen: June 12-16 and July 10-14

Botanical Artists: June 19-23 and July 17-21

Surviving Florida: July 3-7 (there is no camp July 4th)

Special thanks to Naples Children & Education Foundation



Summer camp is led by highly qualified teachers and is for children entering 1st through 6th grades. Join the fun for one week or multiple weeks! The cost of each camp is \$250 per child/per week for Garden members or \$300 for non-members (\*Week of July 3-7: \$240 for non-members or \$200 with membership; there is no camp July 4th). Each day of camp runs from 8am to 3pm and includes healthy breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Become a Garden member today to enjoy discounts on summer camp. Additional discounts may be applied for either sibling or multi-week registrations. Camp availability is limited. To register, email [education@naplesgarden.org](mailto:education@naplesgarden.org), visit our website at [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org), or call 239.325.1356 for more information.

## Lifelong Learning

Lifelong Learning programs offered this season are listed below. Please visit [www.naplesgarden.org/education/adult-programming/](http://www.naplesgarden.org/education/adult-programming/) to view the most up-to-date program listings, registration deadlines, and costs. To register or for more information call 239.643.7275. Join us for these fun and informative lectures, workshops, and tours to help connect people and plants!

Sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.



KEY: Garden & Horticulture

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## MAY

**Workshop: DIY Garden Crafts with Andrea Grace and Taylor Burnham, Adult Education Manager and Buehler Enabling Garden Coordinator** - Tuesday, May 23; 1-3pm; \$35 Garden Members / \$40 Non-Members (limited to 20 participants)

**Lecture: Tropical Delights - Lesser Known Fruits with Dr. Steve Brady and Andrea Grace, Adult Education Manager** - Thursday, May 25; 10am-12pm; \$15 Garden Members / \$20 Non-Members

**Tour: Legacy Trees with Brian Galligan, Director of Horticulture** - Tuesday, May 30; 9-11am; \$15 Garden Members / \$20 Non-Members (limited to 20 participants)

JUNE

 **Workshop: The Practical Approach to Well-Being with Karen McNeil** - Wednesday, June 7; 10am-12pm; \$35 Garden Members / \$40 Non-Members (limited to 20 participants)

 **Workshop: Water Garden Photography with Danny Cox, Aquatic Areas Specialist** - Saturday, June 10; 8-10am; \$35 Garden Members / \$40 Non-Members (limited to 5 participants)

 **Tour: Sunrise Hike with Britt Patterson-Weber, Youth Programs Manager** - Tuesday, June 20; 6-8am; \$15 Garden Members / \$20 Non-Members (limited to 12 participants)

 **Workshop: DIY Garden Crafts with Andrea Grace and Taylor Burnham, Adult Education Manager and Buehler Enabling Garden Coordinator** - Thursday, June 29; 1-3pm; \$35 Garden Members / \$40 Non-Members (limited to 20 participants)

JULY

 **Lecture: Following the Trail of Plumeria in Southeast Asia with Hetty Ford, Curator of Plumeria Collections** - Thursday, July 13; 10-11am; \$15 Garden Members / \$20 Non-Members

 **Workshop: The Practical Approach to Well-Being with Karen McNeil** - Wednesday, July 19; 10am-12pm; \$35 Garden Members / \$40 Non-Members (limited to 20 participants)

 **Lectures, Tours, and Workshops: Tropical Fruits of the Summer** - Saturday, July 22; 8am-3pm; General admission for lectures and workshops; additional fees apply for tasting and tours  
Fruit tasting: \$5 Garden Members / \$10 Non-Members,  
Tour Price: \$15 Garden Members / \$20 Non-Members

 **Lecture: The Herbarium of Southwestern Florida: The Hidden Secret of Naples Botanical Garden with Dr. George Wilder** - Wednesday, July 26; 10-11:15am; \$15 Garden Members / \$20 Non-Members (limited to 25 participants)

 **Workshop: DIY Garden Crafts with Andrea Grace and Taylor Burnham, Adult Education Manager and Buehler Enabling Garden Coordinator** - Thursday, July 27; 1-3pm; \$35 Garden Members / \$40 Non-Members (limited to 20 participants)

AUGUST

 **Tour: Edible Plants Walk and Talk with Andrea Grace, Adult Education Manager** - Wednesday, August 9; 9-11am; \$15 Garden Members / \$20 Non-Members (limited to 20 participants)

 **Tour: Behind the Scenes Native Orchid Tour with Nick Ewy, Associate Director of Horticulture** - Wednesday, August 16; 10am-12pm; \$15 Garden Members / \$20 Non-Members (limited to 20 participants)

 **Workshop: Water Garden Photography with Danny Cox, Aquatic Areas Specialist** - Saturday, August 19; 8-10am; \$35 Garden Members / \$40 Non-Members (limited to 5 participants)

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 **Workshop: The Practical Approach to Well-Being with Karen McNeil** - Wednesday, August 23; 10am-12pm; \$35 Garden Members / \$40 Non-Members (limited to 20 participants)

SEPTEMBER

 **Lecture: Getting your Vegetable Garden Started with Andrea Grace, Adult Education Manager** - Wednesday, September 13; 10-11:30am; \$15 Garden Members / \$20 Non-Members

Dogs in the Garden

Beginning Thursday, June 1, through Sunday, July 30, Summer Dog Walk Hours in the Garden will take place between 8-11am each Tuesday and Thursday and from 8-11:30am each Sunday.

As always, dogs must remain on their leash at all times and be up-to-date on all vaccinations and registrations; no retractable leashes. One dog permitted per adult. No dogs allowed in the Smith Children's Garden, Jane and Chuck Berger Shop in the Garden, and Fogg Café.

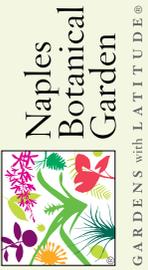
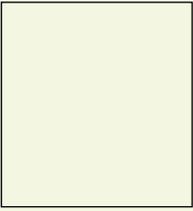
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The Dog Days of Summer Return August 1-31

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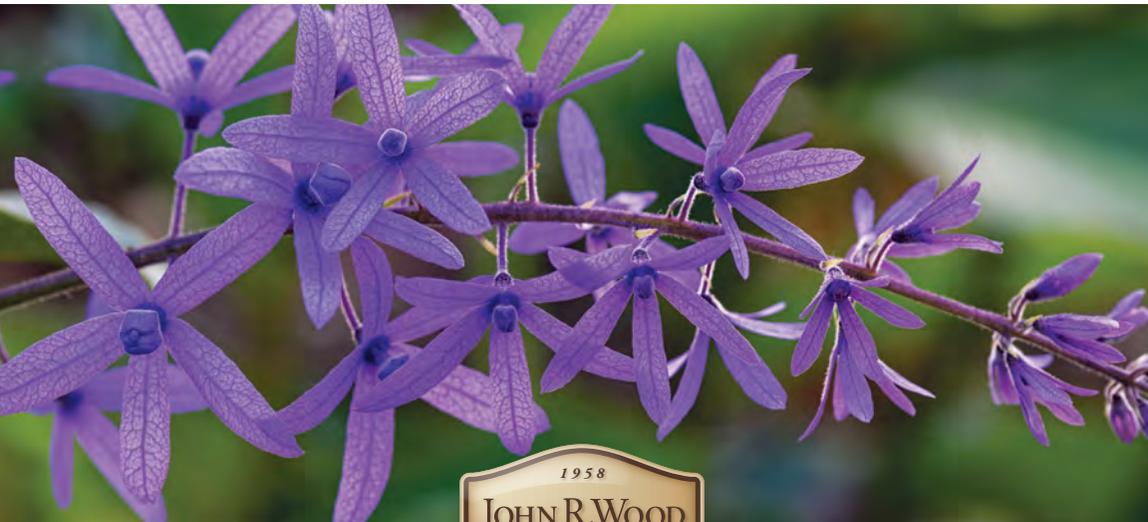
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