

Naples Botanical GARDEN



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Naples Botanical Garden

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.

ON THE COVER

Capsicum annuum 'Chocolate Bell' seedling
Photo credit: Mary Dominguez, Visual Content Coordinator, Naples Botanical Garden



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You Asked. We Listened.

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hen you visit Naples Botanical Garden this winter you'll find many more programs and activities happening. Why? Because you told us to.

Last season we undertook the Garden's first comprehensive survey of members and visitors to find out what you enjoyed, where we could improve, and what you wanted more of. We were pleased with the high rate of response and the feedback that will help us make the Garden an even better place. You told us you want more experiences that enhance your time in the Garden, and you want to learn more about what we do.

Some of the new things you'll see this season:

- Orchid Fest, a week-long celebration of this very popular plant
- Blooms & Brews, a new festival celebrating local microbreweries and the plants that make beer happen
- A new Music in the Garden concert series
- More W.O.N.D.E.R.: This popular drop-in program for families will happen every morning
- Look to Dig Deeper: visitors of all ages will find experts providing a look at Florida's unique plants

More things just for Members:

- Behind-the-scenes tours and programs
- Member Mornings lecture series
- Bring a Friend days
- Member Picnics: bring your own picnic dinner and enjoy the Garden in the evening

Where can we improve? You let us know that parking and entry lines are frustrating on busy days. We're working on that.

Thank you for supporting the Garden. We look forward to seeing you soon. 🌿



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Donna McGinnis

JOIN US FOR THE INAUGURAL

**Blooms
&
2019
BREWS**

NAPLES BOTANICAL GARDEN

Sit back with friends and enjoy live music by
The Woodwork while savoring a variety of
local craft brews in your own commemorative
Blooms & Brews 2019 glass, included with every ticket.
Food will be available for purchase.
Must be 21 or older to attend.

SATURDAY APRIL 13, 2019 • 6-10PM

Tickets available at naplesgarden.org

Admission: \$35 Garden Members | \$50 Non-Members | \$15 Designated Drivers

Event proceeds benefit Naples Botanical Garden's Conservation efforts.

SAVE THE DATE



THE GARDEN OPEN

April 15, 2019
19th Annual Garden Open!

Attendees will enjoy lunch, golf, raffle, cocktails,
and dinner while supporting the growth of the
Garden's new Horticulture Campus!

- Registration and Lunch begin at 11:30am
- Player Fees start at \$350

Can't Make it for Golf?

Please contact us to join for cocktails, raffle, and dinner!

For more information, please contact Leslie Morreale
239.325.1368 or LMorreale@naplesgarden.org

To learn more about how you can support this special event through sponsorship,
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Andrea Grace, Nursery Manager, unboxes orchids from California to add to the nursery.

Giving Global Plant Conservation a Local Home

Andrea Grace introduced herself to a group of children in an education program at Naples Botanical Garden. “I’m the Nursery Manager here at the Garden. Does anyone know what that means?”

“You take care of babies!” shouted one child. “You work in a hospital!” offered another.

Although not entirely correct, the kids weren’t wildly off-base either. As Nursery Manager, Andrea does indeed take care of baby plants, and at times the work she undertakes does have sort of an emergency room feel to it. For example, when a tender plant cutting arrives to Andrea’s work space, she must race against time and the elements to transplant the item before it loses excess moisture or receives deadly sun damage. You can call her a botanical Florence Nightingale.

Soon, Andrea’s plant ER will get a serious upgrade. On a beautiful afternoon just before Thanksgiving, the Garden broke ground on the new Horticulture Campus. The plans call for a 22,000 sq. ft. greenhouse complex that features every space necessary for growing a plant from seed to mature specimen. Since different plants have different needs—think desert plants versus rainforest plants—the new growing facilities will allow Andrea and the horticulture team to control environmental conditions in different areas. Vice President of Horticulture Brian Galligan says, “We’ll be able to grow bigger, better plants to maturity.”

Once grown, plants may be displayed in the Garden, out-planted in restoration projects, kept in conservation collections, used for seedbanking purposes, or shared



Eric Foht, Natural Areas Manager, inspects a tillandsia in the Vicky C. and David Byron Smith Uplands Preserve

The work we do—collecting and propagating seeds from our 90 acres of natural areas—is more important with each passing day.

with other gardens depending on scientific significance. “The new Horticulture Campus is really central to our ability to grow as a botanical garden,” says Vice President of Conservation Chad Washburn, “It also gives us the capacity to be a force for plant conservation, both regionally and globally.”

In past editions of this publication, readers might recall learning about how the Garden is expanding its living collection with plant material from Southern California, Puerto Rico, and beyond. It is essential to note, though, that while the new Horticulture Campus will allow us to grow those plants in optimal conditions, it’s not just plants

from far-flung areas between the 26th latitudes that Andrea will be looking after in the Nursery. “We have a lot of rare plant material all over the Garden,” she says. “The new facility will support both the designed gardens and natural areas.”

Natural Areas Manager Eric Foht is thrilled about these developments taking place on the southeastern side of the Garden. The natural areas he manages represent the diversity of South Florida’s habitats, including cypress dome, slough, pine flatwoods, coastal scrub, mangrove, and marsh. Among these, coastal scrub is one of Florida’s most endangered ecosystems. As the name implies, this ecosystem is found along the coast and is typically higher and dryer than the surrounding landscape. These high and dry coastal areas are highly desirable for development; consequently, the plants and animals that are adapted to that habitat often get displaced.

“The work we do—collecting and propagating seeds from our 90 acres of natural areas—is more important with each passing day,” Eric says. Growing native plants from locally-sourced seed is preferable to buying those same plants from a nursery because nursery plants come from all over the state, or even Southeast region, and aren’t necessarily adapted to our local environmental conditions. Additionally, collecting and propagating seed from the Garden’s natural areas also helps preserve genetic diversity, which in turn prevents inbreeding and begets stronger plants. “The new facilities and

the ability to bank seeds will be vital to preserving biodiversity for future generations,” Eric says.

In fact, there are over 40 species of plants growing in our natural areas that are not conserved in any other public garden’s living collections on the planet. When the Garden shares this kind of rare plant material with other organizations, we help ensure its survival. The new Horticulture Campus represents the Garden’s commitment to conservation. “This project is an important part of caring for our living collections, along with those plants that are shared with us from other gardens around the world,” Chad says. “It is also the most important tool that will allow the Garden to build valuable living collections with a conservation focus.”

Just as transporting an ailing person to a hospital is of urgent importance, so too is the need for plant conservation. Thousands of plants around the world are considered critically endangered and face a high risk of extinction—and that group is growing every day. The new Horticulture Campus will allow Andrea and everyone else who works with plants to provide the botanical intensive care necessary to stem these losses of natural resources. 🌿

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Come and Join Us For



Daily at 10:30am

Together we will **walk, observe, navigate, draw, explore, and read** about a monthly theme throughout the Garden! No prior registration necessary. All W.O.N.D.E.R. programs are included with regular Garden admission; free for Members.

January - Feathered Friends
Location: Scott Florida Garden

Beaks, feathers, and wings, oh my! Discover the world of birds this month. Explore feathers up-close and create your own pair of binoculars to search out birds on the fly. Encourage a bird-friendly habitat in your own backyard by planting some Florida-native fiddlewood seeds to take home.

February - Super Plants
Location: Performance Lawn

It’s a bird, it’s a plane, it’s a super plant! Air plants don’t need capes to take off from the ground and they don’t need soil to thrive either! This month, explore what makes an air plant super. Observe an air plant up close and learn how they use wind to their advantage.

March - March Madness: Fern vs. Flower
Location: Smith Children’s Garden

Who will win in a showdown, ferns or flowers? Come find out as we explore their spores and seeds up close and discuss what makes each plant special. Will the seeds of flowers take them to the final round or will the spores of ferns crush the competition? Let the madness begin!

April - Bamboo-zled
Location: Lea Asian Garden

Prepare to be bamboozled! You’ll be amazed to learn the many uses and benefits of bamboo. It’s strong, it’s fast, *and* it’s musical? Test these claims and make your own bamboo craft to take home—we bet it won’t be the only thing you own made out of bamboo! 🌿

■ Feay’s Palafox, *Palafoxia feayi*

What are some rare plants in the Garden’s natural areas?

“Two of my favorites are Feay’s palafox (*Palafoxia feayi*) and wild pennyroyal (*Piloblephis rigida*),” says Chad Washburn, Vice President of Conservation. “Feay’s palafox is a wildflower that is endemic to Florida and found only in scrub and sandhill communities. Not only are the flowers beautiful, they are attractive to bees and butterflies. Wild pennyroyal is found in Florida, but makes its way up into a few counties in Georgia. Pennyroyal is another native wildflower that is important for bees and pollinators. Both of these species are often overlooked because they are not as showy as many other wildflowers. In fact, neither of these species are reported in living collections in any other garden globally. The new facility will allow us to grow both of these native plants, and many other native species from our preserves.” 🌿



Join us for Dig Deeper, a brand new walk-up visitor program!

Fridays & Saturdays, 11:30am & 1pm

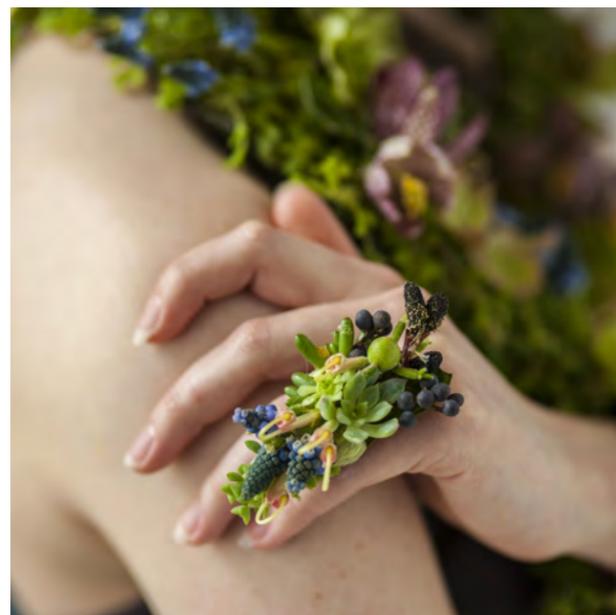
Included with admission; free for Members.
No registration required.

Take a little thyme to become a Garden sage in this new, fun, fast, and interactive learning opportunity! Join Garden staff for a chat about a different topic each weekend, learn about what we do and how we do it, and maybe start seeing the Garden from a new perspective. Topics might include using adaptive tools, repotting orchids, propagating succulents, and much more. Find out where you can “dig deeper” at the Ticketing window, Smith Entry Prow, or on our website, naplesgarden.org. 🌿

Naples Garden Club presents: Françoise Weeks, European Floral Design Botanical Haute Couture Workshop

Tuesday, March 5
9am-12pm OR 1-4pm
Buehler Auditorium

Way beyond boutonnières and corsages is the world of Botanical Couture, where natural materials and florals are transformed into wearable pieces of floral art. These creations are the current darling of wedding-world floral designers and other innovators. In this workshop, Françoise Weeks will guide budding designers in the creation of a show-stopping piece that takes inspiration from Haute Couture. Learn how to use decorative aluminum wire as a base for rings, necklaces, bracelets, earrings, or handbag embellishments, then decorate them with tiny and often overlooked bits of texture found in seed pods, tendrils, succulents, and herbs, as well as striking beautiful blooms. Françoise will guide participants throughout their entire design process with two workshops on March 5. Workshop fee includes all supplies; limit of 20 participants per workshop. Reservation deadline is February 18.



About Françoise Weeks

Françoise Weeks, born in Belgium, has infused her work with a quintessential European reverence for flowers and nature.

unite to create rigorous and exciting learning opportunities for her students to explore all that nature has to offer. ♡

Combined with creativity and mechanical ingenuity, she has crystalized her singular style of Textural Woodlands and Botanical Haute Couture pieces, garnering a global following.

Françoise's studio is located in Portland, Oregon. Her innovation and love of teaching have brought her to the Flower School Cohim in China, the Academy of Floral Art in Exeter, England, studios in Australia and Mexico, workshops at Mayesh and Florabundance and to the La Jolla and Memphis garden clubs. Her dynamic work has been published in *Nacre*, *Fusion Flowers*, *Modern Wedding Flowers*, *Huffington Post*, *Flutter* and *Millieu*.

Her generosity of knowledge and perspective in use of floral materials, structure and mechanics, in addition to the business of being a florist,

\$100 Garden Club Members / Naples Botanical Garden Members / Non-Members
For more information or to reserve your space, visit naplesgardenclub.org.

Naples FLOWER Show™ Presents



March 22 & 23, 2019
9am-5pm

Naples Garden Club and Naples Botanical Garden partner annually to present the Naples Flower Show, which has blossomed into the largest juried flower show in Southwest Florida. Guests enjoy spectacular floral designs, botanical arts, exotic plants, educational displays, talks and interactive demonstrations. Visitors are able to shop many diverse vendors and stroll through the beautiful tropical setting of Naples Botanical Garden. The theme of this year's flower show is "Making Music."

Open at 8am for Members of
Naples Botanical Garden and Naples Garden Club

Included with regular Garden admission

For more information, visit naplesgarden.org

Garden Members can enjoy early entry at 8am to Ikebana#160 and Naples Orchid Society shows!



Ikebana

A Universal Connection With Natural Art

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 15-16
9am-5pm

INCLUDED WITH REGULAR GARDEN ADMISSION
FREE FOR MEMBERS

Ikebana, the meditative art of flower arrangement, is rooted in traditional philosophy and ancient Japanese folklore that dates back hundreds of years.

Naples Botanical Garden welcomes an exhibition of Ikebana International Chapter #160, a local group of enthusiasts and experts of Japanese flower arranging with emphasis on form and balance. This year, the theme of the exhibit is *Love in the Garden*. Held in Kapnick Hall, there will be more than 70 floral arrangements, demonstrations of various schools of Ikebana, and a Ginza-style marketplace where Ikebana materials can be purchased. ♡

Naples Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 23-24
9am-5pm

INCLUDED WITH REGULAR GARDEN ADMISSION
FREE FOR MEMBERS



In Florida, the orchid is a symbol of rare and native beauty with an ephemeral presence in the wild. The Garden will host the Naples Orchid Society Show and Sale, featuring a variety of orchid enchantment. This year's theme, the Magic of Orchids, will be celebrated with a display of prize-winning orchids, artistic orchid arrangements both cut and container-grown. A number of vendors will be there to offer Garden guests a selection of unique blooms and supplies to help all personal collections flourish. ♡

ORCHID FEST

Continue to celebrate orchids after the Naples Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale with Orchid Fest at the Garden! From February 25 – March 2, join us for hands-on demonstrations, informative talks, and activities for the kids!

Orchids comprise one of the largest families of plants on Earth and are found in nearly every habitat imaginable—yet they remain mysterious to so many. During Orchid Fest, we'll break down some of the mystique around orchids and you'll see that orchids are actually all around us. The better we understand this diverse family of plants, the better we can conserve them.

Orchid Fest is jam-packed with activities each day and the full program schedule can be found on our website, naplesgarden.org. Some special highlights include:

- Monday, February 25, 1pm: "Orchid Diversity: Adaptations and Opportunities for Conservation" with Chad Washburn, Naples Botanical Garden's Vice President of Conservation
- Wednesday, February 27, 1:30pm: "All About Orchids" with Dr. Dick Phippen of the Naples Orchid Society
- Thursday, February 28, 1pm: "The Ghost Orchids of Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve" with Mike Owen, Park Biologist

All Orchid Fest activities are included with admission and FREE for Garden Members. No registration necessary. ♡

Chef Jack Sets the Table In Season

In Southwest Florida, mild tropical winter weather makes for ideal conditions to plant a vegetable garden! The United States Department of Agriculture rates most of coastal Southwestern Florida Zones among the warmest in the Continental United States, meaning that the area does not experience frost. This also means that common vegetable gardens in Southwest Florida thrive particularly throughout the fall and winter, when the climate is typically mild.

This recipe draws inspiration from street food vendors in Mexico.

Winter is the perfect time to plant vegetables like cucumbers, corn, broccoli, carrots, peppers, onions, and more. The peak vegetable-growing season here begins in October, and lasts through March. Typically, growing conditions beyond March become too extreme for vegetable gardens to thrive without additional protection from the heat. Here in Southwest Florida, winter is a plentiful time for farmer's markets and locally-sourced vegetables.

For this recipe, Chef Jack chose to use seasonally-thriving produce like corn, garlic, onions, and peppers. This recipe draws inspiration from street food vendors in Mexico. "Elote is wonderful. The problem with elote is that it can be messy to eat. My take on elote uses all of the same flavors, and makes a hearty soup for a new twist." The main ingredients of elote is white corn roasted over an open grill, which is then coated with a combination of chili lime seasoning, butter, cotija, lime juice, and mayonnaise or crema fresca. The seasoning is the essential for corn found in grocery stores. It includes chiles, sea salt, and dehydrated lime juice. This recipe hones in on the fun of a classic Mexican elote, with ingredients you can find this season in Southwest Florida. ♡

Mexican Street Corn Soup

Soup:

- 6-8 large corn cobs
- 1 onion, sliced thin
- 1 cup celery, chopped
- 1 gallon water
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 tablespoon whole peppercorn
- 2 garlic cloves, smashed
- 2 small yellow onions, diced
- 2 jalapeños, seeds removed, minced
- 5 garlic bulbs, peeled and minced
- 1 quart heavy cream

Garnish:

Note: all of the following are optional.

- 4-6 pieces of crispy bacon, chopped
- Queso fresco, crumbled
- Serrano chiles sliced thin (Substitute with any local variety of chiles growing in Florida)
- Chile pepper and lime seasoning (chiles, sea salt, and dehydrated lime juice)
- Cilantro or Culantro, sliced thin
- Sour cream

Directions:

Remove the corn from the husk reserving the cob for corn stock. Season the corn kernels with salt and pepper and roast at 350° F for 20 minutes, or until cooked.

Using the corn husks, sliced onion, smashed garlic, bay leaf, peppercorns, and celery, bring to a boil with 1 gallon of water. Reduce by half.

In a soup pot, sauté the diced onion and minced garlic with the jalapeño until soft. Add the corn and stock, bring to a simmer. Add the heavy cream and reduce until the color changes and the soup thickens (The starch in the corn will naturally thicken the soup, although other thickening agents may be used.)

Serve soup with any or all of the garnishes on the top.



Chef Jack Raben

While planning a special recipe for readers of the Garden Magazine, Chef Jack Raben considered the local vegetable-growing season, compared to his Midwestern roots. "Here, the growing season is basically the opposite of what I was used to," said Chef Jack. Fast-forward to his current role leading the kitchen at Fogg Café, where knowing the growing season is essential for sourcing fresh and local produce featured on the menu.



REFLECTIONS
ON GLASS
Fräbel IN THE
GARDEN

ON VIEW THROUGH MARCH 31, 2019

The immersive exhibition *Reflections on Glass: Fräbel in the Garden*, created by the “The Father of Flamework” Hans Godo Fräbel, invites visitors to discover a whimsical world of glass as it is reflected on the tranquil water features of Naples Botanical Garden.

Did you know? Hans Godo Fräbel and his artistic team carefully observed Naples Botanical Garden in order to gather context for selecting pieces that would best complement the landscape. Some pieces incorporate parts of the Garden itself, such as the structure that anchors *Jesters on Branch* (pictured above). The playful positioning of the figures represents the highs and lows that one will experience during life. In fact, the branch that supports these jesters is the result of a pivotal point in the Garden’s history: it came from a tree that was felled by Hurricane Irma in 2017. While the storm brought heartbreaking losses to the Garden’s collections and landscape, the organization rebounded with great energy and a new vision for the future. ♡

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Now Available



If you can’t get enough of *Reflections on Glass*, you can now take it home with you! Exhibit catalogues are available for purchase in the Jane and Chuck Berger Shop in the Garden and showcase striking photos of the exhibition as it is uniquely displayed among the lush, tropical gardens and tranquil water features of the Garden. It is a great keepsake of this memorable exhibit. Pick one up on your next visit! ♡

Exhibit Catalogue for Reflections on Glass: Fräbel in the Garden (\$19.95)

One-of-a-kind original glass sculptures from the Fräbel Studio Line are also available in the Berger Shop in the Garden. These special pieces – large and small – are beautiful and unique works of art. They are created by hand without the use of molds, so no two pieces are exactly the same. ♡

Fräbel Studio Glass (Prices range from \$200 to \$5,000 with a portion of each sale benefiting the Garden.)



Hats in the Garden

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Music IN THE GARDEN

Enjoy our Music in the Garden summer concert series, beginning in April. Beat the heat and enjoy these locally-based musical acts **under air in Kapnick Hall.**

Music in the Garden offers family-friendly entertainment every 1st and 3rd Sunday, April through August **from 12 - 2 pm.**

For more information on performing artists and corresponding dates, visit naplesgarden.org. All concerts are included with regular Garden admission.

Bring your own chair! 🌿

MUSICAL LINEUP

The Woodwork | April 7

Bugtussle Ramblers | April 21

Bob Zottola & Jazz Simpatico | May 5

The John Patti Project | May 19

Sarah Hedeka Trio | June 2

The Band Trinity | June 16

Kelly & Mason Duo | July 7

Little Eddie and the Fat Fingers | July 21

The Woodwork | August 4

Little Eddie and the Fat Fingers | August 18

PRESENTED BY:

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Book Presentation: *Gardenlust* by Chris Woods

Friday, February 1, 11am-12pm

The presentation will be followed by a book signing.
Included with regular Garden admission.



Gardenlust will be available for purchase in the Berger Shop in the Garden. No registration necessary for this program.

For three years, Chris Woods traveled the world seeking out contemporary gardens and found 50 of the best. With wit and humor, he describes the most arresting features in public parks in exotic locations like New Delhi and Dubai, mission-redefining botanic gardens in Chile and Australia, and the most enviable details of lavish private estates and gemlike city yards. Throughout, he reveals the fascinating people, plants, and stories that make these gardens so lustworthy. Naples Botanical Garden is one of the gardens featured in the book.

About Chris Woods

Chris Woods was born in London, England, but has lived in the United States since 1981. He has worked in the garden world as gardener, director, and designer for 45 years. He is best known for Chanticleer, a "pleasure garden" in Wayne, PA, where he worked for 20 years. 🌿

Save the Date!

February 20-21, 2019

**GIVE WHERE
YOU LIVE** Collier
HOSTED & MATCHED BY THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF COLLIER COUNTY
& THE RICHARD M. SCHULZE FAMILY FOUNDATION

Naples Botanical Garden is proud to participate in **Give Where You Live Collier**, a local annual celebration of philanthropy in Collier County.

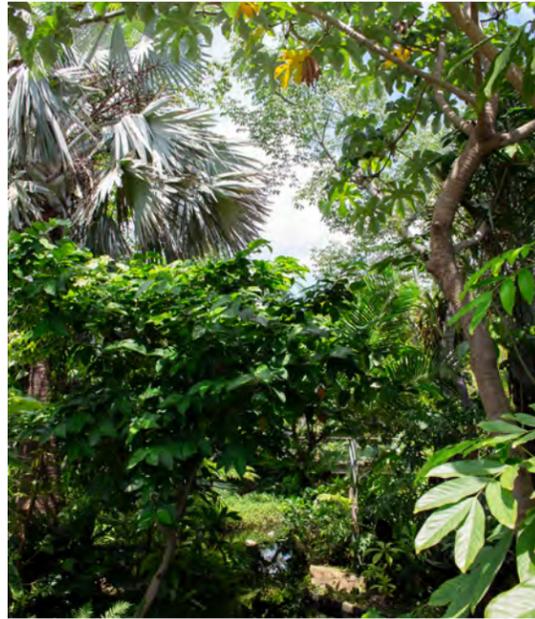
Mark your calendars to make a special gift to the Garden between noon on February 20 and noon on February 21, 2019 during this exciting 24-hour giving event. Thanks to the Community Foundation of Collier County and the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation, \$500,000 of matching funds are available to all donations made during Give Where You Live Collier.

Be sure to check your emails and our website on the days leading up to the event for more details about making your gift count!

Questions? Please call Erin Wolfe Bell, Director of Development Operations, at 239.325.1936.

If you plan to participate with a contribution of stock, Donor Advised Funds, or an IRA contribution, please contact Lisette Holmes at lhomes@cfcollier.org or 239.649.5000 to pre-arrange your gift so that it is counted. 🌿

Members-Only Events



MEMBER MORNINGS

It's a new season and new offerings abound.

You are invited to the Garden to enjoy a series of informal and insightful talks inside Kapnick Hall (next to Fogg Café), led by one of our expert staff members. Member Mornings are designed to give you an inside look at some of the budding conservation, education, and horticulture happenings at the Garden. Bring yourself and your curiosity! Complimentary coffee, tea, and juice will be provided at each talk.

Free for Members; registration encouraged by visiting naplesgarden.org/memberevents

Tuesday, February 12, 9-10:30am

With Nick Ewy, Associate Director of Horticulture
Get ready for Orchid Fest by learning how to take care of your own orchids, and learn about the international conservation work Naples Botanical Garden is doing to save endangered orchid species.

Tuesday, March 12, 9-10:30am

With Britt Patterson-Weber, Director of Education and Visitor Experience
How can nature help with dementia in older adults? Learn how Naples Botanical Garden improves quality of life for patients and the caregivers who love them.

Tuesday, April 9, 9-10:30am

With Eric Foht, Natural Areas Manager
Since restoring the Preserve from a tangled mess of invasive species to a functioning native Florida ecosystem, all kinds of wildlife have returned. Learn which of them now call the Garden home.

Questions? Email us at membership@naplesgarden.org

BRING A FRIEND DAY

Monday, January 21, 9am-5pm

Wednesday, March 13, 9am-5pm

Have you been eagerly wanting to share Naples Botanical Garden with a friend? On Bring a Friend Day, you have the opportunity to share the Garden with a non-member for FREE. Simply have your guest join you on your visit and open their eyes to the tropical gardens and restored Florida landscape. Limit one non-member guest per membership card. As a reminder, Royal Palm Society members can always bring their guests FREE of charge.



ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING

Monday, January 21

Doors Open: 5:30pm

Program Begins: 6pm

You're invited to join the Naples Botanical Garden Board of Directors and President & CEO, Donna McGinnis, for the Garden's Annual Members' Meeting. The evening will highlight the Garden's latest accomplishments made possible by our Members and give you a look ahead at the exciting future plans for the Garden. Enjoy the company of fellow Garden lovers as you mix and mingle with old and new friends. Reception to follow with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks. Wine and beer available for purchase.

This event is free for Garden Members. Members are encouraged to bring a prospective Member.

VIP Access for Members at the *Sustaining* level and above beginning at 5pm.

RSVP to attend by sending an email to rspv@naplesgarden.org by Wednesday, January 16.



MEMBER INSIDER TOURS

Members-only tours are free, but advanced registration is required.

HOW TO REGISTER

Send an e-mail to membership@naplesgarden.org specifying your desired date (one tour per member, please). Your reservation is complete when you receive an e-mail confirmation. Please note that all tours require walking. Bug spray and water are suggested. Space is limited.

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

Wednesday, February 6, 9-10am, Butterflies in the Garden

Director of Education and Visitor Experience, Britt Patterson-Weber, changed careers because of butterflies. On this Member Insider Tour, you will find out what makes this singular insect so captivating as you explore our cultivated gardens. Along the way, you will learn what makes a healthy butterfly habitat, how and where to look for eggs and caterpillars in nature, and why butterflies are critical to ecosystems. You will also learn about lesser-known pollinator plants in the Garden's collection.



Member Insider Tours (continued)

Monday, February 18, 11:30am-1pm, Guided Tour of *Reflections on Glass: Fräbel in the Garden*

Join Curator of Education, Mary Helen Reuter, for an in-depth look at this season's special exhibition, *Reflections on Glass*, by artist Hans Godo Fräbel. You will hear the rich history of the artist, learn about the different techniques used to hand-form the sculptures, and explore the range of pieces we have on display throughout the Garden.

Thursday, March 7, 7-8:30pm, Blacklight Night Tour

See the Garden in a whole new light as you discover the Garden under ultraviolet rays! Experience the world of bright orange lichens, sparkling blossoms, and fluorescent pollen as Curator of Education, Mary Helen Reuter, guides you on this night-time tour. You will hear about color, light, and wild nightlife as you explore the Garden's natural areas. Ultraviolet flashlights will be provided; **Members must wear closed-toe shoes and dress for walking. Bring a bottle of water and bug repellent if desired.**

NEW MEMBER PERK!

NEW this year, our Members can enjoy early entry at 8am to three major flower shows hosted at the Garden. Enjoy the displays and markets a full hour before the general public.

Naples Ikebana International #160 Show

February 15-16, 9am-5pm
Member Entry: 8am

Naples Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale

February 23-24, 9am-5pm
Member Entry: 8am

Naples Flower Show and Garden Market

March 22-23, 9am-5pm
Member Entry: 8am

Tuesday, March 12, 11:30am-1pm, Guided Tour of *Reflections on Glass: Fräbel in the Garden*

Join Curator of Education, Mary Helen Reuter, for an in-depth look at this season's special exhibition, *Reflections on Glass*, by artist Hans Godo Fräbel. You will hear the rich history of the artist, learn about the different techniques used to hand-form the sculptures, and explore the range of pieces we have on display throughout our Garden.

Monday, April 1, 7-8:30pm, Blacklight Night Tour

See the Garden in a whole new light as you discover the Garden under ultraviolet rays! Experience the world of bright orange lichens, sparkling blossoms, and fluorescent pollen as Education Operations Manager, Taylor Burnham, guides you on this night-time tour. You will learn about color, light, and wild nightlife as you explore the Garden's natural areas. Ultraviolet flashlights will be provided; **Members must wear closed-toe shoes and dress for walking. Bring a bottle of water and bug repellent if desired.**

Thursday, April 11, 9-10am, Mindful Meandering

Unwind your mind! Education Programs Assistant, Halley Kretschmer, will begin this program with a standing stretch overlooking the Performance Lawn and continue our mindful stroll through the Lea Asian Garden, discussing life lessons from the plants we encounter. Journey into the center of the labyrinth in the South Grove and return to your senses in the Buehler Enabling Garden. Discover a deeper connection between your body and the Garden! Participants are encouraged to wear attire for walking and stretching and bring a bottle of water.



MEMBERS-ONLY PICNIC: FEAST AND FLAMES

Sunday, March 3, 4:30-6:30pm

Join us for a Members-Only Picnic in the Garden as we celebrate the final weeks of our exhibition, *Reflections on Glass: Fräbel in the Garden*. Local glass artist Conrad Williams will be in the Garden performing a LIVE glass-blowing demonstration.

Do not miss this chance to see glass artwork materialize in front of your eyes. Conrad Williams will be demonstrating his glass-blowing techniques throughout the picnic. You can marvel at his skill from only a few feet away!

Remember to bring your own picnic along with a blanket or chair(s). Chairs allowed in designated areas only. Cash bars will be available accepting cash and credit cards. Fogg Café will be open and serving a limited menu. No outside alcohol permitted. Guests beyond your membership admitted at regular admission price. 🍷

Register online by February 25 at www.naplesgarden.org/memberevents



Tribute gifts are a unique way to celebrate a special occasion or remember a loved one while supporting the Garden. Your enduring and 100% tax-deductible gift supports the Garden's mission to Conserve & Discover. Engage & Inspire.

Making a contribution in the name of a family member, friend, or loved one is a thoughtful way to celebrate all types of occasions. Simply let us know the name and address of the honoree, and we will send a personalized notification informing the person or their family member of your generous contribution (gift amount is not included in the letter.)

Trees and benches are also available to dedicate in honor or in memory of a loved one. All tree and bench locations are chosen with Garden staff and a personalized plaque is included. ♡

If you are interested in making a gift in honor or in memory of someone special in your life, please call the Advancement Office at 239.325.1936.

Tribute Gifts

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ROYAL PALM SOCIETY Naples Botanical Garden

ANNUAL BENEFITS:

- Free general admission for you and all accompanying guests
- Four one-time-use guest admission passes
- Complimentary Invitation to Naples Flower Show Preview Party, Night Lights Patron Party and more
- 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
- 10% discount in the Berger Shop in the Garden and access to the Loyalty Program

ROYAL PALM SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP LEVELS:

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
- Two additional one-time-use guest admission passes (6 total)

Heliconia – \$5,000-\$9,999

- Ginger membership benefits, *plus*
- A *Family* level membership to give as a gift (must be a new Member)
- Two additional one-time-use guest admission passes (8 total)

Bromeliad – \$10,000-\$14,999

- Heliconia membership benefits, *plus*
- Invitation to lunch with the President & CEO at Fogg Café
- 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.

Join the Royal Palm Society

Demonstrate Your Leadership Support

As a member of the Royal Palm Society, you provide vital philanthropic support to enable the Garden to fulfill its vision of becoming a world-class botanical garden and national leader in conservation. Through your membership gift, the Garden's expert staff can continue its work to ensure preservation of threatened species and educate our local community on the importance and positive impacts of being stewards of our environment. Join our group of dedicated supporters with a Royal Palm Society membership.

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

For questions about the Royal Palm Society or to join, please contact Brian Russo at 239.315.7293 or brusso@naplesgarden.org

Contributions are 100% tax-deductible.



Seeding the Garden's Future

Join the Perennial Legacy Society

The Garden serves the needs of our community through education, conservation, and wellness. You can ensure this impact will touch people's lives for generations.

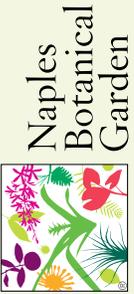
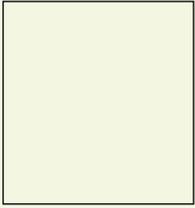
Please Consider a Gift to the Garden in Your Will or Estate

You can make a bright future for the Garden, without impacting current finances, by including the Garden as a beneficiary in your will, trust, retirement account, IRA, or other estate plans.

Share the Good News

Already included the Garden? Please let us know to invite you to Society events, which range from exclusive behind-the-scenes lectures to enjoyable cocktails. And thank you!

To inform us of your future gift intention, or for a free "how to" legacy brochure, contact Cindy Learned at 239.325.1927 or clearned@naplesgarden.org.



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