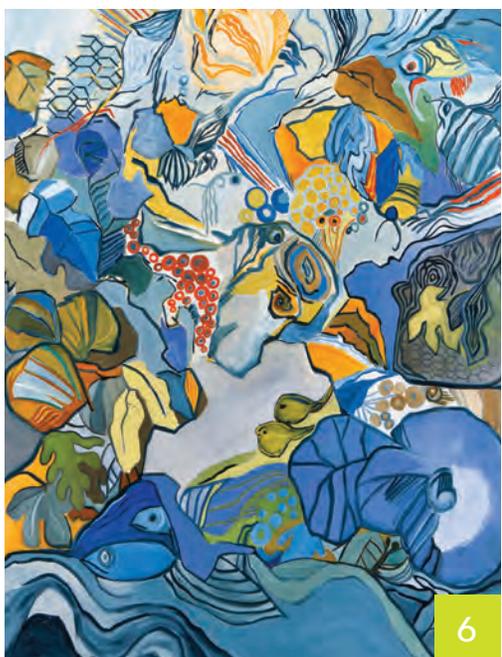


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### OUR MISSION

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

View of the Pinelands from the Collier Enterprises South Wetlands Preserve  
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# Summertime, and the Garden is Blooming!

**S**ummer in Naples isn't quiet anymore, and the Garden is no different. Our Members and visitors will have a lot of experiences from which to choose when they're here.

The Garden is always beautiful, but this time of year is special. There are spectacular blooms every day, plants fill out to their fullest, fruit ripens, and waterlilies cover the ponds with flowers and huge lily pads. It's lush and gorgeous.

Take advantage of the Garden offerings you'll read about in this issue:

- Earlier hours so you can enjoy cool mornings (8am Tuesday-Sunday)
- W.O.N.D.E.R every day
- Drop-in activities with Dig Deeper
- The International Waterlily & Water Gardening Society  
New Waterlily Competition
- Brunch at Fogg Café Friday-Sunday
- Learn something new at a Members-Only tour

As summer progresses and the temperatures climb, you'll have a chance to cool off with these indoor activities in air-conditioned Kapnick Hall:

- *Natural Oasis: The Art of Mally Khorasantchi* – Journey through this special exhibition of large-format oil paintings that serve as an homage to the natural world, on display May 3–September 2.
- Music in the Garden – This family-friendly concert series every 1st & 3rd Sunday through August features the musical stylings of a variety of local artists.

Thank you for supporting the Garden. We look forward to seeing you this summer! 🌸



Donna McGinnis



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# A Reason to W.O.N.D.E.R.



**Daily at 10:30am**

Together we will **w**alk, **o**bserve, **n**avigate, **d**raw, **e**xplore, and **r**ead 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.

**May: Mother Earth, May I?**

**Location: Kapnick Caribbean Garden**

Join us to learn about what we can do daily to help take care of our home, Planet Earth. Create art using recycled materials, and explore some creative ways to reuse everyday items that might otherwise be headed for the landfill.

**June: Solar Power!**

**Location: Buehler Enabling Garden**

Did you know that plants get their energy from the sun? So do many other organisms, including butterflies! Become an energy expert this month as we explore how energy flows through life in the Garden. We will learn where energy comes from, where it goes, and even how we can harness the sun's energy to power our lives.

**July: Floating Flora**

**Location: Performance Lawn**

Dive into the depths of the habitats and adaptations of aquatic plants. This month, we'll learn about plants that survive in the water, no flotation devices necessary! Paint the vibrant colors of the flowers that float above the surface, and take a peek beneath lily pads to observe their magic up close.

**August: Stormy Weather & Mangroves**

**Location: Smith Children's Garden**

Did you know that mangrove habitats protect Florida's coastline from damaging wind, rain, and currents caused by storms? Indeed, their dense root system not only acts as a barrier between the sea and the mainland but also provides refuge to wildlife. In this program, learn more about these unique habitats and how they interact with Florida's stormy weather. (This program will be offered September 1-2.) ♡



# Join us for Dig Deeper, a Walk-Up Visitor Program!

**Fridays, Saturdays, & Sundays, 11:30am & 1pm**

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

**T**ake a little *thyme* to become a Garden *sage* in this 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](http://naplesgarden.org). ♡

# A Waterlily Exhibition of International Proportions

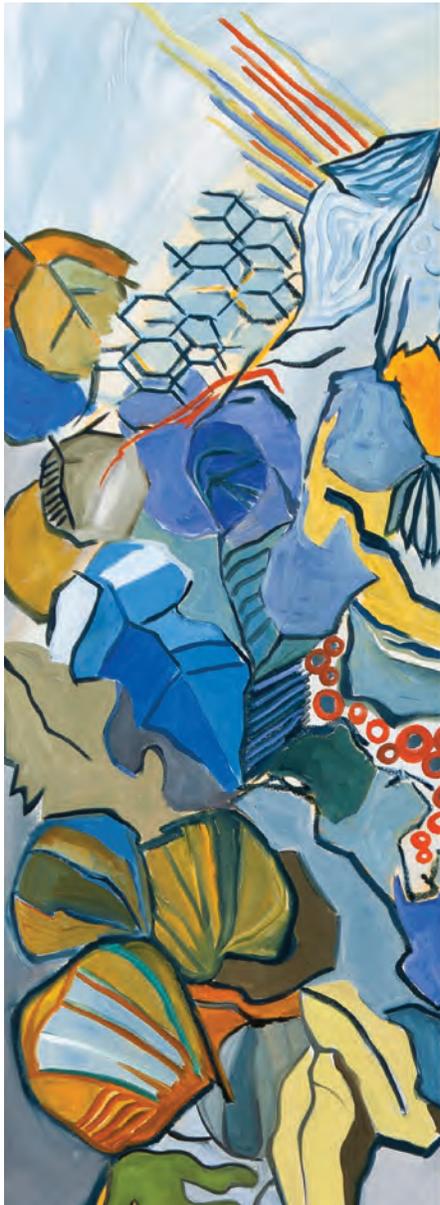
This Summer, Naples Botanical Garden  
Gives These Hybrids a Place to Grow

**E**ach year, growers from across the globe produce hybrid waterlilies to enter into the International Waterlily & Water Gardening Society's New Waterlily Competition, a showcase of the most novel varieties of these floating plants. Just 25 entries are grown in several display tanks to be judged come fall.

Starting this June, and for four years to follow, Naples Botanical Garden will be the venue of this illustrious competition, which means that as Members and guests work their way between the Lea Asian Garden and Scott Florida Garden, they can meander into the South Grove to catch sight of the best these aquatic blooms have to offer, whether it's unusual color, intense fragrance, or vibrant new leaf patterns. Our visitors will literally be among the first people in the world to view these unique hybrids, which are not commercially available.

The competition, in existence for 18 years, moves to Naples Botanical Garden from its previous host, Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. It will remain at the Garden through 2022. ♡





# Natural Oasis: The Art of Mally Khorasantchi

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May 3 –  
September 2, 2019



**T**his summer, cool off in Kapnick Hall and journey through a new special exhibition, *Natural Oasis: The Art of Mally Khorasantchi*. Each painting and collage is an homage to the natural world. Khorasantchi's works are a celebration of the ever-changing landscape that surrounds us. Currents of gnarled trunks and roots, repeating patches of honeycombs, and rhythmic threads of color evoke a sense of connectedness and restoration throughout the exhibit.

Mally Khorasantchi's journey in visual art began in Dusseldorf, Germany, where she was born. Khorasantchi received classical training in china painting, sparking her interest in floral design and the arts at a young age. Vibrant images of the lush tropical landscape, such as sea grape leaves, and mangrove roots, began appearing in her artwork after relocating to Florida in 1992. Khorasantchi strives to communicate her life journey and passion for the natural world authentically and honestly through her paintings and collages. ♡



## To our 2018–2019 Season Volunteers,

**T**hank you for another fantastic season! You have helped our guests discover the joys of Naples Botanical Garden, and you have helped make it a beautiful place for the 230,000 people who visited this past year. The Garden has a heartbeat, and that heart pulses every time you share your passion and knowledge with our guests. Thank you for helping our community and inspiring so many to appreciate the plant world. ♡

With gratitude,  
Staff of Naples Botanical Garden



A vibrant collage of tropical fruits including mangoes, coconuts, jackfruits, and clusters of red berries, set against a light green background. The fruits are rendered in a soft, painterly style with visible brushstrokes.

# TASTING THE TROPICS

Saturday, July 6, 9am-3pm

**M**any of the world's favorite fruits — like banana, mango, pineapple, and more — have subtropical or tropical origins. Our climate in Southwest Florida is 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.

On Saturday, July 6, take your taste buds on a trip across the globe to sample fruit from the tropics — and learn about some of the less well-known fruiting plants we grow here! Have you ever wondered how to open a coconut or jackfruit? Maybe you've always wanted to know how to grow a pineapple? You'll have the opportunity to get the answers to these questions and more during our hands-on demonstrations, lively talks, and tours of the tropical fruit plants of the Garden!

Visit our website, [naplesgarden.org](http://naplesgarden.org), for more details. Included with regular Garden admission. Free for Members. ♡

# Hello, Mango!

“It doesn’t take much to make a drink or dish with mango that tastes amazing.”



Chef Jack Raben



The coolest thing about blazing hot summers in Southwest Florida is that we can cook with an abundance of fruits planted in our own backyard, like varieties of *Mangifera indica*, or mango. The new summer brunch menu at Fogg Café was inspired by the upcoming mango harvest, one of many among the bounty of tropical fruit to come.

Fruit in the Garden is plentiful, from always-popular coconuts and papayas, to lesser-known fruits like lychee and jaboticaba. “I get to experiment with new recipes for Garden guests to try. It doesn’t take much to make a drink or dish with mango that tastes amazing,” said Chef Jack when asked about his inspiration.

As we grow our plant collections and relationships with gardens worldwide, we consider the cultural impact of these fruits. Mangos are known for a wonderful blend of versatility, nutrient density, and unforgettable flavor. The cheery golden, green, and red hues of mangos only add to its reputation as a sunny, tropical fruit staple. They are perhaps best enjoyed freshly picked, but can be eaten frozen, dried, canned, or cooked. Mangos are used in ice cream, preserves, pies, and in recipes to complement sweet and savory tastes.

There are hundreds of mango cultivars worldwide, but they are native to India and Southern Asia. Historians say the first varieties of mangos in Florida were planted here by pirates in the 1700s. Florida is currently the largest commercial producer of mangos within the United States, ahead of California, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. The harvesting season runs from May through October. However, in most of the United States, mango production is limited due to climate and growing conditions.

Here, mango farms thrive on the southeast and west coasts of the state, where there is no seasonal freeze. The plants are susceptible to damage if conditions are too cold.

Mature mango plants yield hefty amounts of fruit that can be overwhelming for just one household to consume. What we’re saying is this: Mango season is absolutely a good excuse to get to know your Floridian neighbors. Alternatively, plant your own, and watch your popularity soar. If you’re like us, you have been waking up a little happier in the morning knowing that soon you will be eating your way through summer hauls of fresh mangos.

If you are staying close to the Garden or planning to visit us during mango season, get ready for a sweet summer!

A variety of fruit can be grown here in our subtropical climate. Mango trees in Southwest Florida will have fruit ready to pick between May and September, with peak harvests available in June and July.

To make the most of the mango madness, Chef Jack is preparing new recipes that will be available for purchase on select weekends during brunch hours at Fogg Café. He has shared this with us in advance of the summer menu. For a limited time, we hope you will soak up the sun at Fogg Café and enjoy your time at the Garden with this fruity mimosa. 🍹



## Mango Mimosas

Fogg Café plans on a special tropical mimosa for this summer’s brunches. Mango passion fruit mimosas feature a great balance of the sweetness of the mango and the sweet but slightly tart flavor of the passion fruit. The aromatics of the passion fruit add a slight perfume fragrance that enhances the Champagne.

- 1 ½ oz Passion Fruit Purée
- 2 ½ oz Mango Purée
- 4 oz Champagne or Prosecco



# Native Florida Redefined:

## The Other Side of the Garden

**N**aples Botanical Garden is a 170-acre, world-class paradise that features plants from around the world, and as soon as you approach the Garden's entrance, you begin to learn a little more about our collections' origins. There's the Kapnick Brazilian Garden, Lea Asian Garden, Kapnick Caribbean Garden, and more. These geographically-themed designed gardens have formed the heart of the Garden since we opened our gates in 2009. What might be less well-known is what lies beyond those gardens in the 90 acres of conserved natural areas that collectively form The Preserve.

"Preserve" is a bit of a misnomer, though, as it gives the impression that this area is off-limits, which is incorrect; some of our loveliest trails can be found in The Preserve. Those trails meander through a diversity of habitats. In fact, many of Florida's most important ecosystems can be found right here.

What can you expect from a walk through The Preserve?

First, be sure you bring water and wear your walking shoes. From the Smith Entry Prow, the walk is about a mile-and-a-half all the way around our lakes and back into the designed gardens. If you're power-walking, this might take you about 20 minutes, but if you take your time — which we recommend — expect your walk to last much longer as you listen and linger.

A great way to start exploring is to head toward the Sonne Family Ghost Orchid Boardwalk, just beyond the Kapnick Brazilian Garden. This boardwalk takes you over a remnant slough, which is a low-lying area that channels water through a marsh or swamp. Our slough was once part of a larger wetland system, but has since been cut off due to development in the area. The slough is home to a variety of wildlife, including birds, reptiles, and amphibians; if you visit early enough in

the morning, you'll be treated to a booming chorus of frogs and toads. The water here acts like an insulating thermal blanket, allowing the proliferation of tropical epiphytes like bromeliads and orchids, including the storied ghost orchid (*Dendrophylax lindenii*). You'll have to look closely, though, as ghost orchids do not have leaves and instead consist of a mass of roots, making them difficult to spot when not blooming. Typically, ghost orchids bloom sometime between May and August.

Once your feet leave the boardwalk, your steps soften underfoot, and you might just find yourself whispering as you enter the pine flatwoods. Pine flatwoods are the most common type of terrestrial habitat in Florida, and one you'll encounter throughout The Preserve. Listen for the drumming of red-bellied woodpeckers on the towering South Florida slash pine trees (*Pinus ellioti* var. *densa*) that dominate this habitat. Take note, too, of some paths that look like they might be trails: These are fire lines for a future controlled burn of this area.

**This boardwalk takes you over a remnant slough, which is a low-lying area that channels water through a marsh or swamp.**

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Historically, lightning-induced fires have played an integral role in maintaining the health and diversity of flatwoods communities. Such fires control understory growth and help plant species germinate. In fact, almost all of the plants and animals found in this habitat are adapted to periodic fires. Fire suppression causes a dangerous accumulation of fuels, which can lead to destructive wildfires. To help reduce the risk of

future unwanted fires, land managers, such as our own Natural Areas Manager Eric Foht, write burn plans for prescribed fires.

“If we don't do this kind of burn, the habitat will change, which would displace the plants and animals that depend on the pine flatwoods,” Eric says. He is currently in the planning stages of a burn for the flatwoods here at the Garden.

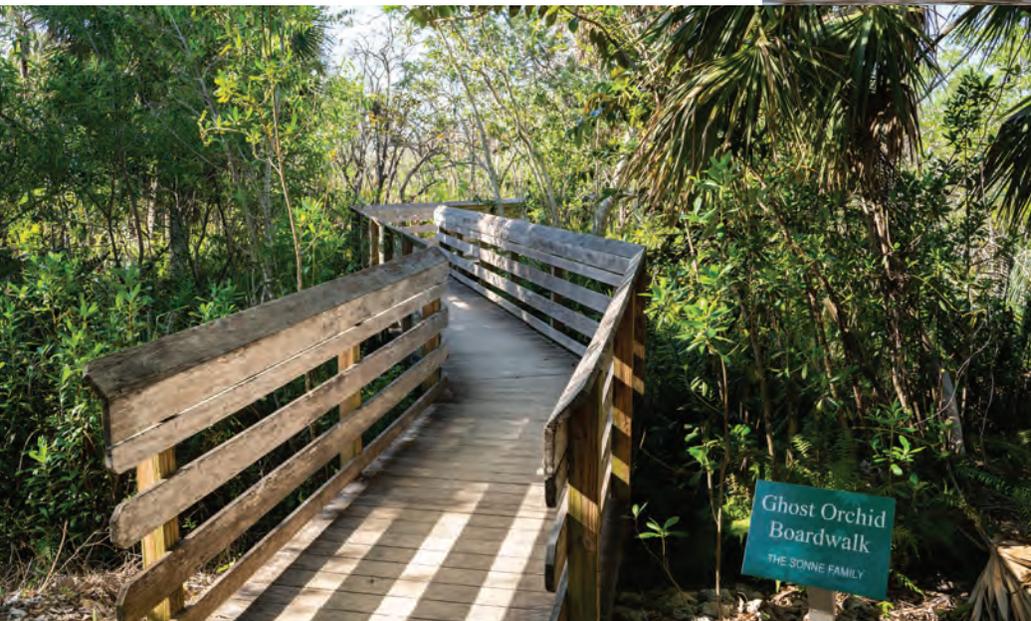
Red-bellied Woodpecker  
(*Melanerpes carolinus*)



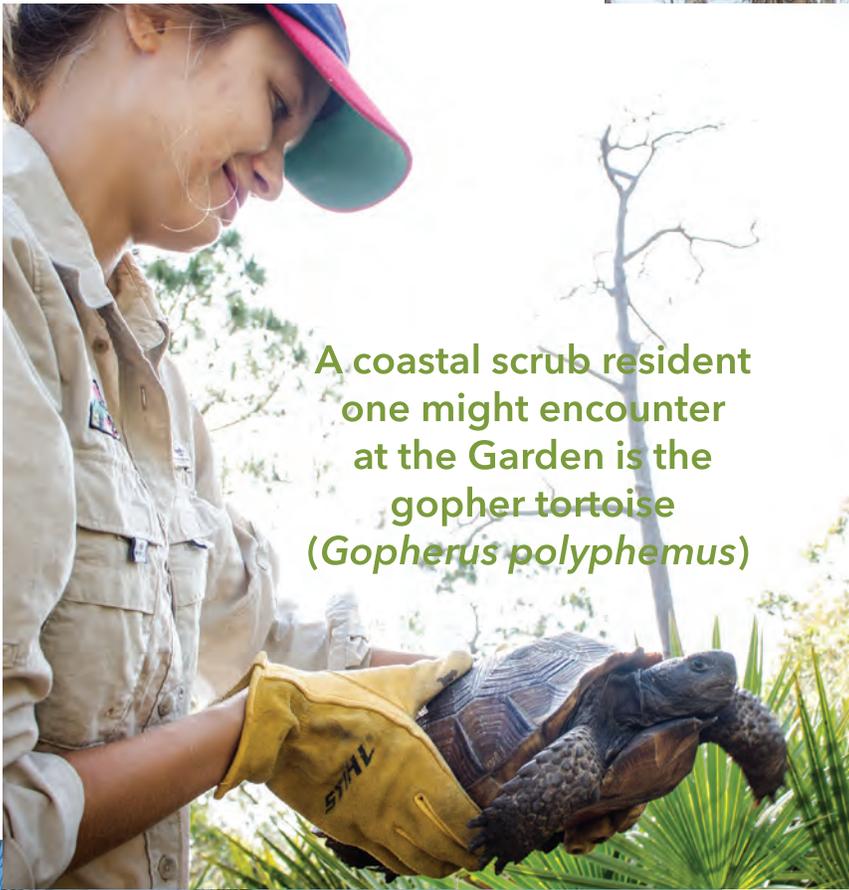
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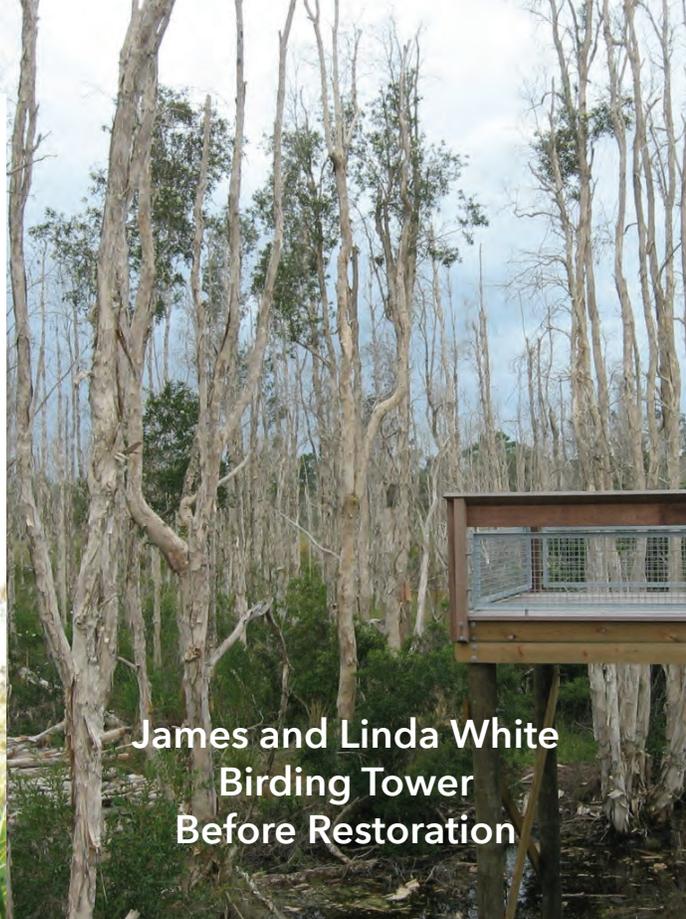
Ghost Orchid (*Dendrophylax lindenii*)



Ghost Orchid Boardwalk  
— THE SONNE FAMILY



A coastal scrub resident one might encounter at the Garden is the gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*)



James and Linda White  
Birding Tower  
Before Restoration



Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)

Burning is just one way to restore an ecosystem. As you continue down the path, you'll notice green "Restoration in Progress" signs. This restoration is part of a long-term plan aimed at removing invasive plant species from this stretch of path. Rather than directly targeting the invasive plants themselves, several years ago we planted trees that we knew would eventually shade the ground below, making it impossible for the invasive plants to grow. Now that these native canopy trees are established, we will start to plant shade-tolerant native understory plants.

Continue around a corner, and you'll encounter something that might remind you of the beach: Deep, fine, white quartz sand blankets the ground in the coastal scrub. One of Florida's most unique ecosystems, coastal scrub is home to a diversity of plants and animals that are able to thrive in this harsh environment. Wet summers, dry winters, and nutrient-poor soils aren't for everyone, after all. Due to the high, dry nature of scrub ecosystems, many of these areas have been developed for residential or commercial use. Consequently, many of the endemic plant and animal species of this fragile ecosystem are listed as threatened or endangered by the state and federal government.

A coastal scrub resident one might encounter at the Garden is the gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*). This native reptile uses its shovel-like front legs to dig long burrows in the sand. These burrows also provide shelter for a wide range of other wildlife, including snakes, frogs, and rabbits, among others. This sandy path is also a great place to search for fresh animal tracks the morning after a rain.

Before too long, you'll find yourself on a paved pathway once again. Take the long way around Lake Tupke, and look for the snorkel-like nose of softshell turtles (*Apalone ferox*) protruding above the water's surface. If you see a light-colored raptor soar overhead, it's probably an osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*), which love to fish in our lakes.



**Birding Tower After Restoration**



Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*)

A tangle of mangroves frames your first glimpse of the marsh, just before you reach the bridge back to the Scott Florida Garden. The term ‘mangroves’ refers both to a group of plants and to a saltwater woodland ecosystem of the tropics and subtropics. The mangroves you’ll see here on the trail are red mangroves (*Rhizophora mangle*), which can be distinguished by their aerial prop roots. This unique root system allows the trees to live in soft shoreline habitats; the roots, in turn, create protective habitat for a wide range of fish and crustaceans.

Before you end your journey through The Preserve, you must take some time to sit and reflect at the James and

Linda White Birding Tower. Birding is a favorite pastime of many Garden visitors, and the variety of habitats found here draws myriad avian visitors, as well. Some are these birds are permanent residents, nesting here at the Garden, while others visit to forage or simply pass through on their migration routes in the winter and spring. In the summer, a red-winged blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*) might greet you with a piercing conk-la-ree! and you’re sure to spot herons and egrets foraging through the reedy margins of the marsh. At the very end of dry season, the marsh may completely dry up, and we get to see the crisscrossing tracks of alligators, otters, and more in the muddy expanse. This peek into the secret traffic patterns of wildlife is brief, though, as it does not take long for the summer rains to refill the marsh.

Around the White Birding Tower, you’ll see piles of white logs. These structures are not the work of industrious beavers, but are rather another sign of ecological restoration that has taken place at the Garden. Prior to development of the Garden in 2008, this property was overrun with melaleuca (*Melaleuca quinquenervia*), an invasive tree from Australia. Melaleuca can quickly create an impenetrable monoculture and provides little value to wildlife. In fact, in the Christmas Bird Counts before melaleuca removal, fewer than 20 species were spotted — there

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was simply nowhere for wading birds to land and feed. After melaleuca removal, more than twice that number has been seen during subsequent annual bird counts. While much of that melaleuca was physically removed from the site, some of it was left behind in neat piles because at a certain point, machine removal can do more damage to the habitat. Birds, small mammals, and other wildlife use the stacked logs, as well as standing dead trees (known as ‘snags’), for nests, nurseries, storage areas, foraging, roosting, and perching space.

If you have ever wanted to explore wild Florida, The Preserve is the perfect place to start. The species diversity of both plants and animals here is an indicator of ecosystem health, and you’re bound to see or hear something different on each visit. This natural gem is just one of features that makes the Garden a true world-class paradise. ♡

To experience The Preserve, learn more through the calendar of events on our website, or pick up a Garden map at Visitor Services and set out on your own trek!

## What do our visitors say?

Kathy, a new Garden Member, loves to share the Garden with people, like her friend Jenny.

“ I love The Preserve. It reminds me of one of my favorite places, Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park,” Kathy says. “Here, we get to see something natural that is disappearing. When I walk, I look, and watch, and discover something I’ve never seen before. Everything has a season, and you can see the changes in The Preserve if you look closely. Walking The Preserve is always part of my visit.”

Mary and Phil hail from Atlanta, but were visiting family on Florida’s East Coast when they took a daytrip to Naples for their first Garden visit.

“ We were just saying we would be more impressed with Florida if there were more natural places. There’s a lot of roads and cars,” Mary says. “We were trying to get away from people and were very surprised to find The Preserve here! Visitors should really take their time walking the Garden – there’s a lot more here than you might realize.”



# Music

## IN THE GARDEN

**S**it back and relax in your favorite tropical setting as various artists play Kapnick Hall. Beat the heat, take in the sounds of these local musical acts, and admire the bold and botanically inspired works of artist Mally Khorasantchi, whose exhibit will be on display in the Hall all summer long.

Music in the Garden offers family-friendly entertainment every 1st and 3rd Sunday through August, from 12-2pm. Food and beverages will be available at Fogg Café for purchase.

For more information on performing artists and corresponding dates, visit [naplesgarden.org](http://naplesgarden.org). All concerts are included with regular Garden admission. ♡

## MUSICAL LINEUP

Enjoy these acts under air in Kapnick Hall

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



# Summer is Here

## The Garden is Calling!

As summer heats up, there are still plenty of ways to be refreshed at Naples Botanical Garden.

### Earlier Hours

**F**eel the morning dew on your skin as you meander around the Garden or enjoy your favorite nook, hideaway, or sitting spot. From June 1–September 2, the Garden will open at 8am so Members and guests can take advantage of the cool of the day. If you're not an early riser, we're open until 4pm, Tuesday–Sunday through the summer. The Garden will be closed Mondays but open on Labor Day, Monday, September 2.





## Brunch with a View

**W**hat could be better than a leisurely summer brunch? One that is enjoyed to the backdrop of the Garden's breathtaking surroundings, of course. Look forward to brunch from 9am-2pm, Friday-Sunday, serving everything from scrambled eggs and chorizo to fizzy mimosas. Grab-and-go selections will be available, Tuesday-Thursday in the Jane and Chuck Berger Shop in the Garden, open Tuesday-Sunday, 10am-4pm during summer hours.



## Calling all Military Families

**T**his summer, Naples Botanical Garden joins forces with more than 2,000 museums nationwide to become part of Blue Star Museums, a National Endowment for the Arts Initiative honoring the sacrifices of our active duty military families. From May 18, Armed Forces Day, through September 2, Labor Day, active duty military personnel and their families may receive free admission to the Garden with qualifying identification. Learn more at [arts.gov/national-initiatives/blue-star-museums](https://arts.gov/national-initiatives/blue-star-museums). ♡

# Hats in the Garden

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# Member Insider Tours

Members-only tours are free, but advanced registration is required. As space is limited, please select only one tour.



## HOW TO REGISTER

Send an e-mail to [membership@naplesgarden.org](mailto:membership@naplesgarden.org) specifying your desired tour date (one tour per member household, please). Your reservation is complete when you receive an e-mail confirmation. Please note that all tours require walking. Water is provided at the beginning of the tour, but Members are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle. Bug spray is highly recommended.

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



## ARID FLORIDA?

**Wednesday, May 15, 9-10am**

Florida may not typically be associated with dry habitats, but microclimates within tropical latitudes can be a place where drought-tolerant plants, such as succulents, thrive. Join Horticulture and Education staff on a journey through one of Florida's most unique ecosystems, the sandy coastal scrub, and learn about the relationship between our native succulents and succulents from around the world. We'll also visit the Foster Succulent Garden and Kapnick Caribbean Garden to learn about the unique adaptations of this type of plant. Members will leave with tips on maintaining succulents at home.

## PALMS OF THE GARDEN

**Thursday, May 23, 9-10am**

Did you know the Garden holds more than 250 varieties of palm trees? From clever common names to unique acquisition stories, the palms of the Garden hold many stories. We will lead you through a tour of the most interesting palms of the Garden while sharing their unique adaptations to survive and their important roles here.



## ART IN THE GARDEN

**Tuesday, June 4, 9-10:30am**

Can you find the many pieces of art throughout the Garden? Let us take you on a Garden Art Walk locating the many pieces of art within the Garden. The walk will culminate with a look at this summer's special exhibition, *Natural Oasis: The Art of Mally Khorasantchi*. Learn about Ms. Khorasantchi's inspiration, history, and techniques as you view her pieces on display.

## CONSERVING BIODIVERSITY - THE GARDEN'S UNIQUE ROLE

**Wednesday, June 12, 9-10am**



You may have noticed red tags at the base of some of the plants. These tags indicate plants that have been assessed and identified as imperiled by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List authorities. The Red List is a global effort to identify and protect threatened species around the globe. Join us for an informative tour highlighting these threatened species and our role in protecting biodiversity inside and outside of the Garden.



## WATERLILIES

**Tuesday, July 9, 9-10am**

Waterlilies are one of the most captivating plants in the Garden. With their luscious fragrance and beautiful blooms, these beauties quickly steal the hearts of many visitors. From 2019-2022, the Garden will host the prestigious International Waterlily and Water Gardening Society New Waterlily Competition. We will take you on a tour to experience the waterlilies of Naples Botanical Garden.



## BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE ORCHID HOUSE

**Wednesday, July 24, 9-10am**

Did you know the Garden is home to more than 1,000 varieties of orchids? Our Horticulture staff will bring you through the Garden's orchid house and Florida Gulf Coast University laboratory to show you examples of how the Garden propagates and grows orchids from seed. You'll also learn about our efforts to conserve native orchid species with local and national partners. And if you're lucky, you might be treated to the sight of a ghost orchid in bloom. 🌸



# Frequently Asked Questions



## Where can I find a schedule of upcoming Member events?

**Y**our best source of information on upcoming Member Events is [naplesgarden.org/memberevents](http://naplesgarden.org/memberevents). On this page, you will find the schedule of upcoming events and links to register. This page is updated regularly to keep you informed of the many opportunities to experience the Garden as a Member. Check back frequently to see what we have to offer for you.

## Where can I find information on Reciprocal Garden partners, claim my Bonus Magazine offer, and find the most recent Garden magazine?

**M**embers can visit [naplesgarden.org/membership](http://naplesgarden.org/membership) to find information on benefits at each membership level and much more. From this page, you can also view a list of reciprocal garden partners across the state, claim your complimentary subscription to *Better Homes & Gardens* or *Martha Stewart Living*, and download the most recent Garden magazine.

## We live here seasonally and would like to update our mailing preferences. How can I do that?

**G**reat question! Our membership database is sophisticated and can hold multiple addresses, allowing us to send mail depending on where you are during a specific time of the year. Send us an e-mail at [membership@naplesgarden.org](mailto:membership@naplesgarden.org) with your mailing address(es) and the specific months you are there, and we will be happy to update your account. Please note that once you make these updates, you only need to contact us should something change.

## Can I upgrade my membership?

**Y**es. Membership can be upgraded simply by paying the difference between levels. However, if the expiration date is three months away or less, we ask that you renew your membership at the new level. The month of expiration will remain the same. Please call us at 239.643.7275, and we will be happy to assist you.

## I'm not receiving e-mail updates from the Garden. Can you add my e-mail address to my membership account?

**C**ertainly. The Garden's e-mail updates provide announcements on upcoming events and member benefits, so we don't want you to miss out on anything! Please send an e-mail to [membership@naplesgarden.org](mailto:membership@naplesgarden.org) with your full name, address, and e-mail address(es) you would like added.

## I have been a member in the past. If I renew, am I considered a new member or a renewal?

**I**f you have been a member with us in the past, you are still in our system and are considered a renewal. If you are not sure and would like us to check, please contact us at [membership@naplesgarden.org](mailto:membership@naplesgarden.org).

## I lost my membership card. What should I do?

**A** replacement card can be obtained at a ticketing window or the Jane and Chuck Berger Shop in the Garden at no cost. You will be assigned a new member number, and your old card will be deactivated. If you would rather we send your card in the mail, contact us at [membership@naplesgarden.org](mailto:membership@naplesgarden.org). Please note this may take 5-7 business days.

## I am a Golden Bamboo Member, but it doesn't say it on my membership card. How do I receive my special gift each year?

**Y**our Golden Bamboo status was earned through your support of Naples Botanical Garden during its construction phase in 2009 as a way for the Garden to recognize and thank you for your loyalty. For members to retain their Golden Bamboo status, they must maintain their membership in good standing. Though it is not printed on your membership card, the Garden maintains an internal record of this status and will mail information regarding your annual opportunity each Spring. Please be sure to keep the Garden informed of any changes in your address. 🌿

**T**ribute 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 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

(In Honor of and/or  
In Memory of)



## 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.

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](mailto:clearned@naplesgarden.org).



## 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

# Join the Royal Palm Society

## Demonstrate Your Leadership Support

**A**s 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](mailto:brusso@naplesgarden.org).

Contributions are 100% tax-deductible.

### 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

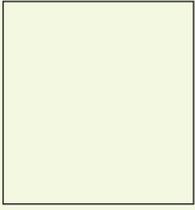
- Ginger membership benefits, *plus*
- A *Family* level membership to give as a gift (must be a new Member)
- Two additional one-time-use guest admission passes (8 total)

#### 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.



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