Naples Botanical Garden
Season is Here, and We Are in Full Bloom—and Full Swing!

I love seeing the delight on the faces of our guests and knowing we can provide a beautiful respite from the cold. Our seasonal programs, such as yoga and tai chi, are back; our Education and Visitor Experience team is a nonstop whirl of tours and activities; and we’ve introduced some new offerings, too, such as Garden Nights, running from January through March. For the year-round working crowd, I can think of no better midweek treat than an evening stroll or an after-school playdate with the kids. See page 22 for more information and a special offer for Lee and Collier County residents.

Amid the bustle of our visitor-centric activities, guests don’t always see the behind-the-scenes environmental work that’s at our core. In November, we hosted a gathering of botanical garden representatives from the United States, Caribbean, and Latin America. Together, these experts evaluated the progress that’s been made in conserving threatened tropical plants and laid plans for next steps. The world’s plants are disappearing at an alarming rate, and botanical gardens are on the front lines of saving them. I’m proud our Garden can play an important part in these critical, multinational research and conservation efforts. Learn more on page 19.

On another front, we’re excited to host Jennifer Jewell, author and producer of the Cultivating Place podcast. Jennifer, who writes and speaks about all things gardening, is coming out with a new book, The Earth in Her Hands: 75 Extraordinary Women Working in the World of Plants. She’ll be visiting us March 30–31 as part of her book tour (see page 15 for details). Jennifer’s appearance gives us an opportunity to take stock of women’s representation and leadership within our own Garden. I’m proud to see so many women in horticulture here, a field that has been traditionally dominated by men. As you’ll learn on page 16, this staff diversity benefits our operations and the visitor experience.

As always, I’m grateful to our Donors, Members, and Non-Members for their ongoing support. I look forward to seeing you in the Garden this season!
Did you know that you can regrow your own kitchen scraps? Have you ever wanted to propagate your own succulent at home? How about making your own potting mix? Learn these skills and more at Dig Deeper!

Now offered twice daily, Dig Deeper is a drop-in program that allows you to delve into various botanical topics with Garden staff. Swing by for a couple of minutes or stay awhile; we have so much to share!

Don’t have a green thumb? Not interested in gardening specifically? Don’t worry—there’s something for everyone! From air plants to waterlilies, we have an alphabet of topics to explore with you.

Stop by Dig Deeper from 11:30am–12pm and 1–1:30pm throughout our cultivated gardens. See the daily schedule upon arrival for topic and location. All are welcome!

Included with regular Garden admission; free for Members

Join us for a guided experience on one of our daily tours. Included with admission, these themed 45-minute tours have something for everyone to enjoy.

Whether you are interested in our beautiful water features, our 90 acres of preserved habitat, or the many varieties of edible plants, these engaging tours will open your eyes to the wonders of the Garden. No reservations necessary, but arrive early! Daily tours are available first come, first served; up to 15 people permitted per tour.

January through April, daily tours will be offered hourly from 10am–3pm. Just meet us at the Smith Entry Prow. We can’t wait to see you there!

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Join Us for W.O.N.D.E.R. in the Garden!

January: Feathered Friends
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. Plant some Florida-native fiddlewood seeds to encourage a bird-friendly habitat in your own backyard.

February: Super Plants
Performance Lawn
Love is in the air, and so are plants! Join us at W.O.N.D.E.R. all February long on the Performance Lawn as we turn our attention from the ground to learn about air plants, epiphytes, and orchids—what we affectionately refer to as “super plants.”

March: Fabulous Flowers
Lea Asian Garden
It’s that time of year when we stop and smell not just the roses, but all the wonderful blooms! Drop by the W.O.N.D.E.R. program in the Smith Children’s Garden throughout March to learn fascinating flower facts with a dissection activity, dream garden design challenge, flower design challenge, flower pounding prints, and much more!

April: Camo Champs
Kapnick Brazilian Garden
Now you see them … now you don’t! Come learn about nature’s greatest game of hide-and-seek: camouflage! Discover the incredible critters that hide in plain sight—and maybe make your own camo critter to take with you!

5–6pm, Saturday, February 15, March 14, and April 25.

Sensory-Friendly Saturdays
Join us for a FREE Sensory-Friendly Saturday for families that include a member who has an autism spectrum disorder or other processing needs. Experience the peacefulness and fun of the Garden with disturbances minimized.

An air-conditioned take-a-break space will be provided, as well as hands-on activities for the whole family. Free admission applies between 4 and 6pm only; last admission at 5pm. Registration required; please RSVP to education@naplesgarden.org.

4–6pm, Saturday, February 15, March 14, and April 25.

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.

As we look toward the future, often we draw inspiration from nature. This sentiment is intricately woven throughout every element of the 2020 Naples Flower Show, where guests can take in spectacular floral designs, botanical arts, exotic plants, educational displays, presentations, and interactive demonstrations. This year’s theme: Vision 2020.

A longtime partnership between Naples Garden Club and Naples Botanical Garden has allowed the 65th Annual Naples Flower Show to blossom into the largest juried flower show in Southwest Florida. Guests can immerse themselves in the natural world as they stroll through the beautiful setting of the Garden, and before they leave, peruse a number of vendors for the opportunity to take a piece of the experience home.

The Naples Flower Show is included with regular Garden admission and is free for Members.

For more information, visit naplesgarden.org
Ikebana: See the Possibilities

8am–5pm, February 7–8
Naples Ikebana International #160 Exhibit

Take in the beauty of nature enhanced in completely unexpected ways during the Naples Ikebana International #160 exhibit. This art form dates back more than 500 years, yet its inventive approach to showcasing plants continues to evolve.

Stephanie English, Ikenobo sensei and a member of Naples Ikebana International #160 since 2001, created the arrangement for the 2020 theme, “See the Possibilities.” Spend the day in the Garden as you behold the floral arrangements, attend demonstrations, and shop for your Ikebana materials at a Ginza-style marketplace.

Included with Garden admission; free for Members 🎉

Wild About Orchids

8am–5pm, February 22–23
Naples Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale

Whether cut or container grown, precision and beauty can be found in every single inch of the orchids on display at the 47th Annual Naples Orchid Society Show & Sale. Become enchanted with these prize-winning epiphytes, grown with expert care. Myriad species and hybrids will be represented in the show, which this year is themed “Wild about Orchids.”

While you’re here, select distinctive blooming orchids of your own, along with supplies to help your collection of air plants thrive.

Included with regular Garden admission; free for Members 🎉

ORCHID FEST

February 14–28

Orchids are synonymous with Southwest Florida. A unique benefit of our subtropical climate is that we get to enjoy these epiphytes, or air plants, year-round. Despite this, for most of us, orchids remain a mystery.

Orchid Fest offers the opportunity to get better acquainted with these distinctive plants. Explore their possibilities with the Naples Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale on February 22 & 23, now a part of this two-week celebration.

Come ready to learn, and leave inspired with tips and orchid know-how. With more than 5,000 orchids in our collections, representing more than 1,600 different species and hybrids, there’s a lot of expertise to share. The two weeks offer something new to experience each day, with beautiful Garden displays, drop-in demonstrations with our staff, and even orchid-inspired offerings in Fogg Café.

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Funded in part by:
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 19 and noon on February 20, 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 Brian Russo, Membership and Annual Fund Manager, at 239.315.7293.

If you plan to participate with a contribution of stock, Donor Advised Funds, or an IRA contribution, please contact Lisette Holmes at holmes@cfcollier.org or 239.649.5000 to prearrange your gift so that it is included.

To Save a Seed

The newest component of the Garden's subtropical collections thrives in, of all things, subzero temperatures. This October, our conservation staff launched its first seed bank, allowing for the preservation of thousands of seeds in just a small feet of cubic space, the size of a small freezer to be exact. This process, which includes collecting seeds, partially dehydrating them, and then storing them in a freezer set to -20 degrees Celsius, is a huge step in the long-term conservation of threatened plants.

It allows our staff to preserve genetic material of plants encompassing myriad species and maternal lines. The first seed to be added to the Garden's seed bank: nodding pinweed (Lechea cernua), right, a Southwest Florida native herb only present in two other botanical gardens on Earth.

To read more about the Garden’s seed bank, check out our “Notes from the Garden” blog at naplesgarden.org/blog.

Special Exhibition: Friday, April 24—Monday, September 7

The Impressionist’s Garden: Plein Air Paintings by Paul Arsenault

Contemporary impressionist artist Paul Arsenault has long held a fascination with gardens, which he has been painting for decades. This new exhibition in Kapnick Hall celebrates Arsenault's love and passion for Naples Botanical Garden and the natural world by bringing together a selection of his original artwork featuring our 170-acre tropical paradise, as well as a few other great gardens from around the world.

Arsenault's work celebrates and pays homage to the rich tradition of painting “en plein air”—or painting outdoors. Many of the world’s most celebrated artists such as Monet, Renoir, and van Gogh famously painted using this method to capture the fleeting effects of light on land, water, and clouds, which Arsenault does so well.

A highly-collected artist and gifted storyteller, Arsenault has called Naples home since 1974. He can often be found quietly painting among the ever-changing landscapes of the Garden. His vibrant color palette and recognizable style capture the changing scenes and different seasons of the Garden by showcasing the diversity of its richness and abundance.
How did we handle a request to host Martha Stewart, the person who wrote the book on living through entertaining others, on a walk through the Garden? As per usual with Martha, we watched and learned.

On a Saturday in late November, it didn’t take long to realize that she is kind, patient, and genuinely knowledgeable about gardening as an art. Some of our plant collections here in Naples overlap with those in her personal greenhouses, treasured memories of her trips to Africa, Europe, and, more locally, Key West.

In particular, she loved to test her knowledge of tropical plant identification against the expertise of Chad Washburn, our Vice President of Conservation, at left. With her iPhone in hand for most of the visit, photo app locked and loaded, she seized every opportunity to capture what in the Garden caught her eye, contemplating what she might like to grow herself.

Martha Stewart loves gardenias—glowing white against the midday sun, pleasantly fragrant, and instantly awakening to anyone willing to have their senses completely transported. In the photo above, she’s posed with Double Tahitian gardenia (gardenia taitensis ‘Double’) in the Kapnick Caribbean Garden.

In our brief time with Martha, we learned to open up to the fullness of what a stroll in the Garden can be. Always take the moment to be fully present and to appreciate the tenderness of a delicately nurtured plant collection. With a little work and a lot of nature, you can make something pretty magical.

Botanical Milestone

Set against the backdrop of the Garden’s iconic Burle Marx mosaic, Nursery Manager Andrea Grace and Horticulture Manager Elizabeth Beans create a flowery tribute to our 10th anniversary year. Bill Pattison, Special Projects Technician, made the frame, angling the bed for easy viewing. The flowers Beans selected to fill in the numbers and background mimic our 10th anniversary logo, created by Kristen Camisa, Graphic Design Coordinator. ©
Tired of eating the same-old turkey leftovers after the holidays? Chef Jack knows just how to turn them into something new. This recipe for steamed duck buns in Gochujang sauce is the perfect post-holiday pick-me-up!

Steamed buns are usually available in the frozen section of the Asian specialty markets. Simply steam until soft and warm from frozen or thawed.

This is one great way to use leftover turkey after your guests have come and gone.

“At my house, we’ll make this, or turkey enchiladas after the holidays,” says Chef Jack. It works with duck, pulled chicken, pulled pork, or any vegetarian substitute.

Members receive 10% off regularly priced items in Fogg Café.

Ingredients

1 ¹⁄₃ cup sugar
¼ cup soy sauce
½ cup Shaoxing wine *
3 oz sesame oil
2 oz garlic, minced
2 oz ginger, minced
2 cups Gochujang paste (fermented Korean chili paste) * optional garnish

1. Place all ingredients excluding the chili paste in a sauce pot, simmer until the sugar is dissolved, and reduce slightly.
2. Mix in chili paste.
3. Divide filling into equal portions and spoon into sliced buns.

To Finish

Garnish with mint leaves, scallions, and toasted sesame seeds.
*Available at most Asian markets

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Shop Hours: 9am–5pm
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APRONS
Master the grill, or opt to let those culinary creations simmer on the stove, sans shirt splatter, of course.

Women are making their mark in horticulture—to the benefit of plants and the people who love them

This March, author and podcast producer Jennifer Jewell will visit Naples Botanical Garden to discuss her new book, *The Earth in Her Hands: 75 Extraordinary Women Working in the World of Plants*. As its title suggests, it pays homage to 75 women who, in one way or another, have influenced horticulture-related fields such as botany, agriculture, floristry, garden administration, research, and plant science.

What a perfect opportunity, we thought, to examine the role of women in our industry, the rise of women executives heading U.S. botanical gardens, and the evolution of our Horticulture staff with its growing cadre of women gardeners.

First, the author.

Jewell produces *Cultivating Place*, a podcast she describes as "conversations on natural history and the human impulse to garden." At the invitation of publisher Timber Press, she set out to find women who were redefining their sectors or pushing them in new directions.

"Before I started the project I saw this, but as I continued, it was confirmed over and over again that having more women of greater diversity in these areas has meant this world of horticulture is shifting in the way it gets business done, in the way it treats people, and in the goals they have for the industry," Jewell says in a phone conversation from her home in California.

In women-led organizations, Jewell found management structures favoring horizontal leadership with an emphasis on collaboration and shared decision-making. She saw a shift toward flexible scheduling and accommodating caregiving responsibilities—tasks that continue to fall to women. (Jewell noted examples of women leaving prestigious jobs for family obligations, and several instances of others declining interviews because they said they were juggling too much. She questions whether she would have run into the same had her book focused on men.)

Those are the kinds of issues our President & CEO, Donna McGinnis, thinks about.

"It’s not an easy choice," she says of the pursuit of career advancement. She’s a mother of three whose husband’s career requires frequent travel. She recalls once contemplating whether to take a more senior position. "I just didn’t know if I could handle it," she says. A friend and mentor pressed her to keep going. "I needed not even a push, but a pull up the ladder."

Here at the Garden, she extends her hand downward and encourages a culture that accommodates employee needs—whether that’s juggling family responsibilities or carving time for a passion project.

McGinnis is among a wave of women executives hired in recent years to head U.S. botanical gardens, including New York Botanical Garden, Chicago Botanic Garden, and San Antonio Botanical Garden. It used to be that those jobs were reserved for the "eminent botanist," she explains. Given the preponderance of men in botany, women had been squeezed out of those jobs. But the botanical world is changing, McGinnis says. With less federal funding for the sciences, botanical gardens are seeking executives with finance and fundraising experience, opening the door to women, who are well represented in those disciplines.

At the national level, there’s much conversation about diversifying leadership, says McGinnis, a board member of the American Public Gardens Association.

"We have a big wave of CEOs who are all in the same age window and nearing retirement," she says.
“There’s a lot of conversation about ‘Are we getting the pipeline ready?’”

In horticulture-related fields overall, women’s representation is mixed, Jewell says. Anecdotally, she sees gender balance in sectors such as nature writing and photography, a growing number of women training as landscape architects, and women leading the fast-growing herbal and natural medicine sector. Men still dominate fields such as plant breeding, botany, and agriculture.

Until recently, our Garden held true to industry norms: Men cultivated the Garden. Women ran administration.

Ten years ago, when Liz Chehayl first started volunteering at the Garden, just one woman served in the Horticulture Department, as curator of collections. Chehayl, who holds degrees in biology and health care policy and later trained extensively in horticulture, joined the staff in 2012 and now serves as the Brian Holley Curator of Collections. Today, there are seven women on the Horticulture team and two in the Conservation Department working in our natural areas. The women horticulturalists direct most of the hands-on gardening work and hold leadership roles within the division—Elizabeth Beans as Horticulture Manager and Andrea Grace as Nursery Manager.

It is rather unusual to see women in horticulture leadership positions at institutions such as botanical gardens, says Beans, who has degrees in botany and environmental science. Although, she adds, her career has been abnormal in the number of women bosses she had at horticulture jobs and internships before landing at the Garden.

“I channel them every day. They were very influential to me,” Beans says, singling out two women managers at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation in particular.

She and Grace believe the more women working in the profession, the more other women will be inspired to do the same.

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Elizabeth Beans

“‘They bring a more aesthetic sensibility to the table,’” Chehayl says.

Grace believes the department’s strength is in its diversity—having some who love big, machine-driven projects and others who favor hands-on detail work. “You need people planting the really large trees, and then those who are interested in making it sparkle.”

Make no mistake: The women on staff do plenty of grunt work: Digging, mulching, hauling debris, hitching trailers. Beans says that throughout her career she has fought the stereotype that women can’t handle the laborious jobs.

“I don’t think there was a prejudice against women,” says Grace, who holds a degree in environmental science and specializes in vegetable farming. With the Garden’s growth, more job opportunities opened, and women landed them. “I think maybe that made it more attractive to new gardeners—oh, there are other women here.”

No one wishes to “knock” the guys, but these women managers believe they’ve infused the department with communication skills and an eye for detail.

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Back to Jewell’s book, and another theme that emerged. The women she featured took a human-centered approach to horticulture—using gardening, food, and plants as a means of addressing bigger societal issues. She found women tackling nutritional deficits, challenging racial underrepresentation, addressing climate change, celebrating indigenous traditions, and breaking down barriers that had dissuaded minorities from visiting or working at gardening institutions.

“Every one of them is doing something to address one of the big ‘sadnesses’ in our cultural world—whether it’s the climate crisis and what are we going to do about our reliance on fossil fuels to why our kids don’t get out enough and why don’t they eat well enough to how do you make a living in this world without destructive competition or compromised ethics,” Jewell says. “All of these women are trying to address these issues they are no longer willing to live with—and do something they love.”

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ON THE FRONT LINES:

**Botanical Gardens Lead Global Conservation Fight**

The sea level in Southwest Florida is expected to rise by as much as 3.38 feet by 2060, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration data show, threatening to drown coastal plants. In Cuba, about half of all plant species are endemic, existing only on that island, putting them at extreme risk of extinction. Between 2011 and 2018, Puerto Rico lost an average of 7,534 hectares of tree cover per year, according to Mongabay, a nonprofit that monitors rainforests. The Caribbean is listed as one of Conservation International’s 36 “biodiversity hot spots,” threatened ecosystems that have high numbers of endemic plants and large amounts of vegetation loss.

In the face of these and other mounting environmental pressures, 16 conservation experts from 10 North American, Latin American, and Caribbean countries gathered at Naples Botanical Garden last November to discuss the next steps in a global effort to save plants. Most represented botanical gardens, which have taken the lead on the issue.

"We are the first responders in plant conservation and climate change," Chad Washburn, the Garden’s Vice President of Conservation, said in his opening remarks. "We are the first to show, threatening to drown coastal plants. And, fact, Naples will be playing a greater role in the region; participants asked the Garden to serve as a hub for plant conservation and for strengthening the Caribbean Network.

During the two-day meeting, participants analyzed a draft of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation’s next targets for 2021–2030. This document, first adopted in 2002, offers guiding principles for plant protection efforts around the world. Regional groups, like this Caribbean Network, and individual countries adapt it to meet specific circumstances and needs.

The proposed goals range from ecosystem restoration to conserving land to implementing sustainable farming practices to reducing illegal trade.

"We need to address climate change quickly and in the most strategic way that we can," Washburn said. "We’re losing species quickly. We’re losing ecosystems rapidly. And, all life on Earth depends on plants."

That last line is the opening sentence of the Global Strategy.

It’s hard to say how much progress has been made since the GSPC’s adoption in 2002. At press time, an analysis of the last decade was in the works.

Results surely will be mixed, said Missouri Botanical Garden President Dr. Peter Wype Jackson, the chair of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation, the organization responsible for the plan. But he has no doubt about one thing: “It’s a lot better than it might have been if there had not been a strategy.”

Moving the needle is not easy. Across the Caribbean, botanical gardens are wrestling with miniscule budgets, insufficient technology, inadequate staffing, and logistical difficulties traveling from one country to the next.

No matter. The Naples gathering reinvigorated botanical leaders, renewed a sense of collaboration, and re-emphasized the critical role botanical gardens play—regardless of their level of government and philanthropic support.

"I’m a person who knows botany," said William Cinea, founder of Jardin Botanique des Cayes in Haiti. "I’m a person who knows people in conservation all over the world. I need to be more proactive—and to not wait for others."

Participants meet again in March in the Dominican Republic, where they will continue the conversation and refine regional goals.

"It’s apparent that no one garden can do it alone," Washburn said. "We really need to work together and share our strengths to meet these targets."
IN THE GARDEN PRESENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2020

Join us at Naples Botanical Garden for an evening soirée as we celebrate the Garden and all its Caribbean wonders. This evening will enchant and mesmerize every partygoer. Enjoy trickery, cocktails, and hors d'oeuvres in the Kapnick Caribbean Garden. A sumptuous dinner follows, surrounded by mystery and entertainment on the Sustaining Leadership Council Event Plaza.

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Call the April Foolin’ in the Garden Line at 239.643.7275 for more information.

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IN THE GARDEN PRESENTS

A Caribbean Soirée

6–10pm, April 18

Join a glass to the plants that make beer happen at the second annual Blooms & Brews. Savor the warmth of the lingering sun as it dips below the horizon of our Smith Preserve, and after, experience the Garden in a whole new way with an evening punctuated by stars, live music, and craft brews sipped with friends.

Tickets available at naplesgarden.org
Admission: $35 Garden Members | $50 Non-Members | $15 Designated Drivers
Proceeds benefit Naples Botanical Garden’s conservation efforts.

Garden Nights

Midweek gets a little sweeter starting January 8. The Garden stays open late, so you can savor the magic of a Naples sunset. It’s the perfect occasion for happy hours and afterschool playdates with the kids. Fogg Café will have special treats and drink specials available for purchase. The Berger Shop in the Garden will also be open, see page 14 for inspiration!

5–8pm, Wednesdays January 8–March 25
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Volunteers are crucial to all areas of Garden operations. We are currently in need of multilingual volunteers, as well as volunteers to interact with and direct visitors in the Garden.

Find out how you can make a difference at naplesgarden.org/volunteers.

Butterfly Effect

You see them everywhere if you look closely—on volunteers, staff members, and even service dogs: small balsawood butterflies of all shapes, sizes, and colors. It’s the Garden’s not-so-secret-society, and to be a member of this group, all you need is to spend a few minutes getting to know volunteer Cyril Marks, pictured above!

Cyril became a volunteer 10 years ago, just as the Garden opened its gates to the public. His beautiful handmade creations are only one small part of the joy that Cyril has brought over the years. From growing up near a game preserve in Zambia to kayak adventures in local waters, Cyril has had incredible experiences all over the globe, and we are fortunate that he shares his gift of storytelling with us and our guests.

To find Cyril, look in the Pfeffer-Beach Butterfly House, where you might see him cheering a butterfly as it emerges from its chrysalis—and sharing from his ever-present container full of delicate wooden butterfly pins. With more than 1,600 volunteer hours at the Garden, Cyril has earned the title V.I.V., or Very Impactful Volunteer, and every day we wear his butterflies, we honor his dedication and service to Naples Botanical Garden.

Cyril Marks in the Pfeffer-Beach Butterfly House

Butterfly Effect

“The best thing we did in our life—what made us the happiest—is that we made people happy with flowers and plants.”

John Vandenberg

Crowning Touches

John and Connie Vandenberg have built their lives around flowers.

The couple, from the Netherlands, were born into families of growers, married, settled in the United States, and started Vandenberg Bulb Co. where they threw themselves into research and global travels, seeking to find and grow the most unique, most robust, most trend-setting flowers on the market.

“If you’re gonna be in this business, you might as well be the best. That was my goal,” says John.

Eventually, the couple retired to Naples, where their energy is spent on achieving another “best”—making sure Naples Botanical Garden reaches its pinnacle. John served as a member of the Garden’s Board of Directors for a decade; Connie is a founding member of the Sustaining Leadership Council, a group of more than 40 philanthropic women who serve as ambassadors for the Garden.

The couple has endowed a new position, the “Vandenberg Chair for Ornamental Horticulture.” Not surprisingly, they wish to see the Garden awash in flowers. “I love color!” John says. He wants to see gardens that rotate regularly in blooms and design.

The Vandenburgs support the Garden’s growing international role and its conservation partnerships throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. At the same time, the couple wants to ensure the core audience—Garden Members and local residents—remain engaged with this community treasure.

John says he would like the ornamental specialist to “focus on making (the Garden) so beautiful that people want to come back all the time.” His overarching goal in making the gift: To capitalize on what makes Naples Botanical Garden special.

Connie’s goal is to ensure the Garden “will last for many generations to come.” Her favorite aspect of the Garden is the delight and wonder she sees on the faces of young guests.

“Walking through the Garden with your grandchildren and looking at it through their eyes and seeing how excited they are is a wonderful experience,” she says.

A wish to share their passion with others drives them both.

“The best thing we did in our life—what made us the happiest—is that we made people happy with flowers and plants,” says John.
Member Mornings

You are invited to the Garden to enjoy a series of informal and insightful talks over coffee inside Kapnick Hall with 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 and tea will be provided at each talk.

Free for Members; register by visiting naplesgarden.org/memberevents

9–10:30am, Tuesday, January 14
WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT
Addressing the unique environmental challenges of Southwest Florida requires a multifaceted approach and community collaboration.

9–10:30am, Tuesday, February 11
ORCHIDS & BROMELIAD CONSERVATION IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
Learn about the conservation status of some of our imperiled native wild orchids, and discover what the Garden is doing to protect these botanical treasures.

9–10:30am, Tuesday, March 10
BIRDING IN THE GARDEN
If you have any interest in learning about birds, look no further than this program! Naples Botanical Garden is a local birding hotspot, but that hasn’t always been so.

9–10:30am, Tuesday, April 14
HISTORY OF THE GARDEN - 10TH ANNIVERSARY
Some botanical gardens begin with an historic estate; ours began with a small ad in the local newspaper.

Members-Only Events

BRING-A-FRIEND DAY
Saturday, January 11
Tuesday, February 4
Thursday, April 9

Have you been eagerly waiting 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 our 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
Reception: 5pm
Program: 5:30–6:30pm
Monday, January 20

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 exciting future plans. Enjoy the company of fellow Garden lovers as you mix and mingle with old and new friends.

A reception will precede the program with complimentary light bites and soft drinks. Wine and beer available for purchase.

This event is free for Members. Members are encouraged to bring a prospective Member. RSVP by Monday, January 13 to naplesgarden.org/memberevents.

Following the program, Fogg Café will be open for Members to enjoy their 10% discount on regularly priced items. Last order taken at 7:30pm.

MEMBERS-ONLY PICNIC
4:30–6:30pm, Sunday, March 8

Join us for a Members-Only Picnic in the Garden! Pack a picnic to enjoy in our tropical paradise.

Enjoy live music on the Performance Lawn as you find the perfect spot to spread out and relax. The Kapnick Caribbean Garden will feature lawn games and family-friendly activities for children of all ages. Wander the Garden, and enjoy the quiet breezes of a late Sunday afternoon.

Remember to bring your own picnic along with a blanket or chair(s). Chairs allowed in designated areas only. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. Please, no outside alcohol. Fogg Café will be open and serving a limited menu. Guests beyond your membership admitted at regular admission price.

Register online by March 2 at naplesgarden.org/memberevents.

SAVE THE DATE:
MEMBERS-ONLY PREVIEW
THE IMPRESSIONIST’S GARDEN: PLEIN AIR PAINTINGS BY PAUL ARSENAULT
5:30–7pm, Thursday, April 23
Kapnick Hall

Members will be treated to a special preview of The Impressionist’s Garden: Plein Air Paintings by Paul Arsenault the evening prior to the public opening. Stay tuned for more details as the date approaches! 🎨
As a Royal Palm Society member, you provide the resources necessary to advance our most important projects to their fullest potential. These projects include new partnerships in the Caribbean and Latin America aimed at saving plants and addressing threats to subtropical flora posed by a changing climate. Locally, we have begun educating local governments, HOAs, and citizens on their role and opportunity to positively impact water quality and wildlife habitat.

All Royal Palm Society supporters enjoy the unique combination of delivering vital philanthropic funding and experiencing exclusive benefits. From complimentary general admission for you and all accompanying guests to private receptions celebrating your impact on our projects, you will be among a group of dedicated patrons helping the Garden fulfill its mission of becoming a world-class botanical garden and global leader in plant conservation.

**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
- 10% discount at Fogg Café (regularly priced items)

**ROYAL PALM SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP LEVELS:**

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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.

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.
Naples Botanical Garden wishes to thank the Sustaining Leadership Council for their longtime commitment to the Garden. Congratulations on making Hats in the Garden 2019 a Tremendous Success!

2019-2020 Sustaining Leadership Council

Hats in the Garden Chair | Jody B. Lippes

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Hats in the Garden Chair | Linda W. Koehn | Wednesday, November 11, 2020

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INVESTING IN YOUR FAMILY’S FUTURE
NAPLES IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL #160 EXHIBIT

Naples Ikebana International #160, the local chapter of Ikebana supporters, hosts this exhibit that showcases Japanese flower arranging with emphasis on form and balance. This year’s theme: “See the Possibilities.”

8am–5pm, February 7–8
Included with regular Garden admission

ORCHID FEST & NAPLES ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE

You may end up with a case of “orchidelirium” after this event! Join Naples Botanical Garden for two weeks of Orchid Fest—from drop-in programming and thematic daily tours to demonstrations and more, you’ll be able to revel in the beauty of one of the largest plant families on Earth. The highlight of Orchid Fest is the Naples Orchid Society Show and Sale, where splendid orchid displays and vendors will be featured. Celebrate everything orchid with us!

Orchid Fest – 8am–5pm, Friday, February 14–Friday, February 28
Naples Orchid Society Show and Sale – 8am–5pm, Saturday, February 22 & Sunday, February 23
Both events included with regular Garden admission

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NAPLES FLOWER SHOW & GARDEN MARKET

Explore this year’s theme, “Vision 2020” through floral design, horticulture, photography, and the botanical arts.

8am–5pm, Friday, March 20–Saturday, March 21
Included with regular Garden admission

BOOK PRESENTATION

The Earth in Her Hands: 75 Extraordinary Women Working in the World of Plants, by Jennifer Jewell.

5:30–7pm, Monday, March 30
Book signing to follow presentation.
Seats are limited for this complimentary event.
Cash bar available.
RSVP required; see naplesgarden.org.

Book Signing Only
10am–12pm, Tuesday, March 31
Jane & Chuck Berger Shop in the Garden
Included with regular Garden admission

BLOOMS & BREWS

Celebrate the plants that make beer happen as you sip truly unique creations from some of Florida’s most beloved microbreweries. Enjoy live music, special menu items, and sunset in the Garden.

6–10pm, Saturday, April 18
Admission: $35 Garden Members
$50 Non-Members | $15 Designated Drivers
Tickets available at naplesgarden.org

SPECIAL EXHIBITION

The Impressionist’s Garden: Plein Air Paintings by Paul Arsenault
– This new exhibition in Kapnick Hall celebrates Arsenault’s love and passion for Naples Botanical Garden and the natural world by bringing together a selection of his original artwork featuring our 170-acre tropical paradise, as well as a few other great gardens from around the world.

8am–5pm Daily
Friday, April 24–Monday, September 7

JANUARY 2020

Members-Only
Bring-a-Friend Day
(No registration required)
8am–5pm, Saturday, January 11
Member Mornings
9–10:30am, Tuesday, January 14
Annual Members Meeting
5–6:30pm, Monday, January 20

FEBRUARY 2020

Members-Only
Bring-a-Friend Day
(No registration required)
8am–5pm Tuesday, February 4
Member Mornings
9–10:30am, Tuesday, February 11

MARCH 2020

Member Mornings
9–10:30am, Tuesday, March 10

APRIL 2020

Members-Only
Bring-a-Friend Day
(No registration required)
8am–5pm, Thursday, April 9
Member Mornings
9–10:30am, Tuesday, April 14
Members-Only Preview
The Impressionist’s Garden: Plein Air Paintings by Paul Arsenault
5:30–7pm, Thursday, April 23

Thank you to Edwards Asset Management
Garden Hours – 8am–5pm Daily
Fogg Café and Berger Shop in the Garden, 9am–5pm Daily

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Daily Tours – Join us for a guided experience in the Garden on any day you choose to visit. Whether you are interested in rare and endangered plants, beautiful water features, or our 90 acres of restored natural habitat, these engaging tours will open your eyes to the wonders of the Garden. Daily tours are first come, first served, so arrive early; no reservations taken. Up to 15 people permitted per tour. For a schedule of tour themes, please visit naplesgarden.org.

10am–3pm, on the hour, January–April
Included with regular Garden admission

Yoga in the Garden – An independent yoga instructor leads this twice-weekly outdoor yoga class. Hosted on the Kapnick Caribbean Garden Lawn. Suggested attire: yoga clothes, yoga mat or towel, sunscreen, and bug repellent.

10am, Wednesdays and Sundays
Now–April 29
Cost: $10 plus regular Garden admission


9:30am, Tuesdays and Thursdays
Cost: $10 plus regular Garden admission

Birding in the Garden – Experience the birds of the Garden! The group will meet at the Smith Entry Prow at 8am, and a Garden birder will lead you to the James and Linda White Birding Tower. Birders of all experience levels welcome. Suggested attire: hat, stable flat shoes (no flip-flops), sunscreen, and bug repellent.

8–10am, Tuesdays and Sundays
Now–April 28
Included with regular Garden admission

Writing in the Garden – With a prompt, writers have an exceptional opportunity to let the Garden inspire their creativity. Join this free-flowing group to meet and share poetry and prose writing of all experience levels. Volunteers from the group share subject ideas and exercises each Wednesday outside Fogg Café.

10–11am, Wednesdays
January 8–March 25
Included with regular Garden admission

Dig Deeper – Take 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. Sessions might include creating wreaths, repotting orchids, propagating succulents, and much more.

11:30am and 1pm
Now–April 8: daily except Wednesdays
Every day after April 8
Included with regular Garden admission

Naples Garden Club Ideas à la Cart Pop-up Programs – Join Naples Garden Club for creative and hands-on demonstrations in the Idea Garden. Visitors are invited to pop in for 10–15 minutes to discover topics such as leaf manipulation for floral design, centerpiece creation, air plants, and more.

10:30am–12:30pm, Wednesdays
Now–April 8
Included with regular Garden admission

FAMILY PROGRAMMING

Sensory-Friendly Saturdays – Join us for a FREE Sensory-friendly Saturday for families with autism spectrum disorder or other processing needs. Experience the peacefulness and fun of the Garden with disturbances minimized. Free admission applies between 4–6pm only; last admission at 5pm. Registration required; please RSVP to education@naplesgarden.org.

4–6pm, Saturday, January 18, February 15, March 14, and April 28

W.O.N.D.E.R. in the Garden – 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.

10:30am daily
Upcoming themes include:
• January - Feathered Friends, Scott Florida Garden
• February - Super Plants, Performance Lawn
• March - Fabulous Flowers, Lea Asian Garden
• April - Camo Champs, Kapnick Brazilian Garden

Family Yoga in the Garden – Stretch, balance, pose, and play! Connect with your loved ones through movement with Family Yoga in the Garden. Learn yoga poses and practices to bring home with you during this family-friendly experience. Come one, come all!

10–11am, January 18, February 15, and March 14, 2020
Included with regular Garden admission

DOGS IN THE GARDEN

Bring the family pooch for a stroll during Dog Walks in the Garden.

8–11am, Sundays and Tuesdays
Free for Garden Members | Charges Apply for Non-Members

Dogs must remain on their leashes at all times and be up to date on all vaccinations and registrations; please 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, Kapnick Hall, and Fogg Café.

NATURE JOURNALING: BOTANY THROUGH ART SHOW

Join us on the Kapnick Hall Terrace in celebration of students’ work from the eight-week Nature Journaling: Botany through Art workshop series for adults over age 55.

10am–12pm, Saturday, February 29
Included with regular Garden admission

MUSIC IN THE GARDEN

Sit back and relax in your favorite tropical setting and enjoy the musical stylings of our local talent! Bring your own chair; Music in the Garden stays outdoors all season long.

12–2pm every 1st and 3rd Sunday
Included with regular Garden admission

Upcoming concerts:
• January 19: The Woodwork
• February 2: The Freecosasters
• February 16: Kelly & Mason Duo
• March 1: Spellbound
• March 15: LaTrio Jazz
• April 5: Reckless Saints
• April 19: The Woodwork
• May 3: The John Patti Project
• May 17: The Woodwork

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GARDEN NIGHTS

Savor the magic of evenings in Naples as we stay open late.

5–8pm, Wednesday, January 8–March 25
Discounted admission begins at 3pm
$10 admission with proof of Collier or Lee County residency
Regular Garden admission for non-residents
Free for Garden Members