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Naples Botanical Garden 2021 – 22 Season Exhibits & Events Preview

NAPLES, FL – July 21, 2021 – Naples Botanical Garden anticipates resuming a full slate of events and exhibitions for 2021 – 22. The on-site creation of a sculpture exclusive to the 170-acre property anchors the season, along with thought-provoking art displays and demonstrations, plus the return of community favorites such as Music in the Garden and the Naples Flower Show & Garden Market.

Environmental artist Patrick Dougherty's [STICKWORK](#) headlines the season. Dougherty and his son, Sam, weave tree saplings into intricate and whimsical wonders that cast a dreamlike quality over their locations. They create each piece specifically for its site, resulting in a portfolio of sculptures as unique as the 300-plus international sites on which they were built. The father-son team will arrive in November to compose this new installation with the help of handpicked volunteers. Their creation will remain in the Kapnick Caribbean Garden for approximately two years.

Dougherty's sculptural process inspired the season's theme, **Intertwined**.

Programming, exhibitions, horticultural displays, tours, and publications will examine mutual relationships that exist in nature, the essential bond between people and their environment, and the vitality that results from honoring those ties.

The Garden continues to monitor public health advisories and follows Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance to reduce the spread of COVID-19. For the latest information, visit naplesgarden.org.

Exhibitions:

The Art of STICKWORK: October 1, 2021 – January 9, 2022. This exhibition features 17 photographs and two original sketches of environmental artist Patrick Dougherty's one-of-a-kind interactive sculptures, woven from tree saplings. Enhanced with multimedia displays and interpretive materials, *The Art of STICKWORK* provides insight into the mind of the artist, his process, preferred materials, and the way in which he honors nature and invites curiosity. Enjoy it before Dougherty's arrival for a glimpse of what's to come, or view it in tandem with his latest installation on the Kapnick Caribbean Garden lawn.

STICKWORK: November 2021 – 2023. Over the course of three weeks, North Carolina-based environmental artist Patrick Dougherty, his son, Sam, and handpicked local volunteers will transform 75,000 pounds of willow saplings into an immersive structure on the Kapnick Caribbean Garden lawn. Only once the sculpture is complete will Dougherty name it, choosing a title that reflects its shape, location, or the feeling it evokes. The work will remain on site for approximately two years.

Woven: Fiber Arts Now: April 8 – June 26, 2022. Five local fiber artists come together in this original exhibition to showcase and celebrate fiber art, all using nature and the Garden as a source of inspiration. Visitors will be invited to participate in a community weaving project set to take place opening weekend.

Annual Events:

Johnsonville Night Lights in the Garden: November 26 – December 23; December 26 – December 30, 2021; and January 1 – 2, 2022. Rediscover the natural beauty of plants from the tropics and subtropics as thousands of lights illuminate the Garden during the annual Night Lights in the Garden!

Ikebana Show: February 18 – 20, 2022. Ikebana, the centuries-old meditative art of flower arrangement, is rooted in traditional philosophy and ancient Japanese folklore. Its modern interpretation enhances our living spaces with a personal touch of nature. This exhibit, hosted by Naples Ikebana International #160, features

designs in the schools of Ikenobo, Sogetsu, Sensho Ikenobo, and Ohara.

Naples Orchid Society Show & Sale: February 25 – 27, 2022. Orchids abound at this annual show celebrating the allure of these beauties. The show features prize-winning orchids of many species and hybrids, artistic displays of orchids in full bloom, and container and cut arrangements. Vendors offer a large selection of plants and orchid care supplies.

Naples Flower Show & Garden Market: March 18 – 19, 2022. The Naples Flower Show, an annual partnership between the Garden and Naples Garden Club, has blossomed into the largest juried flower show in Florida, giving guests the opportunity to enjoy spectacular floral designs, botanical arts, tropical plants, educational displays, and interactive demonstrations. This year's show is titled *VISIONS – Past, Present, Future*.

Blooms & Brews: April 16, 2022, 6 – 10pm. Tip a glass to the plants that make beer happen! Savor the sunset, experience the Garden by night, enjoy bites available for purchase from Fogg Café, and sample craft beers from an assortment of microbreweries. Tickets include beer samples and a commemorative Blooms & Brews glass.

Regular Offerings:

Music in the Garden: Area musicians grace the outdoor Performance Stage overlooking the Water Garden the second Saturday of each month from October through June. Showtimes are 2 – 4 p.m. during the months of October – May and from 12 – 2 p.m. in June. Dates: Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11.

Sunset Wednesdays: Nothing beats winter in Florida. Celebrate midweek, as the Garden stays open until 8 p.m. for guests to savor the magic of a Naples sunset overlooking the Preserve and curated collections from throughout the tropical world. Every Wednesday in February, March, and April.

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About Naples Botanical Garden

Naples Botanical Garden is a 170-acre, world-class garden paradise that features plants from around the world. The Garden provides arts, culture, youth and adult education, conservation, wellness, and volunteer programs that contribute to the quality of life in Southwest Florida onsite and online at naplesgarden.org. The

Garden's living collections are always growing and evolving, leaving our audiences with a deeper engagement with our curated gardens and Preserve.

Summer hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. Regular admission is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children (4 – 14); Members and children 3 and under get in free.

Residents of Collier, Lee, and Charlotte Counties enjoy discounted admission June 1 – September 30, 2021. Visit [naplesgarden.org](https://www.naplesgarden.org) for details.

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