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## **New Waterlily Competition Hybrids are on View at Naples Botanical Garden**

**NAPLES, FL – August 25, 2021** – Round the bend of the Foster Succulent Garden, look just across the pathway, and you'll see them: Nine tubs housing 26 waterlily hybrids comprise this year's New Waterlily Competition. The International Waterlily & Water Gardening Society coordinates this annual competition, a premiere event for hybridizers from around the world.

Naples Botanical Garden is in its third of four years hosting the competition. In the Garden's role as host, Aquatic Areas team members receive the contenders in early spring as plants, tubers, or rhizomes, and nurture them for months to maturity. They take meticulous measurements, photographs, and notes documenting the lilies' color, size, appearance, and health to share with competition judges.

While a winner is not announced until December, the presence of the hybrids means that each summer and early fall, Garden guests can experience seeing these hybrid showstoppers as they produce brilliant blooms and thrive in the sun. Enjoy them through the rest of August and the entire month of September while they're still on display. The rest of the year, the Garden's 60,000 square feet of water gardens means there are always beautiful waterlilies to behold, with more than 450 at any given time.

## 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](http://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 – 17); 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](http://naplesgarden.org) for details.

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