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Collier Community Foundation grant funding to support Naples Botanical Garden programs

NAPLES, FL – Nov. 22, 2022 – The Garden would like to formally thank the Collier Community Foundation for its generosity and support of the Garden's various educational, artistic, nature-based programs. Collier Community Foundation's \$30,000 grant is used to support the following programs:

Sensory – Friendly Saturdays

Sensory – Friendly Saturdays allow guests, families, and individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other sensory processing needs to experience the peacefulness and serenity of the Garden with hands-on activities and free admission between 4 – 6 p.m. only.

Sensory – Friendly Saturdays 2023 dates are as follows:

- Jan. 21
- Feb. 18
- March 25
- April 22
- May 13

This program is RSVP only. To get more details about the January 21 event registration, please email education@naplesgarden.org.

Meet Me in the Garden

Meet Me in the Garden is a therapeutic horticulture program, developed with the Naples-based Alzheimer's Support Network, for people with memory impairments and their care partners. Our educators have created onsite activities, using plants as a foundation, that connect groups of people to nature — and one another — and stimulate cognitive, social, verbal, and physical skills.

For inquiries, please email education@naplesgarden.org.

Nature Journaling: Botany Through Art

Nature Journaling: Botany Through Art is a creative-aging nature journaling program, geared toward older adults. This eight-week workshop series facilitates students' exploration of nature and self through nature journals while providing older adults with a renewed sense of purpose, improved wellbeing, connection with others, and joy. Students in this program explore how to express themselves by creating a nature journal using watercolor pencils. Classes are free, and materials are included. This class is offered in English and Spanish.

Those interested in participating in our January series may register for a session, or sign up for our waitlist by choosing one of the following:

[English Nature Journaling: Botany Through Art registration/waitlist](#)

[Spanish Nature Journaling: Botany Through Art registration/waitlist](#)

Southwest Florida Stormwater Education

In the Garden and beyond, our educators work to increase awareness of sustainable landscaping practices that protect our coastline and mitigate storm runoff, all while leveraging native plantings. This awareness is built on site and through our stormwater audio tour resources, as well as in our region, during Garden-led workshops with businesses, HOAs, residents, and fellow environmental professionals.

For media questions, please contact media@naplesgarden.org.



About Naples Botanical Garden

Naples Botanical Garden is where plants and people thrive together. In addition to our 170-acre showcase for tropical plants, the Garden offers a uniquely beautiful, natural, and ever-changing experience to bring our diverse community together to enjoy companionship, refuge, learning, and celebration.

Seasonal hours of operation are 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (8 a.m. early entry for Members).

Visit naplesgarden.org for details.

[Visit Our Media Page](#)

About the Collier Community Foundation

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