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Naples Botanical Garden Announces its 2023 – 2024 Season *Here and Now*

NAPLES, FL – October 5, 2023 – Beginning fall 2023, Naples Botanical Garden celebrates the *Here and Now*. This theme encourages thinking, feeling, and doing during time spent on our campus. This, in turn, sparks thought on how experiences on site relate to work taking place outside the Garden throughout the community and region. We will celebrate the experiences that illuminate our mission while bringing people together. Educational offerings will explore: What is the future you want to see? What happens when you make an effort to make the world we live in now a better place? What can you do *here and now*?

Musical Swings

Jan. 27 – April 20, 2024

Set in the Kapnick Caribbean Garden, *Musical Swings* is a collaborative music-making art installation that invites people of all ages to participate in an unexpected creative performance. Visitors will create a musical composition of unique melodies through a responsive, interactive soundtrack. Created by Daily tous les jours.

Sara Abalan

On view Feb. 2 – June 30, 2024 in Fogg Café

With a desire to capture beauty in wildness, local artist Sara Abalan's recent work offers an authentic representation of her surrounding environment. Her time spent immersed in the Garden is reflected in the subject, shapes, and colors of this spotlight exhibition.

Patterns of Change

May 4 – June 30, 2024 in Kapnick Hall

Our planet is experiencing a rapid and intense change in climate, which impacts all life on Earth. This juried exhibition will explore work from international Batik Guild members that represents environmental change, whether through personal experiences or observations within the landscape. Organized by Naples Botanical Garden in partnership with the Batik Guild.

Ran Adler

July 20 – Oct. 27, 2024 in Kapnick Hall

Transforming chaos into order is at the core of assemblage artist Ran Adler's approach to life and art. The installations in this exhibition, curated specifically for the Garden's unique spaces, highlight Adler's repetitive use of found materials and his meditative relationship with nature.

Patricia Zalisko: For Life to Return remains on view in Fogg Café through Jan.

21, 2024 and *Ehren Fritz Gerhard: Understory Wonders* is on view in Kapnick Hall through Oct. 29, 2023.

2023 – 2024 Events & Festivals

Music in the Garden

Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16, 2023; Jan. 20, Feb. 3, March 16, April 27, May 18, and June 15, 2024

Area musicians grace the outdoor performance stage overlooking the Water Garden on select Saturdays, monthly from October through June. Sit back and relax in your favorite tropical setting and enjoy the musical stylings of our local talent! Showtimes: October – May, 2 – 4pm; June, 12 – 2pm.

Día de los Muertos Celebration

Nov. 4 & 5, 2023

With origins in Mexico, this joyous holiday is a time to share memories of loved ones and celebrate our families and friends. Enjoy special displays, live entertainment, dance performances, delicious dishes, and arts and crafts stations for a family-friendly adventure in color, aroma, and flavor! Special evening hours on Saturday, November 4 with complimentary light bites and a specialty themed cocktail for purchase.

Johnsonville Night Lights in the Garden

Nov. 24 – Dec. 23, 2023; Dec. 26 – Dec. 30, 2023; and Jan. 1 – Jan. 7, 2024

Stroll the Garden illuminated in thousands of lights and behold the magic of winter in the tropics. This beloved annual tradition returns, offering a seasonal staple that is distinctly Southwest Florida. Now with more dates than ever, enjoy live music each night, photo ops, a living bromeliad tree, and festive treats and libations for purchase.

Plein Air Fest

January 27, 2024

Celebrate art in the Garden! Find inspiration in nature as over a dozen local artists work in the tradition of painting *en plein air* (“in the open air”). Take part in art-themed activities and tours and be the first to enjoy the Garden’s new interactive exhibition *Musical Swings* on its opening day. Presented in partnership with the Naples Art District.

Friday After 5

Feb. 2, March 15, April 26, and May 17, 2024

Bring your friends and family to meander through the Garden after-hours, with themed cocktails, giveaways, performances from area musicians, fun activities, and more. The Berger Shop in the Garden and Fogg Café will be open, serving a full menu.

Sunset Wednesdays

Wednesdays in Feb., March, and April 2024

Bask in the beauty of a Naples sunset— the perfect way to celebrate midweek, as the Garden stays open late Wednesdays from winter to spring. Take a stroll overlooking the Preserve to see the best of the tropics and restored Florida landscape by dusk, and complete your experience with dinner and drink specials at Fogg Café.

Naples Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale

Feb. 16 – 18, 2024

Orchids abound at this annual show celebrating the allure of these blooming beauties. Celebrating its 50th year, “An Orchid Jubilee” will feature prize-winning orchids of many species and hybrids, artistic displays of orchids in full bloom, and container and cut arrangements. Renowned vendors offer a large selection of blooming plants and orchid care supplies. Presented in partnership with the Naples Orchid Society.

Annual Ikebana Exhibition

Feb. 23 – 25, 2024

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 year's show is titled "Floral Art of Ikebana: An Inspirational Exhibition" and is presented in partnership with the Naples Chapter of Ikebana International.

The 20th Anniversary of *Hats in the Garden*

March 20, 2024

Themed "Runways" and chaired by Barbara Hills, tickets to this event will include a champagne Garden reception, luncheon catered by the Ritz-Carlton, and a fashion show powered by one of the industry's top designers. This signature Garden event will raise funds to expand access to the Garden's natural areas, further connecting our community to our precious shared environment.

Naples Flower Show & Garden Market

April 5 & 6, 2024

The Naples Flower Show & Garden Market has blossomed into one of the largest annual juried flower shows in Florida. This year's "A World of Wonders" show will be an inspiring celebration where guests can enjoy spectacular floral designs, botanical arts, tropical plants, educational displays, floral photo ops, and demonstrations. A market with local and national vendors offers an array of botanically-inspired items and plants to take home. Presented in partnership with the Naples Garden Club.

Blooms & Brews

April 13, 2024

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 live music, beer samples, and a commemorative Blooms & Brews glass. This event is for individuals 21+ only.

Family Wonder Days

May 25 & 26, 2024

Garden-wide adventures await with a weekend of wonderful games, activities, and scavenger hunts for the whole family! Grab an activity guide and journey through the lush landscape to observe the birds, pollinators, and plants that make the Garden special. Local performers add to the fun with family-friendly music throughout the weekend.

Tasting the Tropics

July 6, 2024

Enjoy the Garden's most fruitful season with this tasty festival! 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! Treat yourself to a variety of activities including demonstrations, guided tours, and delicious tastings of the tropical fruit plants of the Garden.

Waterlily Weekend

Sept. 7 & 8, 2024

The Garden abounds with more than 500 waterlily specimens on display throughout 1.5 acres' worth of ponds and pools. This two-day festival celebrates these water nymphs at their peak bloom with special tours, demonstrations, family activities, and curator talks.

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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.

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

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