

Garden Fast Facts

Year Opened: 2009

No. Visitors: 250,000

Annual Operating Budget: \$18 million

No. Employees: 134

No. Volunteer Hours: 10,130 (fiscal year 2024–25)

No. Member Households: 15,000



Primary Gardens

- Kathleen and Scott Kapnick Brazilian Garden
- Kapnick Caribbean Garden
- Marcia and L. Bates Lea Asian Garden
- Karen and Robert Scott Florida Garden

Additional Gardens

- Buehler Family Foundation Enabling Garden
- Foster Succulent Garden
- Irma's Garden
- Kathryn's Garden
- LaGrippe Orchid Garden
- Naples Garden Club Idea Garden
- Water Garden

Natural Areas

- Collier Enterprises South Wetlands Preserve
- Deep Lake
- Harvey's Lake
- James and Linda White Birding Tower
- Lake Tupke
- Mary and Stephen Byron Smith River of Grass
- Sönne Family Ghost Orchid Boardwalk
- Vicky C. and David Byron Smith Uplands Preserve

Collections

- **On display:** Nearly 20,000 cataloged plants
- **In nurseries:** 32,400 plants
- **Endangered plants:** 1,700 on display; 7,800 in nurseries
- The Garden holds the National Plumeria Collection, accredited by the American Public Gardens Association.
- 350 plumeria are on display

Other Features & Amenities

- Eleanor and Nicholas Chabraja Visitor Center
- Evenstad Horticulture Campus
- Fogg Café
- Jane and Chuck Berger Shop in the Garden
- Kapnick Hall
- 10 permanent sculptures throughout the property

On-Site Partners

- Florida Gulf Coast University
- The Naples Garden Club

Leadership

President & CEO: Donna McGinnis

Board of Directors Chair: Cathy Funderburg

Vice President & Chief People Officer: Liz Carver

Vice President of Facility Operations: Gavin Cooke

Vice President of Landscape Innovation: Brian Galligan

Vice President & Chief Revenue Officer: Andrea Nickrent

Vice President of Education & Interpretation: Britt Patterson-Weber

Vice President & Chief Financial Officer: Brian Scheall

Vice President of Science & Conservation: Chad Washburn

Awards & Accolades

- Museum Excellence Award, 2018, Florida Association of Museums
- Award for Garden Excellence, 2017, American Public Gardens Association (Naples Botanical Garden is the youngest garden ever to receive this award)
- LEED gold certificate, 2015, for the Eleanor and Nicholas Chabraja Visitor Center
- Award of Excellence, 2011, American Society of Landscape Architects, Florida Chapter (award honored the Garden's stormwater treatment system)
- The Garden is also a top-ranked attraction on TripAdvisor and holds a Certificate of Excellence