



## Naples Botanical Garden announces leadership transition

### For Immediate Release

**NAPLES, FL – November 19, 2025** – Naples Botanical Garden announces that its current President & CEO, Donna McGinnis, will be leaving the organization effective January 16 to take on the mantle of President & CEO of Denver Botanic Gardens. Naples Botanical Garden's Board of Directors is evaluating the optimal path forward to ensure the Garden continues to benefit from best-in-class leadership and will begin a formal search for a candidate shortly.



"We appreciate Donna's service and commitment to the Garden," said Cathy Funderburg, Chair of the Board of Directors at Naples Botanical Garden. "We will miss Donna's capable leadership, but I am confident that the Garden will continue its development as both a world-class cultural institution and a leader in environmental education. Guided by our dedicated Board of Directors, outstanding leadership team, and talented staff, along with the support of this incredible community, especially our volunteers and members, we will continue to advance our mission of conserving tropical plants and habitats, cultivating beauty, sharing knowledge, educating our community, and inspiring the protection of nature."

McGinnis has overseen enhancement of the Garden's campus, programming, and breadth of its botanical collections. During her tenure, the Garden steadily increased the number of visitors who enjoy its grounds each year, while further cementing its position as a globally-recognized collection, community treasure, and

a botanical oasis.

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## About Naples Botanical Garden

With a family-friendly, natural and ever-changing experience, Naples Botanical Garden is where plants and people thrive together. Every Garden admission ticket or membership purchase helps support our conservation efforts.

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

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