



Angel's Trumpets · *Brugmansia versicolor*

Dear Friend of the Garden,

As we close the year and look ahead, we want to begin with heartfelt gratitude. Your continued support and dedication play a vital role in making Naples Botanical Garden the extraordinary place our community treasures. This is an important and exciting moment for the Garden—one of renewed planning, organizational strength, and future-focused leadership.

With that in mind, we are pleased to share updates unanimously approved by the Garden's Executive Committee of the Board of Directors:

Carl Crosetto, who served as Board Chair from 2018 – 2021, has been appointed Interim President & CEO, effective January 16, 2026. We are grateful to Carl for his willingness to assume this role. Carl brings extraordinary leadership, strategic vision, and steady guidance, grounded in his deep institutional knowledge. Carl had a distinguished career managing complex organizations, including serving as President of Bowne & Co., a Fortune 500 company. Carl's experience and insight will be invaluable in navigating this transition and ensuring the Garden continues to thrive. If you have worked with Carl, you know he is an enthusiastic champion for our employees and for the work we do as a team.



Additionally, Britt Patterson-Weber will serve as Interim Deputy CEO, helping to drive organizational alignment while ensuring the seamless execution of Garden



programming and initiatives during this exciting period. Britt brings exceptional knowledge and leadership to this role, having built and led the Garden's Education & Visitor Experience team over the course of nearly 17 years.

The Executive Committee is making progress in selecting a national firm to guide the recruitment of our next President & CEO. Updates will be shared in the new year.

Thank you for supporting Naples Botanical Garden; we hope to see you in the Garden soon!

Sincerely,

Cathy Funderburg

Chair of the Board
On behalf of the Executive Committee

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