

# Garden Fast Facts

**Year Opened:** 2009

**No. Visitors:** 260,000

**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
- Sonne 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, with 350 plumeria 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

**Board of Directors Chair:** Cathy Funderburg

**Interim President & CEO:** Carl Crosetto

**Interim Deputy CEO, Vice President of Education & Interpretation:** Britt Patterson-Weber

**Vice President & Chief People Officer:** Liz Carver

**Vice President of Facility Operations:** Gavin Cooke

**Vice President of Horticulture:** Brian Galligan

**Vice President & Chief Strategic & Philanthropic Officer:** Rhea Merrill

**Vice President & Chief Revenue Officer:** Andrea Nickrent

**Vice President & Chief Financial Officer:** Brian Scheall

**Vice President of 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