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# 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL *Hats in the Garden*

## Nature Play focus of Garden's 2026 fundraiser

**NAPLES, FL – March 30, 2026** – Naples Botanical Garden celebrated the 22nd Annual *Hats in the Garden* on Wednesday, March 25. This year's event welcomed over 700 guests and raised more than \$3.8 million.

The funds raised from *Hats* support the daily operations of the Garden, along with the Fund-a-Need focus: Nature Play Chapter 2: *Harmony Ever After*. Unveiled last year with the support of 2025 *Hats* patrons, Nature Play playscapes, the first of their kind in Southwest Florida, use natural elements to inspire imagination and encourage outdoor discovery.

The *Harmony Ever After* initiative will strengthen Nature Play's impact by introducing music—thoughtfully, artistically, and with the same care that guided the original design. Through hands-on discovery, the addition of outdoor instruments of all sizes, and a Creative Artist-in-Residence Program, the Garden will welcome all generations to the wonder of sound.

For two decades, *Hats in the Garden* has served as Naples Botanical Garden's

primary fundraiser, advancing its conservation mission and enabling plants and people to thrive—together.

The next *Hats in the Garden* is scheduled for March 19, 2027.

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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. Every Garden ticket or membership purchase supports Naples Botanical Garden's conservation efforts.

Seasonal hours of operation are 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (8 a.m. early entry for Members). Visit [naplesgarden.org](https://www.naplesgarden.org) for details.

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