



Naples Botanical Garden Announces New Exhibition *What is Gathered Remains*

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Key Highlights:

- Naples Botanical Garden invites guests to explore, create, and connect with nature this season.
- Enjoy new exhibitions, festivals, live music, and Garden gatherings. *Hidden Wonders* inspires a season of events, workshops, and programs.
- Opening Jan. 23, the Garden's new exhibition, *What is Gathered Remains*, draws inspiration from its seed bank—a hidden wonder of plant species native to Florida and the Caribbean.
- Guests can help create the exhibition through a *What is Gathered Remains* community workshop Nov. 14 & 15.

Naples Botanical Garden announces a full slate of programming for its 2026 – 27 season, from sunset strolls to Emmy-winning musicians to signature flower shows to a special collaboration with a Miami-based sculptor who is using her ceramics and glass practice to bring native plants—and the Garden's efforts to save them—to life.

This season's special focus, *Hidden Wonders*, unveils the inner workings of ecosystems, obscure stories from the collections, and the behind-the-scenes work that goes into saving plants and cultivating a tropical oasis.

View the Seasonal Events Calendar

What is Gathered Remains



What is Gathered Remains **(Jan. 23 – June 1, 2027)** a new collection of site-specific works by Lauren Shapiro, headlines the season and embodies its *Hidden Wonders* theme. Shapiro, whose work focuses on marine, terrestrial, and built ecosystems, immersed herself in Southwest Florida's most at-risk habitats to understand their unique flora and document how the Garden conserves native plants through seed banking.

Her sculptures will be composed of kiln-carved glass tiles, adorned with ornamental designs inspired by the native plants she encountered. They will also reflect another disappearing habitat: the Art Deco architecture that defines Miami Beach. Like Southwest Florida's plants, these historic buildings are threatened by floods, storms, and human development.

Read About the Artist & Exhibition

What is Gathered Remains Community Workshops**:** In these hands-on workshops, participants will meet artist Lauren Shapiro and contribute to the making of glass tiles for the exhibition. Participants will cut and arrange predetermined motifs onto special kiln paper, building compositions inspired by the textures and forms of specific plants from the Garden's collection. Participants' paper collages will be transported to and fired at Lauren's studio, located in the historic Bakehouse Art Complex in Miami.



Nov. 14 & 15, 10 a.m. - noon.

Free for Members / $27 for Non-Members.
Pre-registration required at naplesgarden.org

Learn More About the Community Workshop

Photos of What is Gathered Remains

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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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