Garden Fast Facts

Year Opened: 2009
No. Visitors: 240,000
Annual Operating Budget: $18 million
No. Employees: 134
No. Volunteer Hours: 9,500 (fiscal year 2025-26)
No. Member Households: 13,000

Naples Botanical Garden™

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 Preservez
- Deep Lake
- Harvey's Lake
- James and Linda White Birding Tower
- Lake Tupke
- Mary and Stephen Byron Smith River of Grass
- Sönne 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

President & CEO: Dr. Emily E. D. Coffey

Board of Directors Chair: Cathy Funderburg

Vice President of Facility Operations: Gavin Cooke

Vice President of Horticulture: Brian Galligan

Vice President of Marketing & Business Development: Kara Laufer

Vice President & Chief Strategic and Philanthropic Officer: Rhea Merrill

Vice President of Education & Interpretation: Britt Patterson-Weber

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