

Naples Botanical GARDEN

SPRING/SUMMER 2018

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SUMMER HOURS

New Summer Hours! From June 4 - September 16, the Garden will be closed Mondays and hours will be 8am-2pm Tuesday through Sunday. Fogg Café open Saturday & Sunday only.

The Garden will be Closed from September 17 - 30 for Maintenance
When the Garden re-opens on October 1, regular hours will resume, from 9am-5pm (8am-5pm on Tuesdays) daily.

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OUR MISSION

Conserve & Discover.
Engage & Inspire.

To develop and conserve collections and habitats representative of the flora and cultures between the 26th latitudes. To discover, research, and share knowledge about these plants and their gifts to us of beauty, tranquility, sustenance, and well-being. And to engage and inspire everyone to care for the plants around them and become stewards of the environment.

ON THE COVER

Thunbergia mysorensis

(common name: Mysore trumpetvine or the Indian clock vine)

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The World is Watching



As you read this, the Garden's team is working around the world to find plants to rebuild our Garden after the losses of Hurricane Irma. We have traveled to Puerto Rico and Cuba and are getting ready for plant collecting trips to Haiti and the Bahamas. Many U.S. gardens have plants from the Caribbean in their greenhouses, and they are sharing seeds and cuttings with us. We will use all of it to restore the landscape we love so dearly.

What will you see next? Our most critical project is building a new plant nursery and growing center. What we had was destroyed by Hurricane Irma, and we can't grow the new plants without it. Planning is under way, and by fall we'll be able to share exciting news with you.

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Naples Botanical Garden as the global leader in hurricane recovery. Before you receive your next magazine, we will have made presentations at three international conferences and the annual meeting of the American Public Gardens Association. We are working with other Florida botanical gardens to publish new best practices for storm preparation and recovery. We are helping the City of Naples and Collier County identify the most resilient trees to replant. Tropical plant scientists at major universities are watching our work.

None of this would be possible without you. The Garden family of members and donors gave more than \$1 million to help us recover from Hurricane Irma. Your good wishes and words of encouragement kept us going. Volunteers helped us accomplish much more than our staff could have done alone. We are so very proud to serve alongside you.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer. 🌻

Donna McGinnis

Behind the Scenes

Naples Botanical Garden's experienced and knowledgeable Horticulture Department creates and maintains the Garden's amazing collections. Learn more about leaders of this 25-person staff that work behind the scenes to make the Garden so special:



Brian Galligan Vice President of Horticulture

Brian Galligan developed a deep connection with plants early in life. At the age of thirteen, Brian managed his own company in landscape design, installation, and maintenance. After graduating from Auburn University with a degree in Horticulture, Brian moved to Naples, Florida. The Garden's early supporters sought out Brian for his expertise and he joined the staff in 2007.

Today, Brian is responsible for the growth, development, and maintenance of all display gardens, natural areas, growing facilities, the living collections, and stewardship of the Dr. Robert W. Read Library and the Herbarium of Southwestern Florida. In addition to overseeing the Garden's flora, Brian continues to be an active part of the design and creation of the region-based cultivated gardens.

Brian has traveled to countries all over the world to bring new plant material and design inspiration to the Garden. The Garden's collection focus is between the 26th parallels north and south, so Brian concentrates his efforts in these regions. "Nothing is more fun than trading plants," Brian says. Showcasing exceptionally rare plants that may be in peril or no longer present in their native environment fascinates Brian. "The Garden has many plants that don't exist in the wild anymore, so we are holding the genetics of the past, present, and future," Brian explains.



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Nick Ewy Associate Director of Horticulture



Nick Ewy has been an avid gardener and plant collector since childhood. Nick started working at a rare plant nursery in high school, and then went on to obtain a degree in botany and plant pathology from Michigan State University. Nick brought his talents to Naples Botanical Garden in 2013.

While his duties include working closely with trees and shrubs, his expertise and passion lies in epiphytes. “I enjoy working with orchids the most. We are lucky the climate in Florida is ideal for these types of plants,” Nick says. Nick propagates plants inside a grow lab of Florida Gulf Coast University’s Harvey Kapnick Education and Research Center at Naples Botanical Garden.

In addition to appreciating the unique environment Florida offers, Nick has a special connection to the functionality of plants. He enjoys the opportunities in the Garden to create habitats that act as feeding sources for birds, butterflies, and other native pollinators.



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Liz Chehayl Brian Holley Curator of Collections

Liz Chehayl was raised in St. Louis, Missouri, and completed her education at Washington University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Although a lifelong plant enthusiast, Liz found her love for tropical plants through her volunteer work at Naples Botanical Garden in 2002 and joined the Garden as a staff member in 2012.

Liz and the Horticulture team work closely with various plant specimens, whether grown from seed or rescued from other properties. As Curator of Collections, Liz monitors the growth, protection, and documentation of the living collection. She is also a driving force behind the Garden’s historical collections and Legacy Tree program.



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Close friend and Board Member Catherine Kidder Ware recently donated an assortment of rare palms. In this instance, Liz oversaw their planting and nutrient levels in a designated holding area during relocation and determined their final locations for public display.

Strongylodon macrobotrys, more commonly known as the jade vine, is Liz's favorite plant in the Garden. "Even though the Garden is a museum of plants, it is also a place where people can enjoy beauty and make memories," Liz says.



The Garden is a place where people can **make memories.**



Stephen Jurek Horticulture Manager

A Naples native, Stephen Jurek joined Naples Botanical Garden as a member of the Operations department in 2011. "I never took an interest in plants until I started working at the Garden," Stephen admits. His experiences working with large equipment led to his transition into the Horticulture department one year later.

As Horticulture Manager, Stephen leads his colleagues through large-scale projects such as major planting operations and the use of machinery. A constant concern is avoiding damage to other plants, buildings, or water features in the process. "There is a lot of work that goes into moving and planting throughout the Garden. I've driven tractors just three inches away from water features to move plants and sometimes the process can take hours," Stephen explains. Liz Chehayl, Curator of Collections, describes Stephen as an "amazing equipment operator."

Stephen and the Horticulture team were instrumental in planting sabal palms (*Sabal Palmetto*), into the Karen & Robert Scott Florida Garden. The sabal palm is the Florida state tree and incidentally is Stephen's favorite plant. Working as a team to move and replant the sabal palms deepened Stephen's personal connection to the Scott Florida Garden. An example of enjoying the fruits of his labor, Stephen and his wife, Natalie, celebrated the first wedding in the Scott Florida Garden. 🌿



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fun fact

The Horticulture team quizzes each other to learn and remember scientific plant names. This engaging tactic builds camaraderie and helps the team grow their knowledge. **"We try not to use common names. I encourage the team to learn the accurate terminology,"** Brian Galligan says.



Hurricane Irma made landfall on September 10, 2017, in Naples, Florida, as a Category 4 storm delivering winds in excess of 140 mph. Naples Botanical Garden was in its direct path.

As we continue to recover from the significant loss of a third of our plant material and look to rebuild our nursery facilities, the Garden extends our heartfelt gratitude to the following gardens for sending teams to help us rebuild alongside members of this community.

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Saturdays and Sundays at 10:30am in
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Together we will **w**alk, **o**bserve, **n**avigate,
draw, **e**xplore, and **r**ead about a monthly
theme in the Vicky C. and David
Byron Smith Children's Garden.
No prior registration necessary.
All W.O.N.D.E.R. programs
are included with
regular Garden admission.



June: Art Naturally

Expand your creativity by exploring the garden in a whole new way! Discover the relationship between science and art through observing the many colors and textures displayed in the Smith Children's Garden. Then, learn more about the color wheel and create your own watercolor masterpiece to take home.

July: Worm Wranglers

Catch a case of the 'wiggles' this July as we learn more about our composting companions: worms! Dig into some soil science and discover how worm activities nourish our plants. Explore a day in the life of a worm and even try your hand at mud painting!

August: Florida's Flora

Lace up your hiking boots and explore seven native Florida habitats right here in the Smith Children's Garden! Join us this month as we meet the amazing plants that create Florida's unique ecosystems, learn about how they've adapted to life in the Sunshine State, and plant *Coreopsis*, Florida's state wildflower, to take home.

September: Mangroves and Stormy Weather

Did you know that mangrove habitats protect Florida's coastline from damaging wind, rain, and currents caused by storms? Indeed, their dense root system not only acts as a barrier between the sea and the mainland, but also provides refuge to wildlife. In this program, learn more about these unique habitats and how they interact with Florida's stormy weather.

October: Super Seeds

Have you ever planted a seed and waited patiently to see that first little sprout of green pop up above the soil? Even the smallest of seeds contains all that it needs to develop into a full-grown plant and produce seeds of its own. This October, discover the magic of seeds as we discuss where they come from, where they go, and what they need to grow. Then, plant a seed to care for at home! 🌱

Summer Camp IN THE GARDEN



Camp Dates

Gardeners in the Kitchen:
June 4-8 & July 16-20

Surviving Florida: June 11-15

Wild Florida Wanderers: June 18-22

Garden Storytellers: June 25-29

Botanical Artists: July 9-13

Green Thumbs: July 23-27

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The Garden thanks the Naples Children & Education Foundation, (NCEF) founders of the Naples Winter Wine Festival for their support for Summer Camp. NCEF supports charitable programs that improve the lives of underprivileged and at-risk children in Collier County. NCEF is committed to making a profound and sustaining difference in the quality of life of children. NCEF funding assists in underwriting camp opportunities for students from Shadowlawn and Avalon Elementary Schools.



Join us for another summer of fun in the Garden as we kick-off the season with a range of camps sure to make this a memorable year! Each week of camp is designed to encourage discovery and actively promote your child's sense of creativity. Children can spend their summer exploring the Garden through investigations into science, art, food, and nature! Our great camp counselors emphasize the importance of healthy eating, taking care of the environment, and connecting with the outdoors. Campers will get a chance to interact with daily guest speakers like park rangers, chefs, naturalists, organic gardeners, local artists, and more!

Gardeners in the Kitchen Young chefs and gardeners will follow the journey of plants from seeds to meals on their plates, all while having fun. Campers will grow their own seeds, harvest fruits and vegetables from the Garden, and create their own gourmet recipes. This program is offered twice.

Botanical Artists This camp caters to blossoming artists, both experienced and those just getting interested. Paint, draw, design, and more! There is no shortage of beautiful blooms, butterflies, and scenery to inspire young artists at the Garden.

Wild Florida Wanderers For adventurous campers interested in the natural world around us. Get up-close and personal with a butterfly, follow marsh rabbit tracks through the Garden, investigate the walking mangrove tree, and discover Florida's natural wonders.

Garden Storytellers Calling all children with limitless imaginations! In this new program, we'll use the Garden as the setting for writing and sharing stories, poet-tree, and other tales.

Surviving Florida How did early people survive the harsh conditions found in Florida? How do people in modern times survive when they're lost in the wilderness? In this camp, we'll learn about the role plants have played in helping humans.

Green Thumbs Want to get your hands dirty? Come garden with us! Learn how we take care of our vegetables, herbs, flowers, and more in this new program. You'll even get to find out how to grow plants from cuttings as you pot up your own little piece of the Garden for home!

Summer camp is led by highly qualified teachers and is for children entering 1st through 6th grades. Join the fun for one week or multiple weeks! The cost of each camp is \$250 per child/per week for members or \$300 for non-members. Each day of camp runs from 8am to 3pm and includes healthy breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Become a Garden member today to enjoy discounts on summer camp. Additional discounts may be applied for either sibling or multi-week registrations. Camp availability is limited. To register, email education@naplesgarden.org • visit www.naplesgarden.org, or call 239.315.7281 for more information. 🌻



Ravenia urbanii, an endangered and endemic flowering tree



Aerial photograph of the Arboretum Doña Inés Park after Hurricanes Irma and Maria



Puerto Rico Conservation

Naples Botanical Garden took a direct hit from Hurricane Irma in September of 2017. But we weren't the only ones.

The storm brought sustained winds of over 115 miles per hour, causing significant damage to over 500 of the Garden's canopy trees. In the days following the storm, understory plants, once located in deep shade, were now scalding in full-sun resulting in additional loss of plants throughout the Garden.

Staff and volunteers from throughout the community were quick to return to the Garden to clean up debris, upright trees that could be salvaged, and begin the task of planting temporary plants for the upcoming season. During that time, the Garden staff and volunteers became experts on the process of recovery from a devastating storm. The Garden learned just how special the relationship with the community had become. Volunteers worked side-by-side with staff every step along the path to recovery. Among those volunteers were teams of professional arborists and horticulturists from gardens across the U.S., who brought not only the professional skills that were necessary for the Garden to recover, but

additional equipment to help in the process. The response to the Garden's needs were coordinated by the American Public Gardens Association (APGA) through their Garden to Garden Disaster Response Center. Thanks to these efforts, the Garden reopened three weeks after the storm made landfall in Naples. Shortly after opening the Garden's doors to the public, another nearby garden was in need of assistance to recover from an even bigger natural disaster.

That same September, the island of Puerto Rico was hit by both Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Many people were still without power from Irma when Maria brought maximum sustained winds of 155 miles per hour, devastating the island's infrastructure and natural resources.

Puerto Rico's island geography, tropical climate, rich volcanic soils, and varied elevation have resulted in a lush and diverse flora that is home to more than 2,300 native plant species. Of these, over 230 species are endemic, or found only growing on the island. Many of these plants are closely related to native trees found growing here in south Florida. Puerto Rico's landscape also includes El Yunque National Forest, the only tropical rainforest in the U.S. National Forest System.

One of the most important groups working in Puerto Rico to conserve this incredible diversity is the Arboretum Doña Inés Park of the Luis Muñoz Marín Foundation. The Arboretum is a 12-acre urban forest in the heart of San Juan, housing the world's largest collection of native Puerto Rican plants. The collection



Brian Galligan and Chad Washburn unloading a shipment of chainsaws, parts, and a new clutch



Staff from Puerto Rico and Florida working side by side to remove debris in the Arboretum

includes over 40 percent of the threatened and endangered tree and shrub species on the island. Hurricane Maria passed over Puerto Rico just 25 miles south of the Arboretum. The effect on the living collections was devastating. Christian Torres-Santana, Director of Arboretum Doña Inés Park, recalls “we’ve never seen this magnitude of devastation before. The impacts of Hurricanes Irma and Maria will be felt for years.” Nearly half of the trees in the collection were downed and would die quickly without a rapid response. In addition, much of the equipment necessary to begin the recovery process was used up fast in the days following the storm and not available on the island.

In January, a team from Naples Botanical Garden including Brian Galligan, Vice President of Horticulture, Gary Boivin, Vice President of Operations, and Chad Washburn, Vice President of Conservation, travelled to San Juan with Ian Simpkins of the Vizcaya Museum and Gardens in Miami. “We saw a unique opportunity to put the recovery skills we learned in our own garden to use to help the Arboretum begin the recovery process” recalls Brian. “We learned, firsthand, what was needed to save our rarest plants first in our own garden and wanted to use those skills to help in the conservation of Puerto Rico’s flora.” The team spent the first workday clearing paths and removing debris so that they could get to some of the Arboretum’s rarest trees. Though many of the trees had been down for months, they were able to be pruned and set back upright to live on into the future.

“For me, the experience was not only about conservation of rare trees, it was an opportunity to bring the equipment necessary for Arboretum staff to continue the recovery efforts long after we returned home” said Gary. “Chainsaws, safety gear, and equipment were in high demand across the island and not readily available. We brought new supplies and tools to repair the saws already there, but most importantly, we brought a clutch and the parts necessary to repair a utility vehicle so that we could pull large trees back up.”

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“These devastating storms have made a mark on our landscape that will take decades to heal, though many positives came out the experience” said Chad. Hurricanes have reinforced the importance of working together with other public gardens to further plant conservation. “We have already started planning for the future by sharing some of our rarest plant collections as insurance against future disasters and are exploring opportunities to collaborate both in Puerto Rico and Florida to save some of our rarest plants.” Naples Botanical Garden, Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, and the Arboretum Doña Inés now share this incredible history of recovery together and have developed a relationship that will help to conserve unique floral legacy for generations. ♡



Staff from Naples Botanical Garden, the Arboretum Doña Inés Park and the Luis Muñoz Marín Foundation, and the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources

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THANK YOU

The Garden would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who made a special gift to help us Replant & Regrow following Hurricane Irma. The weeks and months after the storm were truly an amazing time, as our friends and supporters came together to help restore the Garden. In addition to financial support, we're so grateful for the kind words and uplifting thoughts you all shared. They boosted morale and let us know that together, the Garden would come back better than ever.

We're so grateful for all you have done for us. We simply couldn't have done it without each and every one of you!

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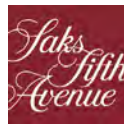
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Certainly. The Garden's e-mail updates provide announcements on upcoming events and member benefits, so we don't want you to miss out on anything! Please send an e-mail to membership@naplesgarden.org with your full name, address, and e-mail address(es) you would like added.

I have been a member in the past. If I renew, am I considered a new member or a renewal?

If you have been a member with us in the past, you are still in our system and are considered a renewal. If you are not sure and would like us to check, please contact us at membership@naplesgarden.org.

I am a Golden Bamboo Member but it doesn't say it on my membership card. How do I receive my special gift each year?

Your Golden Bamboo status was earned through your support of Naples Botanical Garden during its construction phase in 2009 as a way for the Garden to recognize and thank you for your loyalty. For members to retain their Golden Bamboo status, they must maintain their membership in good standing. Though it is not printed on your membership card, the Garden maintains an internal record of this status and will mail information on your annual opportunity each Spring. Please be sure to keep the Garden informed of any changes in your address. ♡

Member Insider Tours

Members-only tours are free,
but advanced registration is required.
As space is limited, please
select only one tour.



MEMBERS-ONLY TOUR: BUTTERFLIES IN THE GARDEN

Thursday, June 14, 9-10am

With **Britt Patterson-Weber, Associate Director
of Education and Visitor Experience**

Associate Director of Education and Visitor Experience Britt Patterson-Weber changed careers because of butterflies. On this insider tour, you'll find out what makes this singular insect so captivating as we explore the Pfeffer-Beach Butterfly House and the rest of our cultivated gardens. Along the way, you'll learn what makes a healthy butterfly habitat, how and where to look for eggs and caterpillars in nature, and why butterflies are critical to ecosystems. We'll also take a look at some lesser-known pollinator plants in the Garden's collection.

MEMBERS-ONLY TOUR: SMITH UPLANDS PRESERVE

Friday, June 22, 9-10am

With **Chad Washburn, Vice President of Conservation**

Join Vice President of Conservation, Chad Washburn, on this tour of the Garden's Smith Uplands Preserve. The walk includes opportunities to explore areas of the Preserve that are rarely open to the public. The Smith Uplands Trail winds through one of the few remaining coastal scrub habitats in Collier County, offering Members a chance to discover the diversity of ephemeral wildflowers and rare flora of the scrub. This insider tour includes a look at a population of ghost orchids along the Sonne Family Ghost Orchid Boardwalk, which typically bloom in the summer months.

MEMBERS-ONLY TOUR: WHAT'S AN ENABLING GARDEN?

Friday, June 29, 9-10am

With **Taylor Burnham, Buehler Enabling Garden Coordinator**

Though the Buehler Family Foundation Enabling Garden is designed especially for individuals with varying abilities and needs, it has benefits for every visitor to Naples Botanical Garden. Learn about how its elements of

@ HOW TO REGISTER

Send an e-mail to membership@naplesgarden.org specifying your desired date (one tour per member, please). Your reservation is complete when you receive e-mail confirmation. Please note that all tours require walking.

Members at the *Individual* level may register one person; Members at the *Family* level and above may register two people.

universal and therapeutic design break down barriers and engage all five senses in the Garden. Try out some adaptive gardening tools designed to make gardening easier. Visitors are encouraged to touch, smell, listen and maybe even taste their way through this Garden.

MEMBERS-ONLY TOUR: FIRE IN OUR PRESERVE

Thursday, July 19, 9-10am

With Eric Foht, Natural Areas Manager

We in Collier County are no stranger to fire, but what are the ecological benefits of fires in our very own Smith Uplands Preserve? Natural Areas Manager, Eric Foht, will discuss the Garden's flora and fauna such as our gopher tortoises that call the Uplands home, and why they are an important species in fire-prone habitats.

MEMBERS-ONLY TOUR: WATER LILIES

Friday, July 20, 9-10am

With Danny Cox, Aquatic Areas Manager

The captivating water lilies steal the hearts of many Garden visitors while in bloom during the year. Join Aquatic Areas Manager, Danny Cox, in the Kathleen and Scott Kapnick Brazilian Garden for a behind the scenes tour of the waterfall and to learn more about how we grow our water lilies and other aquatic plants.

MEMBERS-ONLY TOUR: BEHIND THE SCENES IN THE ORCHID HOUSE

Friday, July 27, 9-10am

With Nick Ewy, Associate Director of Horticulture

Have you ever wondered where the orchids live before they find a home in our beautiful Garden? Associate Director of Horticulture, Nick Ewy, will bring you through the Garden's orchid house, FGCU laboratory, and grow room to show you examples of how we propagate and grow orchids from seed. Nick can also answer orchid-related questions and discuss our efforts to conserve native orchids. 🌿

Celebrating 10,000 Member Households!

The Garden would like to give a special thank you to Bruce and Irene Gibson for becoming Members and helping us reach 10,000 active member households!

To celebrate this milestone, the Gibsons were treated to a private lunch with President and CEO, Donna McGinnis, and Barbara Finn, Chair of the Membership Committee, in the Lea Asian Garden. They were also presented with a \$100 gift card to the Jane and Chuck Berger Shop in the Garden and a special Michael Aram gift.

Bruce and Irene, who divide their time between Naples and the UK, decided to join the Garden in February, knowing that their children and grandchildren would be visiting soon. They're looking forward to participating in upcoming Lifelong Learning classes and exploring the Smith Children's Garden when their family visits. The Gibsons love the Garden's natural areas and how they blend beautifully with the designed gardens. And while they have just begun to explore the Garden in depth, so far the Kathleen and Scott Kapnick Brazilian Garden is their favorite! 🌿



Thank you, Bruce and Irene,
along with all of the
Members of our
Garden Family for your
ongoing support!



The Impact of Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 on Your Charitable Giving

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Charitable giving is powerful—it allows you to make a direct impact and effect positive change with the organizations you support. Your gifts make a difference. For example, after the storm, Naples Botanical Garden was able to recover more quickly due to the generosity of its supporters, and inspiring efforts of many volunteers.

How and when you give may be affected by the tax benefits you receive. At a recent panel event hosted by the Garden and the Planned Giving Committee, members were invited to openly discuss the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, and its possible impact to charitable giving.

THE GOOD NEWS

The new tax law preserves deductions for gifts to charity. It also retains the attractiveness of charitable donations made via non-cash methods such as gifts of highly appreciated stocks. Moreover, gifts from donor advised funds and from IRAs to public charities remain viable planned giving solutions. The new law also increases the limitation on deductibility of cash to public charities such as Naples Botanical Garden from 50% of adjusted gross income (AGI) to 60% of AGI. Finally, with respect to estate and gift taxes, the lifetime exclusion has more than doubled, from \$5.49 million to \$11.18 million. Those changes should reduce estate taxes due from many taxpayers, who might then be more inclined to make significant planned gifts to charitable organizations.

GIFTS OF APPRECIATED ASSETS

Donating appreciated assets such as stocks which have been held for more than one year qualify for the charitable deduction and avoid all capital gains taxes on the sale. Thus, rather than sell appreciated stock and giving the cash proceeds to charity, the better approach could be to gift the appreciated asset directly to the charity.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Donations to donor advised funds (DAF) still qualify for a charitable deduction under the new law. As the gift qualifies for the tax deduction the year the donation is made (subject to AGI limitations) some individuals will “front load” contributions to a DAF in a single year – and in so doing make it easier to qualify for the new higher itemized deduction thresholds. The DAF then makes gifts over several years, as requested by the donor.

YOUR INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

Another very valuable strategy – the IRA Charitable Rollover – remains viable under the new tax code. This strategy allows you to direct up to \$100,000 to a charity annually from your IRA without recognizing the distribution as income. The amount donated will count towards your required minimum distribution (RMD). To qualify, you must be 70 1/2 or older, transfer the funds directly to the charity and complete the transfer from your IRA by the end of the year.

If you want to provide for your favorite charities, while also reducing your taxes, we recommend you talk to your principal advisors, such as your tax, investment, or legal professional. This year is a great opportunity to have this conversation, to not only discuss your future charitable goals, but also to update older documents and assure they are in line with current regulations. ♡

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JOIN THE ROYAL PALM SOCIETY

Demonstrate Your Leadership Support

The Royal Palm Society is a way to support Naples Botanical Garden through annual giving while enjoying the benefits of membership. You can become part of a group of dedicated patrons who provide critical support to sustain our ongoing mission.

All Royal Palm Society members enjoy exclusive preview events, complimentary general admission for you and all accompanying guests, recognition on the Annual Donor Listing, special event invitations, extra guest admission passes, and more!



Basic Royal Palm Society Annual Benefits:

- Free general admission for you and all accompanying guests
- Four one-time-use guest admission passes
- Complimentary preview event invitations
- Invitation to Hats in the Garden and other exclusive Garden events
- Royal Palm Society membership card(s)
- Recognition in Annual Donor Listing
- Advanced registration opportunities
- Complimentary use of accessibility scooter
- Discounts on Shop purchases, Lifelong Learning classes, and more!

Bougainvillea — \$1,500-\$2,999

- Basic Royal Palm Society benefits for two adults

Ginger — \$3,000-\$4,999

- Bougainvillea membership benefits, *plus*
- Prearranged private Naples Botanical Garden Tour for six led by Senior Staff
- Two additional one-time-use guest admission passes (6 total)

Heliconia — \$5,000-\$9,999

- Ginger membership benefits, *plus*
- Complimentary tickets to three Lifelong Learning Programs
- Two additional one-time-use guest admission passes (8 total)

Bromeliad — \$10,000-\$14,999

- Heliconia membership benefits, *plus*
- Prearranged home consultation with Garden horticulture specialist and the delivery of a specially selected plant
- Two additional one-time-use guest admission passes (10 total)

Orchid — \$15,000+

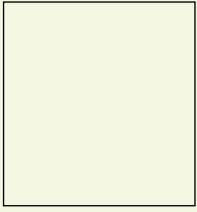
Our highest membership level, Orchid level members are closely connected to the Garden through philanthropic leadership. Your commitment to the Garden at this level is making a difference to ensure the future of the Garden. Experience all of the above benefits, plus a heightened sense of belonging to Naples Botanical Garden. We are so grateful for your support.

Note: Tour/Visit benefits to be scheduled by member.



For questions about the Royal Palm Society or to join, please call Erin Wolfe Bell at 239.325.1936.

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