

Trips and Tours Planning 2026 — Update

Everglades National Park Boat Tour of the Ten Thousand Islands — **Completed**

March

Bonita Springs Historical Society Guided Walking Tour



Join us for a fascinating guided walking tour hosted by the Bonita Springs Historical Society. Discover the charm and stories behind historic downtown Bonita Springs, including landmarks such as the McSwain Home, Shangri-La Springs, and the Liles Hotel History Center. Knowledgeable guides will share insights into the early development of Bonita Springs, the Imperial River's influence, and the evolution of the historic commercial district.

Event Details

Date: March 3, 2026

Cost: \$20 member & nonmembers (BS Historical Society Members \$15)
10 - 15 participants

Transportation: 9:15 Carpool from Village Walk Bocce Parking Lot
10:00 Tour (45 minutes)

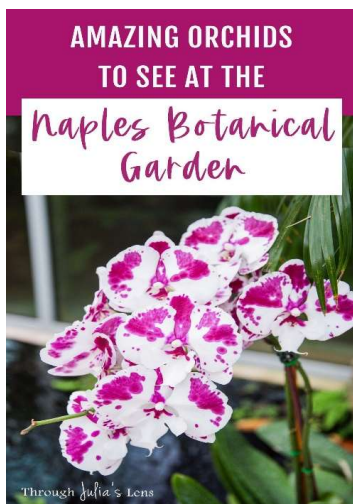
Location: 27451 Old 41 McSwain Home Museum Downtown Bonita Springs
Handicap Accessible

April

Naples Botanical Garden – Guided Orchid Experience

Join us for a 90-minute guided group experience at the beautiful Naples Botanical Garden. This unique tour focuses on orchids and epiphytes, exploring their fascinating role in tropical ecosystems. Learn about the Garden's mission, its tropical plant collections, and the special care involved in cultivating these stunning species. Following the tour, enjoy a hands-on orchid potting activity, and take home your own orchid as a souvenir.

Guests are welcome to explore and enjoy the Garden for the rest of the day once the program concludes.



Event Details

Date: April 16, 2026

Cost: \$55 Members, \$75 Nonmembers — Estimated number (10 minimum, 20 maximum)

Tour Time: Begins at 10:00 a.m.

Transportation: 9:00 Carpool from VillageWalk Bocce parking lot

Sign up and details to follow in March

**Please contact Gail Brinley at (781)720-8240 or at 28809 Yellow Fin Trail
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Be Spontaneous

Join us for spontaneous outings to unique local destinations! These pop-up trips are designed for fun, flexibility, and exploration — perfect for members who enjoy discovering new places on short notice.

Sundance Orchids and Bromeliads 3/26/26 one day only, \$20 pp, 10 max
(Contact Leslie Bishoff)

Kaleidoscope Flora & Wolfmoon Café – A creative and colorful floral studio paired with a cozy café, offering a vibrant, artsy experience.

Jade Orchids (East Naples) – A beautiful orchid nursery showcasing exotic blooms and expert growing tips.

Keep an eye out for upcoming announcements with dates and details — these trips will be posted as they are scheduled!

Trips and Tours Committee

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