

March

## Annual Collier County Agricultural Bus Tour

Hosted by: UF/IFAS Extension Collier County

This popular 1-day event has been hosted by UF/IFAS Extension Collier County for the last 50 years. Experience a behind-the-scenes look at local farming operations in Collier County on this guided bus tour. Participants will ride an air-conditioned bus to visit a variety of farm stops, including tomato farms, fruit farms, nurseries, and ranches learning about the agricultural industry's impact on the local economy and environment. The tour offers exclusive access to farmers, ranchers, and agricultural experts, providing unique insights into the region's agricultural practices, sustainability efforts, and innovations.



## Event Details

Date: March 18, 2026

Cost: \$120    Members \$100    Nonmember \$120

Total: Maximum 10 members/nonmembers

Transportation: air-conditioned bus

Carpool: to Collier County Fairgrounds to board bus

Time: 8-4 or 9-5 two bus departure times (info to follow)

Lunch included: The farm-to-table lunch will be provided by the cattle ranchers.

This event is not handicapped friendly due to the uneven terrain.

Tickets are available through Eventbrite the middle of Jan. Tickets will go fast, therefore we are providing information about this event at the Dec. 9 meeting and sign-up sheets for members.

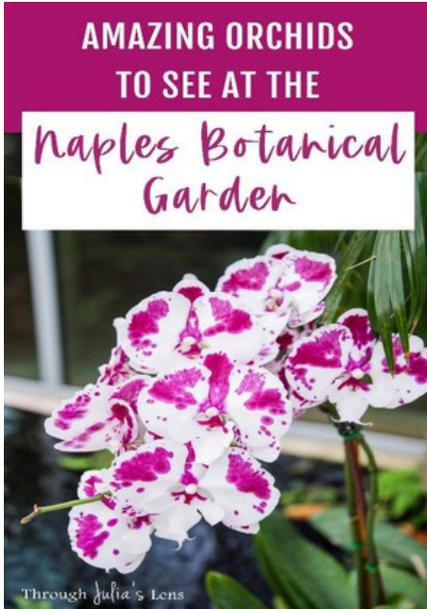
Details to follow

## 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: Carpool from VillageWalk Bocce parking lot

Sign up and details to follow

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.

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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