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Native Plants in our Gardens

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<https://www.palmbeachpreservation.org/visit/pans-garden>

Susan Lerner is the Director of Horticulture at the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach. She is responsible for the management of Palm Beach's native oasis - Pan's Garden, Earl E.T. Smith Park, and the grounds around the Preservation Foundation's building. Additionally, she teaches garden education programs to school children and arranges education programs for adults.

A combination of wetlands and uplands, Pan's Garden, which shelters hundreds of species of native plants, gives visitors a sense of what Palm Beach might have looked like before settlers of European descent arrived in the 1800s.

Susan is a Florida Master Gardener, Secretary of the Backyard Beekeepers Association, Past President of the Palm Beach County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society and the Palm Beach Chapter of the Rare Fruit Council International. Her half acre West Palm Beach yard is planted with hundreds of Florida native plants, over two dozen fruit trees and other edibles – enough to keep her, the bees, birds, and butterflies, fed year-round.