



**Around & About - Cost: Free**  
**Thursday, January 16, 2025 – 10:00AM**  
**Tropical Bamboo Nursery & Gardens**  
**2929 G Road**  
**Loxahatchee, FL 33470**

Meet the carpool locations at 9:30 AM; leave at 9:40 AM sharp.

The nursery features a display garden that surrounds a large bamboo pavilion, constructed primarily out of Guadua bamboo. Restroom facilities are available. Bamboo benches, tables, and stools provide plenty of seating. Listen to a pair of waterfalls and a small stream winding through the bamboos. Relaxing music plays and ceiling fans provide a breeze to add to the ambience. A Bali-style bamboo structure is featured and you can climb the spiral stairway in our two-level bamboo pagoda for a birds-eye view of the gardens. A series of three elephant-grass/bamboo umbrellas cover small picnic tables along the stream. They also are soon revealing an exciting new garden area that features a large bamboo sculpture, named 'Orbweaver'. The huge spider-sculpture was created by Gerard Minakawa of Bamboo DNA.

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**Excelsa Gardens Nursery**  
**12839 25th Street No.**  
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Excelsa Gardens founded in 1990 by Mark, Sarah, and Colin Friedrich sits on thirty acres in Loxahatchee, FL. The inspiration to begin the nursery, specializing in exotic tropical plants began in 1980, when he began working at Miami's Fairchild Tropical Gardens. Mark loved the plants so much that he decided he wanted to grow and sell plants like the ones he was inspired by at Fairchild. Excelsa is now renown for selling exotic plants of the highest quality available. You will also enjoy the artsy, eclectic, boho chic decor located through the main nursery and garden.

Lunch: We will enjoy a selection of delicious picnic style food options from: Costco, Whole Foods, and Panera Bread; while seated beneath their beautiful atrium at \$15.00 per person.