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THE ANN NORTON  
SCULPTURE GARDENS  
*A look into West Palm Beach's  
not-so-secret garden*



# Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens

Just like one of her monumental sculptures unexpectedly taking shape under the creative and focused eye of artist Ann Norton, her own Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens (ANSG) sanctuary is also creatively evolving into the not-so-secret gardens you might think you knew.

Quickly making a name for itself as a premium exhibition space for emerging and established artists of both international and local renown, the ANSG has managed to hold onto the things that always made it special — a greenspace showcase of monumental and important art, a studio that seems to still carry the presence of the artist who found such inspiration and solace there, and an historic home on the National Registry where a rotation of exhibitions makes every visit new and different — all while embracing the growth and change developing around it and underscoring its literal breath of fresh air in downtown West Palm Beach.

"Here our guests can find a place of stillness and nature in an exciting and evolving city," said Cynthia Kanai, CEO for the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens. "Our visitors reflect and exhale, and tell us they find beauty and soft edges everywhere they look. I think Ann Norton was a true visionary who knew the potential impact of her glorious gift to our community."

Thanks to Ann Norton's vision, the community is taking notice. Membership at the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens increased by 250 percent this year and attendance has tripled. The Gardens has also expanded its educational programming with the addition of the outdoor *Environmental Classroom*. With *Literacy Day*, *Garden Day*, *Art & Healthy Hearts in the Garden* and *EARTH Day*, more than 7,500 Title I students get to experience art, nature and education in a magical setting. The outdoor space can also serve as a memorable and beautiful venue for special occasions such as weddings, birthday parties and mitzvahs.

"People are excited to partner with our efforts as we launch new programming and introduce new patrons to our lineup of exhibits and events — and in the process they fall in love with Ann Norton's story and this very special sanctuary in the city," said Frances Fisher, Board Chairman for ANSG. "Thanks to support from our *Gardens Conservancy* members, grant partners, selection as *Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary's* official cultural partner, corporate sponsors, an incredible Board and longtime members who have been captivated by a southern artist's love letter to the community, we can offer something for everyone."

For more information on the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens visit [ansg.org](http://ansg.org) or call 561.832.5328.

**FIRST COLUMN:** Zia by Gino Miles (PHOTO: PAINE PRODUCTIONS); **SECOND COLUMN:** Ann Weaver Norton (COURTESY OF ANSG); Marlee Brannock and Bryce Sartory engagement (PHOTO: CAPEHART); Sally Soter, Frances Fisher, Iris Apfel and Christine Aylward (PHOTO: CAPEHART); **Art & Healthy Hearts** (COURTESY OF ANSG); **THIRD COLUMN:** Annual Easter Egg Hunt (PHOTO: CAPEHART); Martin and Audrey Gruss, Frances and Jeffrey Fisher, John Barnes, Lisa Kenna and Sam Lehrman (PHOTO: CAPEHART); Literacy Day (PHOTO: CAPEHART); Ribbon cutting for Environmental Classroom (PHOTO: CAPEHART); Neiman Marcus Fashion Chat with Zac Posen and Ken Downing (PHOTO: CAPEHART)

