

One by Land

Two by Sea

One-by-Land, Two-by-Sea Tours

EVENTS PROGRAM

Step into history, innovation, and paradise with the launch of the *LAI SemiQ East Coast Tour: Land Use & History (1776–2026)* — beginning where land meets sea and winter melts into spring: Florida’s stunning Suncoast.

Opening Reception

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

LOCATION:
GCCF Philanthropy Center
1549 State Street, Sarasota, FL 34236

TIME: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



**GULF COAST
COMMUNITY
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Since 1995, Gulf Coast Community Foundation has powered bold philanthropy and collaborative leadership to drive meaningful change across our region. Guided by values of authenticity, curiosity, collaboration, grit, and a trailblazing spirit, we work side-by-side with donors, partners, and community members to tackle our region’s biggest challenges and unlock its greatest opportunities. Together with our donors, we’ve invested more than \$625 million in health and human services, education, civic & economic development, arts & culture, and the environment. Headquartered in Venice, with a second office in downtown Sarasota, Gulf Coast is nationally recognized for excellence, earning multiple “Best Nonprofits to Work For” honors and accreditation from Community Foundations National Standards.

Jennifer O. Rominiecki, President and CEO

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Jennifer O. Rominiecki began her tenure as President and Chief Executive Officer of Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in February 2015. Since she arrived, she repositioned the institution as The Living Museum®, securing a trademark from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Enacting this new operating model has yielded increases of 278% in membership and 157% in overall earned revenues. Rominiecki has also overseen the creation and execution of a five-year Strategic Plan, two three-year Strategic Plans, as well as an innovative Master Site Plan for which more than \$121 million has been raised. Phase One of the Master Site Plan opened to the public in January 2024, creating the first net positive energy botanical garden complex in the world. The Groundbreaking Ceremony for Phase Two was held on December 2, 2025 with completion expected in 2028.

Earlier in her career, Rominiecki held key positions at the New York Botanical Garden, The Metropolitan Opera and the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Art History and English from Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude with Honors in Art History. Rominiecki also completed the Women’s Leadership Forum at Harvard Business School in June 2017, is a member of Leadership Florida Cornerstone Class XXXVI, and is a member of the International Women’s Forum Florida Suncoast Chapter. Rominiecki is the former Chair of the Board of VISIT FLORIDA. She currently serves as the Chair of the Board of the Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce, and is on the Boards of the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County, the Sarasota African American Cultural Coalition and the Science and Environment Council of Southwest Florida, as well as the Southeast Advisory Council of Lafayette College.

During Rominiecki’s tenure, she and Selby Gardens have received numerous awards. Most recently, The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design, together with The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies, awarded Marie Selby Botanical Gardens with the 2025 American Architecture Award® for Phase One of its transformational three-phase Master Plan. Travel + Leisure Magazine also recognized Selby Gardens with a 2025 Global Vision Award for sustainability. In 2024, Selby Gardens was selected for TIME Magazine’s annual list of the World’s Greatest Places, The Wall Street Journal’s Best of 2024 Architecture, Vogue Magazine’s 2025 Best Botanical Gardens in the United States. In 2025, 2024, and 2023, Florida Trend Magazine named Rominiecki to the Florida 500, a list of Florida’s most influential business leaders representing 500 candidates across major industries. Rominiecki lives in Sarasota with her husband, Robert, and their two boys.

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