National Sculpture Society is the oldest organization of professional sculptors in the United States. In 1893 leading sculptors and architects founded the National Sculpture Society in New York City to “spread the knowledge of good sculpture” throughout the country. Founding members included Daniel Chester French, Richard Morris Hunt, Augustus St. Gaudens, Stanford White, J.Q.A. Ward and others who created most of this nation’s public monuments at the turn of the last century. Sculptors associated with the NSS have created many of this country’s memorials, coins, medals, and public monuments since its founding. NSS continues to share good sculpture with the public through its various programs, which include exhibitions such as All Creatures Great and Small at Naples Botanical Garden.

Between the 26th latitude north where Naples is situated, and the 26th latitude south are some of the world’s most diverse plant communities and interesting cultures. Our subtropical location gives us the unique opportunity to showcase gardens that represent countries and regions from between these latitudes as they encircle the globe including Asia, Brazil, the Caribbean and Florida.

A Jury of Selection chose the 32 works from the nearly 100 entries. The All Creatures Great and Small jury of selection included Jane Purdy Berger, Board of Directors, Naples Botanical Garden; Brian Holley, Executive Director, Naples Botanical Garden; Robin R. Salmon, VP of Art and Historical Collections/Curator of Sculpture, Brookgreen Gardens; and Sandy Scott, Professional Sculptor.

Sculptors included in the exhibition are: Lorri Acott; Joy Kroeger Beckner, FNSS; Babette Bloch; Dan Chen; Tim Cherry, FNSS; Darrell Davis, NSS; Floyd DeWitt, FNSS; D.L. Engle, NSS; James Ferrari; Daniel Glanz, NSS; Bob Guelich, FNSS; David Hayes; Tony Hochstetler, NSS; Lee Hutt, FNSS; Roger Martin, NSS; Diane Mason; Adam Matano; George McMonigle, NSS; Leo E. Osborne, FNSS; Ulrich Pakker; Louise Peterson, FNSS; David Price; Diana Reuter-Twining; Rosetta, FNSS; Ken Rowe; Wayne Salge, NSS; Stefan Savides, NSS; Adam Schultz, NSS; Bart Walter, FNSS; Dale Weiler, NSS; and Meg White.