



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF  
 THE FORT MYERS - LEE COUNTY GARDEN COUNCIL, INC.  
 2166 VIRGINIA AVENUE, FORT MYERS, FL 33901  
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**Please Visit:  
 National Garden Clubs  
 @ [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)**

Your Username is:  
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**Your National President:  
 Sandra H. Robinson  
 SandyR5342@gmail.com**

**National Theme:  
 "Leap Into Action!"**

**Please Visit:  
 Florida Federation of GC  
 @ [www.ffgc.org](http://www.ffgc.org)**

**Your State President:  
 Arlene Rand  
 Arlene.Rand23@gmail.com**

**State Theme:  
 The Garden of Inspiration**

As we find ourselves at the next Courier, many things have transpired.

**PRESIDENT'S COFFEE-**  
 Many noble Presidents braved the weather to come to the Gardens. The food was delightful, courtesy of Periwinkle Garden Club. The meeting evolved into a gathering of friends,; sharing plans and ideas. Many issues were explained and feedback was positive. It was like a "Fireside Chat".

**ENHANCING GARDENS-**  
 -Orchids have been added to the empty trellises. Thank you to Carolee and Ena.  
 -A label maker is being ordered to make our own plant identification cards. Instead of ordering labels we will be able to make our own. They will have black lettering on a white background and be on 12" or taller stakes.

-There is some new pink in the Komen Garden. Thanks Carolee!

Come and see for yourself; there is lots going on! Visitors appear often on Tuesdays due to ads in "Florida Weekly" and "News Press". Thanks Bernie and Jody. And a Big "Thank You" to all who volunteer at the Gardens on Tuesdays.

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE-**  
 A new air conditioning unit is being installed this week for the Office and Library. We secured 3 bids and chose the best one.

**OPEN HOUSE-**

Don't forget to sign up and reserve a table for the Open House on Saturday Nov 21st at 10am-2pm. A great opportunity to sell items and raise money for your clubs.

**FYI-**

A new updated brochure is being printed and will be available for handing out at the Open House.

On a sad note, I wish to convey my sorrow at the dissolution of the Green Thumb Garden Club. I am sure this sentiment is shared by many. They were a driving force in the formation of the Gardens, especially the fountain. Any of the ladies who wish to participate for one year in Council or join another club are more than welcome. Green Thumb sent Council a sum of money to be used at the Gardens for maintenance of such. In return, a leaf will be placed on the "TREE OF LIFE".

My trust is that you find joy, love and inspiration in your life and the Gardens.

Lovingly,

Kay, your President



**F M L C G C General Meeting - Call to order 9:30 am—November 13, 2015**

Inspirational Message  
 Pledge of Allegiance  
 Reading of the Minutes - Recording Secretary—Charlene Anderson  
 Corresponding Secretary - Sharron Thompson  
 Financial Report - Posted by Mae Jean Nothstine, Treasurer  
 President's Report - Kay Holloway  
 1st Vice President's Report - Bernadette Hamera

2nd Vice President's Report - Suzy Valentine  
 Reports of Committee Chairs (as needed)  
 Old Business/ New Business/Announcements  
 PROGRAM: "The Buzz about Bees"  
 By: Keith Cuncell, Florida's Beekeeper  
 Adjournment  
 Ways & Means - 50/50 drawing

Please join us at 9:00 am for refreshments provided by: **Greater Fort Myers Rose Society**

**Garden Council Meetings Dates**

<p><b><u>UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS</u></b> (Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FRIDAY Dec. 4, 2015</li> <li>• FRIDAY Jan. 8, 2016</li> </ul> <p><b>MEETINGS FROM 9:30 am TO 11:30 am</b></p> <p><b>Riverside Community Center Ballroom</b> 3061 E Riverside Dr. Fort Myers, FL</p>	<p><b><u>GENERAL COUNCIL MEETINGS</u></b> All are Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FRIDAY Nov 13, 2015</li> <li>• Hostess - Greater Fort Myers Rose Society</li> <li>• Program - "The Buzz About Bees"</li> <li>• Next Meeting January 8th, 2016</li> <li>• Hostess: Poinciana Garden Club</li> <li>• Program- "Florida's Ecosystem"</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>GENERAL MEETINGS</u></b></p> <p><b>MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH EVERY OTHER MONTH SEPTEMBER TO MAY</b></p> <p><b>RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER</b> 3061 E. Riverside Drive FM 33916</p> <p><b>HOSPITALITY: 9:00 am to 9:30 am</b> <b>MEETING: 9:30 am to 11:30 am</b></p>
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**67th ANNUAL STROLLING FLOWER SHOW**

In spite of the set back experienced with The Bell Tower Shops this year, the 67th Strolling Flower Show will still to on!  
The arrangements this year will be displayed at the Forest Country Club on February 4th 2016. The judging will be held the same day and followed by the awards banquet at 12:30pm. This year's arrangements will be solely based on the theme:

**"LET HOPE, PEACE, AND LOVE FLOURISH AS FLOWERS BLOOM FOR MR. EDISON"**

To ensure a fair representation of each arrangement, arrangers this year will provide their backdrop. Also, to determine the position of each arrangement, the designers will draw numbers on Friday, November 13th at the Garden Council meeting. Please send a representative from your garden club with names, phone numbers and emails for drawings.

**As the date approaches, we will keep you posted with further details.**  
Thank you,  
Farah L. Turnier, Chairman



*James E. Hendry Chapter*  
**AMERICAN HIBISCUS SOCIETY**  
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

The hybrid hibiscus plant sale on Sunday, November 8th sponsored by the James E Hendry Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society was a huge success! They were sold out in an hour and a half! They also added 16 new members to the club! Two of the new members were already trimming plants with Wanda and Jill on Tuesday at the Gardens. Welcome one and all!

**Garden Council - Berne Davis Botanical Garden Open Tues. 10 - 1 pm**

Each Club and Society takes a turn Hosting.

Hostess Schedule

<p>Nov 3rd, 2015 Alva Garden Club Nov 10th, 2015 American Hibiscus Society Nov 17th, 2015 Bonita Sp Tropical Fruit Club Nov 24th, 2015 Bonsai Society of SW Florida</p>	<p>Dec. 1st, 2015 Caloosa Rare Fruit Exchange Dec. 8th, 2015 Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Dec. 15th, 2015 Carissa Garden Club Dec. 22nd, 2015 Eclectic Floral Designers Dec. 29th, 2015 Estero Island Garden Club</p>	<p>Jan. 5th. 2-16 Fiddlesticks Garden Club Jan. 12th, 2016 Florida Native Plant Society Jan. 19th, 2015 Fort Myers Herb Enthusiasts Jan. 26th, 2016 Garden Club of Cape Coral Feb. 2nd, 2016 Garden Club of Lehigh Acres</p>
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Please contact Carolee Drotos-Swales with any questions: 561-1846 or [cdrotosswales@yahoo.com](mailto:cdrotosswales@yahoo.com).

*Edison - Ford Winter Estates*

Monthly Garden Talks on 2nd Saturday 10:00 am  
\$5.00 Members- \$10 Non-Members

November 14th—"Growing Orchids on Cork or Hypertufa"  
December 12th—"Container Gardening"  
January 9th—"Growing and Using Herbs"  
March 12th—"Making a Home Cutting Garden"

April 9th—"Growing and Caring for Palms"  
May 14th—"Orchids"  
June 11th—"Vines"  
July 9th—"Vertical Gardening"

\*\*\*February 13-14(No Talk) Edison of Light Plant Festival -9a-5pm Come and enjoy all our vendors!

**Web: EdisonFordWinterEstates.org/events**

**Local Farmer's Markets - [buylocallee.com](http://buylocallee.com)**



Lakes Park Market Fri. 9 - 1 pm Free Parking at 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers  
Oct 2-Apr 29th, 2016

Bonita Springs Sat. 8 - 12pm Promenade at Bonita Bay, 26811 S. Bay Drive 691-9249  
Oct 3- Apr 30, 2016

Cape Coral Sat. 8 - 1 pm Downtown, SE 47th Terr. and SE 10th Place, over 100 vendors  
[capecoralfarmersmarket.com](http://capecoralfarmersmarket.com)

Coconut Point Farmers Market- Thurs. 9am -1pm Coconut Point Mall- October 1, 2015 - April 28, 2016  
Parking is plentiful and FREE anywhere in the Coconut Point Mall. We're Pet Friendly!

Fenway South F.M. Wed. 9am-1pm. 11500 Fenway South Dr., Nov 4th-Mar 30th Parking Free in JetBlue Park.  
Fort Myers F.M. at FSW Sat. 9am-1pm 8099 College Pkwy., Oct 3rd-Apr 30th, Parking available on campus.

Green Market Sat. 9 - 1 pm Alliance of the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd. - Fort Myers 939-2787

Sanibel Island Sun. 8 - 1pm Sanibel City Hall, 800 Dunlop Road - more than 45 vendors - Oct 4-Apr 24, 2016  
Parking is located in the lots at Sanibel City Hall, Sanibel Library, BIG Arts, Schoolhouse Theater. Bicycles can be parked at the designated area at City Hall. Handicap parking is located at City Hall. We're Pet Friendly!

**C a l e n d a r o f E v e n t s**

**Nov 14th, 2015 Saturday- Tropical Plant Bazaar 9am-2pm**

Location: Four-Mile Cove Ecological Preserve (east end of SE 23rd Terrace, Cape Coral)

\*\* Proceeds from sale by the Garden Club of Cape Corals member-grown plants go toward the club's support of various local schools' gardens and awards made to local high school students. Several club members work as advisors to school gardens, sharing knowledge with the student gardeners and encouraging their efforts.

**Nov 17th, 2015 Tuesday-Periwinkle Garden Club Auction 5:30-8:30pm** At Fine Mark Bank. Come one come all!  
Hors d'oeuvres served. Come and bid and have fun! Please call Helen at 239 489-0631.

**Nov 21st, 2015 Saturday -OPEN HOUSE 10am-2pm at Council Headquarters & Edison/Ford Garden Market 9am-5pm**

**Dec 4th, 2015 Friday 9am-4pm Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Annual Judged Show** at Terry Park Pavilion ( in the rear)

**Dec 5th, 2015 Saturday 10am-3pm Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Annual Sale** at Terry Park Pavilion, 3410 Palm Beach Blvd.

**Jan 15th, 2016 Friday- Florida Arbor Day**