

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
THE FORT MYERS - LEE COUNTY GARDEN COUNCIL, INC.
2166 VIRGINIA AVENUE, FORT MYERS, FL 33901
FMLCGARDENCOUNCIL.COM

**Berne Davis
Honorary Service
Award
Luncheon**

**"MEMORIES"
"A LOOK BACK IN TIME"**

*Oldies but Goodies
Music & Memories from
the Past*

April 8th 11:30-2:30 pm

**Whiskey Creek Country Club
1449 Whiskey Creek Drive
Fort Myers, FL**

MENU

**Chicken Cordon Blue
Or
Vegetable Lasagna
\$25.00 per person**

**Send payment with menu
choice to:**

**Lee County Garden Council
Attn: Darlene Tompkins
1416 Charles Rd.
Fort Myers, FL 33919**

Deadline: April 1, 2016

P r e s i d e n t ' s M e s s a g e

**As I sit in the beautiful
Berne Davis Gardens
hearing the water from
the fountain, I feel a
sense of balance,
belonging and peace.
The view of the trees and
plants of many colors
enters my senses and
fills me with great joy.**

**Many activities for our
FMLCGC are being**

**planned for the following
months along with the
renovations of our building.
I trust you will find peace and
tranquility in your life as we
enjoy our company together.**

**Love,
Your President
Kay**



**For The Latest Info Check Our Website
[Www.fmlcgardencouncil.com](http://www.fmlcgardencouncil.com)**



**FMLCGC GENERAL MEETING
MARCH 11, 2016
CALL TO ORDER 9:30AM**

PROGRAMS

- MANGROVES & Current Water Crisis in SWFL by David Southall**
A very interesting and current affairs discussion. Friends and spouses welcome!
- Horticulture Tidbits :** Concise facts on local plants to benefit everyone's garden.
- Design Time: "Table Settings for a Seafood Meal"**

Anyone interested is encouraged to bring a design. Contact Suzy Valentine with questions.

**Please join us at 9:00 am for refreshments provided by: Jasmine Garden Club
And plan to stay until at least 11:30 am to enjoy everything this Council has to offer!**

Garden Council Meetings Dates

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

(Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs)

- Date: Friday March 4th, 2016
 - Date: Friday April 1st, 2016
- MEETINGS FROM 9:30 am TO 11:30 am

Garden Council Headquarters
2166 Virginia Ave.
Fort Myers, FL

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

All are Welcome

FRIDAY March 11, 2016

Hostess - Jasmine Garden Club

Program - Mangroves & Water Issues

FRIDAY May 13, 2016

Hostess: Pine Island Garden Club

Program- "C.R.O.W."

GENERAL MEETINGS

MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 2ND FRIDAY
OF THE MONTH EVERY OTHER MONTH
SEPTEMBER TO MAY

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER
3061 E. Riverside Drive FM 33916

HOSPITALITY: 9:00 am to 9:30 am

MEETING: 9:30 am to 11:30 am

In memory of

In Fond Remembrance
of
Martha J. "Marty" Ward

"She lived till she died"



Founding member of the Garden Club of Cape Coral,
mentoring judge of the Potpourri Designers,
active member of the Eclectic Designers,
long-time member of Royal Palm Garden Club,
District IX Accredited Master Judge &
Director of the Fort Myers– Lee County Garden Council, Inc.

Mighty Marty—our Energizer Bunny

We will always miss your welcoming smile,
Encouraging words and
Sparkling blue eyes.

Strolling Flower Show 2016 Results



Tri Color Award
Winner
Monica Freed



Tri Color Award
Runner Up
Winnie Stone



Judges Award
Winner
Kathy Spilka



Designers Choice Award
Winner
Lou Ann Good



Designers Choice Award
Runner Up
Vicki Williamson

Edison - Ford Winter Estates

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

March 12th—"Making a Home Cutting Garden"

June 11th- "Vines"

April 9th—"Growing and Caring for Palms"

July 9th—"Vertical Gardening"

May 14th- "Orchids"

Web: EdisonFordWinterEstates.org/events

The **James E. Hendry Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society** will be holding a "gardening garage sale" Sunday, March 13 from 2:30PM to 4:30PM at the Salvation Army Building, 10291 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers, FL. Door opens promptly at 2:30PM.

Members of this hibiscus chapter will be selling items relating to gardening including shovels, trowels, sprinklers, gloves, pots, baskets, decorative yard items, etc. There will also be hybrid hibiscus & butterfly plants for sale from Exotic Hibiscus located in Labelle. All prices will be VERY reasonable so please stop by and get inspired to do some Spring gardening.

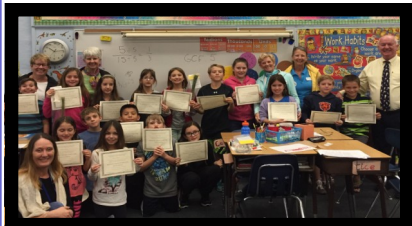
Members of this hibiscus chapter will be available for any questions. There will be information available on how to care for hibiscus, plus hibiscus books and pruning shears for sale. Admission and parking are FREE. This is a good opportunity Southwest Floridians have to add to their hybrid hibiscus collection.

This "Gardening Garage Sale" will be the first of its kind for this chapter. The society meets on the second Sunday of each month at The Salvation Army Building, 10291 McGregor Blvd at 1:30PM

Anyone interested is cordially invited to attend their next meeting Sunday, May 1, 2016 at 1:30PM.

. Check out their website at www.hendrychapterahs.com

PHOTO OP Florida Arbor Day January 2016



“Spring Spectacular”
A standard flower show presented by
The Garden Club of Cape Coral
and the Potpourri Designers

Fri. April 29, 2016 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Sat. April 30, 2016 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Large meeting room at the Cape Coral Public Library
931 SW 39th Terrace off Mohawk Pkwy.

Art in Bloom

Peoples Choice Awards: Floral Design Interpreting the Artist– 250 Ballots Were Cast

1st Place: Floral Artist: Darlene Tompkins, Visual Artist B Gould “Quilt”

2nd Place: Floral Artist: Paula Novander, Visual Artist: L Lovegrove “To Tamiami Trail”

3rd Place: Floral Artist Terry Pinck, Visual Artist: St. Francis Catholic School “Peacock”

Pictured here are the Floral Winners: Terry Pinck, Darlene Tompkins & Paula Novander.



GULF COAST GARDEN CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gulf Coast Garden Club is at it again with interesting and fun programs for our monthly Meeting on March 14, 9 - 11:30.

March features the programs:

- GARDEN ART WITH GLASS (create garden decor with glue, glassware & other ' finds ') with Lynn Bird
- BROMELIADS with David Southall, Botanist and Horticulturist
- DESIGNER “Mechanics”-Diane McMillen, Master Flower Show Judge presents

"OH, SO THAT'S HOW IT'S DONE !"

All are welcome... guests \$5.00

Unity Church, 28285 Imperial Parkway, Bonita Springs...34135.

For more information, contact Kathy Erickson at kathygcgc10@gmail.com or 239.947.1986.

Our really BIG event will be the Spring DISTRICT IX MEETING on May 10 at the Bonita Bay Country Club in Bonita Springs...."GATEWAY TO THE GULF" .
Beauty beyond belief ! Details coming soon.

Garden Council & Berne Davis Botanical Garden Open House Hours are on Tuesdays 10 - 1 pm

Each Club and Society takes a turn Hosting.

Hostess Schedule

March 1, 2016 Kelly Greens Garden Club
 March 8, 2016 Jasmine Garden Club
 March 15, 2016 Garden Council Volunteers
 March 22, 2016 McGregor Garden Club
 March 29, 2016 Periwinkle Garden Club

April 5, 2016 Pine Island Garden Club
 April 12, 2016 Poinciana Garden Club
 April 19, 2016 Potpourri Designers
 April 26, 2016 Royal Palm Garden Club

May 3, 2016 Shell Islands Garden Club
 May 10, 2016 Southwest Florida Orchid Society
 May 17, 2016 Master Gardeners—Lee County
 May 24, 2016 Looking for Volunteers
 May 31, 2016 Looking for Volunteers

Please contact Caryn Kast with any questions: 994-2926 or carynkast@gmail.com

EACH CLUB IS RESPONSIBLE TO FIND MEMBERS TO REPORT or WORK WITH ANOTHER CLUB TO "TRADE" DATES.

Hostesses are required to open the gate and be available for visitors to answer questions.

Calendar of Events

March 4, 2016-Board Meeting at Garden Council Headquarters 9:30-11:30

March 7-8, 2016- Deep South Region 55th Annual Convention at Horseshoe Hotel & Casino in Tunica MS

March 12, 2016-March in the Park Hosted by Garden Club of Cape Coral at Jaycee Park off Del Prado Blvd 9am

March 12, 2016 Alva Garden Club Annual Plant Sale & Strawberry Shortcake Festival 9am-1pm at Alva Museum

March 16 & 17, 2016 Standard "Little" Table Flower Show "Be My Guest" Hosted by Royal Palm Garden Club
 at Zion Lutheran Church 7401 Winkler Rd, Fort Myers FL 3-8pm on 16th & 8am -12noon on 17th

March 20-23, 2016 - Flower Show School Course IV Contact Terry Pinck terry.pinck@gmail.com

April 8, 2016 -Friday- 7th Annual Berne Davis Honorary Service Award and Luncheon Whiskey Creek Country Club 11:30-2:30pm

April 17-19, 2016 FFGC 90th Annual Convention & Flower Show "Seeds of Sunshine" in Lake Buena Vista South
 Embassy Suites 4855 Kyngs Heath Rd., Kissimmee, FL 34746 407 597-4000

April 29, 2016—National Arbor Day

April 29 & 30, 2016—Standard Flower Show "Spring Spectacular" Hosted by Cape Coral Garden Club at Cape Coral Public Library

Meet Your Board Members

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