

THE COURIER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
THE FORT MYERS - LEE COUNTY GARDEN COUNCIL, INC.
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Dues are Due !

Time to fill out the purple sheets and send in your Council Dues for 2016-2017. Lots of clubs are electing a new slate of Officers and we want to make sure all our information is up-to-date for the new Council yearbook. Please contact Caryn Kast if you have not received your yearbook information form. Council dues are \$30 per year for a club or plant society. Organization affiliate's fee are \$150 per year. All clubs & societies receive three copies of the annual yearbook and are emailed copies of the COURIER 5 times a year.



President's Message

I come to this edition with great remorse, but also with great hope for our future. As you are aware, we lost Berne Davis just recently. There is a great void she continues to fill, even after her flight into heaven with her family, my Mother, Marty, Sandy and several others. She left a legacy for us, along with material things, but most of all her spirit fills us with hope, love, understanding and willingness to work together. Let us continue this mode as we move forward.

Speaking of moving forward, many things at the Garden- selling items, packing and moving items, and the beginning of the remodeling are all on schedule. What a monumental

task! We need volunteers for the yard sale, dates are May 14 immediately following the meeting and May 15 for 3 hours. More information to follow.

Next year when we meet again, we will be in our new home. Best Wishes and Safety for you and your family this summer. Bless you all for your support, love and willingness to step up and help when needed. The organization is stellar.

Love,
Your President
Kay



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

FMLCGC GENERAL MEETING
May 13th, 2016
CALL TO ORDER 9:30AM

COUNCIL PROGRAM

Presented by - C.R.O.W.

Center for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife

You won't want to miss this!

Anyone interested is encouraged to bring a design.

Contact Suzy Valentine with questions.

Please join us at 9:00 am for refreshments provided by:

Pine Island 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 May 6th, 2016
 - Date: Friday June 3, 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 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



Berne Davis

A bouquet of beautiful memories,
Sprayed with a million tears,
Wishing God could have spared you,
If just for a few more years.
We love you, we miss you and
We are proud to keep your dream
and vision alive.

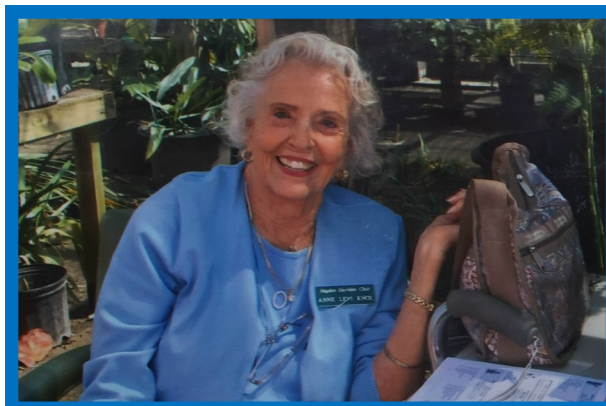
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As we remember our dear friend

Anne Levi Knox....

A woman in harmony with her spirit is like a river flowing.

She goes where she will without pretense and arrives at her destination prepared to be herself and only herself.



The James E. Hendry Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society announces its 65th annual Hibiscus Show/Plant Sale on SUNDAY, June 5 from 1 PM – 4 PM at Araba Temple, 2010 Hanson Street, Fort Myers. The free Hibiscus show is the oldest, largest and best attended of all Florida's hibiscus shows, attracting several hundred people annually.

The event will showcase hundreds of different hybrid hibiscus blooms in a variety of colors and forms which will be judged in several different classes including amateur, collector, open collector, commercial and seedlings. In addition, more than 600 Hybrid Hibiscus plants will be for sale. Free raffle tickets will be given away every 30 minutes for gift certificates. This is the best opportunity South-west Floridians have to add to their hybrid hibiscus collection. This delicate and beautiful plant grows abundantly in Florida's tropical climate. Members of the society who are experts in the care & growing of Hibiscus will be available to provide advice. Anyone who desires to learn more about how to grow, graft and hybridize this attractive tropical flowering plant can do so by joining the James E. Hendry Chapter, AHS at the show. The show is the highlight of the year for the society and no further meetings will take place until they resume in October. Parking and admission to the Annual Hibiscus Show/Plant Sale is free. www.hendrychapterahs.com.

Edison - Ford Winter Estates

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

May 14th- "Bougainvillea"

June 11th- "Vines"

July 9th—"Vertical Gardening"

Note: Garden Talk on Bougainvillea with Tom Scannel of BGI, Inc.
 He will discuss fertilization, pruning, varieties, and increasing blooms.

Web: EdisonFordWinterEstates.org/events

Calendar of Events

April 28-30, 2016 "Spring Spectacular" biennial standard flower show at Cape Coral Library, 921 SW 39th Terrace, Cape Coral. Open to public on Friday the 29th 3-5pm and Saturday the 30th 9am—3pm. Admission is Free.

May 14, 2016 "Yard Sale at the Garden" Open to Council members only immediately following the meeting.

May 15, 2016 "Yard Sale at the Garden" Open to the Public 9am-12 noon. 2166 Virginia Ave., Fort Myers

June 5, 2016 "65th Annual Hibiscus Show/Plant Sale" Sunday 1 - 4 PM Araba Temple, 2010 Hanson St. Fort Myers

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF CAPE CORAL & THE POTPOURRI DESIGNERS PRESENTS
SPRING SPECTACULAR JURIED - STANDARD FLOWER SHOW**

April 29 3-5 p.m. – April 30 9-3 p.m.

We invite you to see how the designers meet the challenge and interpret through flowers the six classes in the Design Division—Spring Forward - Fall Back; Alternative Uses of Springs - an Assemblage including a “spring;” Spring Green - line design – Novice; Spring-time Brunch - Functional Table; Springtime Beginnings – Petite; Spring Break - Mass Design – Novice. A juried Standard Flower Show, “Spring Spectacular” presented by the Garden Club of Cape Coral and The Potpourri Designers on Friday, April 29 from 3-5 p.m. and Saturday, April 30 from 9-3 p.m. The show will be held at the Cape Coral Library, 921 SW 39th Terrace, Cape Coral. This year we lost a founding member, Marty Ward, a Master Gardener and major influence in the local, county and state floral communities. Invitational Designs will be done by Carole Lachmann and Terry Pinck, one in honor of our friend and mentor, Marty. The show will be judged by a panel of National Garden Club, Inc (NGC) accredited/approved judges according to the NGC Standard System. Come and peruse the submissions in the Horticulture Division that includes everything from cut specimens from the garden or landscaping to potted plants. Gardening in Southwest Florida is a challenge at best and the wide variety of submissions will provide you with a visual guide to what can be planted here and survive under Tropical South conditions. There will be Master Gardeners available for questions. All are welcome to this delightful display of talent and a peek into the mysteries of successful Florida gardening.

For additional information, please contact Paula Novander 945-6548 or Terry Pinck at 239-368-5615



Be My Guest a Standard “Little” Flower Show

A few of the Blue Ribbon Winners!



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

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

Attention: All Members in the Garden!
Please remember to use the correct bin!!
Yard Waste is to be in the **ORANGE** bin.
Garbage is to be put in the **BLACK** bin.
Recycle items to be put in the **BLUE** bin.

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.

BDHSA Luncheon

Presenters
KAY HOLLOWAY, PRESIDENT
MITZI MARCKESANO, AWARDS CHAIRMAN
DARLENE TOMPKINS, EVENT CHAIRMAN
MONICA FREED, CHAPLAIN
ENA MCGRATTAN, AWARDS CO-CHAIRMAN



Busy Bees : Darlene Tompkins & Janice Miller



Paula Novander— Marty Ward Award



Mitzi, Ena & Winnie



BDHSA: Bernadette Hamera



Rainbow Award: Carolee Drotos-Swales & Mae Jean Nothstine



Perennial Award: Kathy Erickson & Jean Shields



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