

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF  
THE FORT MYERS - LEE COUNTY GARDEN COUNCIL, INC.  
2166 VIRGINIA AVENUE, FORT MYERS, FL 33901  
[FMLCGARDENCOUNCIL.COM](http://FMLCGARDENCOUNCIL.COM)

**Garden Council Building  
&  
Berne Davis  
Botanical Garden**

**Open House Hours  
Tuesdays 10 - 1 pm**

**Each Club and Society  
takes a turn Hosting!**

**Hostesses Schedule  
(random drawing)**

Nov 1- Estero Island GC  
Nov 8- Orchid Society  
Nov 15-GC of Cape Coral  
Nov 22-Herb Enthusiasts  
Nov 29- Gardens of World  
Dec 6- Native Plant Society  
Dec 13-Gulf Coast GC  
Dec 20-Bromeliad Society  
Dec 27-Jasmine GC  
Jan 3-Rare Fruit Exchange  
Jan 10-Periwinkle GC  
Jan 17-Bonsai Society  
Jan 24-Poinciana GC  
Jan 31-Tropical Fruit Club  
Feb 7-Royal Palm GC  
Feb 14-Hibiscus Society  
Feb 21-Shell Island GC  
Feb 28-Potpourri Designers  
Mar 7-Alve Garden Club  
Mar 14-Pine Island GC  
Mar 21-Crown Colony GC  
Mar 28-McGregor GC  
Apr 4-Eclectic Designers  
Apr 11-Kelly Greens GC  
Apr 18-GC of Lehigh Acres  
Apr 25-Fiddlesticks GC  
May 2- Rose Society  
May 9- Need Volunteers  
May 16- Need Volunteers  
May 23- Need Volunteers  
May 30- Need Volunteers

## President's Message

**My Dear Colleagues,**

**I send you Season's Greetings and Best Wishes at this beautiful time of the year. I am still in rehab and working hard to regain my strength. I hope to be in better health soon and I look forward to seeing everyone as soon as I am able.**

**Love,**

**Your President *Kay***



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[Www.fmlcgardencouncil.com](http://www.fmlcgardencouncil.com)**

## NEXT FMLCGC GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 11,

### November 11th COUNCIL PROGRAM

- **Everglades Wonder Gardens.** A 70 + year roadside attraction along the Tamiami Trail, EWG offered tourists close-ups with Florida native 'critters' -- alligators, panthers, bears, otters, birds, snakes and other reptiles. Over the years, a botanical treasure was created on the 3.5 acre site with many tropical trees and plants collected by the founders, Bill and Lester Piper. Today EWG is being revitalized by a caring non-profit, Bonita Wonder Gardens. John Brady, renowned environmental landscape photographer, led the transformation of this historic property, and will tell us about the exciting discoveries awaiting visitors. He just might share some of his gorgeous photography also! See: [www.timeandlight.com](http://www.timeandlight.com)
- **Design table** for this meeting will feature arrangements using "Old Fashioned Florida Souvenir items" as accessories or containers with local plant material that might have been around here 50 or more years ago. "Nostalgia & Nature" will be the title theme. Anyone may bring an arrangement, and we hope some of you will be inspired to step back in time and remember when..... No 'requirements', just have fun!



**Lois and Harold Gressman were seen visiting the newly renovated Council Building on October 25th, 2016! A big Thank You to these two who were pioneers in getting this project started!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATIONS

## Hybrid Hibiscus Plant Sale

Contact: Wanda Schmoyer 848-7090  
 WHO: James E. Hendry Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society  
 WHERE: Salvation Army Building, 10291 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33919  
 WHEN: Sunday, November 13, 2016; 2 PM – 4 PM  
 HOW: Free admission & Parking



The James E. Hendry Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society will be holding a hybrid hibiscus plant sale on Sunday, November 13 from 2 PM – 4 PM at the Salvation Army Building, 10291 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers, FL. PLANT SALE ONLY. Door opens promptly at 2 PM.

The beautiful tropical hibiscus you've always wanted but could not find at Home Depot, Lowes or Wal-Mart will be for sale. Over 450 hybrid hibiscus will be available.....small for \$15 and large for \$25. Special pricing for members....join the chapter the day of the sale for your discounted prices. These beautiful plants are being provided by Big Bad Flower out of Sarasota. Expert growing advice will be available during the sale from the chapter

members who are experts on growing hibiscus referred to as "Queen of the Tropics". These hibiscus are grown on their own roots and are easy to maintain. Some of these plants will grow blooms over 8 inches and are in just about every color of the rainbow! Besides reds and yellows, there will be blues, greens, purples, oranges, pinks, whites and some with up to 5 colors!! You will not believe your eyes. The comment heard most is "Wow, are these real?"

Plants available are Bayou Rose, Beau Vie, Blackberry Jam, Black Dragon, Cajun Princess, Cajun Starburst, Chartreuse Rose, Connie Roush, Dark Princess, Delta Dawn, Dixieland Delight, Erin Rachel, Foxy Lady, Gator Pride, Imperial Dragon, In Love Again, Mango Moon, Marianne Charlton, Masked Bandit, Moondance, Nectar Pink, Night Runner, Orange Cappuccino, Per-simmon, Pink on The Mountain, Queen of Dreams, Red Bird, Rim of Fire, Saffron Sun, Sgt. Seth Trahan, So Fine, Space Odit-ty, Sweetie, Sweet Pink, T. Miss Teenager, T. Taiu, Tsunami, Voila, Whipped Cream and Zydeco.

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

This plant sale only will be the third of its kind for this chapter. The society meets at Berne Davis Gardens, 2166 Virginia Avenue, Fort Myers on the second Sunday of each month @ 1:30 PM. Anyone interested is cordially invited to attend the next meeting Sunday, January 8, 2017 @ 1:30 PM. Check out their website at [www.hendrychapterahs.com](http://www.hendrychapterahs.com). For any questions, all 239-848-7090.

## Fort Myers—Lee County Garden Council Invitation Celebration! Our Past, Today & Tomorrow

To All Member Clubs, Societies and Affiliates of our Fort Myers - Lee County Garden Council,

You are invited to participate in the 2017 Flower Show. Terry Pinck and I have been planning this Show for several months. We are honoring President Kay and the board who gave us their directive and asked that we remember our past, celebrate our achievements with the renovated headquarters today, and continue our work toward a bright future.

We will honor Berne Davis, Marty Ward and Sandy Kavouras, our current elected Board Members, and our District and State.

The dates are March 17 & 18, 2017. This is a Standard Flower Show. There is much more information in the Schedule.

Hopefully, you have received the Schedule from your Club, Society or Affiliate President. We want every member to have a copy. Please read it and think about what you would like to do. Louella McAloose is now registering entries in Design. Suzy Valentine is the Horticulture Chair and she will answer any questions you may have. Consider this copy of the Schedule a working one. The final printed version will be available soon. We invite each Club, Society and Affiliate to set up a table, along the pathways of the garden to provide educational information, exhibit examples of what you grow, and information on membership. Everyone's participation is encouraged and welcome. One goal is to educate the public on what our organization and its members give to the community.

It is never too early to tell others about our Show. Save the dates for the Flower Show.

We need everyone's assistance and participation. The committee is currently at work and we will be sharing more information as we go along. Let's make this Show a true Celebration!

Thank you, Janice Miller, CoChair

## G a r d e n   C o u n c i l   M e e t i n g s   D a t e s

### UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

(Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs)

- **Date: Friday November 4th, 2016**
  - **Date: Friday December 2nd, 2016**
  - **Date: Friday January 6th, 2017**
- MEETINGS FROM 9:30 am TO 11:30 am**
- Garden Council Headquarters**  
2166 Virginia Ave.  
Fort Myers, FL

### GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

*All are Welcome*

**FRIDAY January 13, 2017**

**Hostess: Southwest Orchid Society**

**Program—"Archbold Biological Station"**

### GENERAL MEETINGS

**MEETINGS ARE THE 2ND FRIDAY  
OF EVERY OTHER MONTH  
SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY**

**Location is now at the  
Garden Council Headquarters  
2166 Virginia Ave.**

**HOSPITALITY: 9:00 am to 9:30 am**

**MEETING: 9:30 am to 11:30 am**

## Calendar of Events

Nov 4, 2016 - Ding Darling Wildlife Society presents a water series: **Blue Revolution— A Water Ethic for Florida & America** Fri at 1pm. Free Admission on a first come first serve basis.

Nov 5-6, 2016— Bonsai Society **Annual Show and Sale** Sat 9am-5pm and Sun 9am-4pm. At FMLCGC Headqtrs

Nov 11-12, 2016—Poinciana GC **Annual Plant & Yard Sale** Fri 8-4pm and Sat 8-3pm 3806 Edgewood Ave FM

Nov 15, 2016— Jasmine GC **Annual Fundraiser** 9:30am– 1:00pm (9:30 am preview, 10-12 noon live Auction)

Location: Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2439 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33901

Nov 15, 2016— SWFL Orchid Society **Annual Fundraiser Auction**—Doors open at 6:30pm, auction at 7pm

At Faith United Methodist Church, 15690 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, FL

Nov 18, 2016—Ding Darling Wildlife Society presents a water series: **Florida's Fragile Fountains of Youth Springs Eternal**—by John Moran. Fri 1 pm. Free Admission on a first come first serve basis.

Nov 19, 2016— Garden Council “ **Floral Designers Yard Sale**” Time-9:00 am1:00 pm at FMLCGC Headquarters

Nov 19-20, 2016— **Edison Garden Festival 9:00 am– 5:00 pm** Food—Live Music—Kids Activities

Dozens of vendors will be here! And don't miss the 11:00 am Tour from Edison to Berne Davis Gardens

Dec 2, 2016—Ding Darling Wildlife Society presents a water series: **Water: Have we missed the boat?**

Fri at 1pm. Free Admission on a first come first serve basis.

Dec. 3-4, 2016— Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society **Annual Plant Sale** Sat. 9am-4pm & Sun 10am-3pm

At Masonic Lodge, 10868 Metro Pkwy., Fort Myers, FL

Jan 18, 2017—SWFL Orchid Society Tamiami Orchid Festival **Bus Trip** \$25/members \$35/non-members

Jan 20, 2017— **Florida Arbor Day**

Jan 27, 2017—Gulf Coast Garden Club **Standard Flower Show & Plant Sale “Destination Paradise”** Fri 2:30-6pm

Sat 10am-3pm at Unity Church of Bonita Springs, 28285 Imperial Pkwy, Bonita Springs, FL

Mar 14, 2017— Shell Island GC **3rd Annual Art in Bloom** in conjunction with artists from Big Arts of Sanibel

At Sanibel Public Library

## *Edison - Ford Winter Estates*

2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers FL 33901

**Monthly Garden Talks on 2nd Saturday 10:00 am**

**\$5.00 Members- \$10 Non-Members**

Nov 12-Edible Gardens, Food Forests & Growing Moringa!

Dec 10- Making Terrariums

\*\*Garden talks subject to change. Please check website to be sure and for other information.

### **Special Events: EDISON GARDEN FESTIVAL 2016**

#### **FOOD –LIVE MUSIC—KIDS ACTIVITIES**

Nov. 19th 9:00 am—5:00 pm & Nov. 20th 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Dozens of vendors from all over the state of Florida will have exotic and tropical plants and trees, along with garden inspired art and supplies for sale.

Free Event Admission and Parking!

**Web: [EdisonFordWinterEstates.org/events](http://EdisonFordWinterEstates.org/events)**

#### **\*\*CORRECTIONS TO THE YEARBOOK\*\***

Paula Novander– member of Potpourri Designers (pg 11)

Carolee Drotos-Swales– Landscape Garden Coordinator (pg 11)

Mar 14, 2017– Shell Island GC 3rd Annual Art in Bloom

in conjunction with artists from Big Arts of Sanibel

Located at Sanibel Public Library (pg 63)

Jasmine Garden Club Annual Holiday Fundraiser will be held at the Covenant Presbyterian Church, located at 2439 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33901.

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 15th with a 9:30 am preview

Time: 10 am -12 noon is the live Auction.

Don't Forget! Saturday, November 19, 2016 10am to 1 pm  
**"Designers Yard Sale"** at Council Headquarters. Stop by and find some arranging 'treasures'! Donations of containers, accessories, and any design related objects are welcome! Contact Suzy Valentine with questions.

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#### **\*\*\*\*\*News from Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation\*\*\*\*\***

A beautiful entrance arch announces the establishment of the Children's Garden at Lakes Park. The area that will become the garden is separated from the parking lot by a beautiful fence. Inside are four raised garden beds. The Zinnia garden draws butterflies to the many colorful blossoms. The sunflower garden is sporting its second crop. In September we had our first sunflower harvest teaching youngsters about the wonder of a 6 foot plant coming from one little seed. The other two beds have a variety of plants; some with colorful leaves and others with blossoms.

Plans are in the works for an ABC herb garden, a sculptural representation of the sun emitting energy, a Pollination Station that will attract butterflies, bees, and other pollinators, and a learning grove to house story time in the garden and other activities.

We welcome all contributions to support the construction of this very auspicious project. The MISSION OF THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN is to inspire families to learn the importance of plants in their daily lives. Furthermore, the children's garden will promote community outreach that supports this philosophy.

*Destination... Paradise*

*Our Bonita Home*

**A Standard Flower Show**  
presented by

**Gulf Coast Garden Club**

Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.,  
Deep South Region,  
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.,  
and Florida District IX

**Friday, January 27, 2017, 2:30pm to 6pm**  
**Saturday, January 28, 2017, 10am to 3pm**

**Unity Church of Bonita Springs**  
 28285 Imperial Parkway  
 Bonita Springs, FL 34135

*Free and Open to the Public*





Meet our most frequent visitors to the Berne Davis Botanical Gardens. These darlings are Sabal Jean and Magnolia Gallant. They visit every Tuesday and are such a delight! Thank you girls!



Legislative chairs from FFGC District IX and X attend fracking summit at FGCU on November 2, 2015. Bernadette Hamera of Estero Island Garden Club and Diane Rice from Wellington Garden Club.



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

- Lakes Park Market Wed. 9 - 1 pm Free Parking at 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers Oct 5-Apr 26th, 2017
- Bonita Springs Mkt Sat. 8 - 12pm Promenade at Bonita Bay, 26811 S. Bay Drive 691-9249 Oct 1- Apr 29, 2017  
Located on West side of Parking lot.
- Coconut Point Farmers Market- Thurs. 9am -1pm Coconut Point Mall- October 6, 2018 - April 27, 2017  
Parking is plentiful & FREE at the Coconut Point Mall. We're Pet Friendly! (Open Wed Nov 23rd, Closed Nov 24th)
- Fenway South Farm & Flea Mkt Mon 11am-3pm 11500 Fenway South Dr., Jan 2--Mar 27 Park Free in JetBlue Park.
- Fort Myers Farm Mkt at FSW Fri. 9am-1pm 8099 College Pkwy., Oct 7th-Apr 28th, Parking available on campus.
- River District Farm Market Thurs. 7am-1pm Year-round. First Street in the Centennial Park parking lot.  
Under the 41 Caloosahatchee Bridge
- Sanibel Island Farm Market Sun. 8 - 1pm Sanibel City Hall, 800 Dunlop Road - Oct 2-May 28, 2017  
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!

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