

2017 2016

**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)

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-Potpourri Design-
ers
Feb 28-Shell Island GC
Mar 7-Alva 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

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
THE FORT MYERS - LEE COUNTY GARDEN COUNCIL, INC.
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President's Message

My Dear Compadres,
I am recuperating well and continue to work with therapists to improve my mobility. I have recently relocated to Barrington Terrace in South Fort Myers; where everyone is very kind to me. I am working hard and will try my best to be at the January meeting & Building Rededication. I hope to see you all there!
Love,
Your President *Kay*



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

NEXT FMLCGC GENERAL MEETING JAN 13, 2017

UPCOMING COUNCIL PROGRAM

ARCHBOLD BIOLOGICAL STATION

Archbold Biological Station, located near Lake Placid in our District IX, is a fascinating research center with a long history. A unique environment, home to rare flora and fauna, Archbold is doing valuable work for the benefit of all. Dr. Hilary Swain is a captivating speaker, and will inspire greater appreciation of our Florida 'scrub' world.

DESIGNERS—FLOWER ARRANGERS!!!

Have some fun and gather up some interesting natural plant materials from wherever you live/drive/visit. Create a design or arrangement of any size, using anything you want to. Dried things are always welcome in these fun arrangements. No limits (except no artificial plant material) Show that you have an eye for natural beauty in all the wonderful grasses, branches, leaves and flowers growing all around us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATIONS

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. Our goal is to educate the public on what our organization and it's members give to the community. It is never too early to tell others about our Show so share and save the dates.

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

Berne Davis Service Award Luncheon Announcement

Please be thinking about some of your club members that may emulate the qualities that would qualify them for nomination to receive one of the Council Awards given at the Berne Davis Service Award Luncheon for this upcoming year. We will be asking you for your nominations in the near future!

Thank you,
Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council
Board Members

Garden Council Meeting Dates

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

(Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs)

- **Date:** Friday January 6th, 2017
 - **Date:** Friday February 3rd, 2017
 - **Date:** Friday March 3rd, 2017
- MEETINGS FROM 9:30 am TO 11:30 am**

Garden Council Headquarters
2166 Virginia Ave.
Fort Myers, FL

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

For All Society and Club Members

And bring a spouse or friend .

ALL Welcome

FRIDAY January 13, 2017

Hostess: SWFL Orchid Society

FRIDAY March 10, 2017

Hostess: Fiddlesicks Garden Club

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

Jan 13, 2017- **Rededication of Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council Building** Friday 11:15am

Immediately following the General Meeting we will be joined by the Mayor & other city officials.

Special refreshments will be served.

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

Jan 20, 2017— **Florida Arbor Day**

Jan 27 & 28, 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

Feb 18, 2017-Pine Island Garden Club is having a **Gala** 9am—12pm

Feb 18, 2017-Garden Club of Cape Coral **Bok Tower Bus Tour** Sat 7am-5pm cost is \$53 Questions: 573-0389.

Mar 11, 2017-Garden Club of Cape Coral **March in the Park** 9am-3pm, Free Admission, Hourly Lectures, and Kids Corner. Lots of Garden Vendors, Food Vendors, Plants for sale and Raffle

Mar 11, 2017-Alva Garden Clubs **Annual Plant/Bake Sale & Strawberry Shortcake Festival** Sat 9am-1pm

At the Alva Museum

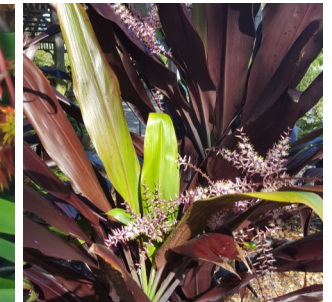
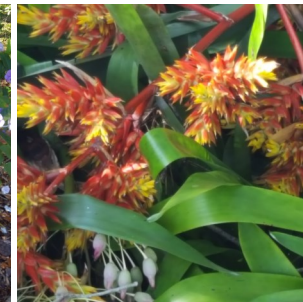
Mar 14, 2017— Shell Island GC **3rd Annual “Art in Bloom”** in conjunction with artists from Big Arts of Sanibel

At Sanibel Public Library

Mar 17, 2017-FMLCGC presents a Flower Show **“Celebration”** Fri 1-6 pm at FMLCGC Building on Virginia

Mar 24 & 25, 2017 Naples Garden Club Flower Show **“Cinderella ”** Fri & Sat 9-5pm at Naples Botanical Garden

What's Blooming in the Gardens



Edison - Ford Winter Estates

2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers FL 33901

Monthly Garden Talks on 2nd Saturday 10:00 am**\$10.00 Members- \$15 Non-Members**

Jan 14, 2017—Fragrant Plants

Mar 11, 2017—Growing Orchids in the Trees

Apr 8, 2017—How to Plant & Establish Trees & Shrubs

Special Event on Feb 11-12, 2017

Edison's Birthday Garden FestivalFeaturing Florida Plant Vendors, Music, Food ,
Kids Craft Activities and Garden Related Items for Sale**Web: EdisonFordWinterEstates.org/events****Garden Club of Cape Coral**

The Garden Club of Cape Coral's bus tour to Bok Tower, Lake Wales, FL, on February 18, 2017 is open to members of all Garden Clubs in the area and the general public. Bok Tower is a national historic landmark. The tour includes a tram ride to the Tower and Pinewood Estates Mansion. The cost for the guided tour and mansion is \$53.00 per person, payable in advance to Garden Club of Cape Coral, attention Barbara Salafia, PO Box 152022, Cape Coral, FL 33914. When making a reservation, please include your name, address and cell phone number. There is a café on site where lunch may be purchased or you may "brown bag" lunch.

The bus will leave the Coral Wood Mall, (off Del Prado Blvd., Cape Coral) at 7 am., and will leave Bok Tower at 3 pm for the return journey to Cape Coral.

If you have questions, please call Barbara Salafia at 573-0389.

Destination... Paradise

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

FREE Guided Nature Walks January—March 2017**Saturdays 9-10:30 a.m.****Prairie Pines Preserve:**

Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 4

Trail Length 1/4 mile loop

Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve:

Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 11

Trail Length 1 mile loop

Wild Turkey Strand Preserve:

Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 18

Trail Length 1.8 miles

Galt Preserve:

Jan 28, Feb 25, Mar 25

Trail Length 1.5 miles

Wednesdays 9—10:30 a.m.**Pine Island Flatwoods Preserve:**

Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 1

Trail Length 1.1 miles

www.Conservation2020.org

FREE GARDENING SERIES

Hosted by Lee County Master Gardeners – 9:00-10:30am Rotary Park

Friday Jan 13- "Color in the Native Garden" by Paula Novander

Friday Jan 27- "Poisonous Plants" by Roy Beckford

Friday Feb 10- "Plant This not That" by Marie Hauser & Vanessa Hazelton

Friday Mar 10- "Gardening Tips for Summer" by Mary Ann Parsons

Friday Mar 31- "Ergonomic Tools" by Kathy White

For more information contact: Rotary Park, 5505 Rose Garden Rd., Cape Coral, FL 33914

Phone: (239) 549-4606 email: rotaryparkinfo@capecoral.net

Local Farmer's Markets - *buylocallee.com*

- Lakes Park Market Wed. 9 - 1 pm Free Parking at 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers Oct 5-Apr 26th, 2017
- Bonita Springs 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 Mon. 11am-3pm. 11500 Fenway South Dr., Jan 2--Mar 27th 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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