



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

## President's Message

**Please Visit:**  
**National Garden Clubs**  
@ [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

Username is: member  
Password is: flight

**Your National President:**  
Nancy L. Hargroves  
**National Theme:**  
"Plant America"

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

**Your State President:**  
Claudia Bates  
**State Theme:**  
"Plant, Bloom & Grow  
With Us"

**Your District IX Director**  
**Director: Laura Jibben**

**District Theme:**  
"Inspiring Buds to Blossom"

Welcome back! It is going to be a great year. So much has been accomplished already. The building is finished. The Garden is blooming and the wood structures in the garden have been preserved.

My new theme for this year is "Nurturing Nature". As you know, I am an advocate of our environment, especially our water. So expect to hear more about water quality and the fracking that harms our aquifer and springs; as well as the good things in the works this year from the State of Florida.

I am just back from volunteering at Wekiva Youth Camp. Laura Jibben and myself were nature volunteers. This year's theme was "Preserving Our Habitat". The campers were very interested in how

to protect and sustain the habitat for both ourselves and all living things.  
(see photos on page 2)

We have an exciting year planned for you and hope to build on the foundation of our predecessors. I look forward to this upcoming season and working with all of you. Together, let's have a successful year and maintain our Garden!

Sincerely,

Bernadette Hamera



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



Call to Order!  
9:30am

### **F M L C G C General Meeting - September 8, 2017**

Please join us at 9:00 am for refreshments.

Provided by: Kelly Greens Garden Club!

**PROGRAM: "Curb Appeal"**

**By: Vince Molnar-Riverland Nursery**

### **Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund being set up by the Garden Clubs.**

This is a project for September. The fund will be administered by the Deep South Treasurer of the NGC. It will be used for planting and replacing the thousands of trees blown away in parks and public places.

**If you want to participate please contact me. Thanks, Bernie**

## Garden Council Meetings

### UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

(Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs)

FRIDAY Oct. 6, 2017

FRIDAY Nov. 3rd, 2017

Time: 9:30 am TO 11:30 am  
Location: FMLCGC Headquarters  
2166 Virginia Ave.  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

### UPCOMING GENERAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

All are Welcome

- Friday Nov. 10th, 2017
- Hostess - Gulf Coast Garden Club
- Program - "Decorating Trees"
- Friday Jan. 12th, 2018
- Hostess: Royal Palm Garden Club
- Program- "Privacy Landscape"

### GENERAL MEETINGS

MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 2ND FRIDAY  
OF THE MONTH EVERY OTHER MONTH  
SEPTEMBER TO MAY  
FMLGC Headquarters  
2166 Virginia Ave.  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
HOSPITALITY: 9:00 am to 9:30 am  
MEETING: 9:30 am to 11:30 am

## Wekiva Youth Camp—"Preserving our Habitat"



**OUR VOLUNTEERS!**



**CAMPERS ENJOYING NATURE WITH BINOCULARS; COURTESY OF ESTERO ISLAND GARDEN CLUB & SHELL ISLAND GARDEN CLUB!**





The garden is really looking nice!

Much work was needed on the trellis as the wood was showing signs of rot and mildew.

The benches also benefited from some attention!

The vines were cut back; the wood was cleaned and treated with an environment friendly solution. I think you will be very pleased with the results.



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

Lakes Regional Park	Wed. 9 - 1 pm	Free Parking at 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers 33908	Oct. 4-Apr. 25th, 2018
Bonita Springs	Sat. 8 - 12pm	at The Promenade, 26795 South Bay Drive , Bonita Springs	Oct. 7- Apr. 28, 2018
Cape Coral	Sat. 8 - 1 pm	Downtown, SE 47th Terr. and SE 10th Place, Cape Coral	Oct. 7-May 13, 2018
Coconut Point Mall	Thurs. 9 -1pm	23106 Fashion Drive., Estero, FL 33928	Oct. 5 - Apr. 26, 2018
Jet Blue Park	Mon. 9-1pm.	11500 Fenway South Dr. Fort Myers, FL 33913	Jan. -March, 2018
Green Market	Sat. 9 - 1 pm	Alliance of the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd. - Fort Myers	Year Round
Sanibel Island	Sun. 8 - 1pm	Sanibel City Hall, 800 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, FL 33957	Oct. 1-May 27, 2018
Captiva Island	Tues. 9 - 1pm	South Seas Island Resort, 5400 Plantation Rd., Captiva 33924	Dec.19-Apr. 3, 2018
River District	Thurs. 9 -1pm	Centennial Park, 201 Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33901	Year Round



## *Edison - Ford Winter Estates*

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

September 9th—The Good & Bad Bugs of Florida  
October 14th—Vegetable Gardening in Florida  
December 9th—Growing Orchids (divide & repot)  
January 13th— Gardening in Florida 101

March 10th—Herbs: How to Grow and Use  
April 14th— Growing Bananas and Plantains  
May 12th—Succulents for the Garden  
June 9th— Plumerias

### *Please Join Us for The Following Special Events:*

\*\*\*September 14 **Moonlight Garden Talk and Tea** 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - RHS Flower Show and How on Earth Did Tea Make It This Far? Join tea expert Laurie Nienhaus. Reservations required.

\*\*\*November 18-19 Edison Garden Festival Come and enjoy our vendors from though out Florida. Sat. 9am-5pm/Sun. 9am-4pm

\*\*\*February 10-11 Edison Garden Festival Enjoy music, food, art and garden items for sale including exotics and tropicals.

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

## **FREE Guided Nature Walks Sept. & Oct. 2017**

Sept 9 Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve-East	10130 Bayshore Rd. North Fort Myers	1 mile hike Easy
Sept 23 Prairie Pines Preserve	18400 N Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers	.25 mile hike Easy
Oct 7 Telegraph Creek Preserve	16451 North River Rd., Alva	1.5 mile hike Moderate
Oct 21 Powell Creek Preserve	15601 Hart Rd., North Fort Myers	1 mile hike Moderate

All guided walks are free. No registration is required. Walks are led by trained volunteers and interpretive naturalists. Meeting location is the preserve parking area. Parking is free. Suggested items to bring include water, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and camera. Please wear closed-toed shoes. For questions, call 239 204-1125.

**[www.Conservation2020.org](http://www.Conservation2020.org)**



## ***Reminders from Lakes Park***

***Don't miss Scarecrows in the Park Oct 13th-29th, 2017***

***1st Saturday Bird Walks 12 months a year. 8am. Meet at shelter A7***

***2nd Saturday Guided Garden Walks - Oct-May at 9:00 am  
Meet at Community Garden Sign; end of parking lot #3***

***Wednesday Farmers Market runs October through April 9am– 1pm!***



New to the area or just looking for good horticultural information?

The County Extension Service has it !

**<http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu/>**

- Lawn, Garden and Landscape - Publications A-Z
- PowerPoint presentations
- You Tube videos
- News-Press Q&A articles
- Butterfly information, etc.
- Florida Friendly Landscaping

A wealth of information for *OUR* area.

University of Florida - Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences



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

Oct 10, 17, 24, 31, 2017 —Council Board Members Hosting

Nov 7—Caloosa Rare Fruit Exchange

Nov 14— Periwinkle Garden Club

Nov 21— Royal Palm Garden Club

Nov 28— American Hibiscus Society

Please contact Caryn Kast with any questions: 239 994-2926 or [carynkast@gmail.com](mailto:carynkast@gmail.com)**EACH CLUB IS RESPONSIBLE TO FIND MEMBERS TO REPORT or WORK WITH ANOTHER CLUB TO "TRADE" DATES**

## Reminders

**WELCOME** to all the new club and society presidents! Please get the access codes to the Council Building from your predecessors.

- All Patron Pathway BRICK orders are now going to our Treasurer Darlene Tompkins. Questions— 239 275-6234
- Sept 14, 2017 Moonlight Garden Tea Talk— Edison Ford Winter Estates— Don't miss it! Reservations required.

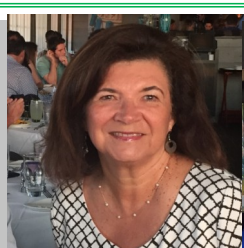
## Calendar of Events

Oct 27, 2017 Friday— **Presidents Tea/Coffee**—Hosted by 10am - 12noon. FMLGC Headquarters. All Presidents please attend!Nov 4-5, 2017 Sat. & Sun.—**Bonsai Society Annual Show & Sale**—10am—4pm. FMLGC HeadquartersNov 10-11, 2017 Fri. & Sat. —**Poinciana GClub Annual Plant & Yard Sale**— 8am—4pm/3pm. 3806 Edgewood Ave. FMNov 14, 2017 Tuesday—**Jasmine GClub Annual Fundraiser**—10am—1pm. Covenant Presbyterian, 2439 McGregor Blvd., FMNov 18, 2017 Saturday—**FMLCGC Garden Walk**—11am at Headquarters in conjunction with Edison Garden Festival

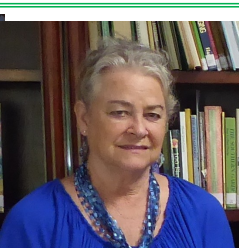
## Meet Your Board Members

**President-****Bernadette Hamera 233-1166****Email: [bhamera@outlook.com](mailto:bhamera@outlook.com)****Recording Secretary-****Sylvia Swartz 339-3778****Email: [tamargal2@aol.com](mailto:tamargal2@aol.com)****Treasurer-****Darlene Tompkins 275-6234****Email: [darlenetompkins16@gmail.com](mailto:darlenetompkins16@gmail.com)****First Vice-President-****Judy Francino 248 425-8713****Email: [jfrancino@att.net](mailto:jfrancino@att.net)****Corresponding Secretary-****Sylvia Lightbody 561-5704****Email: [slightbody@comcast.net](mailto:slightbody@comcast.net)****Assistant Treasurer-****Charlene Anderson 978 828-6696****Email: [beadie1@gmail.com](mailto:beadie1@gmail.com)****Second Vice-President-****Joyce Pilewski 728-3586****Email: [jceoy69@gmail.com](mailto:jceoy69@gmail.com)**

Bernie



Judy



Joyce



Sylvia



Sylvia



Darlene



Charlene





## THE MAGIC of FALL

### District IX Fall Meeting

Tuesday October 3, 2017



**CALLING ALL** District IX Garden Club members, Club, Circle and Council Presidents, State and District Officers, State and District Chairmen, Former FFGC Presidents and District Directors.

**HOST:** Fort Myers - Lee County Garden Council, Inc.

**PLACE:** Embassy Suites - Fort Myers, 10450 Corkscrew Commons Drive, Estero, FL 33928

**DEADLINE:** September 25, 2017. No refunds after Sept. 25, 2017. Delegates and alternates must be registered 10 days prior to the meeting. Please review information in BOI, page 176 regarding representation and registering your delegates.

**REGISTRATION and COFFEE:** 8:30 am to 9:30 am

**CALL TO ORDER:** 9:30 am

**PROGRAM:** FFGC State Officers

**REPORTS:** Chairmen and Presidents who are scheduled to report: Chairmen, 2 min.; Presidents, 3 min. Give 2 copies to the District Secretary. Director must be notified 10 days prior to meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Those wishing to have announcements made at the District meeting are to email or send the information to the Director no later than September 25, 2017.

**WAYS and MEANS:** District IX Silent Auction and Host Club Raffle. Please bring an item to donate for the Silent Auction.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Mitzi Marckesano - Jasmine Garden Club. Cell: 239 222-2818 couponqwn@hotmail.com

**LODGING:** Embassy Suites Estero, 10450 Corkscrew Commons Drive, Estero, FL (239)949-4222

Rate is \$119 per night plus applicable taxes. Call hotel directly and mention the District IX meeting.

**DIRECTIONS:** From I-75 take exit 123, if coming from the North, exit right onto Corkscrew Road. If coming from the South, exit then turn left onto Corkscrew Road. You can see the hotel from the exit on your right.

**Cost: \$32. Make checks payable to FMLCGC, Inc. Deadline Sept. 25th, 2017 (no refunds after this date)**  
**Mail registration form and check to Charlene Anderson, Registrar; 5237 Del Prado Blvd.; Cape Coral, FL 33904**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Check all spaces that are applicable:

Check here for vegetarian meal ☐

- ☐ FFGC Officer
- ☐ FFGC Chairman
- ☐ Former FFGC President
- ☐ Former District IX Director

- ☐ District Officer
- ☐ District Chairman
- ☐ Club President
- ☐ Circle President

- ☐ Delegate
- ☐ Alternate
- ☐ Member
- ☐ Guest