

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

## **Berne Davis Botanical Garden**

**Open to the Public  
Tuesdays 10 - 1 pm**

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

**Each club is responsible for  
finding 2 members to work or  
finding another group to  
trade dates with.**

### **Hostess Schedule**

(by random drawing)

Nov 7 Caloosa Rare Fruit Exch  
Nov 14 Periwinkle Garden Club  
Nov 21 Royal Palm Garden Club  
Nov 28 American Hibiscus Society  
Dec 5 Pine Island Garden Club  
Dec 12 Crown Colony Garden Club  
Dec 19 Garden Club - Lehigh Acres  
Dec 26 Fiddlesticks Garden Club  
Jan 2 Garden Club of Cape Coral  
Jan 9 Florida Herb Enthusiasts  
Jan 16 Bromeliad Society  
Jan 23 Jasmine Garden Club  
Jan 30 Bonsai Society

**Questions? Contact Caryn Kast  
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## **P r e s i d e n t ' s   M e s s a g e**

Dear Colleagues,

As the new season of club meetings, activities and shows get underway, we look forward to seeing everyone. The past months have been a challenge for many of us. It is now time to enjoy a little cooler weather and get out in our gardens. As you can see from the calendar of events, many activities are scheduled.

Our Berne Davis Botanical Garden has been cleaned up and we have already had 20 or more visitors every Tuesday morning. The visitors so enjoy meeting with the docents each week and we love showing off our beautiful garden. Be sure to check the box to the left for when your club is hosting.

We just placed another ad in the *Florida Weekly* for November activities. If you let us know what your clubs are planning we can help publicize it for you. Many thanks to the *News Press* and *Florida Weekly* – they have been very generous to us.

At the November 10th Council meeting Jasmine Garden Club will assist us with a Memorial Service for Pat Grulke – who recently passed away. Pat was a mentor to all, a past President of Council, a prior District Director and was very active with FFGC's convention and the Protocol chair for both FFGC and National Garden Clubs, to mention just a few of her services to us. She will be missed.

In the past several years we have had an open house at the Garden at the same time as the Edison's Garden Festival. This year we have been invited to participate over at Edison, which will give us much more exposure. We will have our usual garden tour at 11 on Saturday morning. We hope everyone can attend or participate. See my request on page 3.

Hope to see you all in this coming month and, since this newsletter takes us into December, know that we are grateful for each of you and wish all a joyous Holiday Season.

Sincerely,  
Bernadette Hamera



For The Latest Info Check Our Website  
**WWW.FMLCGARDENCOUNCIL.COM**



## Garden Council Meeting Dates

### UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

(Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs)

- Date: November 3rd, 2017
- Date: December 1st, 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*

*Please invite a spouse or friend.*

*ALL Welcome*

**Friday, November 10, 2017**

**Hostess:**

**Gulf Coast 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**

## NEXT FMLCGC GENERAL MEETING Friday November 10, 2017

## PROGRAM – “Decorating Trees”

Carol Kolar, President of Estero Island Garden Club, will present a program focused on her experience as a former decorator of the White House for the Holidays. Her eight-day odyssey into the world of the White House creates an interesting behind-the-scenes look at how it becomes the glittering Holiday reminder of America's desire for the beauty that decoration can bring. Bows, wreaths, ornaments, and greenery of all types abound at the White House beginning each November.

This event was also captured by HGTV. Carol has lots of tales to tell and will bring her personal slideshow to share.

If you're looking for inspiration for the upcoming Holidays, this is the program you won't want to miss!

## Calendar of Events

Nov 4-5, 2017 Sat. & Sun. - **Bonsai Society Annual Show & Sale** - 10am - 4pm. FMLGC Headquarters

Nov 10-11, 2017 Fri. & Sat. - **Poinciana Garden Club Annual Plant & Yard Sale** - 8am - 4pm/3pm. 3806 Edgewood Ave.

Nov 14, 2017 Tuesday - **Jasmine GClub Annual Fundraiser** - 10am - 1pm. Covenant Presbyterian, 2439 McGregor Blvd.

Nov 15-17, 2017 Wed-Sat - **Flower Show School Course I** - Naples Botanical Garden, 4820 Bayshore Dr, Naples 8am-5:15pm

Nov 18, 2017 Saturday - **FMLCGC Garden Walk** - 11am at Headquarters in conjunction with Edison Garden Festival

Dec 2-3, 2017 Sat & Sun - **Bromeliad Society Annual Plant Sale**

Jan 13, 2018 Saturday - **SWFL Orchid Society Tamiami Orchid Festival Bus Trip** - \$25/members \$35/non-members

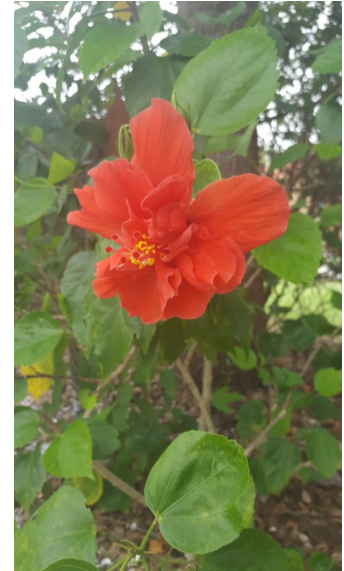
Jan 15th, 2018 Monday - **Floral Design Class** - Basic Line Designs & Mechanics - 9am-12noon & 1pm-3pm Headquarters

Jan 22nd, 2018 Monday - **Floral Design Class** - Tables: Functional & Exhibition - 9am-12noon & 1pm-3pm Headquarters

Feb 5th, 2018 Monday - **Floral Design Class** - Creative, Interpretive & Expressive Design - 9am-12noon & 1pm-3pm Headqtr



# WHAT'S BLOOMING IN THE GARDEN



## **The Garden Council Needs Your Help!**

We have been invited to participate in the Edison-Ford Garden Festival on November 18th and 19th.

We will be doing this in place of the Open House we have had in the past.

We would like any clubs and societies that have brochures to please bring them to the Council meeting on November 10th and we will hand them out for you during the Garden Festival.

Also bring any items related to our mission statement that we could sell for you.

(The usual 10% applies)

## **Most importantly we are looking for volunteers!**

If any members can spare 2 or 3 hours either of the days please contact Bernie for sign up and information. We will do a Guided Tour of the Berne Davis Garden, as usual, on Saturday at 11 AM.

Check out our Facebook page!  
Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council, Inc.





## *Edison - Ford Winter Estates*

2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers FL 33901

### **Monthly Garden Talks at 10:00 am**

**\$10 Members- \$15 Non-Members**

December 9th - Growing Orchids  
January 13th - Gardening in Florida 101  
March 10th - Herbs: How to Grow & Use  
April 14th - Growing Bananas & Plantains  
May 12th - Succulents for the Garden  
June 9th - Plumerias

### **Special Events**

#### **Edison Garden Festivals**

**November 18-19 & February 10-11**

Saturdays 9am to 5pm & Sundays 9am to 4pm

Come and enjoy our vendors from throughout Florida. Enjoy music, food, art and garden items for sale including exotics and tropicals.

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

## **Florida Friendly Landscaping**



**Introductory Workshop**– Nov 3, 2017 Friday 1-4pm Rotary Park in Cape Coral

**Fall Gardening Series**-Fridays 9-10:30 am Rotary Park in Cape Coral

Nov 3, 2017 “Answers to your Fertilizer Questions”

Ralph Mitchell, Director & Horticulture Agent, Charlotte County Extension Office

Nov 17, 2017 “Gardening with Bromeliads”

Donna Schneider, Pine Island Tropical Nursery

Dec 1, 2017 “Vegetable Gardening 101”

Roy Beckford, Lee County Extension Director



**RSVP 239 549-4606**

Rotary Park, Environmental Center, 5505 Rose Garden Rd., Cape Coral 33914

For more information on FFL : email [FYN@leegov.com](mailto:FYN@leegov.com) or [capeparks.com](http://capeparks.com)

## **Reminders from Lakes Park**



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

1st Saturday Bird Walks - 12 months a year. 8:00 am.

Meet at shelter A7

2nd Saturday Guided Garden Walks - Oct-May. 9:00 am

Meet at Community Garden Sign; end of parking lot #3

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FLORAL DESIGN CLASSES BEING OFFERED

Mon. Jan 15th, 2018– Basic Line Designs & Mechanics

Mon. Jan 22nd, 2018-Tables: Functional & Exhibition

Mon. Feb 5th, 2018– Creative, Interpretive & Expressive Design

Cost: \$75.00 (3 classes) BYO Brown Bag Lunch Time: 9 am to Noon & 1 pm to 3 pm

Instructors: Judy Gore, Claudia Chopp & Parke Finold

Location: FMLCGC Headquarters– 2166 Virginia Ave.

### Changes to the new 2017-18 Yearbook

*Please make a note of the following changes:*

*Headquarters Scheduling is handled by Mary King and she has a new email address!*

*Email for Mary King: maryking068@gmail.com Phone is the same 239-292-9591*

### Jasmine Garden Club Annual Fund Raiser

Nov.14, 2017 Tuesday - 10am-1pm Covenant Presbyterian

2439 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers, FL

Holiday items, sale table, floral designs, baked goods, raffle prizes

## Your Board Members

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