

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

President's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

We hope your holidays were filled with comfort and joy. Here at the Berne Davis Garden things are blooming thanks to our faithful staff, Elizabeth and Nick. We have had generous plantings from the American Hibiscus Society and refurbished the fallen trees by the Caloosa Rare Fruit Exchange. Marge Hendron, the 2nd Vice President from FFGC, gave us 4 orchids plants and our staff has added additional orchids, peace lilies and anthuriums. We are going to replace some of the grass that hasn't been thriving this year. And finally the sprinkler system is up and running – which was one of the casualties of Irma. Although Irma was not a welcome visitor, we are grateful she did not leave us with as much damage as some of our neighbors.

Please note on page 3 that one of the dates has changed for the Floral Design Classes. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn or refresh your skills at artistic design. Classes start on January 15th, so please give Terry a call soon and sign up.

Also we have been working with Lisa and Debbie from Edison Ford Winter Estates and will offer Art In Bloom on Sunday, March 4 over at the Estates. We will move back to the Caretaker's Cottage. We are in the process of obtaining art for the endeavor. If you have something you think would be great to interpret, please send me a picture. Text me at 239-233-1166 or bring a photo to the Council meeting on January 12th. Pictures to be interpreted will be chosen by a lottery on the last day of the Design Classes – February 5th. If you can't stop by that day, please have someone draw for you. More information to come.....

We had a successful couple of days at the Edison Garden Festival in November. I think we had excellent exposure and expect to do it again this coming year. Many thanks to those clubs and societies that helped us man the booth. We distributed the literature that your clubs provided and generated a lot of interest.

Invitations are going out this week to all of the club and society Presidents to join us for a Coffee/Tea at the Garden on January 26th. It will be good to meet and discuss our garden and what you see as our objectives for the coming year. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Now that we are in busy season, there is plenty to do. The Tuesday morning Garden Tours have already been well attended and thanks to all the docents that have shown up so far. Look at the list to the left to see when your club is scheduled.

Hope to see you all at the January 12th Council Meeting, where Vince from Riverside will offer us insights in Privacy Landscaping and will bring plants to purchase. Also, we have a few items that are duplicates in our inventory and will offer them in a Silent Auction – some books and kenzans (frogs) – all that have been donated to us.

Again, best wishes for a great New Year from all of us here,
Bernadette Hamera



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)

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
Feb 6 Poinciana Garden Club
Feb 13 Shell Island Garden Club
Feb 20 Potpourri Designers
Feb 27 Alva Garden Club
Mar 6 McGregor Garden Club
Mar 13 Kelly Greens Garden Club
Mar 20 Carissa Garden Club
Mar 27 Estero Island Garden Club

**Questions? Contact Caryn Kast
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For The Latest Info Check Our Website
WWW.FMLCGARDENCOUNCIL.COM

Garden Council Meeting Dates

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

(Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs)

- Date: January 5th, 2018
- Date: February 2nd, 2018

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, January 12th, 2018

Hostess:

Royal Palm 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 & CHINESE AUCTION!
We will be auctioning donated items that we have duplicates of.
Friday January 12th, 2018

PROGRAM– “Privacy Landscape”

CREATING PRIVACY WITH THE RIGHT PLANTS INCLUDING BAMBOO!

Vince Molnar, Owner of Riverland Nursery, will explore great options to create privacy with plants. These will include the use of fast growing sustainable shrubs and trees and non-running bamboo.

Ideas will be shared as to how to make these areas interesting and visually pleasing, as well as functional. We will focus on low-maintenance plants proven to withstand our frequent droughts, cold-snaps, and even tropical storms.

Calendar of Events

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 & 1-3pm Headquarters

Jan 19th, 2018 Friday-**Florida Arbor Day**

Jan 29th, 2018 Monday-**Floral Design Class**-Tables: Functional & Exhibition-9am-12noon & 1-3pm Headquarters

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

Mar 10th, 2018 Saturday-**Garden Club of Cape Coral March in the Park**-Plants Etc. for sale in Jaycee Park, CC -9am

Mar 10th, 2018 Saturday-**Alva Garden Club Annual Plant/Bake Sale & Strawberry Shortcake Festival** Alva Museum 9am

WHAT'S BLOOMING IN THE GARDEN



ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS/COLLECTORS!

We are asking for your help in selecting the art to be used for "*Art in Bloom*". If you have something in your personal collection that is deemed appropriate, please email me a photo or bring to it the January Council Meeting. Designers selection for subject art will be by lottery after the Feb 5th Floral Design Class.

Art in Bloom - Sunday March 4th, 2018

Location: Caretakers Cottage at Edison/Ford Winter Estates

Time: 1pm to 4 pm

Entrance Fee: \$5.00



ANNOUNCING A STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

"April in the Garden" April 27th & 28th

Hosted by: The Garden Club of Cape Coral and Potpourri Designers

Location: Cape Coral Library, 921 SW 39th Terrace, Cape Coral, FL

Contacts: Kathy Woodlock 239 242-6303

Vicki Williamson 802 324-3847

Gardenclubofcapecoral.com

Please note: Floral Design Class Change from Jan 22 to Jan 29th, 2018!

Edison - Ford Winter Estates

2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers FL 33901

Web: EdisonFordWinterEstates.org/events

Monthly Garden Talks & 10:00 am

\$10.00 Members- \$15 Non-Members

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

February 10-11

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

Come and enjoy our vendors from through out Florida.
 Enjoy music, food, art and garden items for sale including
 exotics and tropical.

Florida Friendly Landscaping

Garden Walks-Join a master gardener for a walk through Rotary Park. Learn about butterflies and birds and how you can attract them to your yard.

Fridays at 10:30am—**Jan 12th & 26th, Feb 9th, Mar 9th & 23rd**

16th Annual Burrowing Owl Festival. Saturday Feb 24th. 10am-4pm

Free Gardening Series-Fridays 9am-10:30am

Jan 12th -Palms

Jan 26th-Flowering Trees

Feb 9th-Florida Friendly Plants

RSVP 239 549-4606

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

For more information on FFL : email FYN@leegov.com or capeparks.com

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 IFAS Extension



Reminders from Lakes Park

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!

The **Estero Island Garden club** is holding a **Valentine's Eve Gala**, an evening of wine, appetizers, dessert, music and fun! A raffle will be held for botanicals, and other baskets filled with goodies. If you want to make your Valentine's Day special, call Carol Kolar at 312-320-7247, Cindy Richardson at 614-581-6773, or talk to any member of the Estero Island Garden Club to make your reservation. Tickets are \$25.00 for each person attending; the gala will be held at the FMB Art Association Gallery at 3030 Shell Mound Blvd. So save the date, February 13th from 7 to 9 p.m., and get your ticket to attend this evening of fun, music, great food and wine.

Proceeds go to support community projects such as the club's youth projects at the Beach Elementary School, the Raised bed gardens and butterfly garden, the Ann Reasoner Memorial Garden at Bay Oaks, our Holiday tree projects at the Beach Library and the FMB Women's Club, and many educational programs open to the community. Tickets are limited, so call today and reserve a spot for yourself or better yet, bring all your friends and have a great time together.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLORAL DESIGN CLASSES BEING OFFERED

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

Mon. Jan 29th, 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:

New President of Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida– Sam Wollard, sswollard4@aol.com

New President of Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society– Carol Sweat, casweat@comcast.net

Happy 90th Birthday to Periwinkles Garden Club!

‘History of the Periwinkle Club’ by Harriet Franklin–Nov 1964

There is no written history of the beginning of the Periwinkle Garden Club. It may have been in existence before the incidents I remember, but I have never heard so. I believe it had its start as a branch of the Woman’s Community Club. The Garden Branch was organized by streets or districts and some of the best planting in town is the result of the orderly method. The members of the Periwinkles were ladies who lived on or near First Street... The Periwinkle Club was the only ‘survivor’ of the boom burst and began life in 1928...

**Your Board Members****President-**

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