

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)

A **BIG Thank You** to all those who stepped up and participated this season! You are the backbone of The Berne Davis Gardens.

**May 1—Judges Council
May 8—Volunteers Needed
May 15—Volunteers Needed
May 22—Volunteers Needed**

**Questions? Contact Caryn Kast
CarynKast@gmail.com**

**FFGC is still saving Education
Labels to assist Camp Wekiva.
Please bring them to the next
Council Meeting -May 11th!**

P r e s i d e n t ' s M e s s a g e

Greetings from the 92nd Florida Federation of Garden Clubs' Convention here in St. Augustine, Florida!

It has been a great couple of days. Between this convention, our Berne Davis Honorary Service Awards Luncheon (see winners on page 3), Estero's Annual Luncheon and the District Nine Meeting next week, your president will need a vacation from all the parties. It has made for a couple of very busy weeks.

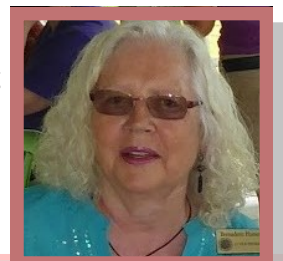
It is always good to hear what other clubs in the state are doing. Also, included in the convention was the State Flower Show, "Fabulous Florida" that was outstanding, the horticultural specimens were excellent and the designs very inventive and beautiful. They are such an inspiration to us all. Kudos to Kathleen Hawryluk and her team (many from our council) who put this together.

We did well in the awards department - both Poinciana and Garden Club of Cape Coral won many awards. Our District Director, former Council president and President of Estero Island Garden Club, Laura Jibben, received a Pillar of Pride Award. There were two challenges this year - the first one was won by Estero Island Garden Club, Award 9B Special Membership Incentive, for adding the most new members by percentage this past year. The other challenge was to see how many trees all the clubs could plant from February 2017 thru February 2018 - it was over 188,000! Seems like everyone was working hard.

The Program on Tuesday was from Southern Living. He talked about azaleas and dogwoods, making your president a little homesick for spring in Philadelphia. But don't misunderstand me, I love being here and enjoy our tropical foliage all year round. But I have to admit, the foliage here in St. Augustine, as I look out the hotel window, is that really rich dark color green, that we don't see this time of year in Fort Myers. But our Berne Davis Botanical Garden at the Council building is still in bloom even as we are winding down to our summer/rainy season.

Don't forget that Naples Botanical Gardens will be at the Council meeting on Friday morning, May 11th offering a program on Legacy Tree and Others. It will be good to see you there. That Friday is also National Public Gardens' Day and we will keep our garden open after the meeting until 4, as an additional day for the public to spend some time with us. You are all welcome to join us, bring your lunch and just enjoy our beautiful garden.

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: May 4th, 2018**
 - **Date: June 1st, 2018**
 - **Date: August 3rd, 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, May 11th, 2018

Hostess:

Periwinkle Garden Club

GENERAL MEETINGS

MEETINGS ARE THE 2ND FRIDAY

EVERY OTHER MONTH

SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY

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 May 11th, 2018

PROGRAM—"Legacy Tree & Others"

Come and hear Brian Galligan, Horticulture Director of Naples Botanical Gardens speak about "Legacy Trees". 'The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.'

Brian Galligan's love for plants began early. At the age of thirteen, Brian managed his own landscape design, installation, and maintenance company. After graduating from Auburn University with a horticulture degree, Brian moved to Naples, Florida to learn a new and interesting plant palate.

NATIONAL PUBLIC GARDEN DAY! MAY 11TH, 2018

National Public Gardens Day, occurs annually on the Friday before Mother's Day. It is the day to promote awareness of botanic gardens, arboreta, zoos, historic gardens, or any of North America's public gardens. The day was established by the American Public Gardens Association.

Calendar of Events

May 11th-National Public Garden Day-Berne Davis Gardens Open 12-4pm

June 3rd-67th Annual Hibiscus Show & Plant Sale, Araba Temple, 2010 Hanson St., FM 1-4 pm

Oct 26-27-Landscape Design Courses-FMLCGC Headquarters 9am-4:30pm

Plan Ahead Events:

Nov 4-6th- Southern Florida Symposium -Palm Beach Garden Marriott—Chair: Emily Kane captgfk@aol.com,

Registration: Susan Hillson susan@thehillsongroup.com

Apr 7-9, 2019- FFGC Convention in St. Augustine-Hosted by District 3

FFGC District IX and the FMLCGC are proud to be sponsoring the first in a series of four **Landscape Design Courses**.

The first Course will be held on **Oct. 26 & 27, 2018 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm** at the Fort Myers-Lee County Council Bldg located in the Berne Davis Botanical Gardens at 2166 Virginia Ave. Fort Myers, FL. The series will be offered, 1 every 6 months, until completed.

The cost of this first class is \$73.00 which includes lunch each day and course materials. The student is responsible for purchasing the course study book "Stewards of the Land: A Survey of Landscape, Architecture and Design in America by Marlyn K. Alaimo.

It can be obtained from the National Garden Club web site.

For further information go to the FFGC CALENDAR OF EVENTS to Oct. 2018 to download a registration form and mail it along with a check for \$73 to Kathy Woodlock, 1103 SE 14th Street, Cape Coral, FL 33990.

If you have questions beyond the brochure please direct them to Vicki Williamson, Chairman at vbwilliamson47@gmail.com.

This course is open to anyone interested in Landscape Design. There are 35 spaces available and the course is already half filled so we encourage you not to delay and miss out on this exciting opportunity.

BERNE DAVIS HONORARY SERVICE AWARDS 2018



2018 BDHSA Recipient:

Suzy Valentine
Member of Gulf Coast GC & Gardens of the World

Perennial Award Recipients:

Becky Bodnar— Estero Island GC
Rachel Singletary— Caloosa Rare Fruit Exchange
Theo Kovarous— Gardens of the World

Rainbow Award Recipients:

Vicki Williamson— GC of Lehigh, Royal Palm GC
Ginny Huffer—Garden Club of Cape Coral

Busy Bee Award Recipients:

Laura Jibben— Dist IX Director, Estero Island GC
Debbie Hughes— Periwinkle GC & Florida Herb

Congratulations Everyone!

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

May 12th-Growing Orchids

June 9th-Plumerias

Edison Ford Garden Tours -Wednesdays - 10:30 a.m.

Learn about what's blooming at Edison Ford.

Garden tours led by an experienced plant curator.

Special Events

May 7th- Mondays with Marie-Local artist paints landscape scenes around the garden.

May 13th- Mother's Day -Free Admission to Moms

May 14th- Mondays with Marie- Local artist paints landscape scenes around the garden.

May 28th-Memorial Day- Free Admission to Veterans

Florida Friendly Landscaping



The Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Homeowner program educates homeowners about how to design, install, and maintain healthy landscapes that use a minimum of water, fertilizer, and pesticides. The result? Low-cost, low-maintenance, attractive landscapes that add value to your community and reduce the chance of polluting the water supply. For further information go to: <http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/homeowner.htm>



For more information go to: <http://www.floridayards.org/>



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

Conservation 20/20 is an environmentally-sensitive land acquisition and stewardship program in Lee County. This program preserves and protects environmentally critical land in Lee County for the benefit of present and future generations in Southwest Florida.

47 Preserves and 28,978.77 Total Acreage

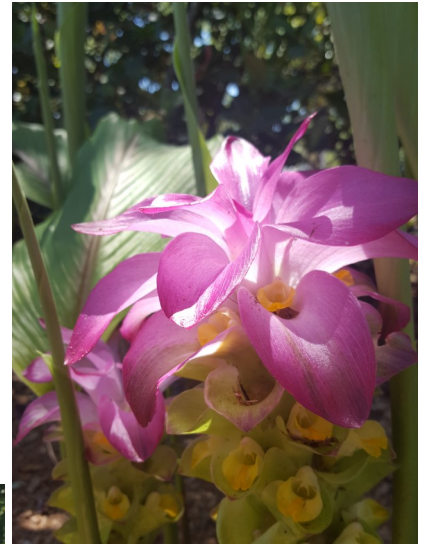


National Garden Club has many projects in the works.

Please go to: www.GardenClub.org to learn about & support these projects.

Plant America-This promotion, entitled "Inspiring Gardens Across America," includes three different collections of plants. Each one was chosen because of a special feature in its hybridization for performance or beauty or for its limited availability in the general marketplace. 1. Peony Flowering Daylily Collection. 2. Sunpatiens® 'Razzle Dazzle' Collection. 3. Whitewashed Wooden Stand with Succulents. Please check this out on the website and purchase for yourself or a friend!

WHAT'S BLOOMING IN THE GARDEN



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