

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

## President's Message

As this year is drawing to a close and the holidays are right around the corner, I realize we have a lot to be grateful for. It always delights me when we work together.

This past week the Council co-sponsored along with District 9 of FFGC, the National Garden Clubs' Landscape Design Course. It is the first time this course was offered in our area. It was very informative and reminds me once again that in designing a lawn, public space or a flower arrangement, there are artistic rules we need to follow if we want to be successful. It also brings to mind Marty Ward and her bringing Bob Thomas' arranging classes to us many years ago. The same rules apply. Many thanks to all of our members who put forth a lot of time and energy to make this a success.

Be aware that this was only the first section, the next one will be in April. Registration has already begun. If you are interested, please don't delay in signing up. It is filling up fast.

The Gardens are open again on Tuesday mornings and we again ask that each club and society provide the garden with hostesses. Current schedule is on the left.

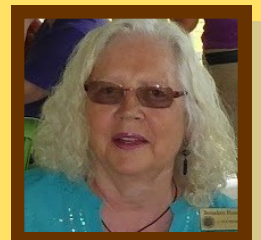
As in previous years, the Council will have an information table next door at the Edison Garden Festival on Saturday, November 18th. We need several volunteers to work in 2 hour shifts that day. There will be a guided tour of our Berne Davis Garden for to the general public at 11. If you have a current brochure or flyer of your clubs' activities, please bring them to the council meeting on Friday morning, November 9th, so we will have them to distribute.

Our November Council meeting will have Donna Cook from Pine Island Garden Club talking to us about Backyard Arrangements. She is one of our favorite and inventive designers. Hope to see you all there.

Be sure to check the calendar – many of our clubs and societies are having festivals and activities in the next couple of weeks. Please note, we list a calendar of events in our monthly advertisement in the Florida Weekly.

We are grateful for all our members and hope all of your upcoming Holidays are filled joy and friendship.

Sincerely, 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)

- Nov. 6- Estero Island Garden Club
- Nov. 13-Garden Club of Cape Coral
- Nov. 20-Royal Palm Garden Club
- Nov. 27-Bonsai Society of SWFL
- Dec. 04-McGregor Garden Club
- Dec. 11-Potpourri Designers
- Dec. 18-SWFL Orchid Society
- Jan. 8- Bromeliad Society
- Jan. 15-Carissa Garden Club
- Jan. 22-Jasmine Garden Club
- Jan. 29-Caloosa Rare Fruit Club

Questions? Contact Caryn Kast  
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For The Latest Info Check Our Website  
[WWW.FMLCGARDENCOUNCIL.COM](http://WWW.FMLCGARDENCOUNCIL.COM)

## Garden Council Meeting Dates

### UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

(Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs)

- Date: Nov. 2nd, 2018
- Date: Dec. 7th, 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, Nov. 9th, 2018

Hostess:

Cape Coral 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 Fri. Nov 9th

### PROGRAM - "Backyard Arrangements"

By Donna Cook-Pine Island Garden Club

## Local Farmer's Markets

[LocalFarmMarkets.org](http://LocalFarmMarkets.org)

[capecoralfarmersmarket.com](http://capecoralfarmersmarket.com)

[artinlee.org/greenmarket](http://artinlee.org/greenmarket)



Lakes Park	Wed. 9 - 1 pm	Free Parking at 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers 33908	Oct 3-Apr 24, 2019
Bonita Springs	Sat. 8 - 12pm	The Promenade, 26795 South Bay Drive, Bonita Springs	Oct 6-Apr 27, 2019
Cape Coral	Sat. 8 - 1 pm	Downtown, SE 47th Terr. and SE 10th Place, Cape Coral	Oct 6-May 11, 2019
Coconut Point	Thurs 9 -1pm	23106 Fashion Drive., Estero, FL 33928 (closed Thanksgiving)	Oct 4-Apr 25, 2019
Jet Blue Park	Mon. 9-1pm	11500 Fenway South Dr. Fort Myers, FL 33913	Jan 7 -Mar 25, 2019
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 7-May 26, 2019
Captiva Island	Tues. 9 - 1pm	South Seas Island Resort, 5400 Plantation Rd., Captiva 33924	Jan 1-Apr 26, 2019
River District	Thurs. 9 -1pm	Centennial Park, 201 Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33901	Year Round



The Shell Islands Garden Club invites you to join us in celebrating the holiday season with a Festival of Wreaths. This silent auction features an array of wreaths and other decorations beautifully hand-crafted by our creative Club members. From traditionally-decorated forms to unconventional materials, there will be something for everyone.

At the same time, the Club is sponsoring a presentation by Carol Kolar who decorated the White House for Christmas in 2015. Carol will share her experiences and ideas for transforming your home for the holidays.

Please join us on Tuesday, December 11th, at 11:30 at the Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Place your silent auction bids before the presentation starts at 12:00. Bidding will close at 1:15. Hope you can join us!

## Edison - Ford Winter Estates

2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers FL 33901

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

### Monthly Garden Talks 10:00 am

\$10.00 Members- \$15 Non-Members

Dec. 08	Succulents & Cactus
Jan. 12	Easy to Grow Cut Flowers
Mar. 09	Vines that Thrive
Apr. 13	Roses in SWFL



### Special Events

### Edison Garden Festival Nov. 17 & 18th, 2018

**Unique heritage plants and trees, more than 40 garden vendors. Food trucks and live music. Event is FREE to public!**

## 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.

### Free Gardening Series-Fridays 9am-10:30am at Rotary Park

- Nov 2 Plant Propagation
- Nov 16 Attracting Butterflies
- Nov 30 Costly Yard Mistakes

### Introductory FFL Workshops at Rotary Park

Nov 2 1:00-3:00pm, & Dec 7 10:00am- 12 noon

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

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

**2nd Saturday** Guided Garden Walks - Oct-April 9:00 am- 1:00 pm  
Meet at Community Garden Sign; end of parking lot #3

Wednesdays Farmers Market runs October through April 9am- 1pm!

## FREE GUIDED NATURE WALKS 8-9:30 am

Information was unavailable at the time of printing.  
Look for posted schedule at the FMLCGC bulletin board when it is received.

Thank you.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUDGES COUNCIL ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW AT FMLCGC HEADQUARTERS  
FEB 14TH OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 1-4:30PM

Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society hosts a BROMELIAD SALE  
Araba Shrine Temple , 2010 Hanson Street , Fort Myers  
Saturday Dec. 1st, 2018 9am-4pm. Sunday Dec. 2nd, 2018 10am-3pm



The Garden Club of Cape Coral Presents "FUN with FLOWERS"  
Friday, December 14, 10am-noon at the FMLCGC Headquarters  
Please come and join us! Each participant will make a design to take home.

**February 16, 2019** the Garden Club of Cape Coral is sponsoring a bus trip to Vizcaya Museum and Garden Tour in Miami. Vizcaya's gardens are among the most elaborate in the US, reminiscent of gardens created in 17th and 18th century Italy and France. The bus will leave the Coralwood Mall at 7am and return approximately 5pm. The fee is \$53.00. Checks are due by January 9, 2019, payable to Garden Club of Cape Coral and mailed to P.O. Box 152022, Cape Coral, FL, 33915. Any questions, please contact Donna Schneider at 507-301-2542, or email schnd@hotmail.com.

### Attention all designers and horticulturists!

The bi-annual Garden Council Flower Show "It's All About Water" scheduled for March 1st and 2nd is looking for designers and gardeners to enter. Schedule will be available shortly.

## FMLCGC Calendar of Upcoming Events

Nov 2, 2018 Friday-Poinciana Garden Club Annual Plant & Yard Sale 1416 Charles Rd., Fort Myers 33919 8am-4pm  
Nov 3 & 4, 2018 Sat & Sun-Bonsai Society of SWFL 37th Annual Show & Sale, 2166 Virginia Ave., Fort Myers 9am-4pm  
Nov 13, 2018 Tuesday-Jasmine Garden Club Annual Fundraiser, Covenant Presbyterian, 2439 McGregor Blvd FM 10am-1pm  
Nov 13, 2018 Tuesday-SWFL Orchid Society Annual Fundraiser, Faith United Methodist, 15690 McGregor Blvd FM 7pm  
Nov 17, 2018 Saturday-FMLCGC Garden Walk in conjunction with Edison Garden Festival, 2166 Virginia Ave. FM 11am  
Dec 1 & 2, 2018 Sat & Sun-Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Annual Plant Sale, Araba Temple, 2010 Hanson St FM  
Jan 12, 2019 Saturday-SWFL Orchid Society, Tamiami Orchid Festival Bus Trip. \$25/members \$35/non-members  
Jan 15, 2019 Tuesday-Gulf Coast Garden Club, Sugar Trip  
Jan 18, 2019 Friday-Florida Arbor Day

## Your Board Members

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