

THE COURIER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
THE FORT MYERS - LEE COUNTY GARDEN COUNCIL, INC.

Presidents' Message

As our garden year comes to a close, I'd like to end my Presidency with the pledge we teach all the campers at Wekiva:

Conservation Pledge

I give my pledge
As an American

To save and faithfully defend from waste
The natural resources of my country
Its air, soil and minerals
Its forests, waters and wildlife

Thanks so much for this amazing opportunity to serve you and I ask that we all commit to "Nurture Nature" and help save our water!

Sincerely, Bernadette Hamera

Hi Fellow Gardeners!

On behalf of your new Board, I thank you for your vote and your confidence. I think the incoming Board is a great blend of continuing members, new faces to Council leadership, several past Council Presidents and a former District Director. We hope to steer a steady course while getting some fresh ideas as well. Many thanks to all of you who have stepped up to chair or serve on the many committees that really make the Council run.

At this time, I think our biggest challenge in the next two years will be keeping on top of the ever-evolving Edison Ave. Realignment Project plans and their potential impact to the Council and Garden footprint. We look forward to maintaining and growing our good working relationship with the City of Fort Myers, and hope to find ways to increase our outreach to the community.

Similarly, we will continue our efforts to support all of you in our member clubs and societies, as well as our beautiful and precious Berne Davis Botanical Garden! We already have some great programs and speakers lined up for our general meetings, so we hope to see lots of you attend!

Needless to say, we will continue to be

vigilant in support of initiatives that address the environmental challenges directly affecting our everyday lives in Fort Myers - Lee County and keep members informed accordingly.

So, we look forward to the next 2 years, knowing that we have work to do, but we're planning on having lots of fun along the way!

I must express my utmost thanks and appreciation to the outgoing Board and particularly President, Bernadette Hamera. She has been your leader for the past several years and has led the Council so well. She has been so generous in her time and patience in giving me insight to the inner workings of the Council, particularly all the issues involving the building and garden. I am so glad that she will continue to support us as one of the Board Advisors.

Have a great Summer!

Judy Francino
President-Elect



Berne Davis Botanical Garden

**Open to the Public
Tuesdays 10 am- 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)

Apr.30-Bonita Springs Tropical Fruit

May 7-Florida Herb Enthusiasts

May 14-American Hibiscus Society

May 21- Need Volunteers

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

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

G a r d e n C o u n c i l M e e t i n g D a t e s

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

(Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs)

- **Date: May 3, 2019**
- **Date: June 7, 2019**

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 10th, 2019

Hostess:

Estero Island 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. May 10th

PROGRAM - "Water Update"

By: Chad Giles from News Press

2019 Berne Davis Honorary Service Award Luncheon

Held at Fiddlesticks Country Club. A big "Thank You" to our hostesses from Fiddlesticks Garden Club. The theme was "Under the Sea" and the decorations were stunning and the food delicious!

Congratulations to this years award recipients!

Rainbow Award- Debbie Hughes

Perennial Award-Carolee Drotos-Swales

Busy Bee Award-Suzy Valentine

Tree of Life-Berne Davis Award-Paula Novander



Edison - Ford Winter Estates

2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers FL 33901

Web: EdisonFordWinterEstates.org/events

Monthly Garden Talks 10:00 am

Saturday -May 11, 2019
Techniques for Growing Orchids in the Trees

\$10.00 Members- \$15 Non-Members
20% off in the Garden Shoppe for participants

Special Events **May 18, 2019**

"Grow Fort Myers"- Plant Sale & Workshops
9am to 5pm Free Demos and Discounts!

Full Moon Meditation – Alchemy of the Senses
A Self-Guided Sensory Meditation 11am.
Class held at the Edison Caretakers House.

Check our Website for details!

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

Introductory FFL Workshops at Rotary Park

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



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 9-10:30 am

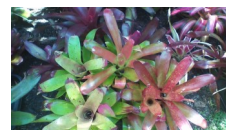
MAY 04 | Alva Scrub Preserve- 2891 Goggin Rd., Alva
MAY 18 | Pine Island Flatwoods Preserve-6351 Stringfellow Rd., St. James City
JUNE 01 | Pop Ash Creek Preserve-9451 Nalle Grade Rd., North Fort Myers
JUNE 15 | Hickory Swamp Preserve-13320 Peace Rd., Fort Myers

<http://www.leegov.com/conservation2020>



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bromeliad Sale May 4th Sat. at the home of Lyle Bowen. 7460 Twin Eagle Ln. Fort Myers FL 33912. In Eagle Ridge off Daniels Pkwy. Hundreds of bromeliads, \$4.00 each or Three for \$10.00. 9am-3pm



FREE seminars conducted at: All Native Garden Center located at 300 Center Rd, FM 33907 1-3 pm. Nursery tours and discussion follows as time allows. If you are interested in attending, please register by providing your name and phone number by email to: john@nolawn.com

Sunday, May 12 - Bird Gardening
 Sunday, May 19 - Butterfly Gardening
 Sunday, May 26 - Florida Native Wildflowers
 Sunday, June 2 - Waterwise Landscaping
 Sunday, June 9 - Creating a Florida Friendly Landscape
 Sunday, June 16 - Creating a Wildlife Habitat

FMLCGC Calendar of Upcoming Events

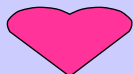
Apr 26, 2019-Fri-National Arbor Day

Apr 29-May 2, 2019- 90th Annual National Garden Clubs Convention, Beau Rivage Resort, Biloxi MS

May 7, 2019-Tuesday- FFGC District IX Spring Meeting, Marco Island Yacht Club, 8:30am

May 13-19, 2019- National Public Garden Week!

May 18, 2019 Saturday-Bus Trip to Redland Orchid Festival, \$25/member, \$30/guest in advance. Swflorchidsociety@gmail.com
 Meet at Faith United Methodist Church, 15690 McGregor Blvd., FM 33908 at 7:30am. Bus leaves at 8am and returns at 6pm.



Thank you to our 2017-19 Board for your service!

Welcome Your New Board Members 2019-2021



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