

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
Starting Oct 8, 2019
Tuesdays 10 - 1 pm

Each Club & Society takes
a turn providing docents.

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

Docent Schedule

- October 08- Executive Board
- October 15- Executive Board
- October 22- Executive Board
- October 29- Executive Board
- Nov. 05- Alva Garden Club
- Nov. 12- American Hibiscus Society
- Nov. 19- Bonsai Society
- Nov. 26- Bromeliad Society

Questions? Contact Susan Lawson
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FMLCGC-SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Isabella Peedle
for the second year running!

Isabella is a senior at FGCU
majoring in Environmental Studies
with a minor in Biology. She is
also the president of the FGCU
Native Plant Club.

Congratulations!!!

President's Message

Welcome Back!

Welcome back does seem to be in order for most of us. Whether you are a permanent Florida resident or seasonal, everyone seems to move around a bit in the Summer. Hopefully you had a wonderful time and not only visited friends or family, but got a chance to visit some new gardens or old favorites. It's fun to learn about gardening in new places and get a "fix" of some old favorites that only grow up North.

This summer I had a chance to spend time in Maryland and Michigan and visited with the family, as well as traveling a bit. It's good, though, to be back home in Fort Myers and checking out what fun my orchids had this summer on their own!

We have our first meeting of the new season coming up on September 13. I am really looking forward to seeing everyone again. 2nd VP Sylvia Swartz has organized some great programs and speakers, so I know it will be a fun year. This year the Garden Council will host two major classes. Vicki Williamson will chair the NGC Landscape Design Classes 3 & 4 in conjunction with District IX. 1st VP Susan Lawson has taken the initiative to organize an FFGC Floral Design Class which will be sponsored by the Garden Council. Be sure to check the Courier for more information about these exciting classes. We are so fortunate to have members who stepped up to organize these classes for us.

Our Garden reopens to the public on Tuesdays in October and I would love to see more of our members just visit to enjoy the ever-changing landscape. It is so beautiful and here for all of you to enjoy. One of our goals is to increase utilization of the Garden through some community outreach. We will be reaching out to the local schools, but if you have any other ideas please let us know.

Looking forward to a wonderful Season –
Learning, Growing, Sharing!

Judy Francino
President



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

Garden Council Meeting Dates

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

(Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs)

- Date: Sept. 6th, 2019
- Date: Oct. 4th, 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, Sept. 13th, 2019

Hostess:

American Hibiscus Society

James E. Hendry Chapter

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. Sept. 13th, 2019

“Good Bug” or “Bad Bug?”

By Barbara Meyer, Master Gardener

Local Farmer's Markets

LocalFarmMarkets.org

capecoralfarmersmarket.com

artinlee.org/greenmarket



Lakes Park	Wed. 9 - 1 pm	Free Parking at 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers 33908	Oct. 2-Apr. 22, 2020
Bonita Springs	Sat. 8 - 12 pm	The Promenade, 26795 South Bay Drive , Bonita Springs	Oct. 5-Apr. 25, 2020
Cape Coral	Sat. 8 - 1 pm	Downtown, SE 47th Terr. and SE 10th Place, Cape Coral	Oct. 6-May 11, 2019
Coconut Point	Thur. 9 -1 pm	23106 Fashion Dr., Estero, FL (closed Thanksgiving)	Oct. 3- Apr. 30, 2020
Jet Blue Park	Mon. 9-1 pm	11500 Fenway South Dr. Fort Myers, FL 33913	Jan. 6-Mar. 30, 2020
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.6-May 31, 2020
Captiva Island	Tues. 9 - 1pm	South Seas Island Resort, 5400 Plantation Rd., Captiva 33924	Nov.5-Apr. 28, 2020
River District	Thur. 9 -1pm	Centennial Park, 201 Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33901	Year Round
Sanibel Outlets	Fri. 10-2pm	20350 Summerlin Rd., Fort Myers, FL 33908	Dec. 13-Mar. 27, 2020

Edison - Ford Winter Estates

2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers FL 33901

Web: EdisonFord.org

Monthly Garden Talks

Saturdays 10am

September 14, 2019 -

“How to Grow Tomatoes and Other Edibles”

\$10 for EF Members; \$15 for Non-Members
Participants get a 20% off Garden Shoppe coupon

Special Events

October 12-13, 2019-Orchid Symposium & Sale
Vendors and free educational classes!

November 23-24, 2019-Edison Garden Festival
Saturday 9am-5pm and Sunday 9am to 4pm

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!

10th annual “Scarecrows in the Park” contest will be
Oct. 11-27, 2019

Registration Deadline is Sept 20th, 2019~

Please go to the following link for your application

www.lakesparkenrichmentfoundation.wildapricot.org/Join-Us-2019-Scarecrows



FREE GUIDED NATURE WALKS 8-9:30 am

Daniels Preserve at Spanish Creel– Saturday Sept. 7th

18500 Persimmon Ridge Rd., Alva Trail is 1.5 mile loop, No Restrooms

Powell Creek Preserve—Saturday Sept. 21st

15601 Hart Rd., North Fort Myers, Trail is 1 mile loop, No Restrooms

Galt Preserve-Saturday Oct. 5th

3661 Stringfellow Rd., St. James City, Trail is 1.2 mile loop

Yellow Fever Creek Preserve-Saturday Oct. 19th

2801 Del Prado Blvd. N., Cape Coral, Trail is 1 mile loop, No Restrooms



FLORAL DESIGN STUDY SERIES

January-April 2020

Presented by
Fort Myers Lee County Garden Council, Inc.
And Potpourri Designers

PURPOSE: Basic Floral Design for the home and for Flower Shows.

FEATURES: The Program is a unique series of lectures, demonstrations and critiqued workshops consisting of six units in basic design and three units in advanced design. Demonstrations will be in the morning and a workshop in the afternoon using fresh LIVE plant materials and flowers.

LOCATION: Berne Davis Botanical Garden, 2166 Virginia Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33901

TIME: 9AM TO 3PM with a break for lunch (brown bag).

Jan. 6, 2020—Unit 1— Containers, Basic Tools and Vertical Designs

Jan. 13, 2020—Unit 2— Conditioning Plant Material and Triangular Designs

Jan. 20, 2020—Unit 3—Elements and Principles of Design and Curved Designs

Feb. 10, 2020—Unit 4—Table Settings and Horizontal Design

Feb. 17, 2020—Unit 5—Accessories, Features and Bases

Mar. 2, 2020—Unit 6—Transporting Materials and Expressive Designs

Mar. 16, 2020—Unit 7—Dried Materials and Decorative Wood

Mar. 23, 2020—Unit 8—Advanced Creative Designs

Apr. 6, 2020—Unit 9—Creative Containers and Designers Choice Award

More information available at: www.ffgc.org/Educational-Opportunities

ADVANCED REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Club Spotlight on Estero Island Garden Club!

1959. Two women, one idea: to learn about gardening in Florida in order to beautify Estero Island. Estero Island Garden Club was born. Many Island areas have seen improvement since, including, the approach signs, the old entrance arch, Lee County Park, the Beach Library, the Beach Elementary School, members' yards, the entrance to Matanzas Pass Preserve, and Estero Island Cottage. Most recently the club has established and maintains the Ann Reasoner Memorial Garden at Bay Oaks.

When Matanzas Preserve was purchased by the town of Fort Myers Beach and then given to the Nature Conservancy, the Estero Island Garden Club became involved by contributing \$5000 toward improvements to the Preserve. When the paths were completed in the Preserve, the Club created the first "Guardian Guides."

Programs are sponsored for the Beach Elementary School, involving students in Arbor Day activities, classroom projects, and community gardening. The club has established a Butterfly Garden on school grounds and raised vegetable gardens for the children to plant and cultivate planting with students.

The Estero Island Garden Club also provides scholarships for students to attend Camp Wekiva, as well as donations to the camp. In addition, several members have volunteered as camp counselors during the summer season.

Another feather in the cap of the Estero Island Garden Club was its helpful hand in assisting the Town in producing the "Shades of Fort Myers Beach" streetscape booklet. The club provided project consultants, photography, and editorial support to this booklet. It has been an educational guide to the unique island environment. The booklet was one year in the making and as a result of its accomplishment, was granted the "Lady Bird Johnson" award by the Arbor Day Foundation in April, 2009.

The Estero Island Club has actively participated in many phases of Florida Federated Garden Club work. This is our 60th year and we are planning a special luncheon celebration! We continue to be active in our Florida Federation and the Lee County Garden Council. Many of our very own members have held officer positions with District IX, both past and present. Lee County Council President for the new year is Judy Francino. We are very proud of Judy's accomplishments and her new position! Judy has given our club endless hours and some great gardening education.

We continue our island beautification projects to help make our island the best that it can be.

Happy Anniversary to Estero Island Garden Club! Sixty years and still going strong!

FMLCGC Calendar of Upcoming Events

Oct. 25-26th, 2019 Friday-Saturday Landscape Design School III- 9am-4:30pm Location: FMLCGC Headquarters

Nov. 2-3rd, 2019 Saturday & Sunday-Bonsai Society of SWFL 38th Annual Show & Sale-FMLCGC Headquarters, 9am-3pm

Nov. 8th, 2019 Friday-Poinciana Garden Club Annual Plant & Yard Sale-330 Shore Dr., Fort Myers, FL, 8am-3pm

Nov. 12th, 2019 Tuesday-SWFL Orchid Society Annual Fundraiser, Faith United Methodist, 15690 McGregor Blvd 7:00 pm

Nov. 23rd, 2019 Saturday-FMLCGC Garden Walk in conjunction with Edison Garden Festival, FMLCGC Headquarters

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