



THE COURIER

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 providing docents.

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

Docent Schedule

Jan. 7-Estero Island Garden Club
Jan.14-Fiddlesticks Garden Club
Jan.21-Florida Herb Society
Jan.28-Garden Club of Cape Coral
Feb.4-Garden Club of Lehigh Acres
Feb.11-Gardens of the World
Feb.18-Gulf Coast Garden Club
Feb.25-IFAS
Mar. 3-Jasmine Garden Club

Questions?
Contact Susan Lawson
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Floral Design Series
January-March 2020

President's Message

Happy New Year; it's 2020!

" May we all see things so much more clearly this year!"

Although the Garden Council and many of our member clubs have been meeting since September or October, I always feel like it's a mad rush at the beginning, then the holidays come. In January things slow down a bit, we can take that deep breath, look at the calendar and actually plan and look forward to some fun things that are in the works. I know there are several flower shows coming up which encompass both floral design and horticulture. Check them out! If you need some refresher tips on design, sign up for one or more of our Floral Design Study Series sessions – there are some awesome instructors lined up. There's a flyer here in the Courier with more info.

Our President's Tea will be held on Friday, January 17. This will be a great opportunity for our Club Presidents to relax, meet your peers, discuss opportunities and challenges and how the Council may be able to serve you better. I'm looking forward to it and hope it will be a nice time for all.

Finally, I hope to see you all at the January 10 General Meeting – we have a fun and very energetic speaker lined up!

Learning, Growing, Sharing,

Your President,
Judy



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

Garden Council Meeting Dates

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

(Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs)

- Date: Jan. 3, 2020
- Date: Feb. 7, 2020

MEETINGS FROM 9:30 am - 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 are Welcome !

Friday, Jan. 10, 2020

Hostess:

Poinciana Garden Club

GENERAL MEETINGS

MEETINGS ARE THE 2ND FRIDAY
OF EVERY OTHER MONTH
SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY

Location :

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 Jan. 10, 2020

**“Mixing & Matching Edibles and Flowers”
by Adrienne Diaz of “Miss Potter’s Place”**

Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council is excited about our upcoming **Floral Design Series** being held January-March 2020.

There are 6 basic units & 3 advanced units. We have great instructors for the sessions including our own Suzy Valentine! All are experienced judges/teachers. Classes are \$45 each or 3 for \$120 and are limited to 30 participants, so sign up soon! Please contact Susan Lawson if you have questions.

Susan Lawson’s cell is: (941) 979-0615 or email: lawson921@gmail.com.

Registrations forms are available on our website.

See flyer attached on the back of this newsletter.

Attention all Clubs!!! BDHSA is coming soon.

Please remember we will be looking for nominees for the upcoming Berne Davis Honorary Service Award! Give some consideration in your upcoming club meetings to which of your club members you may want to nominate.

Edison - Ford Winter Estates

2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers FL 33901

Web: EdisonFord.org

Monthly Garden Talks

Saturdays 10am

Jan. 11, 2020-"Introduction to Florida Gardening"

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

Feb 9-10th, 2020-Edison Garden Festival

Gardening Classes

Introduction to Florida Gardening - 2 Part Series January 7 and 14, 1:30 p.m.

January's garden class is an introduction to Florida gardening. The topics will include soil, nutrition, choosing plants for a specific yard or garden, understanding the difference between invasive and exotic plants, best practices, weed identification, plant identification, state and local regulations and much more. The class experience will include classroom and field exposure, so attendees should bring a water bottle, wear comfortable walking shoes, a hat and sunscreen. Both classes will last approximately 2 hours. All classes are held in the climate controlled and accessible classroom at the FMLCGC.

Register online today!

Edison Ford members: \$35 (or \$50 for both sessions) and non-members: \$50 (or \$75 for both)

Reminders from Lakes Park



1st Saturday Bird Walks year round. 8am-10am.

Meet at shelter A7

2nd Saturday Guided Garden Walks - Oct-April 9:00 am– 10:00 am

Meet at Community Garden Sign; end of parking lot #3

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

Tuesdays & Thursdays Volunteer Work Days year round 8am-10am

FREE GUIDED NATURE WALKS 8-9:30 am

Prairie Pines Preserve– Saturday Jan 4th & Feb 1st

18400 North Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers Trail 1/4 mile- Easy

Galt Preserve-Saturday Jan 11th & Feb 8th

3661 Stringfellow Rd., St. James City, Trail is 1.5 mile -Moderate

Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve-Saturday Jan 18th & Feb 15

10130 Bayshore Rd., North Fort Myers (east side entrance) Trail 1mile-Easy

Wild Turkey Strand Preserve-Saturday Jan 25st & Feb 22nd

11901 Rod & Gun Club Rd., Fort Myers, Trail 1.8 miles-Moderate

Pine Island Flatwoods Preserve-Wednesday Jan 22nd & Feb 26th

6351 Stringfellow Rd., St James City, Pine Island, Trail 1.1 miles-Moderate



For more information: www.Conservation2020.org or 239 204-1125

FMLCGC Calendar - Dates to Remember

Jan 6th, 2020	Monday-FMLCGC Floral Design Study Series- Unit 1 – Containers, Basic Tools and Vertical Designs 9a-3pm
Jan 13th, 2020	Monday-FMLCGC Floral Design Study Series- Unit 2- Conditioning Plant Material & Triangular Designs
Jan 20th, 2020	Monday-FMLCGC Floral Design Study Series– Unit 3-Elements & Principles of Design & Curved Designs
Jan 17th, 2020	Friday Florida Arbor Day
Jan 17th, 2020	Friday Presidents Tea/Coffee –All Club and Society Presidents are encouraged to attend. 10am-12noon
Jan 18th, 2020	Saturday American Hibiscus Society Hibiscus Sale Salvation Army Hall, 10291 McGregor Blvd. 1-4pm
Jan 18th, 2020	Saturday Southwest Florida Orchid Society Tamiami Orchid Festival Tour. \$25/members \$30/non-members
Feb 10th, 2020	Monday-FMLCGC Floral Design Study Series– Unit 4-Table Settings and Horizontal Designs
Feb 17th, 2020	Monday-FMLCGC Floral Design Study Series– Unit 5-Accessories, Features & Bases
Mar 1st, 2020	Sunday Art in bloom in conjunction with Edison Ford Winter Estates
Mar 6-7th 2020	Friday-Saturday Gulf Coast Garden Club Annual Flower Show– details to follow

Nov. 8th, 2019 FMLCGC Meeting Host: Gulf Coast Garden Club Program: Landscaping to Protect the Watershed



Your Board Members

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UPCOMING FLOWER SHOWS

“Art in Bloom” March 1st , 2020
in Conjunction with Edison Ford Winter Estates

Gulf Coast Garden Club Annual Flower Show
March 6-7th

"The Colors of Spring"

AN NGC STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

PRESENTED BY THE ROYAL PALM GARDEN CLUB
Member of NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.,
DEEP SOUTH REGION,
FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC., DISTRICT IX
& FORT MYERS - LEE COUNTY GARDEN COUNCIL, INC.

and

POTPOURRI DESIGNERS
Member of FORT MYERS - LEE COUNTY GARDEN COUNCIL, INC.

MARCH 26 - 27, 2020
Thursday 3 – 6 p.m. & Friday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

FMLCGC Headquarters Building 1600 Virginia Ave., Fort Myers, FL
Adjacent to the Edison - Ford Winter Estates

OPEN AND FREE TO THE PUBLIC

INTERESTED IN FLORAL DESIGN?? DON'T MISS OUT ON OUR FLORAL DESIGN STUDY SERIES!!

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- Jan 13, 2020 - Unit 2 – Conditioning Plant Material & Triangular Designs
- Jan 20, 2020 - Unit 3 – Elements & Principles of Design & Curved Designs
- Feb 10, 2020 - Unit 4 – Table Settings and Horizontal Designs
- Feb 17, 2020 - Unit 5 – Accessories, Features & Bases
- Mar 2, 2020 - Unit 6 – Transporting Materials & Expressive Designs
- Mar 16, 2020 - Unit 7 – Dried Materials and Decorative Wood
- Mar 23, 2020 - Unit 8 – Advanced Creative Designs
- April 6, 2020 - Unit 9 – Creative Containers & Designers Choice Award

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