

## **Plant Societies**

**AMERICAN HIBISCUS SOCIETY**  
**JAMES E. HENDRY CHAPTER**  
Hendrychapterhibiscus.com

**BONSAI SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA**  
bonsaiswfl.org

**CALOOSA RARE FRUIT EXCHANGE**  
Rare-tropical-fruit.com

**CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY**

**FLORIDA HERB ENTHUSIASTS**

**FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY**  
**Coccoloba Chapter**  
Fnpscoccoloba.org

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY**  
SWfloridaorchidsociety.com

## **Garden Clubs**

**ALVA GARDEN CLUB**  
Alvaf1.museum.com

**CARISSA GARDEN CLUB**

**CROWN COLONY GARDEN CLUB**

**ESTERO ISLAND GARDEN CLUB**

**FIDDLESTICKS GARDEN CLUB**

**GARDEN CLUB OF CAPE CORAL**  
GardenClubofCapeCoral.Com

**GARDEN CLUB OF LEHIGH ACRES**

**GARDENS OF THE WORLD GARDEN CLUB**

**GULF COAST GARDEN CLUB**  
GulfCoastGardenClub.org

**JASMINE GARDEN CLUB**

**KELLY GREENS GARDEN CLUB**

**LEE COUNTY IFAS EXTENSION SERVICE**  
LEE.IFAS.UFL.edu

**MCGREGOR GARDEN CLUB**

**PERIWINKLE GARDEN CLUB**

**POINCIANA GARDEN CLUB**

**POTPOURRI DESIGNERS**

**ROYAL PALM GARDEN CLUB**

**SHELL ISLAND GARDEN CLUB**  
SanibelGardenClub.org

## **LOCAL**

Fort Myers - Lee County Garden Council, Inc.  
2166 Virginia Ave.  
P.O. Box 2367  
Fort Myers, FL 33902  
239 332-4942

Meetings: Jan., March, May, Sept. & November  
2nd Friday - Social at 9:00am - Meeting at 9:30am  
LOCATION: 2166 Virginia Ave., Fort Myers 33901  
Website: [fmlcgardencouncil.com](http://fmlcgardencouncil.com)

## **STATE**

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Website: [ffgc.org](http://ffgc.org)  
1400 S. Denning Drive  
Winter Park, FL 32789-5662

MISSION STATEMENT: To further the education of the members and the public in the fields of gardening, horticulture, botany, floral design, landscape design, environmental awareness through the conservation of natural resources, civic beautification, nature studies, and to instill in our youth the love of gardening and the respect and protection of the environment.

## **REGIONAL**

Deep South Region  
Website: [dsgardenclubs.com](http://dsgardenclubs.com)

Includes clubs from the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee with a mission to sponsor events and projects in support of the objectives of the National Garden Clubs, Inc.

## **NATIONAL**

National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Website: [gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org)  
4401 Magnolia Avenue  
St Louis, Missouri 63110-3492  
Office: (800) 992-3379

Founded in 1929, it is the largest volunteer gardening organization in the world. It provides education, resources and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design, civic and environmental responsibility. NGC coordinates the interests and activities of the state garden clubs together with similar organizations in the states and abroad.

## **The Fort Myers –Lee County Garden Council, Inc.**

Home of the Berne Davis  
Botanical Garden

and

Mina Edison Botanical  
Reference Library



Gazebo at the Council Headquarters

Member of National Garden Club,  
Deep South Region,  
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs

*Working together to  
educate, beautify and conserve  
the natural resources of our  
County, State and Nation*

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## Organization

The Garden Council was created in 1957 as the Fort Myers Garden Council by 9 local clubs and societies joining together. In 1967 it was renamed the Fort Myers - Lee County Garden Council as its membership had far outgrown the City limits. The Council now consists of 18 garden clubs, 7 plant societies and 2 affiliates totaling over 1400 members.

In 2007 we moved to our current location on Virginia Ave., made possible by a long term lease from the City of Fort Myers. The Berne Davis Botanic Gardens and the Mina Edison Botanical Reference Library are housed on the premises.

Membership in garden clubs, horticultural associations and plant societies add beauty, fun and a sense of purpose to our lives while beautifying the community and improving the environment.

Membership provides an opportunity to learn:

Floral design  
Growing plants suitable for our area  
Conservation methods and more!



"Plant it Pink" garden

## Services

The Berne Davis Botanical Garden was professionally designed and lovingly planted by members of the Garden Council. Among them are areas of bromeliads, hibiscus, rare & tropical fruit, roses, herbs, native plants, orchids and a bonsai display.

The Council grounds are graced with trees, shrubs and container plantings along a patron paver walkway. A large fountain, gazebo and native wetland garden add to the ambiance of peace and tranquility. We are proud members of the American Public Gardens Association.

The Mina Edison Botanical Reference Library houses many books and magazines dealing with all aspects of gardening and floral design for the pleasure of members.

Garden Council meeting rooms are used by several area clubs to hold meetings, workshops, classes and other special events.

The Council periodically hosts floral design and landscape design classes following the NGC and FFGC curriculum.

The Garden Council stages a Standard Flower Show every other year. This show is held in accordance with all NGC Standards.



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## Contact Us

The Fort Myers - Lee County Garden Council can put you in touch with local garden clubs, horticultural associations and plant societies or we can help you create your own organization with our extensive resources. These organizations are the perfect place to meet wonderful, giving people who enjoy nature and sharing knowledge with others.

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Bromeliad garden at Council headquarters