



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

Mar. 3-Jasmine Garden Club
Mar. 10-Kelly Greens Garden Club
Mar. 17-McGregor Garden Club
Mar. 24-Periwinkle Garden Club
Mar. 31-Poinciana Garden Club
Apr. 7-Potpourri
Apr. 14-Royal Palm Garden Club
Apr. 21-Shell Island Garden Club
Apr. 28-SWFL Orchid Society
May 5-Dist IX Judges Council

Questions?

Contact Susan Lawson
slawson921@gmail.com



Floral Design Series
March-April 2020

President's Message

Hi Everyone!

Spring is in the Air! Ok – it's kind of subtle here in Florida. March and April are the most colorful time at the Garden though, so I hope you have the opportunity to visit. Please also try to enjoy many of the upcoming events and activities being planned by our member clubs and the Council itself. We have all the exciting details here in the Courier. Keep it on hand through the month!

Don't miss the deadline (March 15) for submitting your club's nominee for the Berne Davis Honorary Service Award! This is our most prestigious award. I know there are so many qualified people among our members, but you must nominate them! Details are on the Council website (www.fmlcgardencouncil.com).

Finally, please plan to attend our March Council meeting. It is our Annual meeting and delegates will vote on the budget for the coming year and to update our Bylaws. There aren't any radical changes proposed to the bylaws, but an update to reflect how our operations have evolved over the past few years and also some changes in terminology. The proposed changes have been sent to Club Presidents. Only club delegates are eligible to vote per the current bylaws, so please ensure that your delegates are current and plan to attend the meeting! Many thanks to our Bylaws Committee!

Learning, Growing, Sharing!

Your President,
Judy Francino



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

Garden Council Meeting Dates

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

(Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs)

- Date: March 6th, 2020
- Date: April 3, 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, March 13th, 2020

Hostess:

Bonsai Society of SWFL

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 - "ANNUAL MEETING"



Friday March 13th, 2020

"Plant This-Not That"

by Vanessa Hazelton, Master Gardener

Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council is excited about our continuing
Floral Design Series being held **March 2-April 6, 2020.**

SPACE STILL AVAILABLE

These are units 6—9. We have great instructors for the sessions!

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.

FMLCGC Announces a new Affiliate Member!!

Please join us in welcoming our newest member to the council the Bee Keepers Association of Southwest Florida! Their President is: Keith Cuncell, 18581 S River Rd, Alva 33920. Ph: 239 560-3474 Email: info@SWFLbees.com Website: www.swfbees.com

Edison - Ford Winter Estates

2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers FL 33901

Web: EdisonFord.org

Monthly Garden Talks

Saturdays 10am

Why Native Plants are Great! – March 14, 2020

Bulbs for the South – April 11, 2020

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

Gardening Classes

Making an Herbarium (two-part series)

March 21, 2020 | 11:00 a.m.

In this two-part series, learn about selecting appropriate plants for growing an herbarium, and create your own herbarium.

Cost: Members – \$50, Non-Members – \$75 (includes all materials)

Location: Garden Council Building, 2166 Virginia Ave. Nearest parking is the Edison Ford Larchmont Avenue lot.

Advance registration available on www.edisonford.org



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!

FREE GUIDED NATURE WALKS 8-9:30 am

Wild Turkey Strand Preserve-Saturday March 21st.

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

Pine Island Flatwoods Preserve-Wednesday March 25th

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

All walks are free. No registration is required. Walks are led by trained volunteers and interpretive naturalists. Meeting location is the preserve parking area. Parking is free. Suggested items to bring include water, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and camera. Please wear closed-toe shoes. No sandals.

For questions, call (239) 204-1125.



FMLCGC Calendar - Dates to Remember

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| Mar 1st, 2020 | Sunday-"Art In Bloom" in conjunction with Edison Ford Winter Estates- Caretakers Cottage 1-4pm |
| Mar 6-7th 2020 | Friday-Saturday Gulf Coast Garden Club Annual Flower Show- Unity Church, Imperial Pkwy, Bonita Spgs |
| Mar 14th, 2020 | Saturday-"March in the Park" Plants & Garden Items Sale-Jaycee Park off Del Prado, Cape Coral FL 9am |
| Mar 14th, 2020 | Saturday-Annual Plant/Bake Sale & Strawberry Shortcake Festival- Alva Museum 9am-1pm |
| Mar 27th, 2020 | Royal Palm Garden Club Flower Show |
| Mar 30th, 2020 | Monday-11th Annual Berne Davis Honorary Service Award Luncheon- Kelly Greens Country Club |
| Apr 18th, 2020 | Bonsai Society Public Auction & Picnic FMLCGC 9am-12n |
| Apr 24th, 2020 | Friday-National Arbor Day |
| April 25-26, 2020 | NGC Landscape Design Series Course 4. There are still spaces available. Courses need not be taken in sequence. Contact Vicki Williamson at 802-324-3847 for further information! |
| May 1-2, 2020 | Fri. & Sat.-"The Golden Years of Cape Coral" Flower Show-Cape Coral Library, 921 SW 39th Terrace Friday 3-4:30pm & Saturday 9am-3pm Open to Public, Free Admission & Parking |

Jan. 10, 2020 FMLCGC Meeting

Host: Poinciana Garden Club

Program: Mixing & Matching Edibles & Flowers-by Adrienne Diaz



Your Board Members

President-

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UPCOMING FLOWER SHOWS

“Art in Bloom” March 1st , 2020

in Conjunction with Edison Ford Winter Estates
Caretakers Cottage

Gulf Coast Garden Club Annual Flower Show

“On your Mark, Ready, Set, Go!”

Date: **March 6th , 2020 3-6pm**

March 7th, 2020 10-3pm

Unity Church, 28285 Imperial Pkwy, Bonita Springs FL
Exciting Raffle Prizes!

Box Seats to Twins/Yankees & Twins/Red Sox! Symphony Tickets! Golf @ Pelican Sound !

“The Colors of Spring”

Presented by Royal Palm Garden Club & Potpourri Designers

March 26-27, 2020 ~ FMLCGC Headquarters

Thursday-3-6pm & Friday 9am-2pm

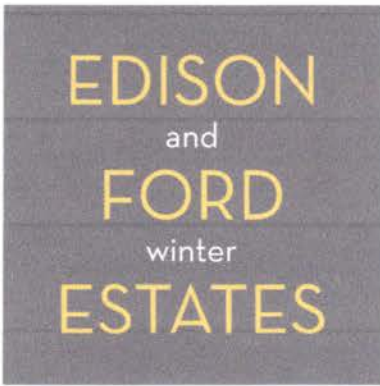
“The Golden Years of Cape Coral”

Presented by Garden Club of Cape Coral & Potpourri Designers

Friday, May 1st, 2020 3-4:30pm

Saturday, May 2nd, 2020 9am-3pm

Cape Coral Public Library, 921 SW 39th Terrace, Cape Coral



HOMES • GARDENS • MUSEUM
LABORATORY

Art in BLOOM



March 1, 1-4 p.m.

An art show in partnership with the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council



Floral designers from the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council will create floral designs based on their interpretation of artwork. The floral designs and artwork will be displayed in the Edison Caretaker's House.

The public is invited to vote for their favorite artist and floral design.

Free for Edison Ford members; \$5 for non-members.



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

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



There are 6 basic units and 3 advanced units.

- Jan 6, 2020 - Unit 1 – Containers, Basic Tools and Vertical Designs
- 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

We have been able to get some great instructors for the sessions. 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

Gulf Coast Garden Club
is having a Standard
Flower Show:

On Your Mark...

Ready...

Set...

...Go!



Date: March 6, 2020 3-6 PM

March 7, 2020 10-3 PM

Location: The Unity Church

28285 Imperial Parkway

Bonita Springs FL

*There is no admission fee and all are welcome.
In addition to the Flower Show, there will be raffles
and a plant sale.*



“COLORS OF SPRING”

AN NGC STANDARD FLOWER SHOW
PRESENTED BY THE **ROYAL PALM GARDEN CLUB**

and

POTPOURRI DESIGNERS

Members of FORT MYERS - LEE COUNTY
GARDEN COUNCIL, INC.

MARCH 26 - 27, 2020

Thursday 3 – 6 p.m. & Friday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

at the

FORT MYERS - LEE COUNTY GARDEN COUNCIL

Headquarters Building 2166 Virginia Ave.

Fort Myers, FL 33901

Adjacent to the Edison - Ford Winter Estates

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



**11th Annual
Berne Davis Honorary Service
Award Luncheon**



Monday, March 30, 2020

HOSTED BY FORT MYERS-LEE COUNTY GARDEN COUNCIL AND KELLY GREENS GARDEN CLUB

WHERE: KELLY GREENS COUNTRY CLUB

12300 KELLY GREENS BLVD.

FORT MYERS, FL 33908

WHEN: 11:30am GATHER 12:00 noon LUNCHEON

COST: \$30 PER PERSON

MENU: MIXED GREENS

GRILLED CHICKEN WITH BOWTIE PASTA, ARTICHOKE AND SUN-DRIED TOMATOES IN

A PARMESAN WHITE WINE GARLIC SAUCE

CHOCOLATE MOUSSE WITH RASPBERRY SAUCE

QUESTIONS: CALL MITZI MARCKESANO AT 239 561-5513

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM TO BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MARCH 23, 2020 ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK MADE OUT TO FMLCGC FOR \$30.

TO: CHARLENE ANDERSON, 2721 SW 36TH LANE, CAPE CORAL, FL 33914

ATTENDEE NAME: _____

GARDEN CLUB: _____

REGISTRATION FORM LDS COURSE IV – SPACE, DESIGN AND PEOPLE

April 24 & 25, 2020

Registration Fee: \$70

The registration fee includes lunch, snacks and exam.

Registration Deadline: March 30, 2020

Late fee \$10 if received after 3/30/20

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

NGC Members: _____

Club: _____

District #: _____

_____ I am taking this course as a Refresher: to maintain my Consultant's Certificate (no exam required)

_____ I am taking to maintain Master Consultant

No Refunds will be given

Include check for the total amount payable to: FFGC District IX

Mail registration form and check to:
Kathy Woodlock 1103 SE 14th St.
Cape Coral, FL 33990
kywbio@gmail.com

National Garden Clubs, Inc. provides education, resources, and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility.

ABOUT LDS COURSES

Landscape Design School (LDS) courses are open to everyone, regardless of National Garden Club, Inc. (NGC) membership. Each of the four courses has an optional exam. NGC members wishing to apply to be NGC Landscape Design Consultants should fulfill these requirements: Take all four courses, pay the testing fees, and then pass each test.

Non-members fulfilling the above requirements may apply to be Consultants upon joining an NGC-affiliated club within one calendar year of the completion date of the fourth course.

Consultants may serve on their state's Landscape Design Consultants' Council.

Students who only attend the course, but who do not take the test, will receive a Certificate of Achievement.



FFGC DISTRICT IX and

Ft. Myers-Lee County Garden Council

Presents

National Garden Clubs
Landscape Design School

(LDS)

Series 36 Course IV

April 24 & 25, 2020

Ft. Myers -County Garden Center
2166 Virginia Ave, Ft. Myers, Florida
33901

Chairperson:

Vicki Williamson

(802) 324-3847

vbilliamson47@gmail.com

For more information on the
Landscape Design School, see the
National Garden Clubs, Inc. website:
www.gardenclub.org

COURSE OVERVIEW

DAYS:

Friday, April 24, 2020 9am / 4:30 pm
Saturday, April 25, 2020 9am / 4:30 pm

LOCATION:

Ft. Myers – Lee County Garden Center
2166 Virginia Ave. Ft. Myers, FL 33901
(239) 332-4942
FMLCGCGardencouncil.com

TOPICS:

Development of Landscape Architecture:
WWII to Present
Contemporary Landscape Design
Design for the Future
Resign of Areas
Community Participation: Organization &
Individual Responsibility
History & Development of Community
Gardens: A Brief History of Urban Garden
Programs in the States by Laura Lawson, at
<http://agriturban.rugigers.edu/WhatIsUrbanAg.html>
Evaluating Landscape Designs of
Residential, Public & Business Property

Special Interest Lecture:

Community Gardens:
(Wear suitable clothing & shoes for walking. Tour will
accommodate handicapped with prior notice.) Day

One concludes with a one - hour Guided tour of
Edison Ford Winter Estates.

See www.DistrictIX.org, "Educational
Opportunities" for interactive registration
form and brochure.

EXAM:

Each day concludes with a course review and
optional exam. NOTE: Students seeking the
National Garden Club designation of
Landscape Design Consultant must pay for
and pass all exams. To pass each course a
student must achieve a grade of 70% or higher.
Students, who opt out of the exams will
receive a Certificate of Achievement. See
About LDS Courses.



Fort Myers Lee County Council Gardens

About the Ft. Myers - Lee County Garden Council: Its
theme is "Nurturing Nature" Membership is 19
Clubs and 6 Plant Societies.

On site is the Berne Davis Botanical Garden

TEXTBOOKS & READING

The required reading for this course is
Stewards of the Land: A Survey of
Landscape, Architecture and Design in
America by Marilyn K. Alaimo (editor),
along with the NGC subscription
publication, The National Gardener.

Chapters to read for Course IV:
20,21,26,31,33,36& History &
Development of Community Gardens

The book and magazine are available from
NGC, Inc, Member Services, (800) 550-
6007. or Gardenclub.org.

Alternatively, the book may be purchased at
Amazon.com.

**There will be an exam at the end of each
day.**

Your Registration confirmation will be sent to
you via e-mail as well as course materials, for
your review prior to class.

**PLEASE download and bring to
class.**

Pending FFGC Approval - Course IIII to be held
April 24/25 '20at the Ft. Myers-Lee County Garden
Council building. 2166 Virginia Ave, Ft Myers 33902



The Golden Years of Cape Coral



An NGC Standard Flower Show

April 30 – May 2, 2020

SCHEDULE

Cape Coral Public Library - Large Meeting Room

921 SW 39th Terrace

Cape Coral, FL 33914

Open to the Public - Free Admission and Parking

Friday, May 1 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Saturday, May 2 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Presented by

Garden Club of Cape Coral, Inc.

gardenclubofcapecoral.com

Affiliations

National Garden Clubs, Inc.; Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc., and

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.; District IX, and

Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council, Inc.

AND

Potpourri Designers

Affiliation

Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council, Inc.



"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need." – Cicero

SHOW TIMETABLE

Please use the rear entrance to the large meeting room for horticulture.

Glassware and water will be outside the door.

Use the side entrance (just before main entrance) to bring in Designs.

Please see the diagram on back page.

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| Tues. April 28 th | TBA | Pick up glassware and staging materials from Garden Council (Kathy Woodlock, Sue Lawson and Sandy Gove) |
| Wed. April 29 th | noon - 4:00 | Set up tables – Committee |
| Thur. April 30 th | 9:00 - 4:30 | Container plants, cut horticulture, accepted and entered by classification |
| | noon - 4:30 | Designs and Botanical Arts accepted and approved Educational Exhibits accepted |
| Friday May 1 st | 9:00 - 11:30 | Cut horticulture accepted and entered by Classification |
| | 9:00 - 11:30 | Designs and Botanical Arts accepted and approved |
| | 11:30 | Exhibitors must leave the area |
| | 11:30 | Judges luncheon and briefing |
| | 1:00 - 3:00 | JUDGING |
| | 3:00 – 4:30 | Show open to the public |
| Saturday May 2 nd | 9:00 - 3:00 | Show open to the public |
| | 3:00 - 4:30 | Exhibits are removed and take-down of show |

2017 Handbook for Flower Shows by National Garden Clubs, Inc.

