



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
 THE FORT MYERS - LEE COUNTY GARDEN COUNCIL, INC.
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P r e s i d e n t ' s M e s s a g e

HELLO EVERYONE.

Welcome to the New Year and all the happenings of this year.

The Gardens are blooming with visitors! We have hosted over 300 visitors due to the News Press.

Thank you to all clubs who were vigilant in covering the Gardens. You are most appreciated. Moreover if you find anything amiss at the gardens , please let me know.

Announcements will follow.

Brief as this may be, I stand with pride as your President.

Love, Kay
 hollowaykayh@aol.com



Congratulations to Alva Garden Club!

On Saturday, December 5, 2015 at 7pm there was an evening of Storytelling at the Alva Museum. It was a collaborative project of the Alva Garden Club & The Alva Library Association.

A very successful event & a good time had by all!

Pictured here: Bernadette –Estero Island GC, Winnie –Royal Palm GC, Joyce-Alva GC and Monica-Poinciana GC



Art in Bloom

Sunday Feb. 28th , 2016

1pm—4pm

Designs to be set up before 12 noon.

Pictures of art will be available at the council meeting Jan 8

**Berne Davis
 Honorary Service
 Award**

Nominations are due March 25th.

Please send nominations to:
 Mitzi Marckesano-Chairwoman
 BDHSA Selection Committee
 8220 Glenfinnan Circle
 Fort Myers, FL 33912

Awards Luncheon is April 8th

For The Latest Info Check Our Website
 Www. fmlcgardencouncil.com

F M L C G C General Meeting - Call to order 9:30 am—January 8, 2016

Program - “Florida’s Ecosystems” Presented by David Southall

Horticulture Tidbit - Weather and What to Expect

Design Time— Natural objects found throughout Florida—wood, grasses, vines, etc..

Please join us at 9:00 am for refreshments provided by: Poinciana Garden Club

Garden Council Meetings Dates

<p><u>UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS</u> (Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs)</p> <p>Date: Friday Feb. 5th, 2016 Date: Friday Mar. 4th, 2016</p> <p>MEETINGS FROM 9:30 am TO 11:30 am</p> <p>Garden Council Headquarters 2166 Virginia Ave. Fort Myers, FL</p>	<p><u>GENERAL COUNCIL MEETINGS</u> All are Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FRIDAY Jan 8, 2016 • Hostess - Poinciana Garden Club • Program - "Florida's Ecosystem" • Next Meeting Friday Mar 11, 2016 • Hostess: Jasmine Garden Club • Program- "Mangroves" 	<p><u>GENERAL MEETINGS</u></p> <p>MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH EVERY OTHER MONTH SEPTEMBER TO MAY</p> <p>RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER 3061 E. Riverside Drive FM 33916</p> <p>HOSPITALITY: 9:00 am to 9:30 am MEETING: 9:30 am to 11:30 am</p>
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MAILBAG

Hosting the Berne Davis Gardens on Virginia Avenue

This is the fourth season we have had the Berne Davis Gardens open to the public on Tuesdays from 10 am to 1 pm. Being open to the public is a requirement for 'botanical' status so it is important that we support this effort. There has been some confusion about the process recently so a recap follows.

We ask each club/society to host one Tuesday during the season (October through May). The Council Board members host the month of October. The clubs/societies are assigned dates (starting in November) in alphabetical order by name of their club/society. The schedule is published in the September Courier. A reminder note is sent to the club president and delegates a few weeks prior to their scheduled hosting date. Details on entering the gardens and closing up are also provided. It is each club/society's responsibility to get two or three members to host the gardens on that date.

If your club has a specific date they would prefer to host, simply let us know in early September before we publish the schedule.

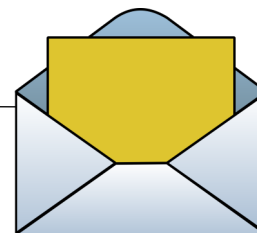
After that, trading dates with another club is possible but you will need to contact that club directly to make those arrangements and notify us of the change.

We ask that outgoing presidents convey this responsibility to their new board members. Caryn Kast (carynkast@gmail.com) is our contact.

We had a great article published in the News-Press Tropicalia on December 20th and attendance has soared. We find that residents and visitors enjoy visiting the gardens.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping the Berne Davis Gardens open to the public.

Carolee Drotos-Garden Maintenance



Nov 19, 2015

Dear Members of the Fort Myers Garden Council:

Katie and I wanted to express our sincere thanks for inviting us to join you last Friday.

We would love to host you for a tour in the spring. Katie could come to give you an update on herself as she prepares to graduate!

Again, our deepest thanks for your invitation and your support.

Best Wishes,

Dolly Farrell

Director, Donor Relations FGCU

Note: Katie is a senior at FGCU in sustainability outreach and the recipient of the \$2000 Fort Myers-Lee Council Garden Council Scholarship.

Coccoloba Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society has some FABULOUS classes coming up!
The latest and greatest information is always available on our websites:
Www.FNPSCoccoloba.org and www.wetplan.org
Check us Out!

History of the Edison Pageant of Light

The Edison Pageant of Light was the inspiration of the late Robert Halgrim, newspaperman and personal friend of Mr. Edison. Mr. Halgrim wanted to create a celebration paying homage to the great inventor which would become a living memorial to the man himself. The Fort Myers Woman's Community Club and the Jaycees enthusiastically helped him develop the mythical kingdom of Edisonia concept. In 1938, seven years after Thomas Edison's death, the related events became annual events and have remained since pausing only from 1942-1945 during the war. The organization enjoys putting on a King & Queen's Ball, a Coronation Ball, the Thomas Alva Edison Birthday Party & an Edison Festival of Light Parade Party. These popular and ever expanding events are a meaningful and fun tradition for members and community alike. These events take place and experience great success due to the generous efforts of Edison Pageant of Light members, committees and the Pageant's community supporters. Did you know that we at the Garden Council have a close connection with this grand tradition? Well, we do! Our very own Kay Holloway was our Edison Pageant of Light Queen in 1968! And not only that; her mother was the very 1st Queen in 1938 and our very own Berne Davis was Queen in 1939!

For more information on this wonderful event go to www.edisonpageant.com



Members of Crown Colony Garden Club visited the Berne Davis Botanical Gardens on Jan.4th. A program on the history of the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council was presented by Mae Jean Nothstine of the Royal Palm Garden Club. And an educational program on the care and feeding of bromeliads was presented by Dale Kammerlohr of the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society. A tour of the garden was led by Carolee Drotos of Royal Palm.



Edison - Ford Winter Estates

Monthly Garden Talks on 2nd Saturday 10:00 am

\$5.00 Members- \$10 Non-Members

January 9th—"Growing and Using Herbs"

March 12th—"Making a Home Cutting Garden"

April 9th—"Growing and Caring for Palms"

May 14th- "Orchids"

June 11th- "Vines"

July 9th—"Vertical Gardening"

*****Feb 13-14 Edison Festival Garden Market 9a-5pm Come and enjoy all our vendors!*****

****Feb 28th Art in Bloom 1-4pm Free of Charge. Come and enjoy interpretation of artists work by floral designers. Event to be on the new porch of the Edison Ford Museum. People Choice Awards 1st, 2nd & 3rd****

Web: EdisonFordWinterEstates.org/events

New to the area or just looking for good horticultural information?

The County Extension Service has it!

Homepage for Lee County Extension <http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu/>

FLORIDA YARD & NEIGHBORHOOD FREE WORKSHOPS!!

Jan 15-Friday, 1-4pm at Rotary Park
Jan 21-Thursday, 9-12noon at Sanibel Library
Jan 26-Tuesday, 6-9pm at Rotary Park
Feb 6-Saturday, 9-12noon at Rotary Park
Feb 23-Tuesday, 6-9pm at Rotary Park
Mar 19-Saturday, 9-12noon at Rotary Park
Mar 22-Tuesday, 6-9pm at Rotary Park



GARDENING SERIES

****FREE****

9am—10:30 am Rotary Park in Cape Coral

Jan 8- Selecting & Using Herbicides
Jan 22- Plant this, NOT that
Feb 12-Grow Your Own Vitamins
Feb 26- Kritters- Welcome or Unwelcome Wildlife?
Mar 11-Gardening Tips & Favorite Garden Tools

A wealth of information for OUR area.

University of Florida - Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences

*Jasmine Garden Club, Inc.*2016 Bok Tower Gardens Bus Tour

WHEN: TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016

TIME: 8 AM TO 6 PM

COST: \$30 BUS FEE,

PLUS \$15* ADMISSION FEE

TO GARDEN & PINEWOOD ES-
TATE

This tour is open to all of the members of Jasmine Garden Club, Inc. and the Fort Myers- Lee County Garden Council, Inc. their friends and family!

Please contact Mitzi Marckesano

(239) 561-5513 or email her at

couponqwn@hotmail.com

to make your reservation.

Information from Gulf Coast Garden Club

January will ring in the New Year with exciting Programs & Garden Trips!
Monday, January 11, regular meeting, Suzy Valentine & David Southall will present "Synergy in Gardens and in Designs" sounds sizzling !

The program of the day will be the energetic, Adrienne Diaz , Master Gardener and owner of Ms. Potter's nursery, "Secrets of Growing Herbs and Spices " .
Time: 9:00 - 11:30. Guests \$5. Includes sumptuous hospitality.

Unity Church , 28285 Imperial Parkway, Bonita Springs 34135. All welcome.

January 19, Petite Design Workshop at Bonita Bay , Estero Bay Pavilion, 1:00 to 3:00. Members \$10.00. Non- members, \$15.00. A little bit goes a long way ! Call Reggi Wilson to register, 494-7014.

Monday, February 8. Regular meeting. Program: Sogetsu Ikebana with Loris Dallal, Certified Instructor (30 years experience). The ancient art of Japanese flower arranging. Enjoy the quiet, peaceful feeling.

Friday, Feb. 19, 10:00 a.m. Don't miss this trip to the Butterfly Garden at the Corkscrew Woodlands. Our dear Betty Mazzarella helped develop this exquisite garden. 21600 Corkscrew Woodlands Blvd, Estero 33928

Donation suggested. Call Leslie Allen to register 973-886-5711.

Monday, Feb. 22. 1:00 - 3:00 at Bonita Bay. Lorna O'Hara's Creative Design Workshop !

Any questions may be directed to Kathy Erickson, 947-1986, or kathygcgc10@gmail

We are the "Little Garden That Could"!!

If you haven't seen us in the feature article of the Dec 20th Tropicalia, please copy and paste the link below!

<http://www.news-press.com/story/entertainment/2015/11/21/berne-davis-fort-myers-garden-botanical-tour-club-flowers-/74047760/>

**Local Farmer's Markets - buylocallee.com**

Lakes Park Market Fri. 9 - 1 pm Free Parking at 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers Oct 2-Apr 29th, 2016

Bonita Springs Sat. 8 - 12pm Promenade at Bonita Bay, 26811 S. Bay Drive 691-9249 Oct 3- Apr 30, 2016

Cape Coral Sat. 8 - 1 pm Downtown, SE 47th Terr. and SE 10th Place, over 100 vendors Oct 17-

Coconut Point Farmers Market- Thurs. 9am -1pm Coconut Point Mall- October 1, 2015 - April 28, 2016

Parking is plentiful and FREE anywhere in the Coconut Point Mall. We're Pet Friendly!

Fenway South F.M. Wed. 9am-1pm. 11500 Fenway South Dr., Nov 4th-Mar 30th Parking Free in JetBlue Park.

Fort Myers F.M. at FSW Sat. 9am-1pm 8099 College Pkwy., Oct 3rd-Apr 30th, Parking available on campus.

Green Market Sat. 9 - 1 pm Alliance of the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd. - Fort Myers 939-2787

Sanibel Island Sun. 8 - 1pm Sanibel City Hall, 800 Dunlop Road - more than 45 vendors - Oct 4-Apr 24, 2016
Parking is located in the lots at Sanibel City Hall, Sanibel Library, BIG Arts, Schoolhouse Theater. Bicycles can be parked at the designated area at City Hall. Handicap parking is located at City Hall. We're Pet Friendly!

ATTENTION ALL DESIGNERS

The 2016 Strolling Flower Show hosted by the Periwinkle Garden Club at the Forest on Thursday Feb 4th is drawing near. We are excited to admire your creations based on this year's theme "Let Hope, Peace and Love Flourish as Flowers Bloom for Mr. Edison"

We would like to remind you that backdrops are no longer required and that your application to enter the show should be returned by January 15th. The Awards Luncheon will start at 12:00pm. Remember to make your reservations with your Garden Club President. Please refer to your written documents for additional information or feel free to call me. My co-chair Pam Kollmann and I, along with all the members of our club take this opportunity to wish you a blessed New Year.

Farah L. Turnier-Chair

Garden Council & Berne Davis Botanical Garden Open House Hours are on Tuesdays 10 - 1 pm Each Club and Society takes a turn Hosting.

Hostess Schedule

Jan. 5th, 2016 Fiddlesticks Garden Club
Jan. 12th, 2016 Florida Native Plant Society
Jan. 19th, 2016 Fort Myers Herb Enthusiasts
Jan. 26th, 2016 Garden Club of Cape Coral
Feb. 2nd, 2016 Garden Club of Lehigh Acres

Feb. 9th, 2016 Gardens of the World
Feb. 16th, 2016 Greater Fort Myers Rose Society
Feb. 23rd, 2016 Gulf Coast Garden Club
Mar. 1st, 2016 Jasmine Garden Club
Mar. 8th, 2016 Kelly Greens Garden Club

Please contact CARYN KAST with any questions: 994-2926 or carynkast@gmail.com.

EACH CLUB IS RESPONSIBLE TO FIND MEMBERS TO REPORT or WORK WITH ANOTHER CLUB TO "TRADE" DATES.

Hostesses are required to open the gate and be available for visitors to answer questions.

C a l e n d a r o f E v e n t s

January 15th– Florida's Arbor Day

February 4th & 5th, 2016– Strolling Flower Show Hosted by Periwinkle Garden Club at the Forrest Country Club
Awards Luncheon on the 4th at 12:30. Applications due Jan. 15, 2016

February 13-14th, 2016– Edison Festival of Light Garden Market 9am—5pm Come enjoy all the Vendors!

March 7-8, 2016– Deep South Region 55th Annual Convention. Horseshoe Hotel & Casino, Tunica, Mississippi

March 12, 2016–March in the Park Hosted by Garden Club of Cape Coral at Jaycee Park off Del Prado Blvd 9am

March 12, 2016 -Alva Garden Club Annual Plant Sale & Strawberry Shortcake Festival 9am-1pm at Alva Museum

March 16 & 17, 2016 - Standard Flower Show "Be My Guest" Hosted by Royal Palm Garden Club at Zion Church on Winkler.

March 20-22, 2016 -Course IV of Flower Show School at Legacy Harbour Hotel & Suites. Sunday 4-6 Flower Show Procedure

Monday 9-5:30 Horticulture with Tina Tuttle. Tuesday all day Design with Gina Jogan. Contact Terry Pinck 239-368-5615

April 3-5, 2016–Spring Symposium Sponsored by Dist IX Judges' Council at Embassy Suites in Estero

Program: All-Purpose Palms-Kathleen Hawryluk, Multi-Rhythm & Creative Abstract Designs-Claudia Bates, Philodendrons And Arboreals (Branching Out) -David Robson. Contact info: terry.pinck@gmail.com or ldason3@tampabay.rr.com

April 8, 2016 –Friday– 7th Annual Berne Davis Honorary Service Award and Luncheon Whisky Creek Country Club

April 17-19, 2016 FFGC 90th Annual Convention & Flower Show . Embassy Suites, Lake Buena Vista South, Kissimmee, FL

April 29-30, 2016- "Spring Spectacular" Standard Flower Show. Cape Coral Library. Hosted by Cape Coral Garden Club

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