



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 Hosting!

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

Hostess Schedule
(by random drawing)

- Jan. 8- Bromeliad Society
- Jan. 15-Carissa Garden Club
- Jan. 22-Jasmine Garden Club
- Jan. 29-Caloosa Rare Fruit Club
- Feb. 5-Poinciana Garden Club
- Feb. 12-Crown Colony Garden Club
- Feb. 19-Pine Island Garden Club
- Feb. 26-Gulf Coast Garden Club
- Mar. 5-Garden Club Lehigh Acres
- Mar. 12-Alva Garden Club
- Mar. 19-Kelly Greens Garden Club
- Mar. 26-Fiddlesticks Garden Club

Questions? Contact Caryn Kast
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President's Message

Greetings,

As the Holiday Season draws to a close, we are hoping yours was both peaceful and joyous.

We have been busy at the Council and are happy to report that we will be dedicating a Blue Star Memorial Marker on Friday, January 11th after our regular council meeting. The old Fort Myers train station/museum on Jackson Street has been completely renovated and is now called the Collaboratory – home of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation. Some of you may remember this was where the soldiers came through on their way to training at Buckingham Field during World War II – part of Fort Myers’ rich military history We hope you can join us for the celebration!

We will have Kathleen Hawryluk as the presenter at the Council meeting on the 11th. She will get us into the groove for the bi-annual Flower Show. It will take place at the council building on March 1st and 2nd. Since my time as your president is drawing to a close, the show’s theme will be “It’s All About Water”, a subject that is near and dear to my heart. The classes and categories will be very interesting. We will also be fortunate to have Rae Ann Weasel from Sanibel Captiva Foundation, our leading local expert of what’s doing with our water, speak at 11 am on Saturday. This will be an educational exhibit, a novel idea that Mae Jean Nothstine, our show chair person, was able to get permission to present.

Big things are coming up throughout the remaining season – so stay tuned..

Please start thinking about the Berne Davis Honorary Service Award. I’m sure there is someone in your club who would be worthy of recognition for all their service. We will be looking for nominations.

Sincerely,

Bernadette Hamera



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

Garden Council Meeting Dates

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

(Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs)

- Date: Jan. 4th, 2019
 - Date: Feb. 1st, 2019
 - Date: Mar. 1st, 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, Jan. 11, 2019

Hostess:

Alva Garden Club

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. Jan. 11th

PROGRAM - "Specialty Flower Arrangements"

By: Kathleen Hawryluk-Accredited Life Judge

A Fond Farewell to Judy Gore

Judy Gore has been a Member and Design Judge for Potpurrie Designers. She has shared her expert knowledge and amazing design creativity with so many in our Garden Club Community over the years. She will be missed on so many levels; teacher, advisor, helper, competitor and especially friend. On the bright side, she is moving near Orlando to a lovely smaller home with a greenhouse her son had built for her. She is looking forward to spending more time with family and finding new adventures in District 8. Wishing her only peaceful times and new adventures...

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NGC, INC. AWARD WINNERS FOR 2017

AWARD #18- COUNCIL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW: "Celebration! Our Past Today & Tomorrow TO FMLCGC

AWARD #MP3 SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE- POINCIANA GARDEN CLUB

AWARD #MP4 VIDEO/CD/DVD/FLASH DRIVE: GARDEN CLUB OF CAPE CORAL

**You are invited to attend the dedication of a
BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER
Honoring past & present United States Military Personnel**

Friday ~ January 11, 2019 12noon

**Southwest Florida Community Foundation
The Collaboratory ~ FM Train Station
2031 Jackson St., Fort Myers**

**Sponsored by: Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council, Inc.
RSVP to Charlene Anderson at (978) 828-6696**

Anyone looking to purchase
Palm trees??

Please call: Dallas Flint
239 340-9012



Edison - Ford Winter Estates

2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers FL 33901

Web: EdisonFordWinterEstates.org/events

Monthly Garden Talks 10:00 am

\$10.00 Members- \$15 Non-Members

Jan. 12	Easy to Grow Cut Flowers
Mar. 09	Vines that Thrive
Apr. 13	Roses in SWFL

Special Events

Wings Over Florida

January 15, 2019 at 1:30 FMLCGC Building

Edison Ford Winter Garden Festival

February 9th, 2019 from 9a-5pm & 10th from 9a-4pm
Dozens of vendors from all over Florida will have unique plants and garden related items for sale. The Edison Ford Garden Shoppe will feature hundreds of plants found growing in the surrounding botanical gardens.

Florida Friendly Landscaping

Garden Walks-Join a master gardener for a walk through Rotary Park. Learn about butterflies and birds and how you can attract them to your yard.

Free Gardening Series-Fridays 9am-10:30am at Rotary Park

Introductory FFL Workshops at Rotary Park

RSVP 239 549-4606

Rotary Park, Environmental Center, 5505 Rose Garden Rd., Cape Coral 33914

For more information on FFL : email FYN@leegov.com or capeparcs.com



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!

FREE GUIDED NATURE WALKS 9-10:30 am

Jan 5 - Prairie Pines Preserve, 18400 N Tamiami Trail, 1/4 mile-Easy

Jan 11 - Powell Creek Preserve, 15601 Hart Rd., 1.1 miles-Moderate

Jan 12 - Galt Preserve, 3661 Stringfellow Rd., 1.5 miles-Moderate

Jan 19 - Caloosahatchee Creek Preserve, 10130 Bayshore Rd., 1 mile-Easy

Jan 23 - Pine Is Flatwoods Preserve, 6351 Stringfellow Rd., 1.1 miles-Moderate

Jan 26 - Wild Turkey Strand Preserve, 11901 Rod&Gun Club Rd., 1.8m, Moderate

Feb 2 - Prairie Pines Preserve, 18400 N Tamiami Trail, 1/4 mile-Easy

Feb 9 - Galt Preserve, 3661 Stringfellow Rd., 1.5 miles-Moderate

Feb 16 - Caloosahatchee Creek Preserve, 10130 Bayshore Rd., 1 mile-Easy

Feb 23 - Wild Turkey Strand Preserve, 11901 Rod&Gun Club Rd., 1.8m, Moderate

Feb 27 - Pine Is Flatwoods Preserve, 6351 Stringfellow Rd., 1.1 miles-Moderate



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SWFL Orchid Society would like to invite any interested parties to attend:
 Tue, Jan 8, 2019– 7:30pm Tom Kuligowski will be speaking on Angraecums
 Tue, Feb 12, 2019– 7:30pm Carol Holdren will be speaking– topic a Surprise!
 Tue, Mar 12, 2019– 7:30pm David Genoveese will demonstrate how to break down an orchid flask

JUDGES COUNCIL ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW AT FMLCGC HEADQUARTERS
 FEB 14TH OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 1-4:30PM

February 16, 2019 the Garden Club of Cape Coral is sponsoring a bus trip to Vizcaya Museum and Garden Tour in Miami. Vizcaya's gardens are among the most elaborate in the US, reminiscent of gardens created in 17th and 18th century Italy and France. The bus will leave the Coralwood Mall at 7am and return approximately 5pm. The fee is \$53.00. Checks are due by January 9, 2019, payable to Garden Club of Cape Coral and mailed to P.O. Box 152022, Cape Coral, FL, 33915. Any questions, please contact Donna Schneider at 507-301-2542, or email schnd@hotmail.com.

Attention all designers and horticulturists!

The bi-annual Garden Council Flower Show *"It's All About Water"* scheduled for March 1st and 2nd is looking for designers and gardeners to enter. For a copy of the schedule please email us at fmlcgardencouncil@gmail.com

Mar 5, 2019 the Crown Colony Garden Club is sponsoring a bus trip to Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota. Cost is \$50 for a docent guided tour. Bus will depart at 7:30 am from Crown Colony. Everyone is welcome. Make reservations by Feb 19th with Betty Busselberg at soldfarm@comcast.net or 239 481-7755. Checks made to Betty Busselberg and sent to Betty at 8911 Dartmoor Way, FM 33908.

FMLCGC Calendar of Upcoming Events

Jan 11, 2019, Friday-Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication The Collaboratory, 2031 Jackson St, FM 12 noon
 Jan 12, 2019 Saturday-SWFL Orchid Society, Tamiami Orchid Festival Bus Trip. \$25/members \$35/non-members SOLD OUT
 Jan 15, 2019 Tuesday-Gulf Coast Garden Club, Sugar Trip Leaves Bonita Springs 7:30am tickets \$15, call 607 351-2005
 Jan 18, 2019 Friday-Florida Arbor Day
 Mar 1-2, 2019 Fri-Sat-FMLCGC Bi-Annual Flower Show, *"It's All About Water"* Headquarters Building. See info above.
 Mar 9, 2019 Saturday-GC of Cape Coral, March in the Park, Plant & Garden Sale, Jaycee Park off Del Prado, Cape Coral 9am
 Mar 9, 2019 Saturday-Alva GC, Annual Plant/Bake Sale & Strawberry Shortcake Festival, Alva Museum, 1pm
 Date TBD —Berne Davis Honorary Service Award (Stay tuned for further info as it becomes available)

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