

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)

- October 09- Executive Board
- October 16- Executive Board
- October 23- Executive Board
- October 30- Executive Board
- Nov. 06- Jasmine Garden Club
- Nov. 13- Bonita Springs Trop Fruit
- Nov. 20- Royal Palm Garden Club
- Nov. 27- Bonsai Society of SWFL
- Dec. 04- McGregor Garden Club
- Dec. 11- Shell Island Garden Club
- Dec. 18- SWFL Orchid Society

**Questions? Contact Caryn Kast
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President's Message

Happy Fall – now that summer is winding down, we are looking forward to cooler and less humid days. The garden is very green right now with all the rain we have been having. Considering it is just a year after Hurricane Irma, we are finally getting back to normal. Those trees that fell in the rear of the garden, are now flourishing.

The Council meeting space has been reserved for 14 of the 30 days in September. And the rest of the year looks the same. We are grateful to be able to serve our community. Those clubs who don't meet at the garden might consider having a meeting or two here, just to have your members come and enjoy our Berne Davis Botanical Garden.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the September Council meeting on September 14th. John Hampton from Southwest Florida Orchid Society will present "The Lovely Orchid". We expect to have the yearbooks available at that time. Please plan on having a delegate to pick up your club's copies.

If you are a federated club and your yearbooks are ready and you are not able to go up to Lakeland for the District IX meeting on October 1st, please bring them to the council meeting and we will deliver them for you.

Big things are happening at the Council this year. We will be offering the Landscape Design Classes in partnership with District IX of FFGC. This will be the first offering of these classes in our area and the October classes are full. The second section will be offered next April. We will have a Flower Show in March and it is never too early for you to think about a member of your club that would be a good candidate to receive the Berne Davis Honorary Service Award.

I'm looking forward to another full year and hope to see you at the council meeting.

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: Sept. 7th, 2018**
- **Date: Oct. 5th, 2018**

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, Sept. 14th, 2018

Hostess:

Jasmine 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. Sept. 14th

PROGRAM—"The Lovely Orchid"

By John Hampton of the SWFL Orchid Society

Local Farmer's Markets

LocalFarmMarkets.org

capecoralfarmersmarket.com

artinlee.org/greenmarket



Lakes Park	Wed. 9 - 1 pm	Free Parking at 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers 33908	Oct. 3-Apr. 24, 2019
Bonita Springs	Sat. 8 - 12 pm	The Promenade, 26795 South Bay Drive , Bonita Springs	Oct. 6- Apr. 27, 2019
Cape Coral	Sat. 8 - 1 pm	Downtown, SE 47th Terr. and SE 10th Place, Cape Coral	Oct. 6-May 11, 2019
Coconut Point	Thur. 9 -1 pm	23106 Fashion Dr., Estero, FL (closed Thanksgiving)	Oct. 4 -Apr. 25, 2019
Jet Blue Park	Mon. 9-1 pm	11500 Fenway South Dr. Fort Myers, FL 33913	Jan. 7-Mar. 25, 2019
Green Market	Sat. 9 - 1 pm	Alliance of the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd. - Fort Myers	Year Round
Sanibel Island	Sun. 8 - 1pm	Sanibel City Hall, 800 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, FL 33957	Oct. 7-May 26,2019
Captiva Island	Tues. 9 - 1pm	South Seas Island Resort, 5400 Plantation Rd., Captiva 33924	Jan. 1-Apr.26, 2019
River District	Thur. 9 -1pm	Centennial Park, 201 Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33901	Year Round

CONGRATULATIONS to the **Garden Club of Lehigh Acres**, who completed their Beautification Project at the Lehigh Acres Post Office this past June! Under the sponsorship of the local Ace Hardware, who supplied all the necessary materials and plants, the Project was a Gift to the people of Lehigh. The club hopes to make a trip to the Post Office more interesting as the plants mature and to increase awareness and membership in the Lehigh Garden Club. Great idea! Keep up the good work.

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

Sept. 08	Edible Gardens
Oct. 13	Orchid Do's & Don'ts
Dec. 08	Succulents & Cactus
Jan. 12	Easy to Grow Cut Flowers

Special Events

Edison Fall Garden Festival

NOVEMBER 17-18TH

Unique heritage plants and trees, several dozen local vendors. One stop shopping for unique garden items. Event is FREE to public!

Florida Friendly Landscaping at Rotary Park

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

- Oct. 12th– Florida Vegetables
- Oct. 26th– Yard Bugs
- Nov. 2nd– Plant Propagation
- Nov. 16th–Attracting Butterflies
- Nov. 30th–Costly Yard Mistakes

Introduction to FFL Workshops –10am-12noon (Sept. 22, Oct. 25, Nov. 2)

All workshops followed by Garden Walks-Join a master gardener for a walk through Rotary Park.

RSVP 239 549-4606

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



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 8-9:30 am

Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve East– Saturday Sept. 8th

10130 Bayshore Rd. North Fort Myers, Trail is 1 mile loop, Easy

Powell Creek Preserve—Saturday Sept. 22nd

15601 Hart Rd., North Fort Myers, Trail is 1 mile loop, Easy

Prairie Pines Reserve-Saturday Oct. 6th

18400 N Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers, Trail is 1/4 mile loop, Easy

Wild Turkey Strand Preserve-Saturday Oct. 20th

11901 Rod & Gun Club Rd., Fort Myers, Trail is 1.8mile, Moderate



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ninth annual “Scarecrows in the Park” contest Oct. 12-28, 2018

Registration Deadline is Sept 21st, 2018~

Please go to the following link for your application!

www.lakesparkenrichmentfoundation.org/ninth-annual-scarecrows-in-the-park-contest-oct-12-28/



ROOKERY BAY

ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve



Free Admission on National Estuaries Day on Saturday, Sept. 29—Don't miss it!

FMLCGC Calendar of Upcoming Events

Oct. 19th, 2018 Friday-Garden Club Cape Coral “Fun with Flowers” class \$15; registration info @ gardenclubofcapecoral.com
Location: FMLCGC Headquarters, 10am—Noon , all are welcome!

Oct. 27th, 2018 Saturday-American Hibiscus Society Annual Fall Sale-Salvation Army Hall, 10291 McGregor Blvd 2-4 pm

Nov. 2nd, 2018 Friday-Poinciana Garden Club Annual Plant & Yard Sale-1416 Charles Rd., Fort Myers, FL 8am-4 pm

Nov. 3- 4th, 2018 Saturday & Sunday-Bonsai Society of SWFL 37th Annual Show & Sale-2166 Virginia Ave, 9am-4 pm

Nov. 13th, 2018 Tuesday-Jasmine Garden Club Annual Fundraiser, Covenant Presbyterian, 2439 McGregor Blvd 10 am-1 pm

Nov. 13th, 2018 Tuesday-SWFL Orchid Society Annual Fundraiser, Faith United Methodist, 15690 McGregor Blvd 7:30 pm

Nov. 17th, 2018 Saturday-FMLCGC Garden Walk in conjunction with Edison Garden Festival, 2166 Virginia Ave. 11 am

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