



Pictured are the 2020 and 2021 officers of the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council. Left to right are Hamilton Agnew, treasurer; Judy Francino, outgoing president; Susan Lawson, president; Laura Jibben, outgoing advisor; Bernadette Hamera, outgoing advisor; Debbie Hughes, outgoing advisor; Sylvia Lightbody, corresponding secretary; Charlene Anderson, recording secretary; Francesca McIntyre, assistant treasurer; Paula Novander, advisor; Mitzi Marckesano, advisor; Bonnie McClure, outgoing recording secretary; Sylvia Swartz, second vice president. Not shown: Diane Schmidt, outgoing assistant treasurer; Mae Jean Nothstine, first vice president. SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-PRESS photo by Anina Bachrach

# Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council welcomes its newly elected officers

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The Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council has elected officers for 2021. Officers include Susan Lawson, President; Sylvia Lightbody, Corresponding Secretary; Hamilton Agnew, Treasurer; Charlene Anderson, Recording Secretary; Francesca McIntyre, Assistant Treasurer; Paula Novander, advisor; Mitzi Marckesano, advisor; Sylvia Swartz, Second Vice President and Mae Jean Nothstine,

First Vice-President.

The Council has closed tours of the Berne Davis Botanical Garden for the summer months and is providing rejuvenation of the garden for its opening for tours on Oct. 5.

The Council will be holding its flower show on Nov. 19-20. The theme is "The World Is Yours to Explore." It will honor the out-going president, Judy Francino.

The Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council was formed in 1957. Membership provides an opportu-

nity to learn about floral design, growing plants suitable for our locale, and conservation methods. The Council assists in educating and beautifying the community, and improving the environment. A speakers bureau provides speakers for meetings and events. The Council is a member of the National Garden Clubs, the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, and American Public Gardens Association.

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