



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

3rd Annual OPEN HOUSE

Sat. Nov. 17th
9:00 - 2:00 pm

Please join us at the Berne Davis Botanical Gardens to take a garden walk, find out about other clubs and the specialty plant societies or just enjoy a day in the gardens. The Potpourri Designers will have designs to admire and demonstrate palm trimming and weaving techniques. Member clubs will have items to sell and the 2013 Convention *Dollar Days* promises some real Florida beach bargains. We will be selling some of the excess books from the library - you never know what you may find. Contact Terry Pinck if your club would like to join in the fun. Hope to see you.

We surely have been blessed with wonderful Fall weather here in Southwest Florida! Our thoughts and prayers are with those impacted by Hurricane Sandy further north of us.

The spider lilies Winnie Stone gave me are flourishing and the cuttings I got from Suzy Valentine are growing! Maybe my northern "green thumb" is finally transplanting to Florida.

We are looking forward to a busy year at the Garden Council. November 17th brings our Open House from 9 AM to 2 PM. This event is held in coordination with the Edison & Ford Winter Estates Garden Market. Several member clubs and societies have already signed up for a booth. It should be a bigger than ever event.

December 7th from 2 PM to 4 PM will be our 5th and 55th anniversary celebration - 5 years of being at the Virginia Avenue headquarters and 55 years since the Garden Council's inception. Lots to celebrate. Don't miss it - everyone is invited. The tours of the Berne Davis Botanical Garden have started and we encourage each of you to gather some friends or family together and come visit. We are open every Tuesday from 10AM to 1 PM. Please contact Carolee Drotos-Swales to sign-up to be a guide and show off our beautiful gardens.

The winner of our first scholarship has been selected, Logan McDonald is a resident of Florida and a student at Florida Gulf Coast University. She is expected to attend our January meeting so you will have an opportunity to meet her.

We have eased the application process for the Berne Davis Honorary Service Award and added three new awards. This will give us the opportunity to recognize more of our members who provide so much of the talent and treasure to the Garden Council. Look for details on our updated website and I'll talk more about this at our meeting on November 9th. See you there.

I'm sure I am out of space for this time and Paula will tell me to stop writing. It is just difficult to do with all the wonderful events we are having this year. I hope each of you will participate and enjoy your Garden Council.

Working together all things are possible.

Sincerely,

Laura Jibben - President



- F M L C G C General Meeting - Call to order 9:30 am**
- Inspirational Message - Madeline Wallace
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Reading of the Minutes - Kathryn Patterson, Recording Secretary
 - Corresponding Secretary - Betty Mazzarella
 - Financial Report - Bernadette Hamera, Treasurer
 - President's Report - Laura Jibben
 - 1st Vice President's Report - Debbie Wyatt-Stotter
 - 2nd Vice President's Report - Brenda Norris
 - Reports of Committee Chairs (as needed)
 - Old Business / New Business / Announcements
 - PROGRAM: *Holiday Wreaths* - Ena McGrattan
 - Adjournment
 - Ways & Means - 50/50 drawing -

Garden Council Meetings Dates

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| <p><u>BOARD MEETINGS</u> (Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FRIDAY Nov. 2, 2012 FRIDAY Dec. 7, 2012 <p>MEETINGS FROM 9:30 am TO 11:30 am</p> <p>Garden Council Headquarters 2166 Virginia Ave. Fort Myers Phone: 332-4942</p> | <p><u>GENERAL MEETINGS</u> All are Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FRIDAY Nov. 9, 2012 Hostess - Gardens of the World Program - Holiday Wreaths - Ena Next Meeting Friday Jan. 11 Program: Laura Nelson - Biowash | <p><u>GENERAL MEETINGS</u> MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH EVERY OTHER MONTH SEPTEMBER TO MAY</p> <p>Eco Living Center at Rutenberg Park 6490 South Pointe Blvd. FM HOSPITALITY: 9:00 am to 9:30 am MEETING: 9:30 am to 11:30 am</p> |
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Our benefactor Berne Davis (l) and Winnie Stone recently celebrated a special birthday of Winnie's at the Royal Palm Yacht Club. We celebrate them both for Winnie's suggestion that the Berne Davis Gardens at Council Headquarters' become a Public Botanical Garden. So we are now members of the **American Public Gardens**, have regular opening hours scheduled and have begun the task of labeling our plant collection. Thank-you ladies.



Also on Tuesdays at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates

Garden and Estates Tour led by Edison & Ford horticulturists includes practical home gardening, historic garden tips of the Edison and Ford families and tour of the new organic garden areas, propagating nursery, Garden Shoppe and nearly 25 acres of historic gardens and homes on the river. 10:30 Tuesdays. Adults \$40, children \$16



Ena McGrattan, Diane Raimy and Mitzi Marckesano pose for Adkins Construction's Press Release announcing the new building's completion. May 25, 2007

55 and 5

Hard to believe it has been 5 years since we moved into our new Headquarters' building at 2166 Virginia Ave. Please join us on Friday December 7th as we celebrate this 5 year milestone; 2012 is also the 55th anniversary of the Fort Myers - Lee County Garden Council, Inc. Light refreshments, entertainment, all are invited. Hope to see you there. 2 - 4 pm

"A Brilliant Celebration of Mr. Edison's Mystical Gardens"

February 7th and 8th are the dates for the 2013 STROLLING FLOWER SHOW, sponsored by the Periwinkle Garden Club and Bell Tower Shops. This is a sanctioned event of the Edison Festival of Light.

Drawing for the windows will be this Friday, November 9 at the Garden Council general meeting. Please send a representative from your Garden Club with names, phone numbers, and emails for drawing participants. This is a judged show but not a Standard Flower show; you can even enter as a team. Your arrangement should reflect the theme of the Flower show and relate to the type of store where it is displayed. If you sign up, you will receive a detailed Information Sheet outlining the reminders, requests and requirements. AND the Awards information - if you win a Major Award - you receive a lovely ribbon and gift certificate from one of the participating stores at Bell Tower. So join in the fun! Luncheon will be Thur. 2-7 at THE FOREST County Club.

Happy Strolling, *Pam Kollmann - Chair*
& *Kay Holloway - Co-Chair*



Annual Bonsai Show & Sale

The Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida welcomes all those interested in bonsai trees to come to their annual show.

- A Bonsai Exhibit of beautiful bonsai trees and critiques discussing the way they are styled
- A Bazaar area where bonsai trees, pots and equipment will be sold
- Ongoing raffles of bonsai trees, bonsai related items and Oriental artwork
- Workshops for participants to style their own trees under the guidance of a bonsai master
- Demonstrations of bonsai tree styling by famous bonsai masters.

The show will take place at the Lee County Election Center (across from Bell Tower Shops)

13180 Cleveland Ave. (Rt. 41)
 Saturday Nov. 17 9:00 - 5:00 pm
 Sunday Nov. 18 9:00 - 5:00 pm
www.thebonsaiswfl.com



2ND Saturday of the Month Guided Garden tours are back!

Join us for a strolling tour of what's in flower at the Lakes Park Botanic Garden lead by a Master Gardener or Botanist/Horticulturalist. Visit the Rose Garden, Aquatic Garden, Succulent Garden, Fragrance Garden and Community Garden. Learn about plans to expand the gardens into the 18-acre site. We meet at Community Garden at the end of parking lot #3 at 9:00 a.m. Tour lasts approximately 1 hour; all ages welcome. Lee County Parks & Recreation Parking fee: \$1.00/hour or \$5.00 per day. The Farmer's Market is back - every Friday - 9 - 1pm.



One busy lady ! Judy Gore trims the bonsai tree at the Council Gardens. Judy has been a member of the Bonsai Society for over 30 years, is currently serving as President of the Jasmine GC and a mentor to the beginning designers of the Potpourri Designers Group. An inspiration to us all. THANK-YOU, Judy.

EDISON & FORD WINTER ESTATES - FALL GARDEN MARKET

Dozens of unique Florida garden vendors. Free to the Public, free parking.

Gardeners will be delighted at this one stop shopping for unique garden items including flowering trees, unusual tropical plants and fruits, bougainvillea, orchids, roses, bromeliads, palms, cactus, herbs, bonsai, bamboo, fruit, ginger and butterfly plants as well as garden art, honey, and gardening supplies. Sat. Nov. 17th 9 - 5 pm & Sun. Nov. 18th 9 - 4 pm

Flower Arranging Classes

2166 Virginia Ave. - Council HQ

- Mon. Jan. 7 Class 1 9 - 3 pm
Basic line and the mechanics of design
Instructor - Glenda Dawson
- Mon. Jan. 21 Class 2 9 - 3 pm
Tables: Functional and Exhibition.
Accessories, bases and other objects used in design.
Instructor - Marty Ward
- Mon. Feb. 4 Class 3 1 pm
Creative, Interpretive or Expressive design - *Flower Arranging Today*
with Glenda Dawson

Eco Living Center - 6490 South Pointe

Tuesday Feb. 5 9 am Workshop
 \$60 for all classes, \$10 for 2/4 prog. only
 Contact: Marty Ward 549-7516



Gazebo at the Garden Council decorated for the Open House.



Royal Palm Garden Club gathers to dedicate one of the live oaks to their beloved Sue Bennett.

A TOAST TO THE COAST Countdown ...
 87th Annual Convention of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
 Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa, Fort Myers

April 29 & 30, 2013



Get Your Reservation in TODAY !
 Registration forms are available on the FFGC.org website
 PACKAGE PLAN Includes: Registration Fee (\$15), 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 banquets
 Monday, April 29 and Tuesday April 30, 2013 \$235.00
 YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND ANY PROGRAMS, MEALS or WORKSHOPS
 Hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel.
 Reference FFGFFGC Hotel Deadline: March 29, 2013

Nov. - Dec. 2012 Calendar of Events

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| Jasmine GC Holiday Coffee & Auction Auction starts at 10:00 am | Nov. 13 Coffee at 9:30 Holiday wreathes, table-top trees, centerpieces, baked goods, jams and jellies | Royal Palm Yacht Club, 1st Street, Fort Myers |
| Poinciana GC Plant & Yard Sale | Fri. Nov. 16 8 am Sat. Nov. 17 | 3806 Edgewood Dr. - Fort Myers |
| OPEN HOUSE | Nov. 17 9 to 2 pm | Garden Council Headquarters 2166 Virginia Ave. |
| Annual Bonsai Society Show Workshops & seminars | Nov. 17 9 - 5 pm Nov. 18 9 - 5 pm | Lee County Election Center 13180 S. Cleveland (US 41) |
| Bromeliad Society Plant Sale & Show | Sat. Dec. 1 and Sun. Dec. 2 | Lee County Extension building Terry Park, 3406 Palm Beach Blvd. |
| Punta Gorda GC Holly Days Christmas Home tours | Fri. Nov.30 & Sat. Dec. 1 12 - 5 pm (\$10 for 4 homes) | Various locations in Punta Gorda check their website at www.pggc.org |
| 5th Anniversary of the FMLCGC HQ Building opening | Friday Dec. 7th 2-4 pm COME CELEBRATE WITH US ! | 2166 Virginia Ave. |



Teamwork divides the effort and multiplies the effect.

LA FLORIDA - THE FIRST 500 YEARS - FLOWER SHOW INFO (NOW AVAILABLE)
FOR THE LATEST INFO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FMLCGARDENCOUNCIL.COM

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