



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

Visiting the Garden Council grounds:

To open the large gate off Virginia Ave. , the key is in the Lock Box located on the left end of the gate. Please ask a board member if you do not know the combination.

Use the small key to unlock the padlock and open the gate.

The large key will open Room 2 BUT you must have the security code as the building is alarmed.

When you return the keys be sure to spin the dials on the lockbox.

Do not leave the lockbox open with the code exposed, while having your meeting.

Welcome back:

Every two years when the gavel goes down in May a new President steps up to serve the Fort Myers - Lee County Garden Council, along with the many, many volunteers that serve. First, I want to say thank-you to all. I am please to report the new rain garden was restructured just in time; as you know this summer was very wet and the garden held up well. The building doorways - not so much and repairs to the door frames were completed in August.

History is always taking place. This summer Kay Holloway happened to pick up a copy of "the River", a local publication and read about "The Lorelei", a 130 year-old sculpture that currently resides at the Fort Myers Public Library - needing a new home. We are pleased to announce that she will have a new home at the Garden Council Headquarters, details to be worked out.

But, we are very pleased she will become a part of our family.

NOW ! Mark your calendars early as we are going to have a New President's Social/Coffee Oct. 11th at 9:00 am. at Headquarters. You don't have to be a new President but we invite all Garden Club / Plant Society Presidents to visit the building and sit down to discuss any questions or concerns or just admire the gardens. Saturday Nov. 23rd from 9:00 - 2:00 pm we will have our annual Open House - please plan to attend and set-up an information booth, sell plants or garden related items, invite your friends to tour the gardens.

In addition, since becoming a member of the American Public Gardens we have regular Open Hours on Tuesdays from 10:00 until 1:00 pm. We will be involving all our members with this effort, so please help us by getting your club involved. (Info on page 2)

As always, refer to your Yearbook so you don't miss any of the exciting events, plant sales, flower shows, etc that keep us all smiling.

Yours in roses,

Debbie Wyatt-Stotter - President

F M L C G C General Meeting - Call to order 9:30 am

Inspirational Message -
Pledge of Allegiance
Reading of the Minutes - Suzy Valentine, Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary - Kay Holloway
Financial Report - Mae Jean Nothstine, Treasurer
President's Report - Debbie Wyatt-Stotter
1st Vice President's Report - Brenda Norris

2nd Vice President's Report - Sandy Kavouras
Reports of Committee Chairs (as needed)

Old Business / New Business / Announcements
PROGRAM: *Toni Westland* - "Ding" Darling Nature
Adjournment
Ways & Means - 50/50 drawing -

Please join us at 9:00 am for refreshments provided by **Pine Island Garden Club**

Garden Council Meetings Dates

<p><u>BOARD MEETINGS</u> (Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FRIDAY Oct. 4 , 2013 • FRIDAY Nov. 1 , 2013 <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 Sept. 13, 2013 • Hostess - Pine Island Garden Club • Program: Toni Westland • "Ding" Darling Nature NWR • Next Meeting Nov. 8th * 	<p><u>GENERAL MEETINGS</u> MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH EVERY OTHER MONTH SEPTEMBER TO MAY <u>ONLY IN SEPTEMBER</u> 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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GENERAL MEETING September 13, 2013

Suzy Valentine has confirmed that she will to do a "Plant Clinic" from 9-9:30am for those who would like their questions answered about their sick or ailing plants. People are to bring a leaf with the symptoms in a Zip-Lock bag. Suzy will give suggestions on care, insect remedies or disease cures.

Toni Westland-Ranger at J. Ding Darling Reserve Sanibel Island. Toni spoke at the FFGC convention in May and was loved by all. She is exciting and passionate about her work. She will bring the SENIOR PASSES available for sale at the Council Meeting for \$10 CASH. You will need proof that you are 62. This pass gets you and everyone in your vehicle-no matter age-free into ALL Federal Parks etc. (entry fee only- not camping or other amenities) all over the United States. Yes EVEN YELLOWSTONE PARK!



Gardens Committee Chair - Carolee Drotos-Swales had been working on a sign-up sheet to distribute the load of being a docent at the Garden Council Public Garden days. We are open to the public from 10:00 until 1:00 pm Tuesdays from October thru May. We are asking every member club /society to assume this responsibility 1 day for this upcoming year. If you have any questions regarding your duties - we suggest that you come to the gardens on one of the Tuesday's in October and a Council Board member will be available to "show you the ropes". We are only looking for 3 members from your group to sign-up. More info will be available at the September Council Meeting.



*** We are moving... our meetings to the Riverside Community Center - beginning in November !
3061 E. Riverside Drive, Fort Myers 33916**

ATTENTION ALL DESIGNERS

February 6th and 7th are the dates for the 2014 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 windows will be on Friday, November 8, 2013 at the bimonthly Garden Council meeting. Please send a representative from your Garden Club with names, phone numbers, and emails for drawing participants.

Happy Strolling, Pam Kollmann - Chair & Kay Holloway - Co-Chair
The Theme of the show this year is:

"The Genius of Edison and the Jewels of Flowers have Strolled Together for 65 years"



"What is a weed ? A plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

3rd Annual OPEN HOUSE
Sat. Nov. 23rd 9:00 - 1:00 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 that make up the Garden Council, or just enjoy a day in the gardens. If your club has items to sell - we welcome your group. We ask that 10% of your sales be donated to the Garden Council.

WE NEED HELP ORGANIZING !

Please contact Debbie Wyatt-Stotter or Paula Novander if you can assist in coordinating this effort. We just need an accurate count of the clubs and societies that are going to participate. THANKS

SPOTLIGHT on *the Greater Fort Myers Rose Society*

To welcome our new Garden Council President - we offer a spotlight on her organization - the Greater Fort Myers chapter of the American Rose Society. Many of our Presidents have come from Florida Federation Garden Clubs so we had her spinning with talk of FFGC, District IX, Wekiva, BOI*s and BOE*s. But as a former President of the Rose Society, an ARS Accredited Arrangement Judge, ARS Accredited Horticulture Judge and consulting rosarian - she brings her own credentials to the table. And is one heck of a gardener; she and her husband Ron have created an amazing Eden at their home. Debbie loves to share her flowers with others and has brought in some beautiful bouquets to Council Board meetings. She is a native Floridian and charmed FM Mayor Randy Henderson this August during our annual report to the City with her memories of the duck pond in front of Lee Memorial Hospital. I wonder if that was before the original Garden Council headquarters ?

The GFM Rose Society was begun by Mel and Rita Bough in 1982. Mark Lumb (from the even older Lehigh Rose Society) was the first President. Since 1985 there have been 18 rose shows held by the society - many in the old Council building. The society currently meets at Garden Council HQ on the 2nd Sunday (Sept - June) at 2:00 pm. Some of you may remember John Losleben - nominee for the Berne Davis Honorary Service Award in 2011. John was the longest standing member of the Rose Society (over 30 years) and passed away this June. The society also planted and maintains a garden at the Berne Davis Botanical Gardens. This year we hope to acquire some old standards to add to the garden. Please contact Debbie Wyatt-Stotter for more information.

You can grow roses in Florida !



FLORAL DESIGN sponsored by Gardens of the World - Internet Garden Club

November 2, 2013 Penny Decker will be giving a design program which will feature her out-of-the-box thinking. She is Master Flower Show Judge, Flower Show School and Symposium Instructor and an ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED DESIGNER in the words of GOW President Sandy Kavouras. Please see Sandy for flyers.

This program will be at the Golden Corral - Lunch at 1 pm - Program 2-4 pm

Cost is \$30 which includes lunch

Golden Corral Restaurant is on Colonial and Six Mile Cypress (Ortiz) just off RT 75 Exit 138. They have a wonderful meeting room that will be used for the program. Space is limited so please sign up early to reserve your place. Send your check to: Terry Pinck, 706 Henry Ave, Lehigh Acres, Fl. 33972



Lorelei May Have a New Home

Fort Myers oldest public art work may have found a home at the Fort Myers - Lee Council Botanical Garden. Our dear Corresponding Secretary - Kay Holloway wears many hats. As a member of the Periwinkle Garden Club she was aware of the history of the original owner - Evelyn D. Rea (also a member). The sculpture arrived by boat from Italy in 1930 and was placed in Rea's garden on the Caloosahatchee - not far from the Council's current location. In 1955, Rea bequeathed the "comely German siren" to the Fort Myers Public Library. She has been on display there since 1961 but will not make the move downtown as the new Library opens. There is still a lot of work to be done but we're excited to see her grace our garden. "It's a piece of the past that will enhance the future" said Kay. THANK YOU, Kay for your unending efforts to make this happen.

Each year the staff at Beloit College in Wisconsin puts together a list to try to give the faculty a sense of the mindset of this year's incoming freshmen. The people who are starting college this fall across the nation were born in **1993!**

They are too young to remember the space shuttle blowing up.
 The CD was introduced 3 years before they were born.
 They have always had cable.
 Jay Leno has always been on the Tonight Show.
 They never took a swim and thought about Jaws.

Bottle caps have always been childproof and plastic.
 They have always had an answering machine..
 They cannot fathom not having a remote control.
 Popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave.
 They can't imagine what hard contact lenses are.

They never heard: "Where's the Beef?" "I'd walk a mile for a Camel", or "De plane, Boss, de plane.."

Mc Donald's never came in Styrofoam containers. They don't have a clue how to use a typewriter.
 A gentleman looking at an iPhone asked a lot of questions and apologized to the sales clerk saying "I'm of the Smith-Corona generation" and he asked the young man if he know what that was.... "food" was the puzzled answer. DO YOU FEEL OLD YET ?

Sept. - Oct. 2013 Calendar of Events

Fall Plant Sale - Avon Park Corr. Institute	Sat. Sept. 28 9 - 2 pm	Avon Park, FL
FMLC Garden Council - President's Social	Friday October 11, 2013 9:00 am - 11:30	
SW FL Orchid Society Annual Auction	Mon. Oct. 14 7:00 pm	Eco-Living Center at Rutenberg Park
* Call ahead for info - auction will be cancelled if Lee County closes Eco-Living Center *		
FFGC District IX Fall Meeting	Fri. Oct. 18 Coffee at 9:30	Lakeland, FL More info on District 9 website ffgcdistrict9.org
Fall Native Plant Sale Sponsored by Coccoloba Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society	Oct. 19 9 to 2 pm	Manatee Park Palm Beach Blvd. Plants, worm castings, seeds and Flora-mulch
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, Fort Myers
Poinciana GC Plant & Yard Sale	Fri. Nov. 16 8 am Sat. Nov. 17	3806 Edgewood Dr. - Fort Myers
Garden Council OPEN HOUSE and Edison Fall Fair	Nov. 23	9 to 1 pm

FOR THE LATEST INFO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FMLCGARDENCOUNCIL.COM

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