



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF  
THE FORT MYERS - LEE COUNTY GARDEN COUNCIL, INC.  
2166 VIRGINIA AVENUE, FORT MYERS, FL 33901  
*FMLCGARDENCOUNCIL.COM*

**Garden Council Building  
&  
Berne Davis  
Botanical Garden**

**Open House Hours  
Tuesdays 10 - 1 pm**

**Each Club and Society  
takes a turn Hosting.**

**October Hostesses  
Garden Council Board**

**November Hostesses  
(random drawing)  
Nov 1- Estero Island GC  
Nov 8- SWFL Orchid Soc  
Nov 15-GC of Cape Coral  
Nov 22-Herb Enthusiasts  
Nov 29- Gardens of the  
World GC**

## President's Message

**My Dear Colleagues,**

**It is a pleasure to know that Bernie and the other board members have completely finished our first meeting in our newly renovated building! It goes to prove the talent, expertise and the deep devotion we have in our board members, staff and ourselves. I applaud us all!**

**We have many exciting events to look forward to this year beginning with the Rededication of our Council Building. Date and time to be announced. I encourage all**

**the Club and Society members to attend. This wonderful achievement is something we should all celebrate! A Floral Designers Yard Sale is planned for November 19th, and in the spring we will be hosting another Council Flower Show! All the volunteer help received is greatly appreciated in every endeavor we attempt and complete. I look forward to being back with you all as soon as my health allows.**

**Love,  
Your President *Kay***



**For The Latest Info Check Our Website  
[Www. fmlcgardencouncil.com](http://www.fmlcgardencouncil.com)**

**NEXT FMLCGC GENERAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 11, 2016**

## UPCOMING COUNCIL PROGRAM

**Everglades Wonder Gardens** established in 1936 along The Tamiami Trail, US41, in Bonita Springs was one of Florida's many famous roadside attractions—for all those visitors "Before Disney"! Today it is being restored by non-profit Bonita Wonder Gardens and is becoming a true botanical garden, as well as a Natural History Museum. Janet Martin, Director of EWG, will share the full story with us.

**Design table** for this meeting will feature arrangements using "Old Fashioned Florida Souvenir items" as accessories or containers with local plant material that might have been around here 50 or more years ago. "Nostalgia & Nature" will be the title theme. Anyone may bring an arrangement, and we hope some of you will be inspired to step back in time and remember when..... No 'requirements', just have fun!



Queen's Wreath Spring 2016

# Council Building Renovation is Complete!

V.P. Bernadette Hamera called the meeting to order in Pres. Kay Holloway's absence



The building expansion committee hopes that someone from your Club or Society has had a chance to visit our newly renovated facility. We give special thanks to all those who helped make this happen:

- ◆ Fabian Behague, Artefact Studio Inc.
- ◆ Joe, Phil and Charlie – Seagate Development Group  
And all their subcontractors
- ◆ Shawn at Vernay Moving & Storage
- ◆ Josh Merritt at i2Solutions
- ◆ DJ at TruBlue – our handyman
- ◆ Carla at All American Alarm



These are all local businesses that deserve your support. If we have forgotten anyone – please accept our apologies (it was purely unintentional)

But our biggest THANKS goes to all our own volunteers who served tirelessly to make this happen, especially David Hamera (who without his help this project would never have been finished). Not that it will ever be really finished... Thanks for all your help and support.

Bernadette Hamera, Project Manager  
 Laura Jibben and Kay Holloway,  
 Building Expansion Committee

PS – Gardens will be open every Tuesday starting October 4th from 10 am to 1 pm.

**If you would like to schedule the new facility please call Mary King at 239 768-9597**

Paula Novander



Used on the Hospitality table



## G a r d e n   C o u n c i l   M e e t i n g s   D a t e s

### UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

(Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs)

- **Date: Friday October 7th, 2016**
  - **Date: Friday November 4th, 2016**
- MEETINGS FROM 9:30 am TO 11:30 am**

**Garden Council Headquarters**  
2166 Virginia Ave.  
Fort Myers, FL

### GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

*All are Welcome*

**FRIDAY November 11, 2016**

**Hostess: Garden Club of Lehigh Acres**

**Program-"Everglades Wonder Gardens"**

### 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**

## Calendar of Events

Oct 14, 2016– **District IX Fall Meeting** Friday (For full details see page 6 of the newsletter.)

Nov 5-6, 2016– Bonsai Society **Annual Show and Sale** Sat 9am-5pm and Sun 9am-4pm. At FMLCGC Headquarters

Nov 11-12, 2016–Poinciana GC **Annual Plant & Yard Sale** Fri 8-4pm and Sat 8-3pm 3806 Edgewood Ave FM

Nov 15, 2016– Jasmine GC **Annual Fundraiser** 9:30am– 1:00pm at FMLGC Headquarters

Nov 19, 2016– Garden Council “ **Floral Designers Yard Sale**” Time-TBA at FMLCGC Headquarters

Nov 22, 2016– SWFL Orchid Society **Annual Fundraiser Auction**-Doors open at 6:30pm, auction at 7pm

At Faith United Methodist Church, 15690 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, FL

Dec. 3-4, 2016– Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society **Annual Plant Sale** Sat. 9am-4pm & Sun 10am-3pm

At Masonic Lodge, 10868 Metro Pkwy., Fort Myers, FL

Jan 18, 2017–SWFL Orchid Society Tamiami Orchid Festival **Bus Trip** \$25/members \$35/non-members

Jan 20, 2017– **Florida Arbor Day**

Jan 27, 2017-Gulf Coast Garden Club **Standard Flower Show & Plant Sale “Destination Paradise”** Fri 2:30-6pm

Sat 10am-3pm at Unity Church of Bonita Springs, 28285 Imperial Pkwy, Bonita Springs, FL

Mar 14, 2017– Shell Island GC **3rd Annual Art in Bloom** in conjunction with artists from Big Arts of Sanibel

At Sanibel Public Library

## Calling All Floral Designers

Do you have an abundance of floral design material ?

Bring your stuff to the Designer’s Yard Sale.!!

**Saturday, November 19th from 10 am to 1 pm**

In conjunction with the Edison Ford Garden Festival .

You can **sell – barter – trade** your Designer Materials.

Call Bernie Hamera 239233-1166 or Caryn Kast 239 994-2926 to reserve a table.



## *Edison - Ford Winter Estates*

2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers FL 33901

**Monthly Garden Talks on 2nd Saturday 10:00 am - \$5.00 Members- \$10 Non-Members**

Oct 8th-Everything you wanted to know about Growing Vines!

Nov 12-Edible Gardens, Food Forests & Growing Moringa!

Dec 10- Making Terrariums

\*\*Garden talks subject to change. Please check website to be sure and for other information.

### **Special Events-**

Nov 19-20th "Edison Ford Garden Festival"

**Web: [EdisonFordWinterEstates.org/events](http://EdisonFordWinterEstates.org/events)**

Did you know, the Coccoloba Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society sells native plants EVERY Sunday from 8 am to 1 pm at Koreshan State Historic Site? It's true! We have a native plant nursery on-site. Each Sunday, we promote native plants by bringing a large selection from the on-site nursery to the historic site. We offer advice help with plant selections. Through September, the \$1 environmental impact fee to enter the park for the Koreshan Farmers Market and Native Plant Sale is waived. Stop by 3800 Corkscrew Road, Estero, FL 33928. The park is leashed-dog friendly. We'd love to see you.

On Thursday, September 15 at 7 pm, our favorite Lee County Mosquito Control mosquito biologist Kara Tyler-Julian will be at Holton Eco-Preserve at Unitarian Universalist Church, 13411 Shire Lane, Fort Myers, FL 33912, to help us with BUGS! In her talk, Bugs ... the Good, the Bad and the Uglies, she will use her visual and interactive session to help us better identify the insects in our gardens. She'll give us great advice on pest management. The event is free and a lively native plant auction will follow the presentation.

On Thursday, October 20 at 7 pm, Dr. Ed Hanlon, UF Professor Emeritus in Soil and Water will present DIRTY Science. In this session, we'll learn how to create great soil so ALL our plants will thrive. This session will also be at Holton Eco-Preserve at Unitarian Universalist Church, 13411 Shire Lane, Fort Myers, FL 33912. Again, the event is free and a lively native plant auction will follow the presentation.

Check our website to learn more about our exciting events and please pass the word. The more people interested in plants in southwest Florida, the better!

*Destination... Paradise*

*Our Bonita Home*

**A Standard Flower Show**  
presented by

**Gulf Coast Garden Club**

Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.,  
Deep South Region,  
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.,  
and Florida District IX

**Friday, January 27, 2017, 2:30pm to 6pm**  
**Saturday, January 28, 2017, 10am to 3pm**

Unity Church of Bonita Springs  
28285 Imperial Parkway  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

*Free and Open to the Public*

### **\*\*CORRECTIONS TO THE YEARBOOK\*\***

Laura Jibben's phone number is 312 320-4566 (pg 6, 9)  
Susan Johnson's phone number is 239 672-4075 (pg 30)  
Mar 14, 2017- Shell Island GC 3rd Annual Art in Bloom  
in conjunction with artists from Big Arts of Sanibel  
Located at Sanibel Public Library (pg 63)

Garden Council & Berne Davis Botanical Garden Open House Hours are on Tuesdays 10 - 1 pm

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Hostess Schedule on the Front Page of this Newsletter!**

Please contact Caryn Kast with any questions: 994-2926 or [carynkast@gmail.com](mailto:carynkast@gmail.com)



EACH CLUB IS RESPONSIBLE TO FIND MEMBERS TO REPORT or WORK WITH ANOTHER CLUB TO "TRADE" DATES .

Hostesses are required to open the gate and be available for visitors to answer questions.



**Local Farmer's Markets - [buylocallee.com](http://buylocallee.com)**

- Lakes Park Market Wed. 9 - 1 pm Free Parking at 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers Oct 5-Apr 26th, 2017
- Bonita Springs Sat. 8 - 12pm Promenade at Bonita Bay, 26811 S. Bay Drive 691-9249 Oct 1- Apr 29, 2017  
Located on West side of Parking lot.
- Coconut Point Farmers Market- Thurs. 9am -1pm Coconut Point Mall- October 6, 2018 - April 27, 2017  
Parking is plentiful & FREE at the Coconut Point Mall. We're Pet Friendly! (Open Wed Nov 23rd, Closed Nov 24th)
- Fenway South Farm & Flea Mon. 11am-3pm. 11500 Fenway South Dr., Jan 2--Mar 27th Park Free in JetBlue Park.
- Fort Myers Farm Mkt at FSW Fri. 9am-1pm 8099 College Pkwy., Oct 7th-Apr 28th, Parking available on campus.
- River District Farm Market Thurs. 7am-1pm Year-round. First Street in the Centennial Park parking lot.  
Under the 41 Caloosahatchee Bridge
- Sanibel Island Farm Market Sun. 8 - 1pm Sanibel City Hall, 800 Dunlop Road - Oct 2-May 28, 2017  
Parking is located in the lots at Sanibel City Hall, Sanibel Library, BIG Arts, Schoolhouse Theater. Bicycles can be parked at the designated area at City Hall. Handicap parking is located at City Hall. We're Pet Friendly!

## Your Board Members

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**DISTRICT IX  
FALL MEETING  
OCTOBER 14, 2016**

**CALLING ALL** District IX Garden Club Members, Club and Council Presidents, State and District Officers, State and District Chairmen, Former FFGC Presidents and District Directors.

**HOST: BARTOW GARDEN CLUB**

**PLACE:** Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 500 W Stuart St., Bartow Fl 33830

**COST:** \$35.00 Includes Registration, Morning Refreshments and Lunch

**DEADLINE:** September 30, 2016. No refunds after September 30. Delegates and alternates must be registered 10 days prior to the meeting. Please review information in BOI, page 308, regarding Representation and registering your delegates.

**REGISTRATION AND COFFEE: 8:30 am to 9:30 am.**

**CALL TO ORDER: 9:30 am**

**PROGRAM: State Officers**

**REPORTS:** Chairmen and Presidents who are scheduled to report: Chairmen, 2 min; Presidents, 3 min.

Give two copies to the District Secretary. Director must be notified 10 days prior to the meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Those wishing to have announcements made at the District Meeting are to email or send the information to the Director no later than September 30, 2016.

**EXHIBITS:** Table space is limited. Please advise the Host and/or the Director of your needs at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

**WAYS AND MEANS:** FFGC Sales Table, District IX Silent Auction and Host Raffle. Please bring an item to donate for the Silent Auction.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Hope Barnhart, PO Box 285, Eaton Park FL, 33840 (863)665-6543  
hobarnhart@aol.com

**LODGING:** Hampton Inn, 205 Old Bartow/ Eagle Lake Rd, Bartow , FL 33830  
Sales Manager, Christen Hughes (863)535-5007 or 1(800)HAMPTON. Double/ Queen \$89.00  
Let them know that you are part of the Garden Club of Bartow for this rate.

**DIRECTIONS:** To hotel- From the NW, I-75 S to 98E, then right onto Wilson Ave. From the SW, US 41 to US 17N, then W on 98 to N/left onto Wilson Ave. From SE, FL60 to left on US98, then right onto Wilson Ave. The Hampton is right behind McDonalds.

To the meeting place- East on 98/Broadway to Stuart St. Turn right on Stuart and the Church is on the right.

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Make Registration Checks payable to the Bartow Garden Club. Deadline Sept.30 (no refunds after this date)

Cost : \$35.00 Mail registration form and check to Hope Barnhart PO Box, 285 Eaton Park, FL 33840

(Please Print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

check all spaces that are applicable

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| <input type="checkbox"/> FFGC Chairman               | <input type="checkbox"/> District Chairman | <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Former FFGC President       | <input type="checkbox"/> Club President    | <input type="checkbox"/> Member    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Former District IX Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Circle President  | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest     |