

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



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

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

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

Hostesses Schedule
(random drawing)

**Mar 7-Alva Garden Club
Mar 14-Pine Island GC
Mar 21-Crown Colony GC
Mar 28-McGregor GC
Apr 4-Eclectic Designers
Apr 11-Kelly Greens GC
Apr 18-GC Lehigh Acres
Apr 25-Fiddlesticks GC
May 2- Rose Society
May 9- Need Volunteers
May 16- Need Volunteers
May 23- Need Volunteers
May 30- Need Volunteers**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SERVICE!**

Questions? Call 332-4942!

President's Message

My Dear Colleagues,

As we approach the final third of this term, I realize how great our compassion is for caring and sharing our talents.

"This has been the best of times and the worst of time." To eliminate the "Worst" let us have a dashing, historical, plethora of remembrances of former great leaders which guided us to glory and joy.

Join the show, "Celebrations of Past, Today, and Tomorrow"
Let's wind it up with a melody of joy and pleasure. Please
contact Terry Pinck to join in the fun at 239 368-5615 or
email: terry.pinck@gmail.com.

Love,

Your President Kay



For The Latest Info Check Our Website
WWW.FMLCGARDENCOUNCIL.COM

NEXT FMLCGC GENERAL MEETING MAR 10, 2017

UPCOMING COUNCIL PROGRAM

BASKETEERS-PINE NEEDLE BASED CREATIVITY

Brookdale Basketeers is a group of 'crafty' ladies led by Georgia Hortin, 90+ year old teacher of the ancient art of pine needle basketry and weaving. Natural materials of all kinds, such as shell, bone, wood and plant materials other than pine needles are used to create baskets of all sizes and shapes, as well as other useful and/or decorative objects. Even jewelry—wearable art—is among their creations. Demonstration and explanation by several members of the group will accompany a short video of Georgia herself, as she explains what and why she does what she does so well. There will be various pieces for sale, and an opportunity to join the group in the future.

Designs/Arrangements: Any size or style design using any kind of basket and/or pine branches, cones, needles, etc. Anything goes!!! Natural materials, no store-bought flowers. Petites or Giants—have fun!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATIONS

Invitation– March 17 & 18th, 2017 Celebration! Our Past, Today & Tomorrow A Standard Flower Show

To: All Clubs, Societies and Affiliates of our Fort Myers - Lee County Garden Council

You are all invited to participate in the Council's Biennial 2017 Flower Show!

We will be honoring Berne Davis, Marty Ward and Sandy Kavouras along with our current elected Board Members.

Schedules are available. If you haven't received one from your club President, a copy can be found on our council website. We want every member to have a copy!

****Louella McAloose** is now registering entries in **Design**. See the schedule. **Division I**

****Suzy Valentine** is in charge of **Horticulture**. Please prepare, groom, scrub and find correct names for your plants and cut specimens. Please let her know if you are bringing any hanging plants. Any Section of "Container" grown plants may include hanging pots. Container grown means 'pots'. There will be different sized clear glass containers for cut specimens available. Entry cards will be available at the General Meeting and on entry days. **Division II**

***** We invite each Club, Society and Affiliate to set up a table** along the pathways of the garden to provide educational information, exhibit examples of what you grow, and provide information on membership. Please call to reserve at 239 332-4942!

Everyone's participation is encouraged and welcome! Our goal is to educate the public on what our organization and it's members give to the community.

March 16, 2017 Set-Up 11-5pm.

March 17, 2017 Set-up 8-9:45am , Judging 10-12pm, Open to the Public 1-6pm.

March 18, 2017 Open to the Public 10-3pm, Dismantle and clean up after 3pm.

Let's Make This Show a True Celebration!



The **Periwinkle Garden Club** of Fort Myers presents CCI CEO Tracey Galloway, center, with a donation to sponsor a raised bed at the new CCI Able Garden. On the left is Periwinkle Endowment Chair Teta Roberts; on the right is Periwinkle President Sonja Suitor.

Periwinkle Garden Club Announcement

CCI and the Able Garden is funded solely by private donations and operated with a small staff and 45,000 volunteer hours each year.

A new "Able Garden" has wide isles, some shade structures and elevated garden beds so that clients in wheel chairs and with limited mobility can enjoy gardening again. Veterans and school children who helped at the former garden are looking forward to getting back to gardening when the facility opens in mid-March. The Able Garden is a project of CCI, Community Cooperative Inc., formerly called the Soup Kitchen located on Martin Luther King Blvd in Fort Myers.

Garden Council Meeting Dates

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

(Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs)

- Date: Friday March 3rd, 2017
- Date: Friday April 7th, 2017
- Date: Friday May 5th, 2017

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**Bring a spouse or friend .***ALL Welcome**

FRIDAY March 10, 2017

Hostess: Fiddlesticks Garden Club

FRIDAY May 12, 2017

Hostess: Bonita Springs Tropical Fruit 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**

Calendar of Events

Mar 11, 2017-Garden Club of Cape Coral **March in the Park** Sat 9am-3pm, Free Admission, Hourly Lectures, and Kids Corner. Lots of Garden Vendors, Food Vendors, Plants for sale and Raffle

Mar 11, 2017-Alva Garden Clubs **Annual Plant/Bake Sale & Strawberry Shortcake Festival** Sat 9am-1pm
At the Alva Museum

Mar 14-16, 2017– Shell Island GC **3rd Annual “Art in Bloom”** in conjunction with artists from Big Arts of Sanibel
At Sanibel Public Library

Mar 17 & 18, 2017-FMLCGC Standard Flower Show **“Celebration!”** Fri 1-6 pm and Sat 10-3pm at FMLCGC Headquarters

Mar 24 & 25, 2017-Naples Garden Club Flower Show **“Cinderella ”** Fri & Sat 9-5pm at Naples Botanical Garden

April 15, 2017-Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida hosts **Public Auction & Picnic** Sat at FMLGC Headquarters

April 20, 2017-**8th Annual Berne Davis Honorary Service Award Luncheon** Thurs 11 am-1 pm at the Pavilion
At the Edison Ford Winter Estates

May 6, 2017–Avon Park **Plant Sale**. Saturday 9-2pm at Avon Park

March in the Park—Saturday March 11th, 2017

Lots of vendors will be selling garden related items. There will be chance drawings for lots of great prizes! Visit the Kids Corner with activities and face painting. And of course visit the Cape Coral Garden Club fundraiser booth where they will be selling plants! Proceeds are used to fund Merit Awards to local high school students and for donations to several of Cape Coral schools' gardening projects. A variety of speakers will be lecturing on garden related topics. ***You don't want to miss it!***

3rd Annual “Art in Bloom” Tuesday March 14, 2017—March 16, 2017

Hosted by the **Shell Island Garden Club** March 14th from 12 noon to 5pm;
March 15th from 9am to 5pm and March 16th from 9am to 3pm.
There will be sixteen paintings paired with different floral designers.
Come to the Sanibel Public Library located at 770 Dunlop Road.
The public is invited to this exhibit.
There is no registration required and no cost to participate!



Edison - Ford Winter Estates

2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers FL 33901

**Art in the Gardens MARCH-APRIL**

In the heritage gardens at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, Lee county students create an environmentally interactive art-work exhibit using recycled materials to make life-like garden art.

Monthly Garden Talks on 2nd Saturday 10:00 am**\$10.00 Members- \$15 Non-Members**

March 11, 2017—Growing Orchids in the Trees

April 8, 2017—How to Plant & Establish Trees & Shrubs

Web: EdisonFordWinterEstates.org/events**FREE GARDENING SERIES**

Hosted by Lee County Master Gardeners – 9:00-10:30am Rotary Park in Cape Coral



Friday Mar 10- “Summer Yard Preparation”

Friday Mar 31- “Ergonomic Gardening Tools “by Kathy White

For more information contact: Rotary Park, Phone: (239) 549-4606 email: rotaryparkinfo@capecoral.net**FLORIDA FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING PROGRAM**

Learn the nine principles that guide Florida friendly landscaping in Lee County. Each principle is covered in class so you can apply what you learn to your own garden. Plant selection and placement, efficient irrigation, proper mulching and fertilizing to obtain a beautiful and healthy yard will be discussed.

For more information on FFL : email FYN@leegov.com or capeparks.com**LEE COUNTY
Parks & Recreation****FREE Guided Nature Walks March 2017****Saturdays 9-10:30 a.m.**

Prairie Pines Preserve:	Mar 4	Trail Length	1/4 mile loop
Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve:	Mar 11	Trail Length	1 mile loop
Wild Turkey Strand Preserve:	Mar 18	Trail Length	1.8 miles
Galt Preserve:	Mar 25	Trail Length	1.5 miles

Wednesdays 9—10:30 a.m.

Pine Island Flatwoods Preserve:	Mar 1	Trail Length	1.1 miles
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All guided walks are free. No registration is required. Walks are led by trained volunteers and interpretive naturalists. Meeting location is the preserve parking area. Parking is free. Suggested items to bring include water, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and camera. Please wear closed-toed shoes.

www.Conservation2020.org

Berne Davis Honorary Award Luncheon

April 20, 2017

11-1pm

Lunch: Served at 11:30

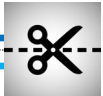
Program: Guest Speaker (TBA) at 12:00

Awards: Presented at 12:30

Location: Edison Ford Winter Estates @ the Pavillion

Parking: Pincher's Restaurant (former Fort Myers Yacht Club)

Cost: \$ 25.00 catered by Pinchers



Lunch choices:

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***Classic Chicken Caesar Salad w/ dressing on the side**

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***Turkey Club Wrap w/ one side**

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***Crab Salad on a Croissant**

Dessert:

Miniature Cheesecake Tart

Drinks:

Soft drinks and Iced Tea included.

****Wine, Beer and Mimosas available . Tickets to be purchased.**

***Wine \$5, Beer \$4**

Checks payable to FMLCGC - \$25.00 per person

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Yearbook Updates

Page 12– Headquarters Management-Garden Maintenance Elizabeth Keeler 239 861-2006
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Page 46- McGregor Garden Club has a new President. Cindy Stanford email:cindystanford@centurylink.com

Local Farmer's Markets - *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 29th, 2017
Located on West side of Parking lot.
- Coconut Point Farmers Market– Thurs. 9am –1pm Coconut Point Mall- October 6, 2018 – April 27th, 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 7-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 28th, 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!

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