



# THE COURIER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF  
THE FORT MYERS - LEE COUNTY GARDEN COUNCIL, INC.

***Berne Davis  
Botanical Garden***

**Open to the Public  
Tuesdays 10 am- 1 pm**

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

**Each club is responsible for  
finding 2 members to work or  
finding another group to  
trade dates with.**

**Hostess Schedule**

(by random drawing)

- Mar. 5 Pine Island Garden Club
- Mar. 12-Alva Garden Club
- Mar. 19-Kelly Greens Garden Club
- Mar. 26-Fiddlesticks Garden Club
- Apr. 2-Gardens of the World
- Apr. 9-Master Gardners
- Apr. 16-Shell Island Garden Club
- Apr. 23-Periwinkle Garden Club
- Apr.30-Bonita Springs Tropical Fruit

**Questions? Contact Caryn Kast  
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## President's Message

Happy Spring – the Clerodendrum are in bloom at the Garden. Some of our deciduous trees are budding and we have lots of “Snow Birds” in our midst.

March and April are very busy months for the Garden Clubs and Plant Societies’ calendars. In March we have the Strawberry Festival at Alva, March in the Park over in Cape Coral and, of course, our bi-annual Flower Show. I am so looking forward to see how our members interpret “It’s All About Water”. Thank you in advance to all those involved in putting this together. We are so blessed to have so many talented artists among us.

Let’s give a big round of applause to those who worked on and attended the Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication at The Collaboratory in Fort Myers. I hope you saw the great spread that was in the Society section of the Florida Weekly on February 6th. If not, you can search for it on line. Big thanks to Mission BBQ who graciously provided lunch for us.

And come April, as most of our Snow Birds are getting ready to fly, don’t forget to nominate that special someone from your Club or Society for the Berne Davis Honorary Service Award. The Annual Luncheon will be at Fiddlesticks on April 24th. For those of you that were there last year, you know what a great event this is. In addition, District 9 and The Council will again sponsor NGC Landscape Design School’s second course April 26th and 27th at the council building. The FFGC Convention is April 6th thru 9th in St. Augustine and Gulf Coast GC will have its’ annual flower show April 12th and 13th.

Let me not forget to invite you to the Council’s regular bi-monthly meeting on March 8th at the garden. Debbie Stone from Pottery Express and Bamboo Farm will be our speaker and her title is “Joyful Ideas”. I’m looking forward to it and hope to see you all soon.

Sincerely, Bernadette Hamera



For The Latest Info Check Our Website  
[WWW.FMLCGARDENCOUNCIL.COM](http://WWW.FMLCGARDENCOUNCIL.COM)

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

### UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

(Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs)

- **Date:** Mar TBA
- **Date:** Apr 5th

**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.*

*Please invite a spouse or friend .*

**ALL Welcome**

**Friday, March 8th**

**Hostess:**

**Kelly Greens Garden 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**



**NEXT FMLCGC GENERAL MEETING   Fri. Mar 8th**

**PROGRAM - “Joyful Ideas”**

**By: Debbie Stone-Pottery Express & Bamboo Farms**

The second in a series of four **NGC Landscape Design Courses** will be held on April 26 and 27th at the Council Building. There are a few seats available. If you would like to attend please contact Kathy Woodlock or go to FFGC website events calendar for registration.

Gulf Coast Garden Club is presenting a flower show April 12th –13th

**“You Are Here!   (And You Can Do It!)”**

Design demos done on the hour will be available for purchase.

Unity Church, 28285 Imperial Pkwy, Bonita Springs

Friday April 12th from 1pm to 4 pm

Saturday April 13th from 10am to 4pm

**Berne Davis Honorary Service Award Luncheon is coming soon!**

**Nominations are needed by April 1, 2019. Criteria is posted on our website.**

**Mail Application to: Mitzi Marckesano  
Chairman, BDHSA Evaluation Committee**

**8220 Glenfinnan Circle**

**Fort Myers, FL 33912**

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## Edison - Ford Winter Estates

2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers FL 33901

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

### **Monthly Garden Talks 10:00 am**

\$10.00 Members- \$15 Non-Members

**March 9, 2019: Vines that Thrive-Intro to the color and beauty of exotic and native vines used for enhancing a garden, creating a focal point or barrier.**

**April 13, 2019: Roses in Southwest Florida - Learn which ones to grow and how to do it!**

### **Special Events**

**CRAZY FOR CALADIUMS!** Tues.-Mar12, 2019- 1:00p

Learn everything you need to know to grow this beautiful foliage plant from containers to gardens-a comprehensive program about choosing bulbs, varieties best suited to your garden and for our snowbirds-growing tips for growing them up north! Members \$30 and Non-Members \$45. Register online. Approximately 1.5 hours. Location FMLCGC building at 2166 Virginia Ave.

## **Florida Friendly Landscaping**

**Garden Walks**-Join a master gardener for a walk through Rotary Park. Learn about butterflies and birds and how you can attract them to your yard.

**Free Gardening Series-Fridays 9am-10:30am at Rotary Park**

**Introductory FFL Workshops at Rotary Park**

RSVP 239 549-4606

Rotary Park, Environmental Center, 5505 Rose Garden Rd., Cape Coral 33914  
For more information on FFL : email [FYN@leegov.com](mailto:FYN@leegov.com) or [capeparks.com](http://capeparks.com)

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## **Reminders from Lakes Park**

**1st Saturday** Bird Walks 12 months a year. 8am.  
Meet at shelter A7

**2nd Saturday** Guided Garden Walks - Oct-April 9:00 am- 1:00 pm  
Meet at Community Garden Sign; end of parking lot #3

Wednesdays Farmers Market runs October through April 9am- 1pm!



## **FREE GUIDED NATURE WALKS 9-10:30 am**

Mar 23 - Wild Turkey Strand Preserve, 11901 Rod & Gun Club Rd., 1.8 miles  
Moderate Difficulty

Mar 27- Pine Island Flatwoods Preserve, 6351 Stringfellow Rd., 1.1 miles  
Moderate Difficulty



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SWFL Orchid Society** would like to invite any interested parties to attend their meeting on Tue, Mar 12, 2019– 7:30pm.

Faith United Methodist Church, 15690 McGregor Blvd.

David Genoveese will be speaking and demonstrate how to break down an orchid flask.

**Garden Club of Cape Coral** announces their annual fund raiser, March in the Park, to be held Saturday, March 9th, at Jaycee Park from 9am to 3 pm. Admission is Free. Enjoy kids activities, vendors and plants for sale.

Also, they are having another “Fun with Flowers: session at the Council building on Friday April 12th, 10am-noon. Fee is \$15.00 All are welcome!

## FMLCGC Calendar of Upcoming Events

Mar 1-2, 2019 Fri-Sat-FMLCGC Bi-Annual Flower Show, “*It’s All About Water*” Headquarters Building. See info above.  
Mar 9, 2019 Saturday-GC of Cape Coral, March in the Park, Plant & Garden Sale, Jaycee Park off Del Prado, Cape Coral 9am  
Mar 9, 2019 Saturday-Alva GC, Annual Plant/Bake Sale & Strawberry Shortcake Festival, Alva Museum, 1pm  
Apr 7-9, 2019- 93rd Annual FFGC Convention, Marriott Renaissance World Golf Village; 500 S. Legacy Trail, St. Augustine  
Apr 12-13, 2019 Fri-Sat-Gulf Coast GC Annual Flower Show, “You are Here” Unity Church, 28285 Imperial Pkwy, Bonita  
Apr 20, 2019-Sat-Bonsai Society of SWFL Public Auction & Picnic, FMLCGC Headquarters Bldg, 9am-1pm  
Apr 24, 2019 Wednesday– 10th Annual Berne Davis Honorary Service Award Luncheon, Fiddlesticks CC, 11:00am  
Apr 26, 2019-Fri-National Arbor Day  
Apr 29-May 2, 2019- 90th Annual National Garden Clubs Convention, Beau Rivage Resort, Biloxi MS  
May 7, 2019 Tuesday– FFGC District IX Spring Meeting, Marco Island Yacht Club, 8:30am

## Your Board Members

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