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The Courier

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

WWW.FMLCGARDENCOUNCIL.COM

Berne Davis Botanical Garden

Open to the Public

Tues & Thur. 10 AM - 1 PM

DOCENT SCHEDULE 2025-2026

Nov.	3	Shell Islands Garden Club
Nov.	10	Estero Island Garden Club
Nov.	17	The Garden Club of Lehigh Acres
Nov.	24	Kelly Greens Garden Club
Dec.	1	Alva Garden Club
Dec.	8	American Hibiscus Society
Dec.	15	Bonsai Society of SW FL
Dec.	22	Florida Herb Enthusiasts
Dec.	29	Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society
Jan.	5	Carissa Garden Club
Jan.	12	Florida Native Plant Society
Jan.	19	Crown Colony Garden Club
Jan.	26	The Garden Club of Cape Coral
Feb.	2	Gulf Coast Garden Club
Feb.	9	UF/IFAS MG Volunteers
Feb.	16	McGregor Garden Club
Feb.	23	Periwinkle Garden Club
Mar.	2	The Poinciana Garden Club
Mar.	9	Punta Gorda Garden
Mar.	16	Potpourri Designers
Mar.	23	Royal Palm Garden Club
Mar.	30	Fiddlesticks Garden & Lifestyle Club
Apr.	6	SW Florida Orchid Society
Apr.	13	District IX Judges' Council
Apr.	20	Bonita Springs Tropical Fruit Club
Apr.	27	Tidewater Tillers
May		FMLCGCBoardMembers

PROBLEMS/CONCERNS—CONTACT FIRST VP WENDY SPRAGUE: 239-728-6543

EACH CLUB IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING MEMBERS TO WORK OR FINDING ANOTHER CLUB WILLING TO TRADE DATES.

President's Message

Greating everyone,

I am so looking forward to the start of the Holiday Season and the New Year. This season will bring many opportunities to learn, visit homes, participate in flower shows and classes, listen to music, and above all meet old and new friends! As always, the Garden Council's main objective is to connect our members and provide them with opportunities to enjoy themselves while learning and improving our communities. Please take the time to wander the Berne Davis Garden, there are so many changes and ongoing projects, I promise you will find something you love!

Make sure you work your way through this newest edition of The Courier, so that you are well informed about our members' events. You might want to pull out your calendar too and write them down! The Courier is printable and you can pick which pages you want to print. The page numbers are at the top of each page.

I hope all, of you have a wonderful Holiday Season filled with family and friends. Keep planting, learning and growing!

Sue Fero, President
FMLC Garden Council



Garden Council Meeting Dates

GENERAL MEETING

Friday,
Nov. 13, 2026

HOSPITALITY 9:30 AM TO 10 AM
MEETING: 10 AM TO 11:30 AM

Garden Council Headquarters
2166 Virginia Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901



PROGRAM

"Adopt A Mangrove - Mangrove Restoration"

Presenter:
Skye Mc Donald, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF)

UPCOMING GENERAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

For All Club, Society and Affiliate Members. Please invite a spouse or friend.

Friday, January 8, 2027	**"Edible Plants for our Landscapes"** Meryl O'Rourke, FMLC Master Gardener Volunteer
Friday, March 12, 2027	**"Conservancy 101"** Noelia Iglesias, Conservancy of Southwest FL
Friday, May 14, 2027	**"Leaf Manipulation for Design"** Nancy Colgan, Potpourri Designers/Punta Gorda GC

GARDEN COUNCIL NEWS



GARDEN COUNCIL NEWS

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PRESIDENTS TEA

Hosted by the FMLCGC Board of Directors

November 17, 2026
11:30 - 1 pm

Garden Council Headquarters
2166 Virginia Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

RSVP by Nov. 10th:
FMLCGARDENCOUNCIL@GMAIL.COM

Please Support Our Council Members
November 21-22

Bonsai Show & Sale
See attached flyer

Master Gardener Volunteer's Plant Sale
Next to Torii Gate

Edison Ford Winter Estates Autumn Garden Festival

The following Council Members will have booths
Hibiscus & Orchid Society





UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

(Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs)

November 6th
December 4th
January 5th
February 5th
March 5th
April 2nd
May 7th

Time: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Location: Garden Council Headquarters

GARDEN COUNCIL NEWS

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Patron Pathway Brick Fundraiser
Berne Davis Gardens



Sally Jones
Thank You for Serving
Sandy Beach GC

John Rice
With Appreciation
Orchid Society

Harry O'Leary
In Loving Memory

QR code.
Click the green
brick order form.

Celebrate a loved one, garden club or plant society member with a personalized brick in our Patron Pathway. Create a lasting tribute and support our gardens. $75 per brick. Up to 3 lines. No more than 21 characters and spaces per line.

EVENTS IN THE GARDEN

Free Concerts by the SWFL Fiddlers
Berne Davis Gardens
2166 Virginia Ave., Fort Myers



Four
Concerts
10 AM to Noon

Dec 15, 2026

2027
Jan 19
Feb 16
Mar 16

MEMBER EVENTS / HAPPENINGS

AMERICAN HIBISCUS SOCIETY
James E. Hendry Chapter

EDISON FORD WINTER ESTATES AUTUMN GARDEN FESTIVAL
2350 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers
Saturday, November 21 and Sunday November 22, 9 AM – 4 PM
Free Admission and Free Parking
Over 80 regional vendors with exotic and Florida-native plants – live music and food trucks

The James E. Hendry Chapter will have more than 250 Tropical Hybrid Hibiscus for Sale!



The James E. Hendry Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society

Invites you to our
74th Annual Hibiscus Show and Sale
Saturday, April 17, 2027
Covenant Presbyterian Church
2439 McGregor Boulevard
Fort Myers, Florida



400 Tropical Hybrid Hibiscus Plants Available! $20 - $25 per plant

All credit cards accepted – Free Admission and Ample Parking

Show open to the Public 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Plant Sale 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (or sold out)

MEMBER EVENTS / HAPPENINGS
Continued

GARDEN CLUB OF CAPE CORAL

The Garden Club of Cape Coral participated in the Tropical Plant Sale held on October 17th at Rotary Park and it was a remarkable triumph! We had a steady flow of customers, remarkable considering the weather threatened all morning. This year proved to be the most profitable we have experienced in recent years at the same event.





None of it would have been possible without our incredible members, 21 of whom generously donated over 750 plants for the sale! Customers appreciated the excellent pricing and quality of the plants, frequently complimenting both to our volunteers. The turnout for setup was truly wonderful and greatly appreciated, with many members volunteering throughout the day.



MEMBER EVENTS / HAPPENINGS
Continued

GARDEN CLUB OF CAPE CORAL
(Continued)



The first Fun with Flowers workshop was held on October 21st. It was a full session with many members and non members in attendance. Jeannine DeLaat and Susan Lawson lead the group in creating a centerpiece fit for Halloween. The same materials were available for all and it is amazing and inspiring to see the variety in the results.



The next session will have a holiday theme on December 9th at 2166 Virginia Avenue, Ft. Myers, FL and starts at 10 AM. Deadline to register is December 1st. You can sign up and pay on our website.

The cost per session is $35 and any excess income over expenses is used to help fund the Club's Cups of Cheer Garden Therapy program.

MEMBER EVENTS / HAPPENINGS
Continued

Edison and Ford Winter Estates

Autumn Garden Festival
November 21-22, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Free event and parking
(does not include tours, museum, lab)

Holiday Nights
November 27 – January 3, 5:30-9 p.m.
Purchase tickets at EdisonFord.org

Garden Tour
December 2, 10 a.m.
Purchase tickets at EdisonFord.org

Bromeliad Sale
December 5-6, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Free event and parking
(does not include tours, museum, lab)

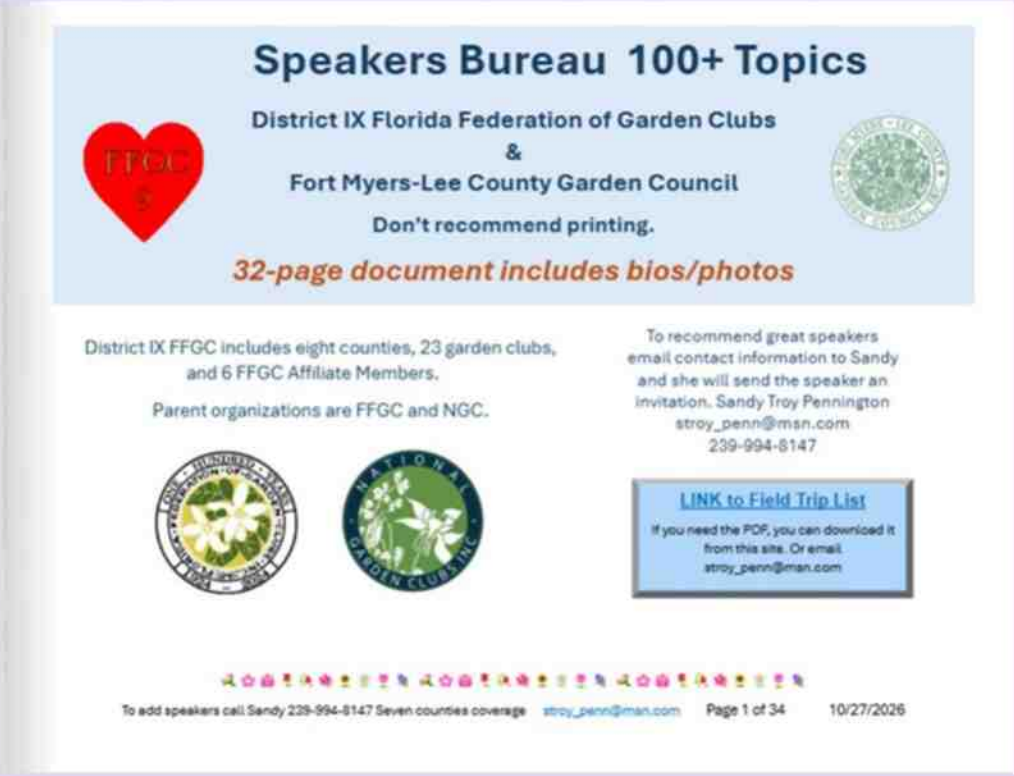
Holiday Orchid Mount Class
December 12, 10 a.m.
Registration required by Nov. 22 at EdisonFord.org

EDISON and FORD winter ESTATES

Click logo for website

Edison and Ford Winter Estates events
Visit EdisonFord.org
for tickets, tour times, and details.

Don't forget to visit the Garden Shoppe!



MEMBER EVENTS / HAPPENINGS
Continued

THE PUNTA GORDA GARDEN CLUB



Join us to tour four homes in the Punta Gorda Historic District. Our talented members have poured their hearts into creating "Christmas Memories" brought to life through beautifully decorated homes that we hope will fill you with warmth, joy, and a little holiday magic. Many of the decorations will be available for purchase.

Tour Locations (Begin at any address, 10 am to 4 pm)

706 W Marion Avenue, "Nostalgic Christmas": A reborn home that was restored to its historic charm after damage from Helene and Milton hurricanes.

111 MacGregor Street, "Lights of Christmas": A historic 1920's home described as one of the oldest in Charlotte County sited amidst lush tropical vegetation.

224 Harvey Street, "Christmas on the Harbor": A 2014 home that successfully melds with its Craftsman neighbors.

410 Harvey Street, "Vintage Christmas": A "traveled" 1900's home that was moved to its current site and lovingly renovated in 2018.

And don't miss Charlotte Prep Choir Saturday, Dec 5, 2:30 to 4:30, Visual Arts Center, 210 Maude Street

Tickets available at the door.
Advance ticket sales along with home information use QR or www.PGGC.org

BERNE DAVIS GARDEN UPDATE

Meryl O'Rourke, Master Gardener Volunteer

Welcome back, fellow gardeners!



We welcome a new MGV to our garden, Dee Wynne. Dee has over 35 years of Orchid experience, making her an excellent addition to the group. We're very happy that she's chosen to be part of our merry band of gardeners!

The curating of the Lily, Iris and Plumeria area is complete. You'll see Yellow walking iris (Trimezia steyermarkii), Blackberry Lily, (Belacana acinensis), and African iris (Dietes iridioides). There's a lovely Thyrallis (Galphima glauca) that we moved from another part of the garden to serve as an anchor, as well as the previously planted Plumeria! I can't wait for everything to be in bloom for the wonderful colors that will be in that area!



The Pink area has been lovingly tended by MGVs Nora and Wendy. Caladiums (Caladium x hortulanum) are waving their gorgeous leaves around, while the addition of a lovely new Orchid provides eye candy. Fresh mulch makes the colors pop in this beautiful area along the walkway. Take a moment and stop along the way to your next meeting!

A new spiral herb garden has been installed, thanks to MGV Pam and her husband Mark. Taller than the previous one, Mark has used some interesting paver stones to give it a bit of a different look. We are grateful for their contribution of time and energy, as well as the financial donation that made this possible!

Our pollinator pathway has filled nicely! We are actually going to be removing some of the Beach sunflowers (Helianthus debilis) and filling that space with other varieties of plants. To that end, we are reaching out and asking for either donations of the following plants or the funds to purchase them:

Golden Shrimp Plant	Moss Verbena	Salvia
Mountain Mint	Purple Coneflower	Bee Balm
Morning Glory	Dusty Miller	Blue Daze
Goldenrod		



The Hibiscus area is always a showstopper in our garden. MGV Beth is diligent about fertilizing properly, removing any inkling of pests and making sure that the plants are showcased to the very best according to their structure. There are some lovely specimens in bloom at any given time, so I encourage you to take a walk and see what's blooming!

The Succulent area is well kept by MGV Wendy. She's completely revamped it, filling in sunken areas, potting all the cacti into clay pots for easier upkeep. It's become a true labor of love, right next to the Hibiscus area. Our lovely statue, Lorelei, keeps a close watch on it. Take a peek and see what's new there.

The Espalier, located just behind the fountain in the Pergola, has really started to fill in. MGV Meryl keeps an eye on the fast-growing Jasmine, as it definitely tries to escape the wires at any change it gets! Looking forward to the bloom and that delightful scent! It will be a wonderful picture taking opportunity.

Lastly, but not least, the Food Forest plan is slowly coming into focus. Nick, our Ecologist, has been building a mound that will be incorporated into a Hügelkultur garden. MGV Meryl is working with him to add fruit trees, native spinach, and move some of the appropriate plants from the rest of the garden into this space. We're looking forward to seeing this area grow into both an education area, as well as a space to be enjoyed by one and all.

The MGV's at Berne Davis Gardens will be having a Plant Sale the weekend of November 21-22, which is the same weekend as the Edison-Ford Autumn Show. We'll have many of our garden-grown plants in pots, for very reasonable donation prices. We'd love to see you there!!

HORTICULTURAL TIDBITS

Wendy Sprague

Plant a Pollinator Pot

In a world where development keeps happening, farm fields and pastures are rapidly turned into pavement and grass, our pollinators are losing habitats at a frightening pace.Pollinators play an important role in maintaining healthy ecosystems. They are essential to our food supply, accounting for every 3rd bite of food you eat. Climate change and pesticides are also taking their toll. Butterflies, bees, wasps and all insects are feeling the challenge. Birds and bats are feeling the strain as well.

Become a part of "habitat highways" helping pollinators to survive! You can provide the habitat pollinators need by adding native plants to your landscape. No space? Everyone has room for a pollinator pot! It doesn't have to be fancy or expensive. Make sure your pot has good drainage. Use potting soil and sand, add a little perlite to aerate the soil.Natives don't need many nutrients, and too much fertilizer can be harmful. Remember the old phrase, "Thriller, Filler, Spiller" – a taller more striking plant for the back or center (depending on your pot placement). Filler, a longer lived perennial to fill in the center, and Spiller, to drape over the edge. Pick plants that have similar needs for water and sunlight. A good reference is the Florida Wildflower Foundation website: www.FlaWildflowers.org where you will find tons of information on Florida Wildflowers, their growing requirements, their bloom season, pollinator/bird use and more. There are even helpful videos. Don't forget the pollinator larval plants – butterflies need food for all stages of life. You can tuck them in back or in between plants – or display their nibbled leaves proudly to show your contribution to their survival.



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FMLCGC DATES TO REMEMBER

CALENDAR 2026 - 2027

NOVEMBER 2026

GARDEN COUNCIL MEETING & PROGRAM
Friday, November 13, 2026, 9:30 am
"Adopt A Mangrove - Mangrove Restoration"
Skye Mc Donald, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation.
Foundation (SCCF)
FMLC Garden Council

PERIWINKLE GARDEN CLUB
Auction
November 17, 2026, 5:30 p.m.
Finemark Bank
8695 College Pkwy, Fort Myers, FL
Tickets Necessary

PRESIDENT'S TEA
Wed., November 17, 2026, 11:30 am - 1 pm
RSVP by November 10th
FMLC Garden Council

Master Gardener Volunteer's
Plant Sale
November 21, 2026, 9 am - 4 pm
Next to Torii Gate

EDISON AND FORD WINTER ESTATES
Autumn Garden Festival
November 21-22, 2026, 9 am - 4 pm
More than 80 vendors are expected to have plants and garden-related items for sale.
Hibiscus and Orchid Societies will have a booths

BONSAI SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
2026 Annual Bonsai Show & Sale
Nov. 21, 2026, 9 am - 5 pm
Nov. 22, 2026, 9 am - 3 pm
FMLC Garden Council
Admission is free and parking is on Larchmont Ave.

DECEMBER 2026

GARDEN CLUB OF LEHIGH ACRES
Cups of Cheer
December 1, 2026, 9:30 am
Fountain Crest Retirement Community

PUNTA GORDA GARDEN CLUB
2026 Holly Days Home Tour
December 4 & 5, 2026

CALOOSAHATCHEE
BROMELIAD SOCIETY
Annual Sale
December 5, 2026, 9 am - 4 pm
December 6, 2026, 10 am - 3 pm
Edison and Ford Winter Estates

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA FIDDLERS
CONCERT IN THE GARDEN
Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2026, 10 am - 12 pm
FMLC Garden Council Headquarters

JANUARY 2027

GARDEN COUNCIL MEETING & PROGRAM
Friday, January 8, 2027, 9:30 am
"Edible Plants for our Landscapes"
Meryl O'Rourke, FMLC Master Gardener Volunteer
FMLC Garden Council Headquarters

Fort Myers Home & Garden Show
Jan 9 &10, 2027
The Poinciana Garden Club
Hosts Workshops & Education
Fort Myers Convention Center
1375 Monroe St, Fort Myers

THE POINCIANA GARDEN CLUB
Leaf Maniplulation
Tues., January 12, 2027, 9:30 am
FMLC Garden Council

FMLCGC DATES TO REMEMBER

Continued

THE POINCIANA GARDEN CLUB
Decoupage 3.0
Tues., January 12, 2027, 12 pm - 2 pm
FMLC Garden Council

FLORIDA ARBORDAY
Friday, January15,2027

PUNTA GORDA GARDEN CLUB
FFGC 2027 Floral Design Series - Units 1-6
January 15 - March 19, 2027
Visual Arts Center
210 Maude St., Punta Gorda

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA FIDDLERS
CONCERT IN THE GARDEN
Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2027, 10 am - 12 pm
FMLC Garden Council

THE POINCIANA GARDEN CLUB
Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk
Tues., January 28, 2027, 9am
27020 Tamiami Trail E., Naples

FEBRUARY 2027

GARDEN CLUB OF LEHIGH ACRES
Wings Over Water Plant Sale
February, Date to Be Announced
Harnes Marsh

PUNTA GORDA GARDEN CLUB
Digging it: All About Hibiscus
Feb. 2, 2027, 9:30 am - 2 pm
FMLC Garden Council

THE POINCIANA GARDEN CLUB
Cups of Cheer
Tues., February 9, 2027, 9:30 am
FMLC Garden Council

FMLCGC STROLLING FLOWER SHOW
Tuesday, February 17, 2027, 10 am - 4pm
Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center
2301 First Street, Fort Myers

EDISON AND FORD WINTER ESTATES
Spring Garden Festival
February 13-14, 2027, 9 am - 4 pm
More than 80 vendors are expected to have plants and garden-related items for sale.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA FIDDLERS
CONCERT IN THE GARDEN
Tuesday, Feb. 16 ,2027, 10 am - 12 pm
FMLC Garden Council

THE POINCIANA GARDEN CLUB
Marie Selby Botanical Garen Bus Trip
Thur., Feb. 25, 2027

GULF COAST GARDEN CLUB
NGC Standard Flower Show
Our Feathered Garden Helpers
Feb. 26, 2027, 1 pm - 4:15 pm
Feb. 27, 2027, 9 am - 3 pm
Bonita Springs Public Library
10560 Reynolds St.

MARCH 2027

The Garden Club of Cape Coral
March in the Park
March 6, 2027, 9 am - 3 pm
Rotary Park, Cape Coral

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY
Orchid Auction
Tues., March 9, 2027, 6 - 9 pm
Faith United Methodist Church

CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY
Annual Auction
March Meeting, 2 pm
FMLC Garden Council

THE POINCIANA GARDEN CLUB
Making Flowers from Shells
Tues., March 9, 2027, 9:30 am
FMLC Garden Council

THE POINCIANA GARDEN CLUB
Stained Glass Butterfly for Beginners
Tues., March 9, 2027, 12 pm - 2 pm
FMLC Garden Council
RSVP by 2/1/2027

GARDEN COUNCIL MEETING & PROGRAM
Friday, March 12, 2027, 9:30 am
"Conservancy 101"
Noelia Iglesias, Conservancy of Southwest Florida
FMLC Garden Council

ALVA GARDEN CLUB
Strawberry Festival and Plant Sale
Saturday, March 13, 2027, 9 am - 1 pm
Alva Methodist Church

FMLCGC DATES TO REMEMBER

Continued

KELLY GREENS GARDEN CLUB
Show Homes
March 15, 2027, 11 am - 4 pm
Tickets $25

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA FIDDLERS
CONCERT IN THE GARDEN
Tuesday, March 16 ,2027, 10 am - 12 pm
FMLC Garden Council

Berne Davis Honorary Service Award
18th ANNUAL LUNCHEON
March 24, 2027
Fiddlesticks Country Club

THE POINCIANA GARDEN CLUB
Tropicstar of Pine Island Boat Trip
Thurs., March 25, 2027, 8:30 am - 12 pm
Safe Harbor Pine Island

APRIL 2027

FFGC 100TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
April 5-9, 2027
Orlando, FL

THE POINCIANA GARDEN CLUB
20 Recommended Wildflowers
Tues., April 13, 2027, 9:30 am
FMLC Garden Council

THE POINCIANA GARDEN CLUB
Flowers from Shells 2.0
Tues., April 6, 2027, 10 am - 12 pm
FMLC Garden Council

EDISON AND FORD WINTER ESTATES
Grow Fort Myers Plant Sale & Workshops
April 10-11, 2027, 9 am - 4 pm
This annual event offers plants from numerous vendors for sale, along with free workshops on various topics.

THE POINCIANA GARDEN CLUB
Sharping Pruners, Loppers, etc.
Tues., April 6, 2027, 12 pm - 2 pm
FMLC Garden Council

AMERICAN HIBISCUS SOCIETY
James E. Hendry Chapter
73rd Annual Hibiscus Show and Sale
Saturday, April 17, 2027, 8 am - 3 pm
Covenant Presbyterian Church

PUNTA GORDA GARDEN CLUB
NGC Standard Flower Show
The Roaring 20's
Tues., April 20, 2017, 1 pm - 3 pm
Isles Yacht Club, Punta Gorda

District IX
Spring Meeting
April 29, 2027
Naples, Fl

NATIONAL ARBOR DAY
Friday, April 30, 2027

MAY 2027

THE POINCIANA GARDEN CLUB
Tatakizome Flower Pounding
Tues., May 4, 2027, 9:30 am
FMLC Garden Council

GARDEN CLUB OF LEHIGH ACRES
Cups of Cheer
May 5, 2027, 9:30 am
Fountain Crest Retirement Community

2027 ANNUAL NGC CONVENTION
May 13-17, 2027
Madison, Wisconsin

GARDEN COUNCIL MEETING & PROGRAM
Friday, May 14, 2027, 9:30 am
"Leaf Manipulation for Design"
Nancy Colgan, Potpourri Designers/Punta Gorda GC
FMLC Garden Council

THE POINCIANA GARDEN CLUB
Creating Flowers from Shells
Tues., May 26, 2027
FMLC Garden Council

JUNE 2027

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK
June 6-12, 2027

JULY 2027

THE POINCIANA GARDEN CLUB
Decoupage 4.0
Tues., July 13, 2027, 10 am
FMLC Garden Council

Please submit any additional dates or changes to:
fmlcgardencouncil@gmail.com

All Events are subject to change.



THE BONSAI SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

2026 ANNUAL BONSAI SHOW & SALE

Exhibit of Bonsai Trees, Sales, Demonstrations and Workshops.

November 21-22, 2026

Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION
FREE LUNCH
FREE PARKING
(On Larchmont Street)

Ft. Myers-Lee County Garden Council ---- Berne Davis Gardens

Just North of
Edison-Ford Estates

2166 Virginia Ave. Ft. Myers, FL

www.bonsaiswfl.org
239-935-6850

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, Nov 21, 2026

9:00 - 5:00
EXHIBITS, VENDORS AND RAFFLES OPEN

9:00 - 12:00
MULTI-CLUB STYLING COMPETITION

9:00 - 12:00
WORKSHOP WITH Adam Lavigne
"Green Island Ficus", 10 Spots, $50 ea.

12:00
RAFFLE of Plants and Bonsai Items

1:00
Demonstration by Adam Lavigne
"Buttonwood"
(Will be on Sunday's Raffle Table)

1:00 - 4:00
Free workshop with Phil Krieg
10 Slots available. The workshop is free, but if you wish to purchase the tree, the cost is $25

4:30
RAFFLE of Plants and Bonsai Items

Sunday, Nov 22, 2026

9:00 - 3:00
EXHIBITS, VENDORS AND RAFFLES OPEN

9:00 - 12:00
Bring your own Tree Workshop
With Adam Lavigne
The cost is $25

12:00
RAFFLE of Trees and Bonsai items

1:00 - 3:00

Joe Mayhew, Potter
Pot-Throwing Demonstration

Bonsai Help Table, Ask Questions!

2:30
Final Raffle of Trees, Bonsai Items, and **Styling Competition Trees**.

Punta Gorda Garden Club
Presents

2026 Holly Days Tour

"Christmas Memories"

December 4 & 5, 2026
10 AM to 4 PM

$25 Donation



And Don't Miss

Charlotte Prep Choir

Saturday, Dec 5
2:30-4:30 PM

The Visual Arts Center
210 Maude St.

Visit us at PGGC.org

The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society



Bromeliad Sale

EDISON and FORD WINTER ESTATES

2350 McGregor Blvd Fort Myers

Saturday Dec.5th 2026 9AM-4PM

Sunday Dec.6th 2026 10AM-3PM

Contact Dave & Geri Prall at PalmTreeGardens@hotmail.com for Info.

The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society



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Fort Myers Home & Garden Show Jan 9 &10, 2027

The Poinciana Garden Club Hosts Workshops & Education

Fort Myers Convention Center 1375 Monroe St, Fort Myers

NEW! **DemonstrationsSaturday:10to1BambooStarMartha, 12to1FlowerPoundingClaudia**

Saturday Jan 9th Hands-On Workshops

10 am JAPANESE FLOWER POUNDING 'TATAKIZOME' Margot Elmore& Jeaninne Schreiber, The Poinciana Garden Club BRING GARDENFLOWERS&GREENS.
11 am LEAF MANIPULATION FOR FLORAL DESIGN, Mary Chis & Claudia Wiegers, The Poinciana Garden Club
12 pm LEARN TO SHARPEN PRUNERS, Sandy Troy, The Poinciana Garden Club, FFGC Board Member, MG. BRING CLEAN PRUNERS.
1 pm ROCK/STONE PAINTING HANDS-ON WORKSHOP "ISHI-E" Sylvia Ford, The Poinciana Garden Club
2 pm UNPOT AND EVALUATE YOUR ORCHID AND HOW TO REPOT AT HOME. Dee Wynne, Master Gardener, SWFL Orchid Society. BRING ORCHID & CLEAN PRUNERS or SISSORS.

Saturday Jan 9th Presentations

Myers-Lee County Garden Council, The Poinciana Garden Club, MG
11 am Growing Hibiscus in SWFL. Cathy Dunn, MG, Former President of the JEH Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society
12 pm WHAT IF CAPE CORAL HAD A BOTANICAL GARDEN? Dustin 'Dusty' St. Amand, Owner of Plant Man Garden Maintenance, MG, Realtor at Schooner Bay Reality.
1 pm CARING FOR GROCERY STORE ORCHIDS, Dee Wynne, MG, SWFL Orchid Society
2 pm My Favorite Winter Flowering Bushes in Fl, Sandy Troy, The Poinciana Garden Club, FFGC Board, MG

Sunday Hands-On Workshops

10 am CARING AND FERTILIZING STAGHORN FERNS ON THE LANAI, Sandy Troy, The Poinciana Garden Club,
FFGC Board Member. BRING YOUR PORTABLE STAGHORN FERN.
11 am JAPANESE ROCK-STONE WRAPPING 'TSUTSUMU' Roxanne Sprehe, The Poinciana Garden Club
12 pm LEARN TO SHARPEN PRUNERS, Sandy Troy, The Poinciana Garden Club, FFGC Board Member, MG. BRING CLEAN PRUNERS.
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Sunday Jan 10th Presentations

10 am DEMYSTIFYING BONSAI, Dorothy Damarest, Bonsai Society of SWFl & Bonsai Societies of Florida.
11 am CREATING FLOWERS FROM SHELLS, Joanne Kishfy, Award Winner Sanibel Shell Show 2025, 2026, Garden Club of Cape Coral
12 pm TWENTY RECOMMENDED FL. WILDFLOWERS, Sara Burke, Past Chair Florida Wildflower Foundation, MG
NEW! 1 pm DESIGNING NATIVE POLLINATOR PLANTING, Sara Burke, Past Chair Florida Wildflower Foundation, MG
2 pm BUTTERFLIES, BEES & BLOOMS.JoyceFastbender, PhD Entomologist, Florida Gulf Coast University.

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