

September and October Events 2022

Garden Talk – Butterfly Gardening September 10, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Edison and Ford Winter Estates
2350 McGregor Blvd, Ft. Myers

A successful butterfly garden will include not only include eye-catching nectar plants, but also a variety of larval host plants. In this talk, visitors will learn how to design and care for butterfly gardens in a home landscape, including best locations, plant pairings and more. Common varieties of butterflies that visitors will see include the Monarch, Gulf Fritillary, Zebra Longwing, Orange-barred Sulphur, White Peacock, Black Swallowtail, and the Great Southern White. Each attendee will receive a 20% off coupon for use on plant purchases. Wear sunscreen, a hat, comfortable shoes, and bring drinking water. Advance registration is not required.

Edison Ford members: \$10; non-members: \$15

Emerging Inventors September 6 and October 4, 2022, at 9 a.m.

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Edison and Ford Winter Estates Emerging Inventors programs are designed for children ages 18 months to 5 years old. These sessions include opportunities to socialize with other children, educational activities, science experiments, and exploration of the property. This program runs from September through May. Advance registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

Edison Ford members: \$10; non-members: \$15

Digital Discussion: Who is Gettysburg Eddie? September 20, 2022, at 10:30 a.m.

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Eddie Plank was a Hall of Fame baseball player from the Philadelphia Athletics who holds two baseball records. The left-handed pitcher achieved more shutouts than any other player and maintained very consistent stats throughout his career. After retiring from baseball, he returned to his hometown of Gettysburg, where he passed away at the age of 50. Join Site Program Manager, Holly, to learn more about Eddie Plank (known as Gettysburg Eddie) and his achievements.

This is a free virtual lecture. Register online at edisonford.org.

Homeschool Science Scholars: History of Electricity

Grades 1-3: September 14, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Grades 4-6: September 8, 2022, at 10 a.m.

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Homeschool Science Scholar programs are designed for children in grades 1-6 and typically held in an outdoor classroom environment (weather permitting). Our education staff, called "Wild Wizards" will challenge student's minds and foster collaboration in this science and engineering series. In this session, student will learn about the history of 19th and 20th-century electric innovations. Advance registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org

Edison Ford members: \$15; non-members: \$25

Orchid Symposium

October 1 and 2, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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For those of you that love our gardening events and enjoy spending time outdoors, you won't want to miss our annual Orchid Sale and Symposium! Horticulturists and orchid growers will give presentations on growing and caring for orchids. Several vendors will have these plants available for sale, including rare and native species. The presentations will take place outdoors, under the oak trees.

Daily admission for the presentations is \$20 for Edison Ford members and \$25 for non-members (does not include tours or admission to the museum, lab or riverside of the property). Tickets are available online at edisonford.org.

Vendors are open to the public. A limited number of garden carts will be available; guests are encouraged to bring their own. Food and beverage vendors will have refreshments available for purchase, and live music will be provided. For more information, please visit edisonford.org.

Wine and Cheese Pairing Event

October 7, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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Edison and Ford Winter Estates is partnering with The Wine Room and Grazing Haus to offer visitors the opportunity to sample wine and cheese at the historic site. The event will take place in the river pavilion, along the Caloosahatchee River.

Guests are invited to sip wine, enjoy relaxing music and have a chance to see a beautiful sunset. Each participant will receive two red wine tastings and two white from different regions, paired with four cheese samples. Instructors from The Wine Room and Grazing Haus will discuss the pairings and will have additional wine and cheese available for purchase.

Tickets are \$75 for non-members and \$65 for Edison Ford members. Advance, online registration is required by 5 p.m. on Monday, October 3. Register online at edisonford.org.

239-334-7419

Etiquette Class

October 8, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Children aged 6 to 12

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Students will gather at the Edison Caretaker's House for a lesson in good manners. This class teaches proper introduction, handshakes and dining etiquette during a three-course meal. Each student will receive a workbook and certificate of completion.

Classes are taught by Suzanne Willis, who teaches etiquette classes at Ritz-Carlton hotels throughout the nation. Registration is required at edisonford.org or call 239-334-7419.

Edison Ford members: \$85; non-members: \$95

Homeschool Science Scholars: Measure Up

Grades 1-3: October 12, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Grades 4-6: October 13, 2022, at 10 a.m.

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Edison Ford members: \$15; non-members: \$25

School Break Camp: Spooky Science

October 14, 2022, at 9 a.m.

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School Break camps are designed for students ages 6 to 12 when school is out. Campers explore Edison's "living laboratory" while our educators, called "Wild Wizards," teach topics in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math), history and the natural world. In this session, students will learn the secrets of "mad science" in this thrilling one-day camp! Advance registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

Edison Ford members: \$45; non-members: \$50

Marie Dyer Landscape Painting Class
October 15, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Join impressionist painter Marie Dyer for a landscape painting workshop. Inspired by the lush grounds of the Edison and Ford Winter Estates, you will create a unique landscape painting. All experience levels are welcome. Supplies are included. The class will take place outside the Edison Caretaker's House. Advance registration is required. For more information, please visit edisonford.org

Price: TBD

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Garden Class: Vegetable Gardening for Southwest Florida
October 18, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. or October 22, 2022, at 10 a.m.

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If you have been thinking about planting some vegetables, or maybe creating your own food forest, fall is the time to start planting! When the Edison family began wintering in Fort Myers in 1885, Mr. Edison planned extensive truck gardens with various fruits that the family could enjoy during their time at Seminole Lodge. Today, Edison Ford horticulturists continue the Edison's tradition by growing edibles from seed that are not treated with any pesticides, sold in the Garden Shoppe. Advance registration is required and limited to 25 participants. The classes are held in a climate-controlled and accessible classroom at the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council and Berne Davis Gardens, located across the street from the Edison Ford parking lot. At the conclusion of each class, each participant will receive a 20% discount coupon for plant purchases in the Garden Shoppe. Register online at edisonford.org.

Price: TBD

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Fall Festival

October 29, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Dozens of educational activities will be staged throughout the garden areas surrounding the Museum and Laboratory, including a variety of hands-on educational interactives and a tree-climbing experience designed to get children exploring! Other activities include face-painting, balloon art, science experiments, and a planting activity. There will also be live music, homemade craft vendors, a flower truck to create your own bouquet. This family-friendly event will also include a pumpkin patch so families can purchase a pumpkin to take home. Family-friendly vendors and food trucks will round out the one-day event. For more information, please visit edisonford.org.

Price: TBD

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Yoga in the River Pavilion

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

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This one 1-hour yoga class allows you to step away from all the 21st century gadgets and focus on the moment. All skill levels are welcome. The class is taught by Bonnie D'Angelo, a certified yoga instructor. She is RYT200 certified with Yoga Alliance and working toward RYT300. She is certified in Reiki 1 and Reiki 2 and will continue the path towards Reiki Master & Energy Worker. Purchase tickets at edisonford.org or at the ticket counter. Bring a yoga mat, water, and towel. Admission to the site is not included.

Edison Ford members: \$15; non-members: \$20

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Piano Performance

Every other Wednesday starting on September 7 at 9:30 a.m.

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Every other Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., Site Historian, Chet will play Mina Edison's 1932 George Steck Piano in the Edison Guest House. Mina was an accomplished pianist who attended a ladies seminary, a finishing school for high-society women to prepare them for marriage and sometimes higher education. Mina's children, Charles, Madeleine, and Theodore also had a formal education and were taught how to play the piano by Edison's long-time employee, Lucy Bogue.

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Special Historian-led Presentations

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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Each week, Edison Ford Historians present an in-depth look at a topic related to our site. Topics include: the Edison Family; The Vagabonds - a group of travelers that included Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone and John Burroughs; Willow Run; Edison's Home; the Ford Family; Mina Edison; Generators and Electricity; Queenie Adams; the Laboratory; and Edison Spring Training. This program is held in the 15,000-square-foot museum

Included with admission: reservations are not required

Automotive Tour

Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

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Join Automotive Curator James Moss, for a new perspective on the evolution of the automobile. Learn about production and how to operate a vehicle. From the Model T to the Model A, gasoline to electric, the Ford Motor Company and beyond, the Automotive Tour promises to offer a new way to connect

with one of our most popular collections. Reservations are not required for this tour. Cost: : Edison Ford Members: \$15; non-members: Adults \$40, Teens (13-19) \$30, Children (6-12) \$16

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Inside-the-Homes Tour

Tuesdays 10 a.m. (first come, first-served)

Thursdays at 10 a.m. (pre-registration required)

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This tour is a unique opportunity to take a sneak peek inside normally-closed areas of Thomas Edison's "Seminole Lodge" and Henry Ford's "The Mangoes." Approximate tour time is 90 minutes to two hours. (Allow additional time to view the museum, laboratory, and gardens.) Limited reservations available for this tour, pre-registration required by calling 239-335-3674. Tours on Tuesdays offered on a first-come, first served basis. Cost: Edison Ford members: free (one time); non-members: Adults \$50, Teens (13-19) \$35, Children (6-12) \$20.

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