

November events at Edison and Ford Winter Estates

Adult Programs

Floral Still Life Painting with Marie Dyer

November 5, 2022, at 10 a.m.

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

Come spend the day with impressionistic local artist Marie Dyer as she guides you in this plein air acrylic landscape painting workshop. She will cover the fundamentals of composition and structure, color, creating mood, mixing paints, and assist in developing a pallet that speaks to you! Students will be inspired by the lush surroundings on site in this one-of-a-kind class. No experience is required. All materials are included. Register online at edisonford.org.

Edison Ford members: \$90; non-members: \$100

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Digital Discussion: Mina Miller Edison, Benefactor of Fort Myers

November 8, 2022, at 10:30 a.m.

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

Mina Miller Edison was a remarkable pioneer woman who had an active role in the social and civic affairs of Southwest Florida. Join Program Manager, Holly Shaffer, as she explores the life and legacy of Mina Edison in Fort Myers. Visitors will learn about the beautification project Mina organized to support the community and the lasting developments she made in the City of Palms that can still be seen today.

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

Rhythm on the River – Appalachian Road Show

November 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Join us for the first Rhythm on the River concert of the year with the acoustic ensemble, Appalachian Road Show! The group performs bluegrass and folk music, as well as original songs. The event will take place along the Ford lawn, along the Caloosahatchee River. Gates open at 6 p.m. and the concert starts at 6:30 p.m.

The group's music tells stories from the mountains and valleys of North Carolina and Virginia and the coal mines of West Virginia and Kentucky. Those stories include topics of logging, coal mining, trains, and lost love in their hit songs such as "I am just a Pilgrim," "Little Black Train," "Dance, Dance, Dance," and the ballad of love and loss in "Anna Lee."

Food and beverage vendors will have refreshments available for purchase. No coolers or picnic baskets will be permitted. Free parking is available in the main Edison Ford parking lot at 2350 McGregor Boulevard.

Tickets may be purchased online or at the ticket counter. Individual tickets purchased in advance are \$30 for Edison Ford members or \$35 for non-members; tickets at the door will be \$40. Individual ticket holders should bring a lawn chair. A VIP seating area may be reserved by the table \$225. Each table holds up to 5 people; table ticket price includes the use of a table and chairs. For more information or to purchase tickets online, visit edisonford.org.

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**Silk Scarf Painting Class
November 12, 2022, at 10 a.m.**

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

If you need some time to relax and unwind, join us for a silk scarf painting class with Marie Dyer along the Caloosahatchee River. Bring a friend with you and make a silk scarf that can be worn or hung as a piece of artwork. All materials are included in the fee. No experience is required. E-tickets can be redeemed at the ticket counter for a wristband. Register online at edisonford.org.

Edison Ford members: \$90; non-members: \$100

**Fall Floral Arranging with Anita Singh
November 13, 2022, at 10 a.m.**

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

Anita has been creating floral displays for many years. This class offers a unique opportunity for guests to learn floral arranging and they will make an arrangement to take home. All materials are included, as well as printed notes, an apron, and refreshments. Students of all experience levels are welcome. Seating is limited and registration is required. Hosted by Flowers by Anita at the Edison and Ford Winter Estates. Register online at edisonford.org.

Edison Ford members: \$75; non-members: \$85

**Annual Fall Garden Festival
November 19 and 20, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

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2350 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers

Join us for one of the largest festivals in the state of Florida! More than 40 garden vendors from around the state of Florida will have tropical and native plants and trees for sale. The festival takes place outdoors, under large shade trees and also features food trucks and live music.

Vendors will have many types of plants and trees, including palms, fruit trees, bromeliads, hibiscus, butterfly plants, African violets, orchids, air plants, herbs, succulents, cacti and many hard-to-find species. Vendors will also offer garden supplies.

A limited number of garden carts will be available, so guests are encouraged to bring a cart or wagon for transporting plants. A designated plant holding tent and loading spot will be offered for anyone needing assistance. Parking and admission to the festival is free (tours of the homes, museum and lab are not included).

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43rd Annual Turkey Trot 5k
November 24, 2022, at 7:30 a.m.

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

Join us for a 5k run and walk to benefit preservation at the Edison and Ford Winter Estates and the Fort Myers Track Club scholarship fund. The 5k course will start and finish at Edison and Ford Winter Estates in Downtown Fort Myers. This fun-filled family event is back and in-person, but will also offer a virtual option for participants who choose to participate remotely. Register online at www.ftmyerstrackclub.com.

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Holiday Nights Opening Night
November 25, 2022, at 6 p.m.

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

Join us as we kick off the 47th annual Holiday Nights celebration with a tree lighting! Guests can participate in the countdown with Dave Elias from NBC-2 news when a tree on the Ford property will be lit with thousands of lights. Female vocalists, The American Sirens, will perform shortly after the tree lighting. This year's theme is "Holidays along the River" and will feature elements of tropical wildlife and nature and Southwest Florida. This event will run through the months of December, and guided tours will be offered at 6 and 7 p.m. every night or visitors can meander at their own pace on a self-guided tour.

Holiday Nights tickets for adults are \$20, teens (13-19) \$10, children (6-12) are \$2 and Edison Ford members get in free. Guided Holiday Tradition Tours are \$30 for adults, teens are \$25, children \$18 and

\$10 for Edison Ford members. Lee County residents with identification will receive \$5 off Holiday Nights admission on Sunday nights. To purchase tickets or view the nightly schedule, visit edisonford.org.

Education programs for kids

Emerging Inventors

November 1, 2022, at 9 a.m.

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

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 September through May and is based out of the new Wizard's Workshop gallery space. Advance registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

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Homeschool Science Scholars: Assembly Line

Grades 1-3: November 17, 10 a.m.

Grades 4-6: November 16, 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, students will learn how the assembly line works as they tackle different challenges. A demonstration of the Model T with Automotive Curator, James will also be included. Advance registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

School Break Camp: Fantastic Physics

November 21-23, 2022, at 9 a.m.

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This camp will explore experiments that relate to all kinds of waves, including water, sound, and light. Students will explore different experiments that relate to Newton's Laws of Motion. This is a conceptual physics camp and a math pre-requisite is not required. Register online at edisonford.org.

Edison Ford members: \$135; non-members: \$150
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