

## **February events and programs**

### **Annual Antique Car Show**

**February 4, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

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

Each year, classic car owners exhibit more than 100 cars on the Ford estate lawn as a tribute to Henry Ford, the pioneer of the automobile industry. Along with the car show, there will be music, food trucks and visitors can tour the gardens, museum, laboratory and see the historic homes.

This family event is free for Edison Ford members and \$25 for non-members, which includes a self-guided tour of the entire site. Admission tickets may be purchased online at [edisonford.org](http://edisonford.org) or at the ticket counter (advance ticketing not required).

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### **Introduction to Florida Gardening – Part II**

**February 4, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

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In Part II, participants will be introduced to the "Florida Friendly Gardening" concepts, such as proper use of fertilizers and soil amendments. Plants have unique pests and their identification will be covered as well as when to use chemical versus biological controls as recommended by the Green Industries Best Management Practices concepts. Common weed identification and diseases, and how to select plants for your Florida landscape will also be covered. Advance registration is required. Class will be held at the Garden Council building, located across the street from the Edison Ford parking lot (on Larchmont Avenue). Note: Though not required, taking Part I will be beneficial to understanding the content covered in Part II. Register online at [edisonford.org](http://edisonford.org).

Edison Ford members: \$45; non-members: \$55

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### **12 Things to Make and Do with Roses**

**February 5, 2023 at 10 a.m.**

Edison and Ford Winter Estates  
February 5, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Join floral designer and winner of the 2022 Art in Bloom show, Anita Singh, for this special class on decorating with roses. Participants will get to examine 12 floral creations, ask questions about and take photos, then select one of the designs to make and take home. All supplies and flowers will be provided. This class can be a great Valentine's Day gift!

Register online at [edisonford.org](http://edisonford.org).

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

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### **Etiquette at Edison Ford (For children ages 6-12)**

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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. Willis is a graduate of the Protocol School of Palm Beach and a Fort Myers native. She started the etiquette classes in honor of her grandmother, Florence "Mimi" Black.

Designed for children ages 6-12. If the child has dietary restrictions, contact Lindsey at [llutarewych@edisonford.org](mailto:llutarewych@edisonford.org). Register online at [edisonford.org](http://edisonford.org).

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

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### **Thomas Edison's 176<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration February 10, 2023 at 10 a.m.**

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

Come celebrate Thomas Edison's birthday with us! The annual tradition continues with students from the Edison Park Creative and Expressive Arts School singing, dancing and playing stringed instruments. Cake will be served for visitors attending the party, which is sponsored in part by the Edison Pageant of Light, the organization founded in 1938 to memorialize Thomas Edison.

#### **Birthday Itinerary:**

- Starting at 10 a.m., Mike Flanders, Edison and Ford Winter Estates CEO will give a brief welcome and thank the Edison Pageant of Light organizers for providing the cake. (Will take place at the Banyan picnic pavilion behind the Banyan tree).
- Cole Peacock, the Edison Ford Board Chair will also say a few words as will Sue Grimes, the Edison Pageant of Light Historian.
- Students from the Edison Park Creative and Expressive Arts School will perform stringed instruments and then the "Boys in Black" will sing and dance. Students will also sing happy birthday to history character, Mr. Edison.
- Birthday cake will be served.
- Music will be played on the antique Calliope (circus car).

The party is a free public event with limited seating (does not include tours or admission to the museum or laboratory).

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**Spring Garden Festival**  
**February 11 and 12, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

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Save the date for the next Garden Festival! More than 60 garden vendors from around the state will have exotic and native plants and trees for sale. The festival takes place outdoors, under large shade trees and features food trucks and live music.

Vendors will have many types of plants and trees, including air plants, bromeliads, butterfly plants, cacti, fruit trees, herbs, hibiscus, orchids, palms, succulents, and many hard-to-find species. Vendors will also offer garden supplies, such as flowerpots, fertilizer and worm castings.

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 laboratory are not included).

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**Valentine's Day Couples' Cocktail Chemistry Class**  
**February 14, 2023 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

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If you are looking for something fun to do this Valentine's Day, we are partnering with Captiva Spirits to offer guests as special Valentine's Day Cocktail Chemistry class. Visitors will learn how to make cocktails while enjoying appetizers, chocolate, music and a sunset view.

The cocktails will include locally produced Captiva Spirits vodka and botanicals sourced from the Edison Ford gardens. Each participant will make two cocktails during the class, plus will receive a welcome cocktail, appetizers from Personal Touch Catering, and a box of Norman Love chocolates. Background music will be played during the class.

While the class is being held on Valentine's Day, registration is not limited to couples. Tickets per person are \$90 for non-members; \$80 for Edison Ford members. After making cocktails, visitors may stroll along the riverfront. Advance registration is required by February 7. Register online at [EdisonFord.org](https://EdisonFord.org).

**Valentine's Day Sale**  
**February 14, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

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If you want to get something special for a loved one this Valentine's Day, Flowers by Anita will be selling beautiful flower bundles on February 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.! Make your own bouquet to take home, or choose from special pre-made arrangements with decorative vases. Anyone who would like to pre-order their flowers can reach out to Anita at [contact@flowersbyanita.org](mailto:contact@flowersbyanita.org). We hope to see you there!

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**Rhythm on the River – Neil Zirconia (Neil Diamond Tribute)**  
**February 17, 2023 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

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Neil Zirconia, a Neil Diamond tribute entertainer will perform at the next Edison and Ford Winter Estates' Rhythm on the River celebration. Zirconia, dubbed the ultimate "Faux Diamond," will perform Neil Diamond hits on the historic Ford lawn along the Caloosahatchee River. Gates open at 6 p.m. and the concert will start at 6:30 p.m.

Guests can take in a beautiful river view and possibly see a spectacular sunset. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Ticket holders should bring a folding chair and a sweater if the weather is chilly. No coolers are permitted. Free parking is available in the main Edison Ford parking lot at 2350 McGregor Boulevard.

Concert tickets can be purchased online at [edisonford.org](http://edisonford.org) or at the ticket counter.

Price: TBD

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**Acrylic Landscape Painting with Marie Dyer**  
**February 18, 2023 at 9 a.m.**

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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. Capacity is limited and [registration is required](#). Register online at [edisonford.org](http://edisonford.org).

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

**Garden Class: Grow Fabulous Roses!**  
**February 21, 2023 at 1:30 p.m., or February 25, 2023 at 10 a.m.**

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The crown jewel for many gardeners is roses and they were one of Mina Edison's favorite plants! Forget everything you know about growing roses up north and join us to learn the tried and tested techniques and tips for growing roses year-round in your South Florida garden. Participants will learn the importance of rootstock, identifying problems, best preventative programs for pests, choosing proven performers for South Florida, proper feeding, soil amendments, and pruning techniques. Advance registration is required. Class will be held at the Garden Council building, located across the street from the Edison Ford parking lot (on Larchmont Avenue). Bring a notebook, pencil, water, sunscreen and comfortable walking shoes. All participants will receive a 20% discount coupon for plants in our Garden Shoppe. Register online at [edisonford.org](http://edisonford.org).

Edison Ford members: \$45; non-members: \$55

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**Silk Scarf Painting Class with Marie Dyer**  
**February 25, 2023 at 9 a.m.**

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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](http://edisonford.org).

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

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**Education:**

**Emerging Inventors**

**February 7, 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 September through May. Advance registration is required. Register online at [edisonford.org](http://edisonford.org)

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

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### **Homeschool Science Scholars: Toy Design**

**Grades 1-3: February 16, 10 a.m.**

**Grades 4-6: February 15, 10 a.m.**

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Homeschool Science 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 camp, students will utilize the engineering process as they design toys with LEGO models and 3D printers.

Register online at [edisonford.org](http://edisonford.org).

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

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