

January Events and Programs at Edison and Ford Winter Estates

Holiday Nights

Now through January 1, 5:30 p.m. to 9 a.m.

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

Thousands of lights, hundreds of historic decorations, and one unique holiday experience await you nightly! This year's theme is "Holidays on the Riverfront" and will incorporate water and nautical elements. Holiday Nights will run nightly through January 1, except Christmas Eve and Christmas night. Guided Holiday Tradition Tours will be offered at 6 and 7 p.m. every night except opening night or visitors can choose to meander at their own pace on a self-guided tour. Inside-the-Homes tours will be offered on November 30, and December 7, 14, and 21 at 6:30 p.m. for a special up-close looks at the homes' decorated interiors.

Several new light displays have been installed this year. When visitors enter the riverside of the property, they will walk through a new lighted tunnel that will incorporate animated lights choreographed to music. This will set the stage and lead visitors to the new fountain tree with animated lights.

Holiday Nights tickets for adults are \$20, teens (13-19) \$10, children (6-12) are \$2 and Edison Ford get in free. Guided Holiday tradition tours are \$30 for adults, teens are \$25, children \$18 and \$10 for Edison Ford members. Inside-the-Homes Holiday Tours are \$50. 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.

239-334-7419

Emerging Inventors

January 3, 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. Advance registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org

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

Silk Scarf Painting Class
January 14, 2023 at 9 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

239-334-7419

Garden Talk: Staghorns and Jungle Cactus
January 14, 2023 at 10 a.m.

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

Visitors can always find unique, exotic plants growing through the 20-acre botanical gardens at Edison and Ford Winter Estates. In this talk, learn about Staghorn Ferns and Jungle Cactus and how to care for them in a landscape. Participants will receive a 20% off coupon for use towards plant purchase in the Garden Shoppe. Wear sunscreen, a hat, comfortable shoes, and bring drinking water. Advance registration is not required.

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

Palm Weaving with Megan Kissinger
January 15, 2023 at 12 p.m.

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

Students will join local artist, Megan Kissinger, to learn how to make woven crafts that they can take home. All materials and tools will be provided, but students may bring their own specially chosen ribbons and scissors. Participants are also encouraged to bring a snack or lunch. Space is limited and registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

Edison Ford members: \$40; non-members: \$60

239-334-7419

Floral Still Life Painting with Marie Dyer
January 21, 2023 at 9 a.m.

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

Impressionist painter, Marie Dyer, will explain color mixing, effect design, impressionistic techniques, shading and effective color contrast to create mood. This acrylic on canvas painting workshop is for any experience level. Capacity is limited and registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

239-334-7419

Introduction to Florida Gardening Part 1
January 24, 2023 at 1:30 p.m., or January 28, 2023 at 10 a.m.

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

New to Florida gardening? Part 1 of this two-part class provides a foundation of how plants work, their nomenclature, and understanding of unique weather patterns and unusual soils found only in Florida, zone 10. This class will educate participants with identification of both Florida native and non-native plants. In Part I, we will also discuss the horticulture of palms and spend the last 20 minutes in our Palmetum. Please bring a notebook, pencil and water to class. Hats, sunscreen and good walking shoes are recommended for the outdoor portion. Each class includes handouts, recommended reading list, and additional resources to help the Florida gardener succeed.

At the conclusion of class, each participant will receive a 20% discount coupon for plant purchases in our Garden Shoppe.

Advance Registration is required and limited to 25 participants.

Class will be held at the Garden Council Building located across the street from the Edison and Ford (Larchmont Avenue) parking lot.

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

Introduction to Florida Gardening Part II
January 31, 2023 at 1:30 p.m., or February 4, 2023 at 10 a.m.

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

Though not required, taking Part I will be beneficial to understanding the content covered in Part II of Introduction to Florida Gardening.

In Part II, we will introduce participants to the concepts of “Florida Friendly Gardening,” understanding our soils and learning the proper use of fertilizers and soil amendments. Like our plants, we have unique pests and we cover their ID and discuss when to use chemical versus biologic controls as recommended by the Green Industry – Best Management Program concepts. Part II will also cover common weed identification and diseases. We will wrap up with a discussion on selecting plants for your Florida landscape and a Q & A Session. The last 20 minutes of class will be held in our Butterfly Garden.

At the conclusion of class, each participant will receive a 20% discount coupon for plant purchases at our Garden Shoppe.

Advance Registration is required. Limited to 25 participants.

Class will be held at the Garden Council Building located across the street from the Edison and Ford (Larchmont Avenue) parking lot.

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

239-334-7419

**Rhythm on the River – Michael Dutra and the Strictly Sinatra Band (Sinatra Tribute)
January 27, 2023 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 new year with Michael Dutra and the Strictly Sinatra Band! The group performs many of Sinatra's greatest hits. The event will take place on the Ford lawn, along the Caloosahatchee River. Gates open at 6 p.m. and the concert starts at 6:30 p.m.

Food and beverage vendors will have refreshments available for purchase. No coolers are permitted. Free parking is available in the main Edison Ford parking lot at 2350 McGregor Boulevard. Guests should bring a lawn chair and a sweater or blanket if the weather is chilly.

Tickets may be purchased online at EdisonFord.org or at the ticket counter. Individual tickets purchased in advance are \$30 for Edison Ford members and \$35 for non-members; tickets at the door will be \$40. No coolers or picnic baskets are permitted. A VIP seating area may be reserved by the table for \$225. Each table holds up to 5 people; table ticket price includes the use of a table and chairs.

239-334-7419

Zen Drawing with Megan Kissinger
January 28, 2023 at 10 a.m.

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

Participants will explore meditative drawing with local artist, Megan Kissinger. This class will take place outdoors in the sprawling grounds of the Edison and Ford Winter Estates. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch. The class will meet at the Visitor Pavilion before departing to paint on the grounds. All materials are included. Registration is required and capacity is limited. No experience is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

Edison Ford members: \$40; non-members: \$60

Floral Designing with Roses
January 29, 2023 at 10 a.m.

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

Get creative with floral designer, Anita Singh! You will learn how to create your very own botanical masterpiece. This course will be highlighting roses, foliage, and how to create a unique Valentine's Day floral arrangement. We will provide everything you need: instructional demonstrations, roses, tools, all floral products, and refreshments. Class runs from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Each participant will take home their custom floral arrangement to enjoy as well as a 20% off coupon to be used on plants in the Garden Shoppe.

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

Register online at edisonford.org.

Homeschool Science Scholars: Engineering Bridges
Grades 1-3: January 19, 10 a.m.
Grades 4-6: January 18, 10 a.m.

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

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 session, students will learn about how famous bridges were constructed as they design and test various models of these unique structures. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

School Break Camp: The Four Forces of Flight
January 3-6, 9 a.m.

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

School Break camps are designed for students in grades K-5 when school is out. This camp focuses on the four forces of flight: lift, gravity, drag, and thrust. Activities include paper airplane design, foam rockets, and water rockets -- all tied to concepts of Newton's Laws of Motion and the forces of flight. Register online at edisonford.org

Cost: \$185 for non-members; \$160 for Edison Ford members.