

April Events at Edison and Ford Winter Estates

Step into History (Digital Edition): Fordlandia – Ford’s Failed Paradise April 5, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Edison and Ford Winter Estates
2350 McGregor Blvd
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Step into history with a discussion on Henry Ford’s attempt to build a city in the middle of the Amazon Rainforest. Henry Ford sought out land in Brazil to secure rubber for the Ford Motor Company and built an idyllic American town conforming to his political beliefs and morals. Learn about decades and millions of dollars were spent transforming the Amazon into an American utopia, a project doomed to fail despite American industrialism.

Sign up now to hear the fate of Fordlandia and Ford’s dreams for a perfect America from Leas Historian, Chase Galewski. This is a free virtual lecture. Register online at edisonford.org.

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“Grow Fort Myers” Orchid Symposium Plant Sale and Workshops April 7, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. April 8, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Since we were not able to host our Orchid Symposium, we are combining it with a special Grow Fort Myers plant sale! Come spend the day with us and participate in workshops, demonstrations, and plants will be available for sale. The Garden Shoppe will be stocked with new plants and several vendors, including Bello Tropicals, Florida Orchid House, Hang-a-Pot, Jim-N-I Orchids, Krull/Smith Orchids, OFE Orchid Supplies, Orchids Amore, Sierra Madre, SO Orchids, Sunland Orchids, and Tropiflora will be on site.

Workshops will be offered throughout the day along with the plant sale on Saturday, April 8. Learn how to grow orchids as houseplants, potting orchids, wildflowers and growing orchids from seedlings.

Workshop Schedule (tickets required):

- 10-10:45 a.m. – Growing Orchids as Houseplants**
- 11 – 11:45 a.m. – Potting Orchids**
- 12 – 1 p.m. – Wildflower Talk and Stroll**
- 1-1:45 p.m. – Introduction to Orchids**
- 2- 2:45 p.m. – Growing Orchids from Seedlings**
- 3-3:45 p.m. – Benign Neglect of Orchids**

While a ticket is required for the workshops, there is not charge to visit the Garden Shoppe or plant vendors. Tickets to attend all four workshops are \$25 for non-members or \$20 for Edison Ford members and can be purchased online (does not include admission to the museum, lab or riverside of the property). Food and beverage vendors will have refreshments available for purchase, and there will be live music. Guests are encouraged to bring their own garden cart, as only a limited number will be available. To purchase tickets, visit www.edisonford.org.

Digital Discussion: Clara Ford, the Believer
April 11, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

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Discover the reason Henry Ford called Clara Bryant Ford “the believer.” Uncover the impact she had on Henry and her son Edsel as well as the Ford Motor Company. Her charitable deeds, passion for gardening and involvement in the suffrage movement will be covered.

Join Program Manager, Holly Shaffer, for this free virtual lecture. Registration is required at edisonford.org.

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Dried Flower Arranging
April 16, 2023 at 10 a.m.

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In this class, participants will design an arrangement of rustic dried blooms to take home with them. Floral designer, Anita Singh, will also cover tips and tricks for drying the flowers. Step-by-step guidance and all materials will be provided. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

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Education Programs

School Break Camp – STEAM explorers
April 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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School Break camps are designed for students ages 6-12 when school is out. Campers explore Edison’s “living laboratory” while our educators, called “Wild Wizards,” teach topics in STEAM (science,

engineering, art, and math), history and the natural world. In this camp, students will learn about science, technology engineering, arts and mathematics, along with history. Advance registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

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Homeschool Science Scholars – Robotics Crash Course

Grades 1-3: April 20, 10 a.m.

Grades 4-6: April 13 and 19, 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). In this camp, students will learn about autonomous and teleoperation robotics as they solve challenges and compete against other robots. Advance registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

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Ongoing Programs

Yoga By the River

Every Monday

10 a.m. to 11 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 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