

June Events at Edison and Ford Winter Estates

Step into History (Digital Edition): Southwest Florida Hurricane History June 7, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

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

From sunshine to shutters, the words “hurricane” and “Florida” have become practically synonymous with one another. Florida holds a rich history of facing these catastrophic storms and rebuilding time and time again. This month’s Step into History digital edition will focus on the hurricanes that have made landfall in southwest Florida. We will also discuss not only how these storms have affected the Edison and Ford Winter Estates, but also Fort Myers as a whole.

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

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Kid’s Floral Design Workshop June 10, 2023, at 10 a.m.

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

This workshop is for children ages six and up. Floral designer, Anita Singh will guide each child on basic flower care and design ideas. This is a great opportunity to enhance a child’s artistic abilities with flowers. Allow 60-90 minutes. All materials and flowers will be provided. Each child will be able to take their beautiful creation home! Register online at edisonford.org.

Edison Ford Members \$50; Non-Members \$60

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Digital Discussion: Thomas Edison and the Naval Consulting Board and Research Laboratory June 13, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

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Thomas Edison, when asked by a New York Times correspondent to comment on the great war taking place in Europe, stated that the United States should look to science. The government, he believed, should maintain a great research laboratory. In this laboratory, all the techniques of military and naval progression could be developed without any large expense.

Secretary of the Navy, Josephus Daniels took the opportunity generated by Edison's public comments to enlist Edison's support. He agreed to serve as the head of the Naval Consulting Board - a group of expert civilians, to advise the navy on science and technology. The Board's most ambitious plan was the creation of a modern research facility for the Navy. Congress allocated \$1.5 million for the facility and it opened in 1923.

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

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Ongoing Events and Programs

Yoga By the River Every Monday and Wednesday at 10 a.m.

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2350 McGregor Blvd, Ft. Myers

This one-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 and Energy Worker.

Tickets are available at edisonford.org or 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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Step into History Presentations

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

Each week, Edison Ford Historians present an in-depth look at a topic related to our site. This program is held in the 15,000-square-foot museum.

Included with admission; reservations are not required.

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Automotive Tour
Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

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

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 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 off 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 are available for this tour, pre-registration is required by calling 239-335-3674. Tours on Tuesdays are 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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