

October events at Edison and Ford Winter Estates

Future Makers (For children ages 1-5)

October 4, 9:30 a.m.

Offered on the first Wednesday of every month

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

Children will play, learn, and gain social skills as they explore science, technology, engineering and more in the museum. This series is offered on the first Wednesday of every month from September through March.

This program is free for Edison Ford members and included with admission for non-members. Pre-registration is not required.

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Quilt Show

October 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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See the property decorated with lots of quilts featuring intricate, whimsical designs at our annual "Airing of the Quilts" show. Dozens of quilts from the Southwest Florida Quilters Guild will be on display, suspended from clotheslines between the palms in front of the historic homes. Quilters Guild participants will also have quilts available for sale. Quilters Guild participants will also have quilts available for sale.

Certified quilt appraiser, Lars Cain, will be on site and conducting appraisals from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visitors may bring antique quilts for assessment. Verbal appraisals will be offered for \$25 and the fee for a written appraisal will be \$35 per quilt.

The quilt show is included with admission. Tickets may be purchased online or at the ticket counter. Admission is free for Edison Ford members. Visit edisonford.org to purchase tickets.

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Homeschool Program – Derby Car Design and Racing

Grades 1-3: October 11 or 19, 10 a.m.

Grades 4-6: October 12 or 18, 10 a.m.

Homeschool programs are designed for children in grades 1-6 and are typically held in an outdoor classroom environment (weather permitting). Our education staff, called "Wild Wizards" will challenge a student's mind and foster collaboration in this science and engineering series. In this session, students will explore the design process as they build with modular LEGO pieces. They will apply the basics concepts of physics to develop and test the fastest Pinewood Car.

Register online at edisonford.org.

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

Orchid Sale and Symposium
October 14 and 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Join us for two days filled with all thing orchids! There will be guest speakers talking about various topics related to orchids, several vendors will have orchids for sale, and there will be food trucks and music! There is no charge to visit the vendor booths, but a ticket is required for the presentations. The cost for the presentations is \$20 for Edison Ford members and \$25 for non-members. Purchase tickets online at edisonford.org.

Participating vendors include Blue Pagoda, Jim-N-I Orchids, Bello Tropicals, Hang-a-Pot, Krull Smith, Palmer Orchids, Pelican Coast Orchids/Amore Orchids, Red Hawk Nursery, Smiley's Orchids, So Orchids, Sunland Orchids, and Tropiflora. The Garden Shoppe will be open all day, and the Southwest Florida Orchid Society will be on site to answer questions.

Saturday, October 14

- 9:30-10:30 a.m. – Former Art Teacher and Edison Ford Instructor, Jim Hopton, will teach how to prepare a hypertufa (cement-like) mount for displaying orchids.
- 11 a.m. – noon – John Hampton will present "My Favorite Orchids" and how to read an orchid tag.
- Noon – 1 p.m. – "Ask the Expert" table will be open, so bring your questions to our orchid specialist, Michael Spelta.
- 1-2 p.m. – Stan Grigiski will present tips & techniques for displaying orchids in and around the home.
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. – Debbie Hughes, Edison Ford Director of Horticulture will talk about which orchids are best suited for tree mounting, and how to mount them.

Sunday, October 15

- 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Anita Singh; Orchid floral design demonstration

- 11 a.m. – Noon – Mickey Carnell, Owner of Blue Pagoda Orchids will present “Introduction to Orchids.”
- Noon – 1 p.m. – “Ask the Expert” table will be open, so bring your questions to our orchid specialist, Michael Spelta.
- 1-2 p.m. – Renowned botanical artist, Aaron Apsley of Aaron Apsley Artworks, and illustrator of Hortus Curious, will present “The Art of Capturing the Orchid in Watercolor.”
- 2:30-3:30 – Jim Davison of Jim-N-I Orchids will present “Brasavola Star of the Show.”

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Spooky Science Camp
October 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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School Break camps are designed for students in grades K-5 when school is out. Campers explore Edison’s “living laboratory” while our educators, called “Wild Wizards,” teach topics in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math), history and the natural world. This one-day chemistry camp is a tradition at Edison Ford with a spooky twist. Students will watch a lava lamp demonstration with black lights and fluorescent colors, a dry ice demonstration with ghost bubbles and spooky foggy effects, and make glow-in-the-dark slime. Advance registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

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Fall Floral Arranging Workshop
October 22, 10 a.m.

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Embrace the enchanting colors and textures of autumn with our Fall Floral Arrangement Class, hosted by Flowers by Anita.

In this captivating workshop, participants will create stunning floral arrangements inspired by the vibrant hues and rich elements of the fall season. Anita will share techniques to help you craft unique and beautiful fall-themed arrangements.

All flowers, foliage, and supplies will be provided. No experience is required.

Participants will be able to take home their arrangements. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

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Fall Festival

October 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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This family-friendly event will include an autumn market with approximately 30 local craft vendors and artists, plus several fun activities for children. Vendors are invited to stroll around while shopping at vendor booths, listen to music and get something to eat from the food trucks.

The children's activities include inflatable axe throwing, mobile teddy bears, face painting, spin art, fairy hair and caricatures. Plus, families will be able to select and purchase pumpkins in the Pumpkin Patch, with the option to paint the pumpkins (painted will be provided) and enter a contest.

The popular Banyan Tree climb will also be offered again; registration is recommended since a limited number of people will be able to participate. Tickets for the Banyan Climb are \$35 per person and may be purchased online at edisonford.org.

There is no charge to stroll around and listen to music; however, each vendor has a fee to participate in the children's activities and visitors are encouraged to bring cash. Parking is free in the Edison Ford lots. Admission to the museum, laboratory and riverside of the property requires an additional ticket. For more information, visit edisonford.org.

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Ongoing Programs:

Yoga By the River

Every Monday and Wednesday at 10 a.m. (no yoga on October 18)

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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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