November Events at Edison and Ford Winter Estates

Future Makers (For children ages 1-5)

November 1, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Held on the first Wednesday of every month

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

Children will learn, play 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. Preregistration is not required.

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Wine and Cheese Pairing November 3, 6 p.m.

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We are partnering with Grazing Haus to offer visitors the opportunity to sample wine and cheese at the historic site. Guests are invited to sip wine, enjoy relaxing music and have a chance to see a beautiful sunset. Each participant will receive four wine tastings, paired with four cheese samples. Florian Ratz from Breakthru Beverage Group and Ali Eck from Grazing Haus will discuss the pairings and will have additional wine and cheese available for purchase.

Tickets are \$75 for non-members and \$65 for Edison Ford members. Online registration is required by 5 p.m. on October 27. Register online at edisonford.org.

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Edison Orb Hypertufa Class November 4 and 11, 9 a.m.

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Hypertufa is a lightweight concrete mixture comprised of Portland cement, perlite, water and peat moss. The mixture can be poured into a mold or hand sculpted to create a variety of long-lasting garden containers. In this popular two-part class, participants will make two hanging 4" diameter planter orbs. The Edison orbs are perfect for attaching tillandsia, small orchids, and bromeliads and compliment a small patio or large garden. All supplies are included, but we recommend participants bring a pair of

rubber or latex kitchen gloves. Retired art instructor and volunteer, Jim Hopton, will be teaching the class. The class size is limited to 10 students. Register online at edisonford.org.

Edison Ford members: \$40; non-members: \$45

Thanksgiving Floral Arrangement Workshop November 12, 10 a.m.

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Create a beautiful decoration that captures the essence of the season in our Thanksgiving Floral Arrangement Workshop. Floral Designer, Anita Singh, will teach participants the step-by-step process of designing a centerpiece. You will learn different techniques, color palettes, and floral varieties used to make a festive arrangement. All flowers, foliage and supplies will be provided. Advance registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

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Homeschool Series – Introduction to Lego Mechanics Grades 1-3: November 8, 10 a.m. Grades 4-6: November 15, 10 a.m.

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Homeschool Programs are designed for children in grades 1-6. 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 learn about mechanical advantage, gears, worm drives, gear trains and more! Fundamental concepts will be explored with simple machines and motorized gear systems. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

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Fall Garden Festival November 18 and 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Don't miss the largest garden event in Southwest Florida! More than 60 vendors from around the state will have tropical and native plants and trees for sale. The festival takes place outdoors 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. The Garden Shoppe will be open and have unusual tropical and Florida native plants that thrive in Southwest Florida.

A limited number of garden carts will be available, so guests are encouraged to bring a cart or wagon for transporting plants. Parking and admission to the festival is free (tours of the homes, museum and lab are not included).

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Make It Move! Engineering Camp November 20-22, 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. Campers will get in gear as they engage in energetic engineering challenges. They will design paddle boats, balloon cars and other creations in this fast-paced camp! Advance registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

Edison Ford members: \$135; non-members: \$150

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44th Annual Turkey Trot 5k run/walk November 23, 7:30 a.m.

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Join us for a 5k run and walk to benefit preservation at the Edison and Ford Winter Estates and the Fort Myers Track Club Scholarship fund. Register online at ftmyerstrackclub.com.

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48th Annual Holiday Nights Celebration Opening night is on November 24 at 6 p.m. Celebration runs from November 24-December 31, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Ring in the 48th annual Holiday Nights celebration with us at the tree lighting ceremony on the Ford property! Guests can participate in the countdown with Dave Elias from NBC-2 and female vocalists, The American Sirens, will perform holiday songs. Enjoy exciting new lighting displays, visits with Santa,

carolers and musicians, refreshments, family science shows, and more on select evenings. Holiday Nights will run nightly, except for Christmas Eve and Christmas night.

Guided Holiday tradition tours will be offered at 6 and 7 p.m. every night, or visitors can choose to meander at their own pace on a self-guided tour.

Tickets for adults are \$20, teens (13-19) \$10, children (6-12) are \$2 and members get in free. Guided Holiday tours are \$30 for adults, teens are \$25, children \$18 and \$10 for members. To purchase tickets or view the nightly schedule, visit the website 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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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 <u>edisonford.org</u> 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

Piano Performance Every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

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Join Curatorial Assistant, Chet, for a special piano performance on Charles Edison's Hallet Davis piano in the museum. Included with admission.

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Step into History Presentations Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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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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