

December events at Edison and Ford Winter Estates

48th Annual Holiday Nights Celebration

November 24- December 31 (Closed December 24 and 25), 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.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! Enjoy exciting new lighting displays, visits with Santa, carolers and musicians, refreshments, family science shows, and more on select evenings. This year's theme is "Holidays on Wheels" and will incorporate many different types of wheels, especially car wheels because of the connection to Henry Ford. 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 29, and December 6, 13, and 20 at 6:30 p.m. for a special up-close look at the homes' decorated interiors.

Guests can shop for gift items during Market Mondays, when multiple craft and holiday vendors will have booths around the Banyan tree from 4-9 p.m. on December 4, 11 and 18. In addition, the Museum Store and Garden Shoppe will be open until 9 p.m. every night.

Holiday Nights tickets for adults are \$20, teens (13-9) \$10, children (6-12) are \$2, and \$10 for Edison Ford members. Guided Holiday Tradition Tours are \$30 for adults, teens are \$25, children \$18, and \$15 for Edison Ford members. Inside-the-Homes tours are \$50 per person. Lee County residents with identification will receive \$5 off regular-priced Holiday Nights admission on Monday nights. Purchase tickets online at edisonford.org.

239-334-7419

Member Holiday Party

December 1, 6 to 8 p.m.

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

Join us for a festive celebration just for members! The party will take place in the River Pavilion, along the Caloosahatchee and the Fort Myers Mastersingers will perform holiday songs. Tickets are required and include Holiday Nights admission and a buffet. Please purchase tickets at edisonford.org by Monday, November 27. \$35 per person.

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Creating a Waxed Amaryllis

December 2, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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

Create a marvelous holiday decoration that will add a little winter flair to your home! Participants will learn the art of waxing and decorating a large, Dutch-grown amaryllis bulb. When complete, the decorative bulb can be displayed or gifted. A large selection of ribbon, glitter, moss and more will be provided to use for decorating the bulb. The live bulb will continue to grow and eventually sprout large, colorful flower spikes. No water or fertilizer is necessary. Instruction will include preserving the bulb for years to come. All materials are included; however, bringing an apron is recommended. Light holiday refreshments will be offered. Class will be held in the Southwest Florida Garden Council Building on Larchmont Avenue. Advance registration is required and space is limited. Register at edisonford.org.

Cost: \$50 for Edison Ford members; \$65 for non-members.

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Bromeliad Show and Sale
December 2 and 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Find a new plant for your garden at the annual Bromeliad Sale in partnership with the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society! Bromeliad growers will have tents under the oak trees, near the historic Banyan and will offer hundreds of different species, including exotic and rare plants for sale. Several experts will be on hand from the society to answer questions about Bromeliads.

A limited number of garden carts will be available; guests are encouraged to bring their own. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Parking and admission to the sale is free (does not include tours or admission to the museum, lab or riverside of the property).

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Holiday Wreath Design
December 8, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Have a holly jolly time with us while you design a fun holiday decoration! Class participants will be guided in making a wreath and beautiful bow. A large selection of décor will be available to create a singular masterpiece and everyone will be able to choose from an expansive assortment of ribbon for the big bow. In addition to all class materials, light holiday refreshments will be served. Class will be held in the River Pavilion along the Caloosahatchee (weather permitting). Advance registration is required. Register at edisonford.org.

Edison Ford members: \$65; non-members: \$75

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Market Mondays

December 4, 11 and 18, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Come do your Christmas shopping at the Estates! Craft vendors and holiday merchants will have tents near the famous Banyan Tree with holiday crafts and gift items for sale. Refreshments will also be available for purchase. The event is free (does not include tours, museum, or lab)

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Homeschool STEM series – Introduction to Code

Grades 1-3: December 13 or 21, 10 a.m.

Grades 4-6: December 14 or 20, 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. Using the code platform “scratch.” Edison Ford instructors guide students through the key concepts of computer code. Students will learn about loops, if/else statements, and how create and use variables. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

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Silk Scarf Painting Class with Artist Marie Dyer

December 16, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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If you enjoy peaceful mornings outdoors, 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. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

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Christmas Floral Design Class

December 17, 10 a.m.

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Get ready for a memorable Christmas celebration in this floral design class with Flowers by Anita! Participants will learn the art of crafting a beautiful Christmas floral arrangement. Designer, Anita Singh, will guide participants through the process to create flowers that will bring the spirit of Christmas to your space. All materials will be provided. In addition, you will receive a complimentary apron to commemorate the occasion. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

**Decorate Christmas Cookies
December 21 and 22, 6 to 8 p.m.**

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Decorate cookies, drink cocoa and see the Holiday Nights lights! Each group will get a cookie kit with 6 unfrosted sugar cookies (3 different holiday shapes), 3 icings, 2 types of sprinkles, and 1 instruction card. This also includes a hot cocoa bar and admission to Holiday Nights. Advance registration required at edisonford.org.

Cost: Edison Ford members; \$40; non-members: \$50

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**Exploring Electricity Camp
December 27-29, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

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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 learn about the history of electricity with exciting demonstration and hands-on activities. The physics of circuits is explored as campers work on designing their own electrical system. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

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**Acrylic Landscape Painting with Artist Marie Dyer
December 30, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

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2350 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers

Come spend the day with impressionistic local artist Marie Dyer as she guides you in this plein air acrylic landscape painting workshop. She will cover the fundamentals of composition and structure, color creating mood, mixing paints, and assist in developing a pallet that speaks to you! Students will be inspired by the lush surroundings on site in this one-of-a-kind class. No experience is required. All materials are included. Register online at edisonford.org.

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