

## **January Events at Edison and Ford Winter Estates**

### **Amazing Mechanics Camp**

**January 2-5, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

#### **Edison and Ford Winter Estates**

**2350 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers**

School Break Camps are designed for students in grades K-5 when school is out. Students will learn how to build machines and mechanisms in this mechanical engineering camp. Simple machines, complex gear systems and concepts of motion will be explored in this exciting study of marvelous machines. Register online at [edisonford.org](http://edisonford.org).

Edison Ford members: \$170; non-members: \$185

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### **Homeschool Series – Introduction to Robots**

**Grades 1-3: January 10, 2024 at 10 a.m.**

#### **Edison Ford Winter Estates**

**2350 McGregor Blvd, Ft. Myers**

Homeschool programs are designed for children in grades 1-6. Students will learn the basic operation of a Lego Mindstorm robot. The mechanics of the robots and code used to make it move will be covered. Advance registration is required. Register online at [edisonford.org](http://edisonford.org).

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

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### **Step into History Digital Discussion: A Look Back into 19<sup>th</sup> Century Trends**

**January 10, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.**

#### **Edison and Ford Winter Estates**

**2350 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers, FL**

Join historian, Baylee W., as she explores “Beauty is Pain: A Look Back into 19<sup>th</sup> Century Trends.” During this presentation, she will delve into the intriguing practices that were done in the name of beauty in the Victorian era. Baylee will not only discuss makeup, hygiene, and hair care, but she will also cover the popular fashion styles of the time and the most influential forms of media. This is a free virtual lecture. Register online at [edisonford.org](http://edisonford.org).

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**Gouache Painting with Artist Renee Lammers**  
**January 24, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

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

In a small group setting, students will explore the world of colorful Gouache painting. Instructor, Renee Lammers, will explore mixing colors, Gouache painting tricks, and complete a demonstration painting before students create their own painting with her assistance. Lammers has been studying painting for 54 years. She has attended more than 30 workshops from award-winning artists, studied Fine Art at Stetson University in Deland, Florida, and mentored with Stapleton Kearns. No experience is needed. All necessary supplies are included. Register online at [edisonford.org](http://edisonford.org).

Edison Ford members: \$45; non-members: \$60

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**Digital Discussion: Harriet Tubman, The Underground Railroad, and her Florida Legacy**  
**January 16, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.**

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

Learn about Harriet Tubman as a conductor on the underground railroad. The role she played in Florida during the Civil War will be highlighted.

Join Program Manager, Holly Shaffer, for this free virtual presentation. Register online at [edisonford.org](http://edisonford.org).

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**Silk Scarf Painting Class with Artist Marie Dyer**  
**January 20, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

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

If you need some time to relax and unwind, 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](http://edisonford.org).

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

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**Garden Class – Introduction to Florida Gardening Part 1**  
**January 23, 2024 at 1 p.m. and January 27, 2024 at 10 a.m.**

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

In this two-part program, we unlock the challenges of leaving behind our northern concepts and advancing our gardening skills by explaining those elements that are uniquely Southwest Florida. Part I includes an abbreviated refresher of plant biology as it relates to Southwest Florida weather, introduction to Florida invasive flora species, palm basics, growing orchids in trees and becoming familiar with many of Florida's native plants, their benefits and more. All attendees will receive a complete package of the material covered in class, a list of additional resources and reading list. This two-part program makes an excellent gift for the favorite gardener in your life! Class is held in the air-conditioned Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council building. During the last half hour of the class, we will tour our Palmetum so we recommend comfortable walking shoes, a hat and sunscreen. All participants will receive a 20% discount coupon for use toward plants in our Garden Shoppe. Register online at [edisonford.org](http://edisonford.org).

Edison Ford members: \$45; non-members: \$60

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**Rhythm on the River – Collaboration Band**  
**January 26, 2023 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

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

Spend the evening along the river, while enjoying great music, a fantastic view, and refreshing beverages! The Collaboration Band is a group of veteran musicians dedicated to performing authentic soul, R&B, and Motown. Each member brings years of experience: Mr. Lonza Bartlett, is the former lead vocalist with the Platters; Willie Miller plays drums, plus lead and background vocals; on guitar and vocals is Steve LaValley; Mark Gonzales plays keyboards and vocals; Zo Smith provides vocals and the funky bottom. Their music is meant to be heard and felt.

Come feel the music with us! Bring your favorite lawn chair and a sweater if the weather is chilly. Beverages and food available for purchase. No coolers or picnic baskets permitted. Concert starts at 6:30 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Park in the Edison Ford lots only.

Individual tickets purchased in advance are \$30 for Edison Ford members or \$35 for non-members.

Individual ticket holders should bring a lawn chair.

A VIP seating area may be reserved by the table for \$275. Each table holds up to 5 people; table ticket price includes the use of a table and chairs. Purchase ticket at [edisonford.org](http://edisonford.org).

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**Acrylic Landscape Painting with Marie Dyer**  
**January 28, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Edison and Ford Winter Estates**  
**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.

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

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**Garden Class – Introduction to Florida Gardening Part II**  
**January 30, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. or February 3, 2024 at 10 a.m.**

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

This class takes a deeper look into Southwest Florida gardening techniques and challenges and introduces the participant to many more semi-tropical plants and trees as well as growing northern favorites. The University of Florida has developed a highly successful campaign of “Florida Friendly Gardening” and we will introduce this conservation-oriented gardening program and its benefits to the backyard gardener. Our professional horticulture staff will introduce you to some common Florida insect pests and diseases and the best practices for addressing those issues. This in-depth program will also cover an overview of Florida lawn/turf types, proper planting of trees, a brief introduction to growing roses in Southwest Florida, and choosing ornamental plants for the landscape. During the last ½ hour of the class, we will visit our bromeliad garden, so we recommend comfortable walking shoes, a hat and sunscreen. Register online at [edisonford.org](http://edisonford.org).

Edison Ford members: \$45; non-members: \$60

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