

March Events and Programs at Edison and Ford Winter Estates

A Celebration of Baseball Legends

March 1, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Edison and Ford Winter Estates

2350 McGregor Blvd, Ft. Myers, FL

To highlight baseball's deep roots in Southwest Florida as people cheer on their favorite Spring training teams, we are having a celebration of baseball legends! The public is invited to come meet Connie Mack, III, see the new exhibit, listen to baseball presentations, tour the museum and botanic research laboratory. Plus, enjoy kid's activities and food trucks. Cornelius McGillicuddy, aka "Connie Mack," was the manager and owner of the Philadelphia Athletics. Thomas Edison was a frequent visitor at Terry Park and one at least one occasion, participated in batting practices with the Athletics team. The Mack and Nolen families graciously loaned the Estates key artifacts to create the new baseball exhibit "Fanatics: Edison, Mack and Baseball in Fort Myers."

Admission: \$10; free for members and children 12 and under

239-334-7419

Silk Scarf Painting with Marie Dyer

March 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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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.

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

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Art in Bloom – Floral and Art Exhibit

March 3, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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2350 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers

In collaboration with the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council, members of the club will create flower arrangements that will be paired with each piece in our Rebirth and Renewal art exhibit. This program is included with admission and free for Edison Ford members.

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Garden Talk: Hibiscus

March 9, 10 a.m.

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2350 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers

Discover how you can bring a lively tropical show to your own yard with the hibiscus! One of the most sought-after garden perennials in Southwest Florida, Hibiscus has always been historically important within the gardens at Edison Ford. Mrs. Clara Ford loved her *Hibiscus schizopetalus* and Mrs. Mina Edison used *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis* as standards on her property and along McGregor Boulevard.

This class will give you the tools to understand their unique characteristics so you have the best looking Hibiscus! We will discuss the major species, but the focus is on the popular *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis*, and you will see why when we introduce our guest from the James Hendry Hibiscus Society – the oldest chapter of the American Hibiscus Society. A limited number of rare hibiscus will also be available for sale by the Society. Join us at the Banyan Café on Saturday Morning at 10:00 am. No advance registration is required.

Edison Ford members: \$20; non-members: \$30

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Homeschool Program – Rocket Science

Grades 1-3: March 7 or 13, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Grades 4-6: March 6 or 14, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Blast off to new heights in this exciting program! Students will explore the science of flight as they learn about Newton's Laws of Motion, the four forces of flight, and the coanda effect as they design and launch their own high flying water rocket! Advance registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

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Gouache Painting with Artist Renee Lammers

March 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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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.

Members: \$30; non-members: \$35

Register online at edisonford.org.

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Vintage BaseBall Game

March 17, 10 a.m.

Edison and Ford Winter Estates

2350 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers

Soak up some sunshine at the annual Vintage “Base Ball” game at historic Terry Park in Fort Myers. The teams will play several consecutive games throughout the day in a small tournament format. The gates will open at 9:30 a.m. with the first game starting at 10 a.m.

Admission to the tournament will be \$5 for adults; kids 18 and under will be admitted free.

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Creative Design Spring Break Camp

March 18-22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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2350 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers

Achieve new breakthroughs in the attributes of design this invigorating camp! Campers learn how to use the Engineering Design Process to navigate problem solving challenges in this fast-paced camp. Each day focuses on a different theme in engineering as campers use teamwork and creativity to solve challenges and apply new skills. Advance registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

Edison Ford members: \$200; non-members: \$230

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Garden Class: The Power of Florida Native Plants in your Landscape

March 19, 1:30 p.m. or March 23, 10 a.m.

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2350 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers

Design your garden with unique Florida plants unlike anything you will see in other places! Often relegated to the untamed portions of the yard and thus underappreciated, this program is geared to bringing native plants front and center as garden foundations or to enhance existing gardens with more native plantings. Many native shrubs and trees play nicely with ornamentals and we'll show you how to capitalize on the best attributes of many native floral specimens that thrive in our Southwest Florida climates. We will look at

candidates for the dry, sunny prairie-like conditions or areas that enjoy the influence of salty breezes.

Our experts will guide you in selecting the best plants for attracting birds and butterflies. Advance registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

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Rhythm on the River: Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band – Caribbean Chillers

March 29, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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2350 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers, FL 33901

If you like listening to Jimmy Buffett, you won't want to miss this concert! The Caribbean Chillers will put on an authentic show that's sure to please any parrot head. There will be a cash bar and refreshments available for purchase. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with the concert starting at 6:30 p.m. on the historic Ford lawn.

So put on your flip flops and come spend the evening along the river for some great music, a fantastic river view and refreshing beverages – because after all, it's 5 o'clock somewhere!

Parking is available in the Edison Ford lots only. Guests should bring a folding chair and a sweater if the weather is chilly. No coolers and no pets permitted.

Edison Ford members: \$30; non-members: \$35

A VIP seating area may be reserved by the table for \$275 (for up to 5 people).
Includes the use of a table and chairs.

Register online at edisonford.org.

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Curious Chemistry Camp

March 29, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Investigate the science behind how different elements interact in this camp! Campers will take part in experiments that fizz, bang, pop, and inspire curiosity. This one-day camp is perfect for budding young scientists! Advance registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

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Acrylic Landscape Painting with Artist Marie Dyer

March 30, 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. Register online at edisonford.org.

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