

April 2024 events and programs at Edison Ford Winter Estates

Silk Scarf Painting Class with Artist Marie Dyer

April 6, 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.

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

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Celebrate Clara Ford's Birthday with a Garden Tea Party

April 11, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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Wear your hats, gloves and pearls and enjoy meeting Clara as she provides a behind-the-scenes look at the ongoing restoration of her summer home, Fair Lane in Dearborn, Michigan, while sharing some insight into her life with Hery and how her gardens were cultivated to promote her favorite charities.

An afternoon tea will be prepared by the Banyan Café, complete with finger sandwiches, choices of tea (hot and cold), birthday pastries and party favors.

There will be a silent auction of original artwork on antique glass to help raise funds as continues the restoration of Clara's gardens at her Estate.

Advance registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

Edison Ford members: \$50; non-members: \$65

Grow Fort Myers Plant Sale and Workshops

April 13, 9 a.m.

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Get ready for a bloomin' summer! Summer brings unique opportunities for Southwest Florida gardeners – this year, our annual Grow Fort Myers program is offering a day of classes to prepare gardeners to get the most out of their summer gardens.

WORKSHOPS:

9:30 a.m. – Growing Summer Edibles – Presented by ECHO North America Impact Center.

Tips, techniques and recommendations to grow a productive summer crop. Seeds and plants will be available for sale.

10:30 a.m. – Filling the Summer Vase from your own Garden – Presented by Debbie Hughes, Director of Horticulture.

A refreshing look at creating interesting vessels of summer plants to adorn your tables by learning to selectively cut from your own backyard.

11:30 a.m. – LUNCH BREAK – Food Trucks on site

12:30 p.m. – The Fascinating World of Aroids – Presented by PlantLove4Me Owner and Horticulturist, Kelly Alexander.

Understand and learn the best growing tips from an international grower known for selecting the best and rarest aroids. Plants available for sale to suit beginners as well as experts.

1:30 p.m. – Meet the favorite plants of Edison Ford horticulturists – Presented by the Horticulture Team at Edison Ford.

Edison Ford propagates and maintains hundreds of tropical plants and trees and over the years there are a few tried and true plants that always deliver and should probably be in your garden.

Our Garden Shoppe will be fully stocked with an enormous selection of plants and garden décor just in time for summer gardening.

Plus, the Cocoloba Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society and the Lee County Master Gardeners will host Ask the Expert tables.

There is no charge to shop for plants or talk with the vendors. A ticket is required to attend the workshops.

Purchase tickets online, or at the ticket counter. A wristband will be required to attend the workshops. Tickets do not include admission to the museum, lab or riverside of the property.

TICKETS: \$20 members, \$30 non-members (For all classes; no individual class pricing available.) [Register](#) at edisonford.org.

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**Acrylic Landscape Painting Class with Marie Dyer
April 20, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

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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: The Fragrant Garden

April 23 at 1:30 p.m. or April 27 at 10 a.m.

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Whether you want to grow and glow in the Moonlight as Mina did, enhance an existing garden, or create a garden full of scents throughout the seasons, you've chosen the appropriate class. As a semi-tropical gardening climate, there are many possibilities from the slightly aromatic to waves of intense fragrance. We will look at ornamentals such as the jasmines and their many impersonators to some beautiful, low maintenance and reliable Florida native shrubs. As we plan our fragrant garden, we will learn the role of pollinators for certain fragrant beauties.

Certainly, there is a spot for a rose bush or two in every fragrant garden, so we will also guide you on choosing the best selections for your particular garden. The last ½ hour of the class will include a Q&A session while we take a behind the scene tour of the Moonlight Garden. Each participant will receive a complete copy of the material covered in class, plus additional reference and resource materials; a bottle of water, and a 20% Discount Coupon to our fabulous Garden Shoppe. Advance registration is required, and space is limited, so register early!

Members: \$45, Non-Members: \$60.

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Ongoing 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 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

Step into History Presentations

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 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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