

**Silk Scarf Painting with Artist Marie Dyer
November 2, 9 a.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 surrounded by Edison's gardens. You will leave the class with a silk scarf that can be worn or hung as a piece of artwork. All materials are included in the fee. Advance registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

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**Step into History Digital Edition: Henry Ford's Trimotor
November 6, 10:30 a.m.**

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Catapult into the field of aviation with a discussion about Henry Ford's trimotor. This engine was one of the first all-metal, multi-engine aircraft sold commercially, with hundreds produced and used worldwide by airlines until the 1950s. Join Lead Historian, Chase, for this free virtual presentation. Register online at edisonford.org.

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Garden Talk: Grow a Tropical Tea Garden

November 9, 10 a.m.

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Explore tropical herbs and edible plants, how to pair flavors and highlight scents to create hot and cold tea brews for different seasons. Advance registration is not required.

Edison Ford members: \$15; non-members: \$20

Gardening Class: Palm Reading

November 12, 1:30 p.m.

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Get the tools to guide your selection of appropriate palm species for your garden or yard; the physiology of palms, their unique care, and what you need to know to maintain them at their beautiful best! In addition to classroom time, our discussion will continue with a tour of Edison's extensive palm collection. Participants will each receive a copy of the teaching materials covered in class, as well as a 20% discount coupon good toward plants in our Garden Shoppe.

Advance registration is required. This class always sells out quickly, so be sure to register early because class size is limited. Class will be held at the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council building on Larchmont Avenue (across from the Estates' overflow parking lots). Register online at edisonford.org.

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

Acrylic Landscape Painting Class with Marie Dyer

November 16, 9 a.m.

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Pick up some techniques to paint a fabulous landscape! Artist, Marie Dyer will guide 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. Advance registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

Breakfast with the Birds

November 16, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

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Join our plant curator and an experienced Audubon birding guide on an easy walk through our grounds. Afterward, enjoy a drink and pastry from the on-site Banyan Café while you chat with fellow birders and the guides.

This tour is outdoors and subject to cancellation due to weather. Registration is limited and will end November 12. Tour includes a beverage and sweet treat afterward from the Banyan Café. Does not include admission to the museum, laboratory or homes.

It is recommended that participants bring binoculars and drinking water, and wear closed-toe shoes. Park and meet in the parking area directly across from 2153 Larchmont Avenue (Estates overflow parking). Register online at edisonford.org.

Cost: Edison Ford members: \$15; non-members: \$20

Fall Floral Arrangement Workshop

November 17, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Design a beautiful emblem that embodies the nature of the fall season! Led by designer Anita Singh, this hands-on workshop will guide you through the process of selecting and arranging fall-related flowers to create a unique and eye-catching centerpiece. Participants will be able to take home their arrangement. All flowers and materials will be provided. Advance registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

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**Digital Discussion- What Happened to the Lost Colony or Roanoke?
November 20, 10:30 a.m.**

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Discover the fate of Roanoke. In 1587, 115 English settlers arrived on Roanoke Island, off the coast of present-day North Carolina. Their governor, John White returned to England for supplies. When he returned, he found no trace of the colony or its inhabitants. Join Museum Manager, Holly Shaffer, for this free virtual presentation. Register online at edisonford.org.

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Autumn Garden Festival

November 23-24, 2024, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Connect with a great community of gardeners while perusing a variety of different botanicals for a new repository of unique landscape ideas! More than 60 garden vendors from around the state will have tropical and native plants and trees for sale, in addition to 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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**45th Annual Turkey Trot
November 28, 7:30 a.m.**

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Please join us for a 5k run and walk to benefit preservation at the Estates and the Fort Myers Track Club scholarship fund. Advance registration is required. Register at www.ftmyerstrackclub.com.

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49th Annual Holiday Nights Celebration

Opening Night: November 29, 2024, 6 p.m.

The celebration runs from November 29-January 5(closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day), 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Thousands of lights, hundreds of historic decorations and one unique nightly experience await you! approach! Guests will have the opportunity to ring in Holiday Nights in the countdown with Dave Elias from NBC-2 when the Christmas tree on the Ford property is lit with thousands of animated lights choreographed to holiday music. Female vocalists, the American Sirens, will perform shortly after the lighting.

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. Holiday Nights tickets for adults are \$20, teens (13-19) \$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. To purchase tickets or view the nightly schedule, visit the website at edisonford.org.

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Ongoing Programs:

Yoga

Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

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Although yoga has been around for more than 5,000 years, it has become increasingly popular during the past decade. Aside from the health benefits, it offers us a deeper connection to our inner self, nature and the community. 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. This class is taught by Bonnie D'Angelo, a certified yoga instructor. Bonnie started her journey as a yoga teacher to further support her own spiritual growth. 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 toward Reiki Master and Energy Worker.

Tickets can be purchase online at edisonford.org or at the ticket counter. Bring a yoga mat, water and towel. Admission to the site is not included.

Edison Ford members: \$15; non-members: \$20 per class

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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.

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Piano Performances

Every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

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Join Curatorial Registrar, Chet, for a special piano performance. He will play Mina Edison's 1932 George Steck piano in the guest house. Included with admission.

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