

January 2025 events at Edison and Ford Winter Estates

The Science Behind Art Camp

January 2 and 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Edison and Ford Winter Estates

2350 McGregor Blvd, Ft. Myers

Immerse yourself in the wonders of art and science as we uncover the hidden connections between art and science, inspiring young minds to think critically and imaginatively.

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

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

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Garden Tour

January 8, 10 a.m.

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2350 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers

Stroll through the different areas of Edison's magnificent gardens! The gardens contain more than 1,700 plants from six continents including flowering plants and trees, fruit trees, palms, bamboo, cycads, vines, roses, orchids, and Florida natives. On this tour, experienced garden staff lead visitors through the 20-acre site and highlights the different types of plants and their importance to the Edison and Ford families.

Visitors will see the Moonlight Garden, many rare plants and get to go behind-the-scenes in the propagating nursery. Some of the plants in the gardens are available for sale in the on-site Garden Shoppe.

The garden tour is offered the second Wednesday of the month.

Edison Ford members; \$25; non-members: \$30

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Homeschool Series – Modern Engineering Marvels – Burj Khalifa

Grades 1-3: January 8 and 16, 10 a.m.

Grades 4-6: January 9 and 15, 10 a.m.

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Take up all the incredible tactics to soar to new engineering heights! In this series, children will engage in the “Tower of Power” activity, which involves building the tallest freestanding structure possible using limited materials. Classes are for grades 1-6 and facilitate homeschool or virtual science education. Advance registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

**Garden Talk: Amazing Cycads
January 11, 10 a.m.**

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Renowned cycad collector, grower and author, Chip Jones, will share his experience in the care, identification and maintenance of these dinosaur plants. Advance registration is not required.

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

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**Acrylic Landscape Painting Class with Marie Dyer
January 12, 9 a.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! All materials are included. Advance registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

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**Silk Scarf Painting Class with Marie Dyer
January 18, 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. All materials are included. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

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**Paws and Petals: Puppy Floral Arrangement Workshop
January 19, 2025, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

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

Make a new friend in the beauty of nature! In this workshop, led by floral designer Anita Singh, you will learn how to transform flowers into an adorable puppy arrangement that will melt hearts. Anita will guide you through the step-by-step process of creating a unique puppy-shaped floral arrangement using fresh flowers and foliage. All materials and supplies will be provided. Advance registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

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**Botanical Abstract Mono Prints Class with Artist Marie Dyer
January 26, 2025 and March 30, 2025 and April 27, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

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Apply outside-the-box techniques to concoct art pieces with paper! Artist Marie Dyer will teach you the basics to effective mono printing. You will use acrylic paints, plants, household items, and construction materials when experimenting and designing your art on paper. No experience is necessary and your one of a kind creations will be suitable for framing. Advance registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

Gardening Class: Introduction to Florida Gardening – Part I
January 21, 1:30 p.m.

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New to Florida gardening? Trying to sort out our topsy turvy growing cycles? This program is designed to de-mystify the nuances of our soils, climate, and sub-tropical pests within the context of an extensive introduction to sub-tropical plants, shrubs and trees. Inclusive of an introduction to palms, this class includes a tour and continued discussion in the Estates' Palmetum.

All participants will receive a 20% discount coupon good toward plants in the Garden Shoppe. *Advance registration is required as space is limited.* Register online at edisonford.org.

COST: EFWE members: \$45; non-members: \$60

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Gardening Class: Introduction to Florida Gardening – Part II
January 25, 10 a.m.

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2350 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers

A continuation of the topics introduced in Part I of Introduction to Florida Gardening, Part II begins with the principles of Florida Friendly Gardening, gardening for Florida butterflies, proper use of fertilizers for sub-tropical trees and plants, irrigation tips, weed and invasive plant recognition, and plant selection for the South Florida landscape. This class includes a tour and continued discussions in our butterfly, Florida native, moonlight and cycad gardens.

Class is held in the air-conditioned Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council building (enter across from the Estates parking lot on Larchmont Avenue). We recommend wearing comfortable walking shoes, a hat and sunscreen, and bring drinking water.

All participants will receive a 20% discount coupon good toward plants in the Garden Shoppe. *Advance registration is required*, so register early as space is limited. Register online at edisonford.org. COST: EFWE members: \$45; non-members: \$60

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**Rhythm on the River with Liz “Hunny” Heath and her Five-Piece Jazz Band
January 31, 6:30 p.m.**

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Come listen to jazz and dance the night away with us! Liz “Hunny” Heath has been singing professional all across Florida since 2018 and has performed in the FSW and FGCU jazz bands. The accomplished and mega-talented band members joining her are Jay Heavilin on upright bass, Brad Brown on piano, and Steve Silverstein on drums. Rhythm on the River attendees will enjoy a special guest feature and 5th band member, Jay Heath, on the saxophone. Guests should bring a folding chair and a jacket as this is an outdoor event. Food trucks will be on site.

Tickets:

- VIP tables (for up to five people): \$275 (table and chairs provided)
- Member admission: \$30
- Non-member admission: \$35

Purchase tickets online at edisonford.org.

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Ongoing Events and 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

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**Step into History Presentations
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.**

**Edison and Ford Winter Estates
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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.

**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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