

February 2025 events and programs at Edison and Ford Winter Estates

Annual Antique Car Show

February 1, 2025, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Edison and Ford Winter Estates

2350 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers

Glance at the historic cars that shaped the fabric of travel over the decades! Each year, classic car owners exhibit more than 100 cars on the Ford estate lawn as a tribute to Henry Ford, the pioneer of the automobile industry. Along with the car show, there will be music, food trucks and visitors can tour the gardens, museum, laboratory and see the historic homes.

This family event is free for Edison Ford members. Admission to the site is \$25 for non-members, which includes a self-guided tour of the entire site and access to the car show. Admission tickets may be purchased online or at the ticket counter (advance ticketing not required).

For antique Ford owners wanting to participate, registration will be accepted for **Ford** models 1980 and older. The deadline for registration is January 27 and the fee is \$30 per car (includes admission to the site). The fee for an additional car is \$15. Register your car at edisonford.org. All cars must be on the property and parked by 9 a.m. Food trucks will be on site for participants and visitors to purchase lunch.

239-334-7419

“Love in Full Bloom” Floral Workshop

February 1, 2025, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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2350 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers

Show the beauty of your heart with florals! In this hands-on class, you will learn the art of floral arrangement and discover the secrets to crafting a breathtaking bouquet in the shape of a heart. All flowers and materials will be provided. No experience is necessary. Advance registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

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Acrylic Landscape Painting Class with Marie Dyer
February 2, 2025, 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! No experience is required. All materials will be provided. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

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Homeschool Series: Modern Engineering Marvels – Golden Gate Bridge
Grades 1-3: February 5 and 13, 2025, 10 a.m.
Grades 4-6: February 6 and 12, 10 a.m.

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Students will embark on a journey to coming up with functional structures to connect our growing world! In the ****Build a Lego Bridge**** activity, they will construct a bridge using Lego pieces. This hands-on project teaches students about tension, compression, and the importance of design in creating efficient structures. Class are designed to facilitate homeschool learning for grades 1-6. Advance registration is required. Register at edisonford.org.

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

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Spring Garden Festival
February 8 and 9, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Join us for the biggest plant sale of the year! The festival will also feature food trucks and live music. Numerous garden vendors from around the state of Florida will have many types of plants and trees, including palms, fruit trees, bromeliads, hibiscus, butterfly plants, African violets, orchids, air plants, herbs, succulents, cacti 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. Ceramic flower pots, vegetable and flower seeds, garden art, and gardening gift items will also be available for purchase. A limited number of carts will be available, so guests are encouraged to bring a cart or wagon for transporting plants. A designated plant holding tent and loading spot will be offered for anyone needing assistance.

Parking and admission to the festival is free (tours of the homes, museum and lab are not included).

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Garden Tour

February 12 and March 12, 10 a.m.

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Take a walk through the landscape that Edison once referred to as “his jungle!” The Edison and Ford Winter Estates botanical 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. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

Valentine’s Day Cocktail Chemistry Class

February 14, 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Edison and Ford Winter Estates
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Bring a friend or significant other and learn how to make cocktails and enjoy a beautiful view!

Class includes:

- Welcome Cocktail
- 2 Cocktails (made in the class taught by Nauti Beach)
- Passed Appetizers (from Personal Touch Catering)
- 2-Piece Box of Chocolates from Norman Love Confections
- Class will be held along the river in our pavilion
- Chance to see a spectacular sunset

Tickets Per Person: \$90 for non-members; \$80 for Edison Ford members

Purchase tickets online at edisonford.org.

**Gardening Class: Tropical Rose Gardening
February 18, 1:30 p.m.**

**Edison and Ford Winter Estates
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Once upon a rose garden, the Empress Josephine, wife of Napoleon, was known for having the largest rose collection in the world at her home outside of Paris. However, this royal gardener hailed from the Caribbean where growing roses can be a challenge. We'll explore Josephine's favorite plants and how she would have mastered a sub-tropical rose garden. Our class will also include a tour of the Estates' rose gardens. Registration is required. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

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**Pre-K Class: Innovators Unleashed: The Legacy of Edison and Ford
February 20, 10 a.m.**

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In this dynamic class, children will discover the groundbreaking inventions of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford through museum visits and hands-on activities. Participants will replicate these innovations, fostering creativity, problem-solving, and an understanding of the impact of inventions. These classes are for children aged 18 months to 5 years old. Register online at edisonford.org.

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

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**Centennial Celebration: 100 Years of Spring Training in Fort Myers
February 20, 6 to 8 p.m.**

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

An evening of free family fun for baseball fanatics! Fans will be able to see the exhibit "[Fanatics: Thomas Edison, Connie Mack and Spring Training in Fort Myers](#)" and enjoy family-friendly games and refreshments.

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**Gardening Class: Palm Reading
February 22, 10 a.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. Class will be held at the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council building on Larchmont Avenue (across from the Estates' overflow parking lots). Register at edisonford.org.

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

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Silk Scarf Painting with Marie Dyer
February 23 and March 15, 9 a.m.

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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. Register at edisonford.org.

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

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Rhythm on the River: Collaboration Band (Motown)
February 28, 6:30 p.m.

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This group of veteran musicians is dedicated to performing authentic soul, R&B and Motown. Mr. Lonza Bartless is the former lead vocalist with the Platters, Willie Miller plays drums and performs lead and background vocals, on guitar and vocals is Steve LaValley, Mark Gonzales plays keyboard and vocals, and Zo Smith provides vocals and the "funky bottom."

Tickets: \$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 (for up to five people); table ticket price includes the use of a table and chairs. Purchase tickets at edisonford.org.

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