DIX FOR YOU



Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells! Can you hear them? November is here, Thanksgiving is on the doorstep, and the holiday season is about to sweep through our clubs with celebrations galore. I can't wait to join as many as possible—and I'm thrilled to be presenting FFGC Precious Metal Awards to several DIX clubs. Woo-hoo…they now come with money!

A heartfelt thank-you to the **Periwinkle Garden Club** for hosting such a beautiful Fall DIX meeting. You know I tear up at the drop of a hat, and that day had me misty more than once. The speaker was wonderful, the venue stunning, and those tablescapes—breathtaking. Even better, 174 pounds of food from the tablescapes were donated to a local soup kitchen. And to everyone who entered the pumpkin and gourd contest - your creativity blew me away.

I hope you'll join our upcoming **DIX Zoom** session **Wednesday, November 4, 10 to 11:30 am** **Click/SAVE DIX Zoom Link**. We'll draw a **Zentangle-style** picture. Details are on page 5.

Two other **Zoom** opportunities worth attending:

- **FFGC** webinar on **Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1 pm** **Click/SAVE FFGC Link** ***CityZen Garden—Cultivating an Urban Sanctuary.***
- **NGC** webinar **Nov. 2nd, 3 pm,** **Click/SAVE NGC Link** **Carols thru the Centuries.**

FFGC awards season is in full swing, so now's the time to write up your club's projects from this year. If you need guidance or inspiration, reach out to Sylvia Swartz (tamargal2@aol.com). She would love to see DIX shine at Convention in April.

Speaking of Convention…registration is now open for the FFGC 100th Convention, April 6–9, 2027. You'll find the link on the FFGC homepage. Along with speakers, workshops, and special events, there will be a photography contest—and each District will provide entertainment at the Early Arrivals dinner celebrating *The Golden Girls*. If you have ideas for DIX's performance, please send them my way.

Please note: the Spring Meeting date is changing. It will still be held in Naples but will move from April 20 to the following week to avoid a conflict with the Punta Gorda Flower Show.

As always, I'm just an email or phone call away.

Hugs, Susan

Cultivating Minds, Blossoming Potential

DIX Spring Meeting April 29th see p. 36

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DISTRICT IX Fall MEETING

September 21, 2026

Click DIX Photos



Carolyn Lowry-Nation
DIX Parliamentarian and GOE member &
Maria Wolfe, 3 VP FFGC



Sue Lawson, District IX Director, &
Donna Ferchen, Lake Placid GC



Kheri Schaar, Periwinkle GC

Contest Winners

Created
by Patty Lyon,
GC of Cape Coral





Created by
Karen Flanders,
EFWE

Convention Registration Now Open



Click Link to Register or Place a Convention Ad or to Become a Convention Sponsor





DIX SPECIAL EVENTS

Please Join Our DIX Zoom
Create a Zentangle-Style Picture



Wednesday, November 4, 10 to 11:30 am
Click & SAVE Zoom Link No preregistration needed.

Drawing Tools needed: (Michael's, Amazon)

- 5 x 5" paper (card stock, watercolor, or mixed media)
- Pen (micron PN or .03)
- Pencil for shading
- Blending stump or tortillon
- Colored pencils in Autumn colors (or whatever colors make you happy!)

And trust me - if I can create this, you can too!
So, I hope you'll join us for this fun activity. If you have any questions, please let me know. slawson921@gmail.com. Hugs, Susan

2027 Seven DIX Flower Shows

Jan 9, 9 - 3, Camelia Plant Sale, 1 PM Camelia Bloom Show, 43rd Annual Camellia Show, First Pres. Church, 175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr. Lakeland.

Feb 17, 10 am, Strolling Flower Show, Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, 2301 First St. Fort Myers, FM-LCGC.

Feb 26, 1 - 4:15 and Feb 27, 9 – 3, Our Feathered Garden Helpers, NGC Standard Flower Show. Bonita Springs Library 10560 Reynolds St. Bonita Springs, Gulf Coast GC.

Mar 5 - 6, Groovin' in the Garden, NGC Standard Flower Show, Naples GC, Naples Botanical Garden.

April 1-2, Islands of the World, NGC Standard Flower Show, Calusa Garden Club of Marco Island at Marco Lutheran Church, 545 N. Collier Blvd, Marco Island.

April 17, 1-3, 74th Annual JEH Chap. Am. Hibiscus Show/Sale, Covenant Presb. Church, 2439 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers, James E. Hendry Chap. Am. Hibiscus Society.

April 20, 1 - 3, The Roaring 20's, NGC Standard Flower Show, at Isles Yacht Club, 1780 West Marion, Punta Gorda, Punta Gorda GC.

Create More ‘Member Recognition’ Awards in Your Club

Awards: Certificates, Small Pins, Club T-Shirt, Club Mug

Click For Recognition Opportunity All Members Can Apply







🌿 **1. Horticulture Focus**
Members who: Present outstanding horticulture tips, Monthly presentations, Exceptional plant propagation, Maintain club demonstration gardens, Show & Tell rare or native plants, Lead successful plant sales or swaps

🌸 **2. Floral Design**
Members who: Win floral design competitions, Teach design workshops, Create centerpieces for club events, Provide floral arrangements for community spaces, Advancing in NGC/FFGC design study programs

🦋 **3. Native Plant & Conservation**
Members who: Create/maintain Pollinator Gardens, Present conservation education programs, Lead invasive-plant removal projects, Organize native plant sales, Volunteer at habitat restoration.

🌱 **4. Community Beautification**
Members who: Maintain public gardens, medians, or civic spaces, Organize community clean-ups, Seasonal decorating of public buildings, Partner with city parks departments, Long-term stewardship of adopted sites

🌻 **5. Youth Gardening**
Members who: Teach youth gardening classes, Run school garden programs, Mentor junior gardeners, Create youth contests or hands-on workshops

🌳 **6. Garden Council & District-Level**
Members who: Serve as committee chairs, Represent the club at district/state meetings, Write reports or newsletters, Organize district tours, workshops, or flower shows, Long-term leadership roles

💐 **7. Specialty Plants (Succulents, Orchids, Bonsai, Herbs)**
Members who: Teach specialty plant care, Maintain club collections, Win show ribbons, Lead specialty workshops, Donate plants to club raffles or auctions

🌺 **8. Social & Community-Service**
Members who: Provide Hospitality and event coordination, Fundraise for scholarships, Organize member outreach (cards, calls, support), Volunteer hours in community projects, Provide exceptional teamwork or reliability

9. FFGC Honors. **Click.**

Alva Garden Club (Feb. 2026) - Ellen Leifeld, Pres.

Susan Hegarty

Alva GC attended their first District IX meeting since joining FFGC!

L: Roxanne Sprehe, Wendy Sprague, Amanda Mendes,
Ellen Leifeld, Shari Hunt and Nancy Lee



Guests Welcome

Nov. 17, 2026 - Decorate with natural materials to create a Holiday Craft led by Roxanne Sprehe or participate in a roundtable discussion with botanist Dan Skean.

Jan. 19, 2027 - Speaker Dee Wynne will talk about growing orchids.

Feb. 16, 2027 - Speaker Aaron Apsley is a Botanical Artist who creates watercolor prints and more.

March 13, 2027 - Alva Garden Club presents its annual Strawberry Festival and Plant Sale, featuring professionally grown and home-grown plants, strawberry shortcake and other treats, book sale and vendors.

March 16, 2027 - Speaker Cathy Dunn talks about the popular Hibiscus and we'll review the Strawberry Festival results.

April 20, 2027 - Lorraine Gregg oversees a craft project; Dan Skean will lead a botany roundtable discussion.

Avon Park Founders Garden Club (Feb. 1947) Sue Brisk, Pres.

Andrea Albritton

On October 8th, Avon Park Founders Garden Club enjoyed the guest speaker from Robbins Nursery in Sebring, Florida. The presentation was " Plants from Pots to Garden".

There was a variety of Florida Friendly plants on display, and she discussed where to plant and care for each one.

She showed how to transplant properly along with answering questions about gardening.







Bartow Garden Club (Feb. 1983), Ginger Hansill, Pres.

FB PH*

Robyn Tolle





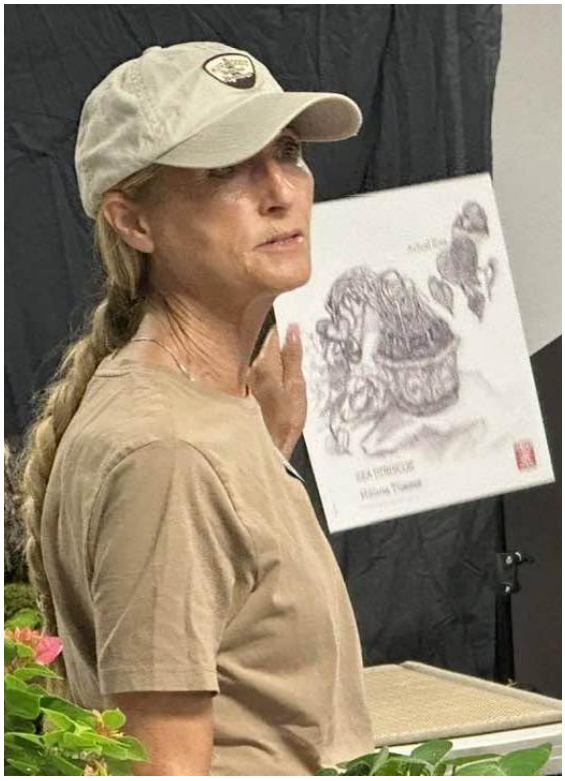
Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida - Karen Cogswell, Pres.
FFGC Affiliate member

FB WEB NL

Angel Vega



Richard Owens on behalf of the Bonsai Society of SWF: honors Dorothy and Jim Demarest for their skill, dedication, and service to the Bonsai Society of SWF.



Dorothy Demarest displaying a sketch by Kim Owens at the BSF Convention.



THE BONSAI SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

2026 ANNUAL BONSAI SHOW & SALE

Exhibit of Bonsai Trees, Sales, Demonstrations and Workshops.

November 21-22, 2026

Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION
FREE LUNCH
FREE PARKING
(On Larchmont Street)

Ft. Myers-Lee County Garden Council ---- Berne Davis Gardens
Just North of
Edison-Ford Estates
2166 Virginia Ave. Ft. Myers, FL
www.bonsaiswfl.org
239-935-6850

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, Nov 21, 2026

9:00 - 5:00
EXHIBITS, VENDORS AND RAFFLES OPEN

9:00 - 12:00
MULTI-CLUB STYLING COMPETITION

9:00 - 12:00
WORKSHOP WITH Adam Lavigne
"Green Island Ficus", 10 Spots, $50 ea.

12:00
RAFFLE of Plants and Bonsai Items

1:00
Demonstration by Adam Lavigne
"Buttonwood"
(Will be on Sunday's Raffle Table)

1:00 - 4:00
Free workshop with Phil Krieg
10 Slots available. The workshop is free, but if you wish to purchase the tree, the cost is $25

4:30
RAFFLE of Plants and Bonsai Items

Sunday, Nov 22, 2026

9:00 - 3:00
EXHIBITS, VENDORS AND RAFFLES OPEN

9:00 - 12:00
Bring your own Tree Workshop
With Adam Lavigne
The cost is $25

12:00
RAFFLE of Trees and Bonsai items

1:00 - 3:00
Joe Mayhew, Potter
Pot-Throwing Demonstration

Bonsai Help Table, Ask Questions!

2:30
Final Raffle of Trees, Bonsai Items, and Styling Competition Trees.

Bouquet Garden Club (Fed. 1947) - Kate Morris, Pres.

FB **Becky Reeves, Pub.**



BOUQUET GARDEN CLUB CELEBRATES ITS 80TH BIRTHDAY

On April 4, 1946 Bouquet GC was organized. Twenty-two young homemakers decided that since they knew all there was to know about cooking, cleaning, and raising children, they needed a new adventure. They decided to form a Garden Club. Then in 1947, the club became a federated member of FFGC, Inc.

Over the years, the club has participated in flower shows, FFGC schools, FFGC and Winter Haven Council activities and projects. All this plus having programs and creative activities for each meeting, fund raisers, and many civic projects. From 1951 until 2019, Bouquet was known for its fashion shows. Since COVID, we now have a successful Spring Tea.

Bouquet members can be proud that we continue to impact the Winter Haven community with our goals of education, conservation, beautification, and benevolence projects. All this while having fun and developing lifelong friendships.

Calusa Garden Club of Marco Island (Feb. 1983) – L. Colombo, Pres.

FB WEB PH*

Sara Wolf



Calusa Garden Club of Marco Island held informal summer luncheons so members could keep in touch.
The photo is of the July luncheon.





Calusa Garden Club established and continues to care for a beautiful shade garden—complete with orchids—at Leigh Plummer Park. Recently, local resident **Cindy Dohm** generously donated a large collection of orchids to enhance the space.
The photos feature **Marianne Foley**, chair of the garden committee, with donor **Cindy Dohm**, and **Linda Colombo**, club president, alongside **Nanette Baumgardner** as they plan the placement of the newly donated orchids throughout the garden.

*PH = Promotional Handouts

Edison Ford Winter Estates, FFGC Affiliate

FB | WEB | **Calendar & Classes** | Karen Maxwell

EDISON and FORD winter ESTATES

2026

Nov 21-22, 9-4, 18th Annual Autumn Garden Festival. 100+ Vendors, Music, Food Trucks. Free Parking, Free Admission to Festival site

Nov 27 to Jan 3, 51st Annual Holiday Nights

Nov 10, 1:30 pm, Historical Orchid Tour Pre-register click here

Dec 5-6, 9-4, Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Sale

Dec 12, 10 am "Holiday Orchid Decoration" $50. Pre-register click here Class held at the Berne Davis Gardens, 2166 Virginia Ave, Fort Myers

Dec 15, 1:30 pm, Historical Orchid Tour Pre-register click here



Nov Autumn Festival



Dec Bromeliad Sale

2027

Jan 9, 10 am, Garden Talk, 'Grow Fabulous Roses in SW Florida' no registration

Jan 12, 1:30 pm, Historical Orchid Tour Pre-register click here

Jan 19, 1:30 pm, Class "Introduction to Florida Gardening - Part One", Pre-register click here (Two Sessions available – today or Sat Jan. 23, 10 am)



Dec Holiday Nights

Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council - Sue Fero, Pres.

FB WEB NL

FFGC Affiliate

For Your Calendars

Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council (FMLCGC) general meeting are open to all club and society members and held 5 times a year with an educational program.

2166 Virginia Ave
Fort Myers.

Click for the Concert Schedule



Sept. 11, 9:30 am Social, 10:00 am, Cathy Via, Herbs and Spices, "Let's fight Inflammation"

Nov. 13 9:30 am Social, 10:00 am, Skye Mc Donald, Sanibel-Captiva Cons. Fdn. "Adopt A Mangrove - Mangrove Restoration"

Jan 8, 9:30 am Social, 10:00 am, Meryl O'Rourke, FMLC MG, "Edible Plants for our Landscapes"

Feb 17, 10 am Strolling Flower Show at Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, 2301 First Street, Fort Myers, Valet Parking

Mar 12, 9:30 am Social, 10:00 am, Noelia Iglesias, Conservancy of SWFL

May 14, 9:30 am Social, 10 am, Nancy Colgan, Potpourri Designers, "Leaf Manipulation for Design"

Garden Club of Cape Coral (Fed. 1998) – Sylvia Swartz, Pres.

FB WEB PH* **Roberta Murphy**

Cindy Wasilak showing young visitors the caterpillars on the Dutchman's pipe vine at the Cape Coral Library Butterfly Garden.



GARDEN CLUB OF CAPE CORAL

presents its 19TH annual

juried plant & garden art sale

March in the Park

Saturday, March 6, 2027

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Rotary Park

5505 Rose Garden Road, Cape Coral

Join us for a fun-filled day of plants and gardening inspiration!

Large selection of locally grown, beautiful plants

Local plant & landscape vendors featuring native and non-native Florida plants

Master Gardeners on site - Expert Speaker Lineup

Local artist created garden art

Garden Treasures Thrift Booth

Fun children's activities

Opportunity Drawings - grand prize is a painted rain barrel!



last year's rain barrel



For more info:

Ginny Huffer 239-257-2654 huffmom5@comcast.net

Our Sands Park volunteers have been busy this summer, and the growing number of butterflies shows the difference their work is making. More than 80 native wildflower and shrub species have now been planted and labeled throughout the park.
Pictured left to right: Mirta Barnet, Bob Fowler, Sherie Bleiler, Ann Fowler, Tanya Rowland



Garden Club of Lakeland (Fed. 1931) – Emily Fox, Pres.

FB PH* **Marlene Haigh**

Lakeland garden club members spent time learning about its citrus history at the Lakeland library.

Members also reminisced historic garden club articles from 1933 to the present day.





The Garden Club of Sebring Inc. (Fed. 1935) – Margaret Grassman

FB Carol Gragilla

Club Field Trip - Oak Beach Garden Tour on September 30th, took us to 4 unique and very different gardens! All were special and a treat to our “garden love” senses.





Fun day at the fall DIX meeting in Fort Myers. GC Sebring took 2nd place award in the gourd & pumpkin contest.
L: Carol Gragilla, Scarlet Bergner, and Margaret Grassman

Happy Fall from our
Garden Club of Sebring!



The Garden Club of Winter Haven (Fed. 1927)

Marianne Lehman & Kathy Skipper, Co-Pres.

WEB **Carol Janssen**

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Save the Date

The Garden Club of Winter Haven

Celebrating 100 YEARS!



DATE

WEDNESDAY

JAN. 27

TIME

4–6:30PM

PLACE

WINTER HAVEN PUBLIC LIBRARY
325 AVENUE A, NW
WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA

The highlight of the reception will be the unveiling of a commemorative sculpture, presented as a gift from The Garden Club of Winter Haven to the residents of the City of Winter Haven in celebration of our centennial year. This lasting work of art, created by Winter Haven artist Bill Larence, reflects a century of civic engagement, environmental stewardship and service to our community.

REFRESHMENTS & MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY THE HARRISON STRING QUARTET – HARRISON SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS.

1927 ◆ 2027

Gardeners Out East (Fed. 2014) - Nancy Schneider, Pres.

FB WEB

Upcoming Events – We welcome guests!

November 9, 2026

Speaker: Beverly Zoller Burdette: Executive Director of Palma Sola Botanical Garden. Topic: A walk in the Palma Sola Gardens. The garden is a local gem with a very special microclimate that many of us drive by but have no idea of its importance to our area.

As the new year begins, Gardeners Out East has so much to look forward to. With something for everyone—including new environmental discussions, fun outings, helpful gardening tips, and plenty of opportunities to grow together—this promises to be an exciting year for our community.

We are kicking off the new year with a wonderful discussion led by Cathy Dunn. Naturally, her talk will focus on hibiscus, a favorite among so many of us. We are delighted that she is coming to Lakewood Ranch to share her knowledge. She will be accompanied by Susan Lawson and we are grateful they are traveling to see us.



Cathy Dunn

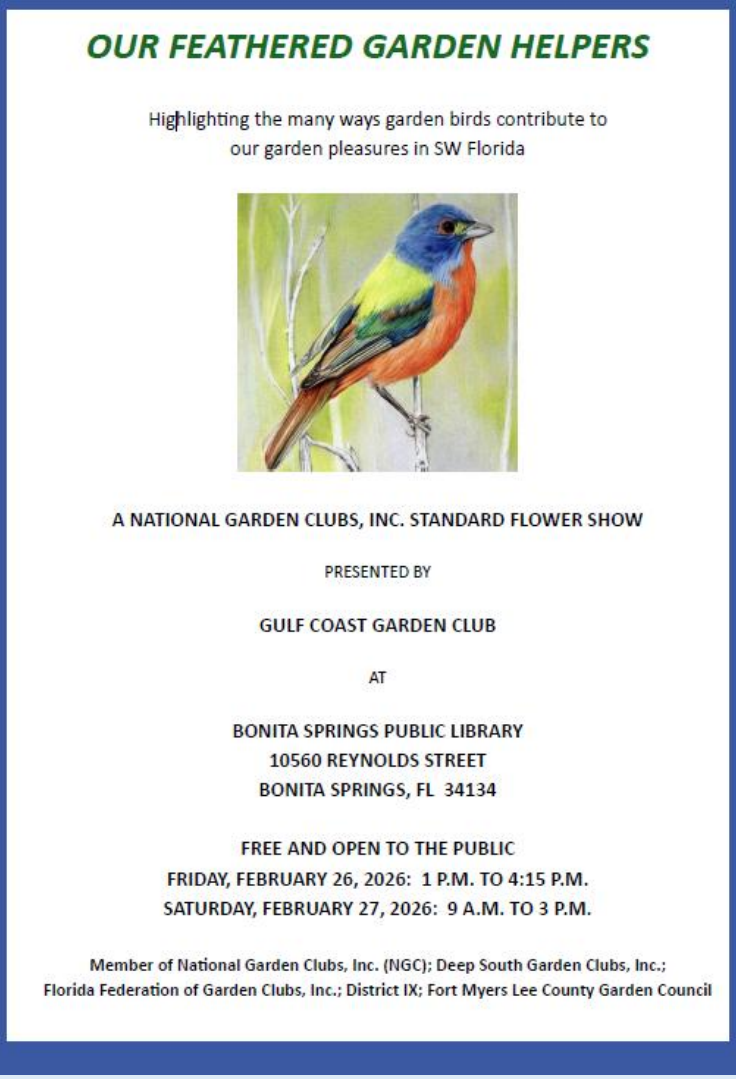
Later in the month we will take a fun outing to Fat Beet Farm in Tampa, a working farm and restaurant.

November's talk will be about a small but important garden in Manatee County. Palma Sola Botanical Park. Beverly Burdette, director of the Palma Sola will take us on a "walk through the park" talk. It is a little gem of a garden in our area that many people don't know about.

Whew, the year will end with the Season Finale in December.

Gulf Coast Garden Club (Fed. 2004) – Laura Sullivan, Pres.

FB WEB **Anina Bachrach**



Meeting Programs

Nov. 11 **Topic**: Designing with gourds. **Speaker**: Paula Novander, NGC Life Judge and Top Exhibitor Award winner.

Dec. 14 Holiday Luncheon

Jan. 11 **Topic**: Connie will demonstrate designs included in our 2027 Gulf Coast Flower Show. **Speaker**: Connie Lowery, NGC Master Flower Show Judge and Past Co-President of CEFA, the nationally known floral design group based in Florida. She was General Chairman of the 2026 renowned Naples Flower Show.

Feb. 8 **Topic**: Growing award-winning succulents. **Speaker**: Naneve Hawke is an NGC Life Flower Show Judge and Garden Club of Americal Judge.

Feb. 26-27, **2027 Standard Flower Show**: "Our Feathered Garden Helpers" – Dale Defeo, General Chairman Bonita Springs Public Library, 10560 Reynolds St. Bonita Springs

Mar. 8 Topic: A TIME FOR TEA. We will have a "tea" for our refreshment gathering, followed by a short presentation by Dale on Tea. Followed by "Tea Cups of Cheer" workshop led by Nancy. Members bring a teacup and saucer and create floral designs to donate to worthy causes. **Speaker**: Dale DeFeo and Nancy McPherson, Gulf Coast GC members.

April 12, Gulf Coast Spring Luncheon.

JEH Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society
FFGC Affiliate - Denise Helfrich, Pres.

FB WEB PH*



James E. Hendry (JEH) of the American Hibiscus Society

Guests Welcome

Meeting Programs and Flower Show 2026-2027

We meet at 2 pm at the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council, home of the Berne Davis Gardens

Address:
2166 Virginia Avenue, Fort Myers.

Meeting Program Topics

Oct 11, 2026	Hibiscus Rooting Techniques
Nov 8, 2026	Hibiscus Water Management
Jan 10, 2027	American Hibiscus Society Judge Training
Feb 7, 2027	Digging it
Mar 14, 2027	Hibiscus Grafting
Apr 11, 2027	Tips on Exhibiting your Show Flower

Show and Sales

November 21–22, 2026 • 9:00 AM–4:00 PM JEH participates in the Edison & Ford Winter Estates *Autumn Garden Festival*, offering a selection of exotic hibiscus plants for sale.

February 13–14, 2027 • 9:00 AM–4:00 PM JEH returns to the Edison & Ford Winter Estates for the *Spring Garden Festival*, where we again feature exotic hibiscus plants for purchase.

April 17, 2027 • 1:00–3:00 PM The annual **James E. Hendry Hibiscus Show & Sale**, open to the public, will be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2439 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. Exotic hibiscus plants will be available for sale.

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Lake Placid Garden Club (Fed. 1953) – Danny Green, Pres

FB WEB PH*

Sue Rood



Members stayed busy this summer, creating handmade items during workshops for the 15th annual Holiday Home and Garden Tour boutique.



Every 2nd Tuesday September thru May, LPGC members help residents at a local nursing home make floral arrangements.

Click for Flyer
Holiday Home & Garden Tour
Sat. Dec. 5, 2026, 11 to 3

Susie Whitehead, President of the Highlands County Orchid Society and a Highlands County Master Gardener, opened the 2026–2027 Lake Placid Garden Club year with a program on orchids—their care, cultivation, and upcoming events hosted by both the Master Gardeners and the Orchid Society.



Lakeland Camellia Society, FFGC Affiliate Keith Pankoe, Pres.

FB WEB **Keith Pankoe, Pres.**



Lakeland Camellia Society
PRESENTS THE
43rd ANNUAL
CAMELLIA SHOW
& PLANT SALE

Saturday January 9, 2027
Open to the Public

Free
Admission
& Parking

First Presbyterian Church
175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr.
Lakeland, FL 33801

Camellia Plant Sale: 9 am to 3 pm
Camellia Bloom Judging: 10 am
Camellia Show: 1 pm to 4pm

CITY OF Lakeland
www.lakelandgov.net

Lakeland Camellia Society - Florida

Meetings ~ Guests Welcome

September 2026 through April 2027

6:45 PM Second Tuesday of each month

.

2129 Sylvester Rd., Lakeland Fl

Cherie Shirah



Naples Garden Club (Fed. 1968) – Mercy Abrams Pres.

FB WEB **Sue Mandry**

NAPLES GARDEN CLUB

Magnolia Plantation



Thank you to Mike Brewer, Historic Gardens Manager at Magnolia Plantation and Gardens, for a delightful virtual tour of the *Fairies and Flowers* exhibit and for sharing Magnolia's history, famed camellias, and garden-restoration plans.



Idea Garden

Meet Sandy and Dan, the colorful flamingos of the Idea Garden! Named for past president Sandy Lasch and her husband, they've brightened the garden for about four years. After this long, wet summer, they've been freshly refurbished with new moss and succulents thanks to NGC members Raynelle Perkins, Susan Kinkead, Arlene Cluff, Chris Hawkins, Linda LaRue Brown, and Frances Flaherty. Irma the alligator is next in line for a fall makeover—stop by and say hello!



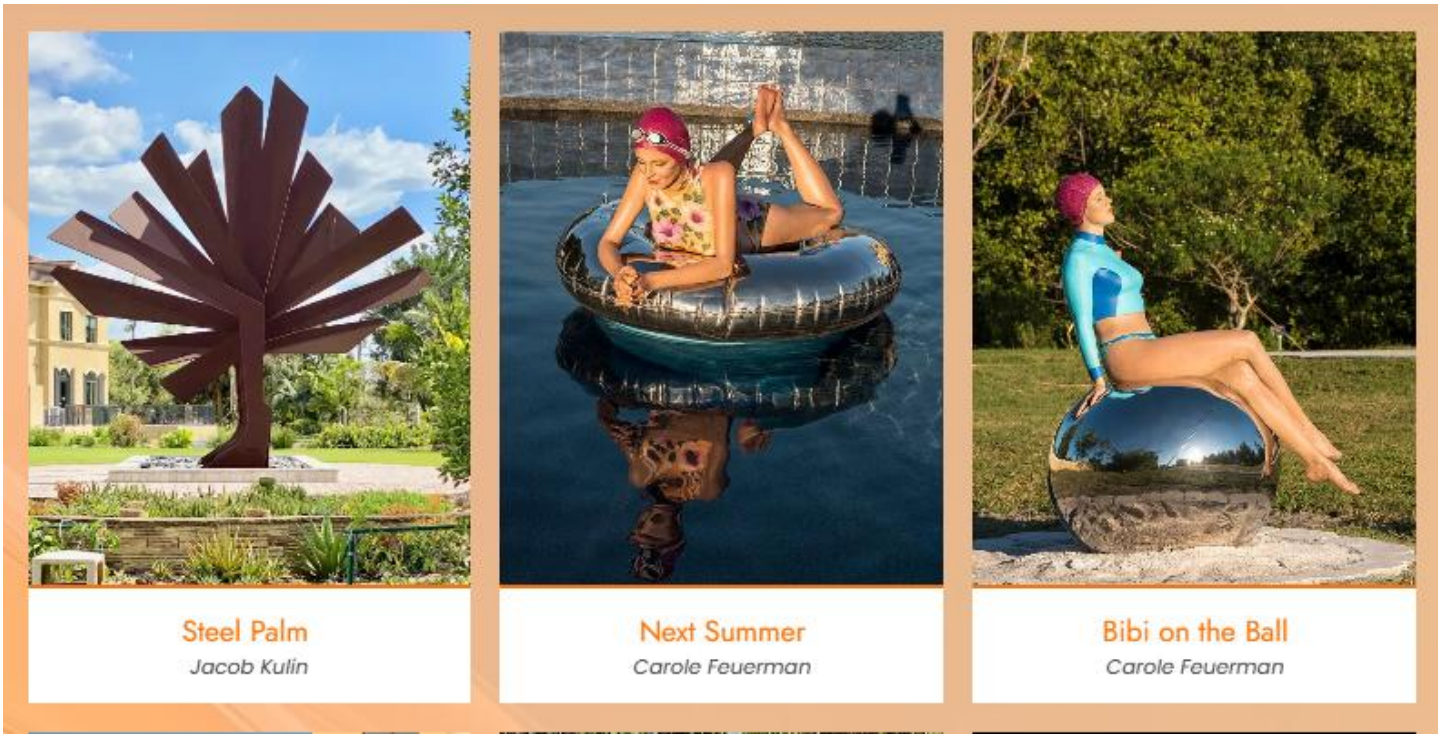
Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Garden
FFGC Affiliate Member, Tanna Horner, CEO
Adrian Parris

FB WEB

PEACE RIVER BOTANICAL & SCULPTURE GARDENS



See sculptures in the gardens!
5827 Riverside Dr., Punta Gorda, FL 33982



Periwinkle Garden Club (Fed. 1938) - Norma Lyons, Pres.



Periwinkle GC hosted the District IX Fall 2027 Meeting.

"It was over the top!"

Click Video 1

Click Video 2









The Poinciana Garden Club (Fed. 1964) C. Duffy & S. Fisher, Pres.

FB WEB **30+ EVENTS 2026-2027** Sandy Troy



CLICK
Sat Jan 9th and Sun 10th
Next Fort Myers Home & Garden Show
Poinciana Hosts
Hands-On Workshops
Educational Presentations

We meet at: Berne Davis Gardens 2166 Virginia Ave, Fort Myers

Guests Welcome RSVP 239-994-8147

Nov 10, 9:30 am **Animal Neighbors with Ashley Cook**, Dir. Conservation at Alligator Creek Preserve Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center &Club Meeting.

Dec 9, 11:30 Holiday Lunch, bring a garden theme kitchen towel for exchange. Deep Lagoon Restaurant 1303 McGregor Blvd. RSVP Carol H# no text 239-226-0778

Tues Nov 10, Noon to 2 PM
Nine Floral Design Tips with Three Designers

The Poinciana Garden Club Guests Welcome RSVP 239-9948147

Nov 10th 2026, Noon to 2 PM, 2166 Virgina Ave., Fort Myers
Event follows club meeting.
RSVP required 239-994-8147. $10. Guest donation appreciated.

Attendees, please bring flowers, greens, vase, floral foam, pruners to practice tips.

Agenda:
1. Speakers present 3 tips in 15 minutes each.
2. Following the presentations attendees create their own designs using newly learned tips.
3. Speakers roam, answer questions, and offer suggestions.
4. Debrief & Thank-Yous.

Cathy Dunn's Hibiscus Tips	Nancy Colgan's Design Tips	Connie Lowery Design Tips
		
Past President of the JEH Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society	*Co-President Potpourri Designers*	FFGC Judge 2026 Naples GC Flower Show Chair
1. Choose, store. & condition hibiscus blooms	1. Preparation of flowers	1. Alternative mechanics
2. Mechanics: Incorporating hibiscus in floral designs	2. Pleasing placement of flowers and greens "the movement"	2. Creative Design, Less is Best
3. Fun ways to wear hibiscus	3. Fun ways to manipulate leaves and flowers	3. Wow Flower

Port Charlotte Garden Club (Fed. 1958) - Jeanne Larson, Pres.

FB WEB PH*

What a wonderful start to the year! Members enjoyed touring the gardens of R1: Alan Howard, R2: Charen DeKoven, and R3: Janet Reynolds. Each one showcasing vibrant growth and inspiring creativity.










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Punta Gorda Garden Club (Fed. 1950) - Mary Yeomans, Pres.

FB | WEB | PH*

Prog/Meetings 2026 - 2027

Stephanie Green

Punta Gorda Garden Club & Visual Arts Center

Present

Punta Gorda Garden Club Classes for Fall 2026

PGGC Horticulture 101 ~ November 5, 2026

9am - 3 pm

Visual Arts Center (VAC) 210 Maud Street, Punta Gorda 33950

Price $30.00 Max 30 Students

Bring Lunch & Beverage

Registration Closes October 20, 2026

Cancelled

Two ways to pay, QR code or by check to: PGGC – P.O. Box 511167 – Punta Gorda, FL 33951-1167

Explore gardening in Southwest Florida presenting the unique challenges and opportunities. Our warm climate allows for year-round gardening, but success depends on choosing the right plants and providing proper soil, water, and sunlight conditions. Sometimes bad weather can take over and knowing how to save what you have and perhaps make it Flower Show ready.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.PGGC.org

PLEASE EMAIL ANY QUESTIONS TO STEPHANIE GREEN at larryandstephaniegreen@gmail.com

Punta Gorda Garden Club & Visual Arts Center

Present

Punta Gorda Garden Club Classes for Fall 2026

PGGC Floral Design Mechanics Course & Demonstration

November 6, 2026

9am-3pm

Visual Arts Center (VAC) 210 Maud Street, Punta Gorda 33950

Price $30.00 Max 30 Students

Bring Lunch & Beverage

Registrations Closes October 20, 2026

Two ways to pay, QR code or by check to: PGGC – P.O. Box 511167 – Punta Gorda, FL 33951-1167

Floral mechanics are the techniques and materials used to construct, support, and secure flowers and foliage in a floral arrangement. They help the designer control the placement, shape, balance, and stability of the design.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.PGGC.org

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Florida Federation of Garden Clubs
Horticulture Program

Digging It: All About Hibiscus

Tuesday, February 2, 2027, 9:30 am until 2:00 pm
Berne Davis Botanical Gardens Center
2166 Virginia Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33901

Presented by Cathy Dunn, Past President, James E. Hendry Chapter, American Hibiscus Society

$30 includes instructor fees, materials, and handouts. Bring your own lunch and beverage.

REGISTER ONLINE AT PGGC.ORG
***OR* USE THE QR CODE BELOW**
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PUNTA GORDA, FL. 33951-1167
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Punta Gorda Garden Club is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

*PH = Promotional Handouts

Speaker Highlights

LINK: Speakers Bureau 80 topics



Introducing Ginger Hansill

Ginger Hansill is a retired elementary school teacher (27 years), retired Master Gardener (12 years), current treasurer of Bartow Garden Club and District IX Camp Wekiva Chairman. She is married with three grown children and 5 grandsons.

Ginger is an avid gardener with specialty in pollinator gardens. She is involved in Line Dancing with Country Connections Line Dancers. Ginger is also an avid reader and on the Library committee at her church.

Ginger Hansill has volunteered to be on District IX FFGC Speakers List, and her favorite topics are Camp Wekiva and Shade Gardening in Central Florida. Ginger is willing to travel to speak in Polk county. If outside of Polk county if the meeting is at night, Ginger would appreciate overnight lodging. Ginger's contact info: 863-838-1713 ghansill@gmail.com

INTRODUCING SEAN MOORE

Over the last 15 years Sean Moore with Green Leaf Worm Farm has expanded far beyond just growing worms. On his farm in Zolfo Springs, Florida, Sean provides worm castings, worm tea, bamboo biochar and native plants.

Sean gives presentations and has brought products to garden clubs, homeowner associations, schools and tropical fruit societies all over central and southwest Florida. Sean's presentation with PowerPoint describes the benefits of earthworms and their castings to Florida soil. Sean explains how to use worm casting and worm tea and especially enjoys answering group's questions.

Sean consultations and services to many school and community groups has helped these organizations set up and maintain their marvelous community gardens. Sean is available by phone or email. You can find Sean (Green Leaf Worm Farm) at the major plant events throughout Florida.

QR to sign up for Sean's Newsletter Link

Sean Moore has volunteered to be on District IX FFGC Speakers List. Sean's farm is in Hardee county, Zolfo Spring, Florida and is willing to speak in Charlotte, Lee, Hendry & Collier, Polk, Highlands, and Hardee counties.

Sean's contact info: 941.626.5970 GreenLeafWormFarm@gmailcom



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INTRODUCING STEPHANIE WEBB

After attaining my BFA degree I started my career as an Art teacher at The American School in London in 1997. When arriving back to the states I started a wholesale manufacturing company called "Seedling Kids" where I spent years photographing plants and embellished them to clothes. I researched sustainable and organic farming practices to ensure I was manufacturing the highest quality American made clothing. I was highly recognized for my work and a guest on the "Martha Stewart" show and other publications like "Vogue" for my work as a Mom Entrepreneur.

After selling my company, I became deeply interested in essential oils and natural healing. I studied herbalism and Clinical Aromatic Medicine. I proceeded to seek knowledge and training on the usage of plants in a therapeutic health setting- I continue to research and teach others on the healing potential of plants.

Topics:

- From Vine to Vanilla: Mastering the Art of Vanilla Orchid Cultivation.
- Florida Vanilla: From Backyard to Bean. Growing Vanilla in the Sunshine State
- The Vanilla Project: Secrets to Vanilla Flowering and Pollination.
- Vanilla, Cultivation to Application: How to use your Home Grown Vanilla Beans

Contact: 910-508-8724, stephanie@sunshinestatevanilla.com

INTRODUCING CATHY DUNN

Cathy is a Master Gardener Volunteer, member of the Garden Club of Cape Coral, and former president of the James E. Hendry Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society. She writes monthly gardening columns for The Cape Coral Breeze. Cathy was also a Master Gardener in Indiana and served as Vice President of the Hendricks County Master Gardeners Association.

As a lifelong gardener Cathy created and maintained gardens in her native state of Virginia, Connecticut and Indiana before moving to Florida in 2018. Cathy is particularly interested in butterfly gardens, Florida Friendly Landscaping, and cultivating and hybridizing tropical hibiscus. Before retiring Cathy worked in the telecommunications industry for 30 years, specializing in fiber optics technology.

Cathy has volunteered to be on District IX FFGC Speakers List. Cathy's favorite topics are "Resources for Gardening in our Unique Florida Environment" and "Hybrid Tropical Hibiscus." Cathy is willing to travel to Lee and Collier Counties.

Cathy's contact info: 765-891-1442 cathy.dunn53@gmail.com

Cathy volunteered to be in the District IX Florida Federation of Garden Club Speakers Bureau. Contact Cathy about her two favorite presentation topics.



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Please *Select your donation type and add appropriate extra information if needed.*

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E-DIX Library (magazine)

Incorporate this E-DIX LIBRARY into Your Club's Orientation for: New Members, Board Members, and Committees.

- E-DIX Clubs' Anniversary Years - Precious Metals Chart NEW!
- E-DIX Clubs' Promotional Handouts
- E-DIX Clubs' and Societies Meetings & Programs
- E-DIX Events Magazine (over 40+ events continually updated)
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- E-DIX Favorite Newsletter Articles (most requested articles)
- E-DIX Field Trip Recommendations
- E-DIX FFGC Affiliate Member Packet
- E-DIX Fundraising Initiatives
- E-DIX Grow Membership (more club articles welcome)
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- E-DIX Map Nurseries
- E-DIX Map Waterfront Dining
- E-DIX Meeting Tips (for facilitators & recording sec.)
- E-DIX Member Recognition Programs (articles welcome)
- E-DIX Member Satisfaction Surveys
- E-DIX News For You newsletter (most recent)
- E-DIX Newsletter Tips for Contributors
- E-DIX Speakers Bureau (80+ Topics)
- E-DIX Youth Gardener Programs (articles welcome)

Add to Orientation for: New Members

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Parent Organizations, DIX E-Library

Links to Our Roots

- FFGC Awards
- FFGC Schools
- FFGC Web
- FFGC Facebook
- NGC Web
- NGC YouTube
- NGC Facebook
- NGC Schools
  Landscape, Floral, Environmental, Gardening
- Deep South Web
- Deep South FB

Parent Organizations

- **Members have access** to 100+ events (classes, conventions, workshops) a year thru our parent organizations, garden clubs, and our six local DIX FFGC Affiliate Members.
- DIX Events Magazine Flyers LINK.
- DIX holds **Fall and Spring meetings** with programs, lunch, and an auction. RSVPs are posted in Files on our Facebook site.
- Check out our quarterly newsletters on our **FB site** in the **Forms Tab** on the DIX FB site LINK. In FB click JOIN button.

District IX's 23 garden clubs and 6 local FFGC Affiliate Members and Speakers Bureau members contributed to the E-DIX Online Library.

Facebook and Websites, DIX E-Library

District IX Garden Clubs		
Alva Garden Club	members only FB	
Arcadia Garden Club		
Avon Park Founders Garden Club		
Bartow Garden Club	FB	
Bouquet Garden Club	FB	
Calusa Garden Club of Marco Island	FB	WEB
Camelia Garden Club		
Garden Club of Cape Coral	FB	WEB
Garden Club of Lakeland	FB	
The Garden Club of Sebring Inc.	FB	
The Garden Club of Winter Haven		WEB
Gardeners Out East	FB	WEB
Gardenia Garden Club		
Gulf Coast Garden Club	FB	WEB
Hibiscus Garden Club		
Lake Placid Garden Club	FB	WEB
Naples Garden Club	FB	WEB
Periwinkle Garden Club		
The Poinciana Garden Club	FB	WEB
Port Charlotte Garden Club	FB	WEB
Punta Gorda Garden Club	FB	
Royal Palm Garden Club		
Wauchula Garden Club	FB	

District IX Local FFGC Affiliate Members		
Bonsai Society of SWFL	FB	WEB
Edison Ford Winter Estates	FB	WEB
Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council	FB	WEB
JEH Chapter American Hibiscus Society	FB	WEB
Lakeland Camelia Society	FB	WEB
Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Garden	FB	WEB

Number of Club Members, DIX E-Library

Oct. 2026 FFGC

Garden Clubs	Cities	Members
Alva GC (new)	Alva	57
Arcadia GC	Arcadia	9
Bartow GC	Bartow	20
Bouquet GC	Winter Haven	30
Calusa GC of Marco Island	Marco Island	53
Camellia GC	Winter Haven	20
Founders GC of Avon Park	Avon Park	27
GC of Cape Coral	Cape Coral	103
GC of Lakeland	Lakeland	127
GC of Sebring	Sebring	31
GC of Winter Haven	Winter Haven	56
Gardeners Out East	Lakewood Ranch	40
Gardenia GC	Winter Haven	43
Gulf Coast GC	Estero	44
Hibiscus GC	Avon Park	8
Lake Placid GC	Lake Placid	86
Naples GC	Naples	288
Periwinkle GC	Fort Myers	54
The Poinciana GC	Fort Myers	42
Port Charlotte GC	Port Charlotte	80
Punta Gorda GC	Punta Gorda	91
Royal Palm GC	Fort Myers	18
Wauchula GC	Wauchula	29

CALENDAR 2026-2027

NOVEMBER 2026

Nov 5, 9-3, Horticulture 101, Punta Gorda GC, Visual Arts Center, 210 Maud St. Punta Gorda**.**

Nov 6, 9-3 Floral Mechanics Course & Demonstration, Visual Arts Center, 210 Maud St. Punta Gorda**.**

Nov 10, Animal Neighbors with Ashley Cook, Dir. Of Conservation at Allegator Creek Preserve, The Poinciana GC, Berne Davis Gardens, 2166 Virginia Ave. Fort Myers. RSVP 239-994-8147

Nov 10, noon to 2, Nine Floral Design Tips with Three Designers. Cathy Dunn, Nancy Colgan, Connie Lowery, Poinciana, Berne Davis Gard. 2166 Virginia Ave. Fort Myers.

Nov 13, 9:30 am, FMLCGC, Sky McDonnald Adopt a Mangrove. Berne Davis Gardens, 2166 Virginia Ave, Fort Myers.

Nov 14, 9-1, Plant Sale Thankful Fest IV. Arcadia GC. 1005 W. Magnolia St., Games, Vendors, Food.

Nov 17th Auction, Finemark Bank in Fort Myers, RSVP, Periwinkle GC

Nov 21-22 Sat 9-5, Sun 9-3. Annual Bonsai Show & Sale. Exhibits, Demonstrations, Sales, Workshops. Free admission, free lunch, free parking. Bring your bonsai for the advice table.
2166 Virginia Ave. Fort Myers.

Nov 24, 9-2, Holidays Sale! Thanksgiving Arrangements, Poinsettias, Orchids. Marco Lutheran Church, 526 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island.

DECEMBER 2026

Dec 4 & 5, 10-4, 2026 Holly Days Tour $25 donation. Historic District Punta Gorda. See Punta Gorda GC website.

Dec 5, 11 am to 3 pm, Holiday Home & Garden Tour Tickets $20 donation. See flyer on Lake Placid GC website link.

Dec 15, 10-12, Free SWFL Fiddlers Concert, Berne Davis Gardens, 2166 Virginia Ave. Fort Myers

JANUARY 2027

Jan 8 FMLCGC, 9:30 Social 10 Edible Plants for the Landscape, Meryl O'Rourke, FMLCGC MG

Jan 9, 9-3 Camelia Plant Sale, 1 PM Camelia Bloom Show, 43rd Annual Camellia Show, First Pres. Church, 175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr. Lakeland. Lakeland Camellia Soc.

Jan 10 9:30 Leaf Manipulation, The Poinciana GC, Berne Davis Gardens, 2166 Virginia Ave. Fort Myers. RSVP 239-994-8147

Jan 12, noon to 2, Decoupage with Karen, The Poinciana GC, Berne Davis Gardens, 2166 Virginia Ave. Fort Myers. RSVP 239-994-8147

Jan 12, 22, 28, Series 1, 2, 3 FFGC Floral Design Series 2027, Visual Arts Center, 210 Maud St. Punta Gorda**.**

January 15 ,22,29, Units 1,2,3 March 5,12,19, Units 4,5. Punta Gorda GC.Visual Arts Center (VAC) 210 Maud Street, www.pggc

Jan 19, 10-12, Free SWFL Fiddlers Concert, Berne Davis Gardens, 2166 Virginia Ave. Fort Myers

Jan 28, 9 am, Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk Field Trip. 27020 Tamiami Trail E, Naples, Poinciana GC. Guests Welcome.

FEBRUARY 2027

Feb 2, 9:30 am – 2, Digging It "All About Hibiscus" Berne Davis Botanical Gardens, 2166 Virginia Ave. Fort Myers.

Feb 17, 10-4, Strolling Flower Show, Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Fort Myers, FM-LCGC

Feb 16, 10-12, Free SWFL Fiddlers Concert, Berne Davis Gardens, 2166 Virginia Ave. Fort Myers

Feb 25, Bus Trip to Marie Selby Gardens, Guests Welcome. RSVP to Martha, 207-331-4664. Register now & pay by Dec 9th. Limited Seating 40. Park at Garden Council at 7:45 am. Board bus 7:45 am.

CALENDAR 2026-2027

FEBRUARY 2027

Feb 26, 1 – 4:15 and Feb 27, 9 – 3, Our Feathered Garden Helpers, NGC Standard Flower Show. Bonita Springs Library 10560 Reynolds St. Bonita Springs, Gulf Coast GC

MARCH 2027

Mar 5, 12, 19 , Series 4, 5, 6 FFGC Floral Design Series 2027, Visual Arts Center, 210 Maud St. Punta Gorda**.**

Mar. 6, March in the Park, Cape Coral, GC Cape Coral

Mar 5 - 6, Groovin' in the Garden, NGC Standard Flower Show, Naples GC, Naples Botanical Garden.



MARCH 2027

Mar 9, 9:30 am, Flowers from Shells with Joanne Kishfy, The Poinciana GC, Berne Davis Gardens, 2166 Virginia Ave. Fort Myers. RSVP 239-994-8147. Guests Welcome

Mar 9, noon to 2, Stained Glass Butterfly for Beginners, $55. RSVP Syliva Ford, The Poinciana GC, Berne Davis Gardens, 2166 Virginia Ave. Fort Myers. RSVP 239-994-8147

Mar 12, FMLCGC 9:30 social, 10 Program Conservancy of SWFL, Noelia Iglesia.

Mar 14-16, Deep South Convention, Tuscaloosa, Alabama - Embassy Suites Hotel

Mar 16, 10-12, Free SWFL Fiddlers Concert, Berne Davis Gardens, 2166 Virginia Ave. Fort Myers

Mar 25, 8:30 am TropicStar Boat Trip from Pine Island, Bokeelia. $30. Guests Welcome. RSVP Marilynn 339-936-6540.

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CALENDAR 2026-2027

APRIL 2027

April 1-2, 9-4, Standard Flower Show "Islands of the World." Calusa Garden Club of Marco, Marco Lutheran Church, 525 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island.

Apr 5-9, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Convention, Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South

Apr 6, 10 to 12:30, Create a Flower From Shells with Joanne Kishfy. Hands on. Bring Glue Gun, Only 10 seats available. $20. RSVP 239-994-8147. The Poinciana GC, Berne Davis Gardens, 2166 Virginia Ave. Fort Myers. RSVP 239-994-8147

Apr 13, noon to 2, Sharpening Pruners, Loppers, with Margot & Sandy. Guests Welcome. Bring cleaned pruners! No Fee. No RSVP. The Poinciana GC, Berne Davis Gardens, 2166 Virginia Ave. Fort Myers.

Apr 17th 74th 1-3, Annual Hibiscus Show/Sale, Covenant Presb. Church, 2439 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers, James E. Hendry Chap. Am. Hibiscus Society.

April 29, 10 am DIX Spring Meeting, Players Club And Spa, 8060 Grand Lely Dr. Naples, Host: GC of Naples

APRIL 2027

April 20, 1-3 PM An NGC Standard Flower Show "Roaring 20's" Punta Gorda GC, Isles Yacht Club, 1780 West Marion Ave. Punta Gorda Check www.pggc.org

MAY 2027

May 4 9:30 am, Flower Pounding Art. Bring hammer, wood board, towel, flowers & leaves. $10 donation. The Poinciana GC, 2166 Virginia Ave, Fort Myers

May 14 9:30 am FMLCGC, Social. Program Leaf Manipulation for Design with Nancy Colgan, Potpourri Designers. FMLCGC

JUNE 2027

June 8 Summer Lunch, Guests Welcome. Coopers Hawk, 13671 Olympic Ct Fort Myers The Poinciana GC, RSVP Carol 239-226-0778 H#

JULY 2027

July 13, 10 am Decoupage 4.0 with Karen, Guests Welcome. RSVP 239-994-8147. The Poinciana GC. Bring one item painted white. Garden Council



NGC, FFGC, DS, DIX DATES & LINKS

FFGC 2027 ANNUAL CONVENTION
April 5-9
Embassy Suites
Lake Buena Vista, Fl

FFGC Trips

ANNUAL NGC CONVENTION
May 13-17, 2027
Wisconsin

Deep South Convention
March 14-16, 2027
Alabama

2027 SPRING DISTRICT IX MEETING

April 29
Players Club And Spa
8060 Grand Lely Dr.
Naples, Fl.

2027 FALL DISTRICT IX MEETING PENDING

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Flower: Red Hibiscus
Wildflower: *Sambucus Simpsonii*
Butterfly: Monarch
5/01/2026 Sandy Troy, editor, PowerPoint

Link: Facebook DIX

LINK: Speakers Bureau 21 speakers