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What To Do the week of Jan. 31-Feb. 6, 2022

Each Monday, the [Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau \(VCB\)](#) lets you know What To Do in Fort Myers and surrounding neighborhoods.

Let us know: Events, along with high-res images, can be submitted for consideration by emailing [Jackie Parker](#), VCB communications manager. Deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday before the week of publication. Thank you!

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Monday, Jan. 31

Raku & You, Center for Visual Arts, Bonita Springs

Raku is a centuries old pottery glazing and firing process. The technique produces a lustrous, often metallic finish. Raku & You is an evening devoted to this ancient process. Everyone goes home with their very own raku masterpiece. 5:30-8:30 p.m. \$70 per person, registration required. *Center for the Arts, 26100 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs, 239-495-8989, artcenterbonita.org*



Tuesday, Feb. 1

Author Sy Montgomery to speak at Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum Lecture Series, Sanibel Island

"The Soul of an Octopus" author Sy Montgomery will share details of how she established close friendships with Giant Pacific Octopuses. 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. \$35, \$30 museum members. *The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, shellmuseum.org*



Tuesday, Feb. 1

PAWS to read with K9 Caring Angels therapy dogs, Bonita Springs Library, Bonita Springs

Read with a four-legged friend from K9 Caring Angels. For ages 5-11, 6:30-7:30 p.m. *Bonita Springs Library, 10560 Reynolds St., Bonita Springs, 239-479-4636 or 239-533-4860. leelibrary.librarymarket.com*



Wednesday, Feb. 2

Bicycle tour of J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, Sanibel Island

Join Audubon of Southwest Florida for a leisurely 8-mile ride on Wildlife Drive with incredible views of herons, egrets, ibises, storks and spoonbills. Bring your own bicycle. 8:30 a.m. Wednesday. J.N. "Ding" Darling

National Wildlife Refuge, 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel,
audubonswfl.org



Thursday, Feb. 3

Beach and estuary walk, Lovers Key State Park, Fort Myers Beach

Join a park ranger for a leisurely walk over the estuary and along the beach to discover the natural treasures of the Lovers Key shoreline. Learn about seashells, crustaceans, starfish and other creatures that can be found in our waters. Participants should be prepared to spend time in the water. Space is limited; reservations required. 10-11 a.m. Lovers Key State Park, 8700 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach LoversKey.Eventbrite.com



Friday, Feb. 4

Birding through Conservation featured in "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society Lecture Series, Sanibel Island

Author Richard Crossley discusses "The Past, Present and Future of Conservation through Birding." 10 a.m. Friday. *The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 239-472-1100 Ext. 4, dingdarlingsociety.org*



Friday, Feb. 4

February Art Walk, downtown Fort Myers

The River District Alliance has partnered with the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council to bring the essence of flowers to downtown. The garden council will transform the window fronts of the downtown businesses for a one-week-only exhibition during February Art Walk. Join us for a stroll downtown to view these one-of-a-kind window displays. 6-10 p.m. Friday. *River District Alliance, 2247 First St., Fort Myers, 239-313-5129, myriverdistrict.com*



Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 4-6

ArtFest Fort Myers

Add a splash of color to your weekend plans at this free, three-day outdoor festival along the waterfront in historic downtown Fort Myers. 6-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

artfestfortmyers.com



Saturday, Feb. 5

Bestie Bash - Hearts & Crafts, Edison Mall, Fort Myers

Grab your pal, buddy or best friend and join us for our free Bestie Bash complete with music, games, crafts and more. At the KidX Kid's Club, near Dillard's Entrance F. Noon-3 p.m. *Edison Mall, 4125 Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers, 239-989-1933, shopedisonmall.com*



Sunday, Feb. 6

Taste of the Cape, Tarpon Point Marina, Cape Coral

Sample food from more than 20 local restaurants, plus a variety of craft beer, margaritas and wine. Finish the day with the Symphony at Sunset. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. *Tarpon Point Marina, 6179 Black Marlin Lane, Cape Coral, tasteofcapecoral.com*



Sunday, Feb. 6

Gasparilla Island Lighthouse Climb Tours, Boca Grande

Explore history, nature and one of the most beautiful views on Boca Grande with a docent-led tour to the top of the Gasparilla Island Lighthouse. No advance RSVP, spaces limited, must be 44 inches tall. Reserve your tour at the lighthouse on the day of each climb. Adults \$15, ages 12 and under \$5. Tours available Feb. 6, 23, 27.

Gasparilla Island Lighthouse, 220 Gulf Blvd., Boca Grande, bjps.org

Ongoing events



Celebrate Black History Month, Captiva Memorial Library, Captiva Island

Browse the Black History Month book display, complete activity sheets and make a peace dove craft. 9 a.m.-5 p.m, Feb. 1-5, 8-12. Captiva Memorial Library, 1560 Chapin Lane, Captiva, 239-479-4636, leelibrary.librarymarket.com



Butterfly House tours, Monday, Friday and Saturday, Cape Coral

The Tom Allen Memorial Butterfly House is home to many native Florida butterfly species, including the zebra longwing, the state butterfly. Guides explain the different butterflies, their caterpillars and host plants. Donations are accepted. 10:30 a.m. Monday, Friday and Saturday. *Rotary Park, 1340-1372 Rose Garden Road, Cape Coral, 239-549-4606, ccfriendsofwildlife.org/tom-allen-memorial-butterfly-garden*



Mondays with the Shell Crafters, Sanibel Island

Free class, supplies cost between \$3-\$5 and the shell crafters will help you make something special. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., class begins at 10 a.m. *The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 239-472-2155, sanibelcommunityhouse.net*

Tuesday & Thursday tours at Berne Davis Gardens, Fort Myers

The Berne Davis Gardens are open 10 a.m.-1 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday through May. The gardens feature bromeliads, hibiscus, rare and tropical fruit, bonsai



display and more. Guided tours available. *Berne Davis Gardens, 2166 Virginia Ave., Fort Myers, 239-332-4942, fmlcgardencouncil.com*



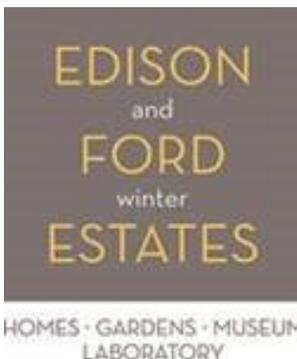
Working waterfront tours of San Carlos Island shrimp fleet, Ostego Bay Foundation, Fort Myers Beach

Tours offered from 9 a.m.-noon Wednesdays give a close-up view of the shrimping industry, plus a visit to the Marine Science Center Museum. \$20 adults, \$10 children. Reservations required. *Ostego Bay Foundation, 718 Fishermans Wharf, Fort Myers Beach, 239-765-8101, ostegobay.org*



Wednesday guided walks, San Carlos Bay Bunche Beach Preserve

Free guided beach walks at 9 a.m. will continue through the end of April. The 718-acre property is an Old Florida natural tidal wetland that ranges from a sandy beach to mangrove forests to salt flats and wildlife. Parking is \$2 an hour and the meeting point for the walks will be the southernmost end of John Morris Road in the parking lot. *San Carlos Bay Bunche Beach Preserve, 18201 John Morris Road, Fort Myers, 239-533-7275, leegov.com/parks*



Yoga in the Moonlight Garden, Edison and Ford Winter Estates, Fort Myers

Every Wednesday morning an hourlong yoga class allows you to step away from all of the 21st-century gadgets and focus on the moment. All skill levels welcome. 10-11 a.m. \$15 for members, \$20 non-members and can be purchased online or at ticket counter. Bring a yoga mat, water and towel. Admission to the site is not included. *Edison and Ford Winter Estates, 2350 McGregor Blvd,*

Fort Myers, 239-334-7419,

edisonfordwinterstates.org/calendar/



Saturday coffee roasting demonstration at Dean Street Coffee Roastery, Fort Myers

Enjoy an informal talk with the master roaster and see a live, free demonstration of the coffee roasting process. 10 a.m. Saturdays. *Dean Street Coffee Roastery, Luminary Hotel & Co., 2200 Edwards Drive, Fort Myers, 239-314-3853, luminaryhotel.com/taste*



Sunday garden tours at Manatee Park, Fort Myers

A volunteer naturalist leads the tours and participants can learn about the park's history and the native flora and fauna that reside in some of Florida's habitats. Optimum viewing for the Florida manatee is now through March. 9 a.m. Sundays through March. Tours meet behind the welcome center. Free with paid parking. *Manatee Park, 10901 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-533-7275, leegov.com/parks/parks/manateepark*

Performing arts and exhibits



Alliance for the Arts

- Southwest Florida Pastel Society Exhibition, Feb. 4-26
- Outdoor Bluegrass Concert with Frank Corso & The Sandy Back Porch Band, Feb. 6

Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-939-2787, artinlee.org

Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers

- Summer: The Donna Summer Musical, Feb. 1-6



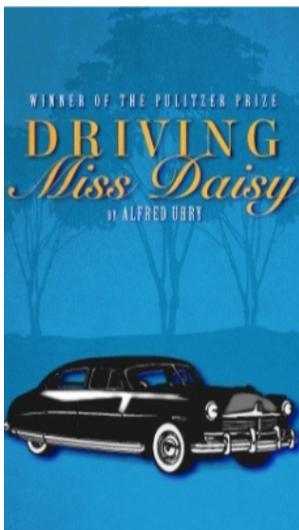
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, 13350 FSW Parkway, south Fort Myers. 239-481-4849, bbmannpah.com



Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre

- "Singin' in the Rain," through Feb. 12
- "Over the River and Through the Woods," through March 5

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-278-4422, broadwaypalm.com



Florida Rep

- "Driving Miss Daisy," through Feb. 13

Florida Rep, 2268 Bay St., Fort Myers, 239-332-4488, floridarep.org



The Laboratory Theater of Florida

- "Killer Joe," through Feb. 5

The Laboratory Theater of Florida, 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers, 239-218-0481, laboratorytheaterflorida.com



Murder Mystery Dinner Train

- "A Killer Act," through Feb. 27

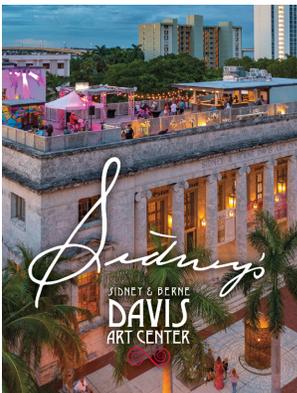
Murder Mystery Dinner Train, 2805 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-275-8487, semgulf.com



Players Circle Theater

- Danny Sinoff - The Music of Jimmy Van Heusen, Jan. 31
- The Swingin' Clique, Feb. 4
- A Return Engagement: R.C. Smith & Friends, Feb. 5

Players Circle Theater, 16554 North Cleveland Ave., North Fort Myers, 239-800-3292, playerscircletheater.com



Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center

- Exhibit: The Female Spirit, Feb. 4-23
- Group art show: Women Take Issue, Feb. 4-23
- Group art show: Her Story, Our Story, Feb. 4-23
- Sidney's Rooftop Sculpture Garden: Sheena Brook, Feb. 4

Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, 2301 First St., Fort Myers, 239-333-1933, sbdac.com

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