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Come see the new exhibit in the Edison Caretaker's House!

Edison and Ford Editorial Cartoons: Then and Now

Visitors can stroll through the Edison Caretaker's House and view a new artwork exhibit. The display features works by famous illustrators including Joseph Keppler, J.N. Ding Darling, and Clifford Berriman during a time of great change in America from 1879 to 1930. The exhibit showcases cartoon images of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford. Historically, the role of cartooning was to transfer information with differing viewpoints at a time when the majority of society was unable to read. With a combined total of 1,254 patents filed, no two figures of the twentieth century had more of an impact on the daily lives of the average American than Thomas Edison and Henry Ford. Due to their fame, these two men became very popular with editorial cartoonists for many decades. The exhibit will be open through the end of December and is included with admission.

What we're doing to keep you safe:

- All employees are required to wear masks and practice social distancing.
- Surfaces, such as counters and doors are being disinfected daily.
- Plastic shields have been installed at the ticket counter.
- Sanitizer stations are placed throughout the site.
- Visitors will be required to wear masks at events, on guided tours and inside all indoor locations, such as the museum, laboratory retail areas and the ticket office.
- Masks are available for sale in the Museum Store for 50 cents.
- Signs are posted, alerting visitors to practice social distancing.

As always, members get in free. We hope to see you soon!



THE DECADENCE OF THE WIZARD OF MENLO PARK.—FROM THE PHONOGRAPH TO POLYFORM.



GENERAL HOURS

Open Daily

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas

ADMISSION

Guided Tour:

Edison Ford Members: \$5

Adults: \$30

Teens: (ages 13-19) \$25

Children: (ages 6-12) \$18

Children: (ages 5 and under) FREE

Self-Guided Tour:

Edison Ford Members: FREE

Adults: \$25

Teens: (ages 13-19) \$20

Children: (ages 6-12) \$15

Children: (ages 5 and under) FREE

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On the cover: Kapok Tree (*Ceiba pentandra*)

The tallest tree of the Amazon rainforest, it can grow to more than 200 feet (67m) tall and more than 9 feet (2.7m) in diameter. The trunk is buttressed to help it stand upright in soft soil. Native to: Mexico, Central and South America.



American Bamboo Society

Mateo Santiago, from the American Bamboo Society toured the gardens with Debbie Hughes on September 23 and will be presenting on bamboo at their annual conference. The unique bamboo species growing at Edison Ford will be discussed in his presentation. Pictured is Mateo with Debbie Hughes.



Veteran's Day

November 11

We'll be open regular hours, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Veteran's Day. Come stroll the gardens and see what's blooming! Veterans with ID (VA identification card or DD214 papers) will receive \$5 off admission. Good for the veteran only.

Autumn Nights at Edison Ford

Friday, October 2 & 16 | 6-9 p.m.

Come watch the sunset with us! Guests may bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit and relax, while listening to music, or stroll the grounds as the sun sets and the breeze blows off the Caloosahatchee! Coastal Dayz Brewery and American Grilled Cheese Kitchen will have refreshments available for purchase.

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

Holiday Nights – Opening Night

Friday, November 27 | 6 p.m.

Join us for the 45th annual tree-lighting celebration at the Mysore Fig on the Ford lawn with an all-new light show! **Masks are required.**

Admission with a Self-Guided Tour: members: FREE; non-members: \$20 (adults), \$10 teens (13-19), \$2 children (6-12)

Admission with a Guided Tour: members: \$10; non-members \$30 (adults), \$25 teens (13-19), \$18 children (6-12)

Rhythm on the River: Almost ABBA

Friday, October 30 | 6 p.m.

Almost ABBA is the longest-running North American tribute to the Swedish band ABBA. The concert takes place on the Ford lawn along the Caloosahatchee, where guests can feel a refreshing river breeze and watch a spectacular sunset. Bring your favorite lawn chair and a sweater if the weather is chilly. Refreshments will be available for purchase, no coolers are permitted.

Masks are required. Visitors should park in the main Edison Ford parking lot. Gates open at 5:30. Purchase tickets online at EdisonFord.org.

Cost: members: \$20; non-members: \$25, tickets at the door: \$30

Due to COVID-19, all events are subject to change. Please check the website for updates. Masks are required where noted.



SOUTHWEST FLORIDA'S 45TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

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HOLIDAY NIGHTS

NOVEMBER 27 - JANUARY 3



Thousands of lights, hundreds of historic decorations, and one unique holiday experience await you nightly from 5:30 - 9 p.m.

EXCITING NEW DISPLAYS

Animated tree at the Ford House
New light display with holiday music

Favorite traditions from past years will also return on select nights, including live music, special discounts for local residents, and more!



ADMISSION:

Adults	\$20
Teens (13-19)	\$10
Children (6-12)	\$2
Members	FREE

GUIDED TOURS:

6 and 7 p.m. nightly

Adults	\$30
Teens (13-19)	\$25
Children (6-12)	\$18
Members	\$10

Thanks to generous support provided by:



**Lee County residents receive
\$5 OFF ADMISSION
Monday nights**

Masks are required during Holiday Nights
Check our website for additional safety protocols.

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Book Your Holiday Party Today!

If you're looking for a place to have a special holiday party in a really unique place, contact us to reserve your date today! Edison and Ford Winter Estates is a world-renowned historic site and is truly a one-of-a-kind location. The site can accommodate small groups in the River Pavilion, or inside the historic Edison Caretaker's House, or outdoors in the Moonlight Garden. The Ford lawn can accommodate larger parties with room for a tent and tables can be spaced as needed for social distancing.

If you would like to take a site tour or book your next function, contact Cori Cramsey at CCramsey@EdisonFord.org or call 239-335-3689.

Soul Reflection!

Yomassage

October 31 | 11 a.m.

South Florida Water Management, 2301 McGregor Blvd.

Yomassage™ is a fusion of relaxing and supported restorative yoga positions with hands-on massage therapy. Students hold each position for around 8-10 minutes while a massage therapist performs manual massage techniques. The classes are limited to 5 participants per class and lasts for approximately 90 minutes.

Benefits of Yomassage™ include improved joint range of motion, increased extensibility of muscle tendons and periarticular connective tissue, improved neuromuscular balance between muscle groups, reduced compression on joint surfaces, and reduced injuries. Yomassage™ classes are led by Dolores J. Gozzi, a Licensed Massage/Alternative Therapist (MA37360), who has completed a 16-hour Yomassage™ certification.

Cost: members: \$45; non-members: \$55 per class, tickets can be purchased at edisonford.org. Advanced reservations are encouraged as space is limited. Admission to the site is not included. **All participants should bring their own towel or blanket and face masks are required.**



Full Moon Meditation

Alchemy of the Senses: A Self-Guided Sensory Meditation

October 31 | 1:30 p.m.

South Florida Water Management, 2301 McGregor Blvd.

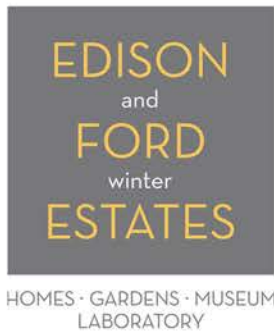
Relax, breathe, release and enjoy this personal journey through sound vibration with singing bowls and drums. Modern medicine can now measure and confirm the practice of sound as a means to promote healing, reduce stress and help people experience a deep sense of peace. The class is taught by Dolores J. Gozzi, a Licensed Massage/Alternative Therapist (MA37360). Bring something to lie on like a yoga mat or towel, water and a small pillow.

Cost: members: \$20; non-members: \$25, tickets can be purchased at the membership desk, the ticket counter, or at edisonford.org. Admission to the site is not included. **All participants are required to wear masks.**



EDUCATION PROGRAMS PRE-K TO GRADE 8

October 2020 - April 2021



WHERE SCIENCE
AND HISTORY ARE
ILLUMINATED!



- Pre-registration at EdisonFord.org is required for all programs
- For information regarding safety and health protocols, or for **virtual field trips** or **science presentations**, view our website

EMERGING INVENTORS Ages 18 months to 5 years old

Children will learn, play, and gain valuable social skills exploring Edison Ford. Choose 1st and 3rd Monday or Tuesday of every month, 10am to 11am.

Members: \$10 or \$130 for series | Non-members: \$15 or \$190 for series
Includes one adult (mask required) and one child (mask not required). Limit 6.

SCHOOL BREAK CAMPS Grades 1-6

When school is out, the “Wild Wizard” is in! Students will explore topics in STEAM, history, and nature. Camps run from 9am to 4pm.

Nov. 23 - 25
Art & Animation
Members: \$135
Non-members: \$150

Dec. 28 - 31
Backyard Botany
Camp in a Box*
Members: \$55 Non: \$65

Mar. 15 - 19
LEGO Robotics
Members: \$220
Non-members: \$225

Dec. 21 - 25
Light Science
Camp in a Box*
Members: \$55 Non: \$65

Jan. 4
Day of Coding
Members: \$45
Non-members: \$50

Apr. 5
Mad Chemistry
Members: \$45
Non-members: \$50

* **NEW!** Complete “Camp in a Box” experiments and activities from home! Supplies and support from staff will be provided. View EdisonFord.org for more information.

HOMESCHOOL SCIENCE SCHOLARS Grades 1-8

Students will be challenged with science, history, and more in an outdoor classroom environment. All classes are 11am to noon.

• Grades 1-3:
2nd Wednesday
of each month

• Grades 4-6:
2nd Thursday
of each month

• Grades 7-8:
2nd Friday
of each month

Members: \$10 or \$60 for series | Non-members: \$15 or \$95 for series
Includes one adult and one child. Limit 10. Masks are required for all participants.

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- ♦ Sunland Orchids
- ♦ Tropiflora
- ♦ Red Roc Cravings
food truck
- ♦ Coastal Dayz Brewery

Orchid Sale & Symposium

Saturday, October 10, 2020
9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Lots of orchids will be available, including rare and native species, plus additional plants, trees and herbs to select from!

- ♦ Garden Guidance Table to answer your gardening questions
- ♦ Garden carts are limited; guests may bring their own
- ♦ Raffle available
- ♦ Refreshments available for purchase
- ♦ Museum store also open
- ♦ Vendors will provide orchid care instruction at their booths

We are taking precautions to help keep you safe:

- ♦ Everyone attending the sale is required to wear a mask and practice social distancing
- ♦ Surfaces are being cleaned and sanitized daily
- ♦ Outdoor sales checkout will be available

Members Only Preview 8-9 a.m.

(enter at the corner of McGregor and Larchmont)

Members will receive 15% off plants in the Garden Shoppe
Check in at the Membership Table to get your special wristband
(Membership ID required)

Special discounts from vendors too (some only accept cash)





Annual Fall Garden Festival

November 21 & 22 | 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Join us for the biggest plant sale of the year! Sponsored by Best Value and Humana, the festival will also feature food trucks and live music. More than 40 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. Vendors will also offer garden supplies, such as mulch and special fertilizers. The Edison 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).



Fall Garden Festival sponsor

Garden Talk: Succulents Rock

November 14 | 10 a.m.

Learn about how to care for and select succulents for your home and garden with Horticulture Director, Debbie Hughes. Participants will receive a 20% off coupon to use toward plants in the Garden Shoppe. Wear comfortable shoes, a hat, sunscreen and bring drinking water.

Cost: members: \$10; non-members: \$15

Gardening Class: Roses for SW Florida Gardens

November 14 | 1:30 p.m.

Master Gardener, Karen Maxwell, will teach this in-depth class on roses. The program will be held indoors, in an air-conditioned classroom. Class size is limited, so advance registration is required. All participants will receive a 20% discount coupon toward plant purchases in the Garden Shoppe. Register at edisonford.org. Masks are required.

Cost: members: \$35; non-members: \$50



Annual “Airing of the Quilts” Quilt Show

October 24 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Dozens of quilts from the Quilters’ Guild will be on display, suspended from clotheslines between trees and select antique quilts from the 1880s to 1940s will be on display inside the Thomas Edison house, Henry Ford house and the Edison guest house. Quilters’ Guild participants will also have quilts available for sale.

Certified quilt appraiser, Lars Cain, will be on site and conducting appraisals from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. His vast experience includes the Library of Congress and the Smithsonian Institution. He has been sharing his expertise for many years and has spoken to more than 1,500 quilt groups throughout the Midwest, New England area and in Florida. Since 1977, he has appraised more than 20,000 quilts. Visitors may bring antique quilts for assessment. Verbal appraisals will be offered for \$20 and the fee for a written appraisal is \$50 per quilt.

Quilts have a long history with the estates. Henry Ford and his wife, Clara, collected quilts and other historical objects that were created and used by people from all across the United States. The quilts were often made from modest scraps of material, demonstrating the resourcefulness of American women.

The quilt show is included with a self-guided or guided tour of the historic home site and botanical gardens. Tickets may be purchased online or at the ticket counter. Admission is free for Edison Ford members.



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TOURS & PROGRAMS

Throughout the day, join in hands-on presentations to learn about music, sound and the phonograph, how a motor works on Henry Ford's Model T and making movies with animated images. Every day of the week Edison Ford offers visitors historian-led guided tours and self-guided tours in English, German, Spanish, and French as well as museum demonstrations and hands-on science activities.



Automotive Tour

Mondays | 10:30 a.m.

Join Automotive Curator, James Moss, for a new perspective on the evolution of the automobile. Learn about production and how to operate a vehicle. From the Model T to the Model A, gasoline to electric, the Ford Motor Company and beyond, the Automotive Tour promises to offer a new way to connect with one of our most popular collections. Reservations are not required for this tour.

Cost: members: \$15; non-members: Adults \$40, Teens (13-19) \$30, Children (6-12) \$16.



Inside-the-Homes Tours

Thursdays | 11:00 a.m.

This tour is a unique opportunity to take a sneak peek inside normally-closed areas of Thomas Edison's "Seminole Lodge" and Henry Ford's "The Mangoes." Approximate tour time is 90 minutes to two hours. (Allow additional time to view the museum, laboratory, and gardens.)

Limited reservations available for this tour, pre-registration required by calling 239-335-3674.

Cost: members: free (one time); non-members: Adults \$50, Teens (13-19) \$35, Children (6-12) \$20.



NEW Digital Discussions

Would you like to learn something new? Join us for a series of Digital Discussions via Zoom. Viewers will be treated to virtual presentations on topics not normally discussed at the site or during tours. Presentations take place every other Wednesday at 11 a.m. EST.

Each presentation is \$5 (FREE for members). Limited to 100 participants. After each presentation, there will be time for Q & A. Registration and prepayment is required at EdisonFord.org. Registration will end one hour before the presentation.

October 7 - Cuban Fishing Rancheros of Southwest Florida
Description: Learn about the rise and fall of this multicultural society

October 21 - Edison vs. Tesla: What Really Happened
Description: Separate fact from fiction during this talk about the two inventors' relationship

November 4 - The Calusa
Description: Pay tribute to the people who ruled much of south Florida

November 18 - The Seminole and the Edisons
Description: Hear more about the Seminole, and the Edisons' interactions with them

Private Guided Tours

To accommodate families or small business groups, private guided tours are now available. These tours are for small groups of nine people or less and ensure that families will not be on a tour with other tourists. Two tour focus options are available, including the Historian-led Private Guided Tour, or the Private Garden Tour with a Horticulturist. Masks are required on guided tours. Private tours should be reserved at least 48 hours in advance

During the private tours, visitors will see the historic winter homes of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford, the caretaker's houses, swimming pool complex, Edison's study and the Moonlight Garden, and more than 20 acres of botanical gardens. The Garden Tour provides an in-depth exploration of the hundreds of plants and trees on the property. After the tour, visitors may take extra time to stroll the gardens, museum and botanic research laboratory at their own pace.

Cost: Private Guided Tour: \$345; Private Garden Tour: \$360.



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Call for Artists

Creating Beauty from Disaster Exhibit

If you purchased a wood slab from Edison and Ford Winter Estates and would like to show off what you made, now is your chance!

Edison Ford is hosting its third annual art show in January 2021 with art created from fallen trees on site after Hurricane Irma. Many people in the area purchased wood slabs and have created amazing works of art. This show is designed to showcase those pieces. Submissions can be anything from wooden bowls to a coffee table, as long as it was created using fallen wood from Edison Ford after Hurricane Irma.

If you have made something you'd like to have featured in the show, please contact Tayelor Kakes at tkakes@edisonford.org or 239.334.7419. Please keep submissions no larger than 33" wide x 83" high in order to fit through the door frame. We will need:

An image of artwork

Title of piece

Weight (if over 100 lbs)

Width and height

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