



What To Do the week of Feb. 28-March 6, 2022



Monday, Feb. 28

First fives of photography with Inna Malostovker, Lovers Key State Park, Estero

Bring your camera or smartphone as award-winning Miami photographer Inna Malostovker gives an overview of the basic principles of photography as you take a walk through the park. \$45 1-3:30 p.m. Monday. *Lovers Key State Park, 8700 Estero Blvd., Estero, eventbrite.com*



Tuesday, March 1

Geocaching for beginners, Koreshan State Park, Estero

Join an advanced Florida master naturalist to learn about the basics of geocaching or high-tech treasure hunting. Reservations required. This 10 a.m. talk is free with park entry fee: \$5 per vehicle with 2-8 occupants, \$4 per single-occupant vehicle and \$2 for pedestrians and bicyclists. *Koreshan State Park, 3800 Corkscrew Road, Estero, 239-992-0311, eventbrite.com*

THE CAT IN THE HAT

Wednesday, March 2

The Cat in the Hat story time, Cape Coral Lee County Public Library, Cape Coral

This special 10 a.m. story time is all about The Cat in the Hat and includes books, songs, rhymes and more. For ages 5 and under. *Cape Coral Lee County Public Library, 921 SW 39th Terrace, Cape Coral, 239-533-4500, leelibrary.librarymarket.com*



Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 3-5

85th Shell Festival, Sanibel Island

Shell art, crafts and books along with judged artistic and scientific exhibits. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. \$5 donation. Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 239-472-2155,

sanibelshellclub.com



Friday, March 4

March Art Walk, downtown Fort Myers

The River District Alliance has partnered with the Lee County School District to bring the talent of dozens of students from various schools from all over the county to feature both performing and visual arts. Free. 6-10 p.m. Friday. *River District Alliance, First Street, Fort Myers,* 239-313-5129, <u>myriverdistrict.com</u>



Friday, March 4

Star Party, Rotary Park, Cape Coral

Join the Southwest Florida Astronomical Society for a fun evening of night sky observation. Beginning just after sunset, take a look through several telescopes and talk to experts from the society about what can be seen. Fun for all ages and no flashlights, please. Free. 7-10 p.m. Friday. *Rotary Park, 1340 Rose Garden Road, Cape Coral, 239-549-4606, visitfortmyers.com/event/starparty-rotary-park/3951*



Saturday, March 5

Southwest Florida Reading Festival, downtown Fort Myers

Meet authors, buy books, listen to storytellers and enjoy family fun activities, such as crafts, drawings and more. Download the Readfest app for more info. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. *Fort Myers Regional Library, 2450 First St., Fort Myers, <u>readfest.org</u>*



Saturday, March 5

Mardi Gras Festival, Centennial Park, downtown Fort Myers Centennial Park channels Bourbon Street to bring its own version of Mardi Gras to Fort Myers. Live entertainment, New Orleans cuisine and, of course, beads! Noon-9 p.m. Saturday. Tickets \$10-\$80. *Centennial Park, 2000 W. 1st St., Fort Myers, eventbrite.com*



Saturday, March 5

Outdoor movie night, Indiana Jones double feature, Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers

"Raiders of the Lost Ark" and "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" promise edge-of-your-seat thrills. Bring blankets and lawn chairs, coolers are not permitted. Food trucks and beverages will be available for purchase. Gates open at 5 p.m. Saturday, first film starts at 6 p.m., tickets must be purchased in advance. \$8 members, \$12 nonmembers. *Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, <u>artinlee.org</u>*



Saturday & Sunday, March 5-6

PRIDE Cape Coral

This family-friendly and free outdoor event celebrates the LGBTQ community. The event includes a parade, live entertainment, food, drinks, carnival games and a tutu drag race. *PRIDE Cape Coral, 47th Terrace, South Cape Coral, 239-478-0007, pridecapecoral.com*

Ongoing events



Now through Sunday, March 6: Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair, Lee Civic Center, North Fort Myers Rides, cotton candy, clowns, shows and activities like share the fun talent contest, youth citrus project, fashion review competition, chicken barbecue cook-off, youth royalty, hay bale decorating competition and more. Ticket prices and hours vary. *Lee Civic Center, 11831 Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers, swflcfair.com*



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.-3 p.m., class begins at 10 a.m. *The Community House,* 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 239-472-2155, <u>sanibelcommunityhouse.net</u>



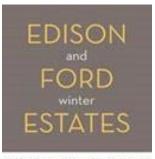
Tuesday & Thursday tours at Berne Davis Gardens, Fort Myers

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,* <u>fmlcgardencouncil.com</u>



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



HOMES - GARDENS - MUSEUM LABORATORY

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, edisonfordwinterestates.org/calendar/



Butterfly House tours, 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. Friday and Saturday. *Rotary Park, 1340-1372 Rose Garden Road, Cape Coral, 239-549-4606, ccfriendsofwildlife.org/tom-allen-memorialbutterfly-garden*



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, <u>luminaryhotel.com/taste</u>*



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



- ArtPlay: Dance and Movement for Artists with Autism, March 3
- 36th annual All Florida Exhibition, March 4-26
- Outdoor bluegrass concert: Tad & The Tadpoles and Low Ground, March 6

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



Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers

- "Stayin' Alive: One Night of The Bee Gees," Feb. 28
- The Beach Boys, March 1
- Celtic Woman: Postcards from Ireland, March 2
- The Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass, March 3
- Little River Band, March 4
- Masters of Illusion, March 6

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



BIG ARTS, Sanibel Island

- "Hive," Feb. 28
- "Eye in the Sky," March 2
- Rhythm of the Dance, March 3-4

BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel Island, 239-395-0900, <u>bigarts.org</u>



Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre

- "Escape to Margaritaville," through April 2
- "Over the River and Through the Woods," through March 5

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



Centers for the Arts, Bonita Springs

- Films for Film Lovers: "Vitalina Varela," Feb. 28
- Lunch & Lecture Series: Latin Fiesta Music of Spain & Latin America, March 2
- Just for Laughs, March 4

Center for Performing Arts, 10150 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs, 239-495-8989, <u>artcenterbonita.org/performances</u>

• It's Abstract, March 1

Center for Visual Arts, 26100 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs, 239-495-8989, <u>artcenterbonita.org</u>



Florida Gulf Coast University Library

"The Black Experience in Lee County," through April 28

FGCU University Library, Room 322, 10501 FGCU Blvd. S., Fort Myers, <u>library.fgcu.edu</u>



Florida Rep

- "Into the Breeches," through March 5
- "A Doll's House, Part 2," through March 27

Florida Rep, 2268 Bay St., Fort Myers, 239-332-4488, <u>floridarep.org</u>

The Laboratory Theater of Florida



GULF COAST SYMPHONY MUSIC & ARTS COMMUNITY C E N T E R • "Avenue Q," through March 27

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

Gulf Coast Symphony

- "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," through March 4
- Gulf Coast Chamber Orchestra: Farrenc, Chopin & Rossini, March 5
- Sunday night chamber music: Ningxin Zhan, March
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Music & Arts Community Center (MACC), 13411 Shire Lane, Fort Myers, 239-277-1700 Ext. 108, gulfcoastsymphony.org



Murder Mystery Dinner Train

• "Kilroy Never Showed," March 2-June 5

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



Players Circle Theater

 "Curious Incident of The Dog in Night-Time," through March 4

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

Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center



- Sidney's Rooftop Sculpture Garden: Latin dance with Angela - Rhumba, March 2
- Sidney's Rooftop Sculpture Garden: DJ Dream Jay, March 4
- Exhibition: "Obsessive Rumination," March 4-25
- Exhibition: "Effervescence," March 4-25

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

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