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What To Do the week of Sept. 19-25, 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 [Miriam Dotson](#), VCB communications manager. Deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday before the week of publication. Thank you!

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Island Hopper Songwriter Fest continues through Sept. 25, downtown Fort Myers and Fort Myers Beach

The 10-day music festival featuring performances by some of the country's most talented singer-songwriters continues in downtown Fort Myers, Sept. 19-22, and ends with a weekend on Fort Myers Beach, Sept. 23-25. Most

shows are free, with the exception of a few ticketed experiences.

More than 80 singer-songwriters will perform over 100 shows. Keep current on festival news with the [Island Hopper app](#) or [islandhopperfest.com](#). Also, check out The Sanibel Captiva Guide Podcast for a local's take on Island Hopper at [thesancapguide.com/category/podcast](#).

[Gary LeVox](#), frontman for Rascal Flatts, is the headliner and is scheduled to perform at 5 p.m. Sept. 25 poolside at the Pink Shell Beach Resort & Marina on Fort Myers Beach. Tickets for the LeVox concert are available on the Island Hopper app or at [islandhopperfest.visitfortmyers.com/artist/gary-levox](#). Be sure to download the app to be entered for a chance to win a two-night stay at Pink Shell during the final weekend of Island Hopper, tickets to the LeVox concert and a \$200 gift card.



Monday, Sept. 19

What's Better than a Fish? Sanibel Sea School, Sanibel Island

Fish are the most diverse group of vertebrate animals on Earth. As we collect and identify the common marine fishes of Southwest Florida, we learn how they breathe, hear and communicate underwater. Ages 6-13, 1-4 p.m. Monday, \$55. Registration required. *Sanibel Sea School, 455 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 239-472-8585, [sanibelseaschool.org](#)*

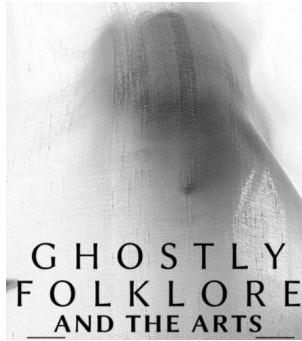


Tuesday, Sept. 20

Make Easy and Fun Button Castanets, Dunbar-Jupiter Hammon Public Library, Fort Myers

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by creating and decorating your own castanets. This hand percussion instrument is easy and fun to learn. 5:30-6:30 p.m. for children. *Dunbar-Jupiter Hammon Public Library, 3095*

Blount St., Fort Myers, 239-533-4150,
leelibrary.librarymarket.com



Wednesday, Sept. 21

Ghostly Folklore and the Arts, Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers

Join Alliance for the Arts for an interactive trip down the digital rabbit hole and learn about, and participate in, some spooky local ghost stories. 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, \$15 or \$10 for Alliance members. *Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers, 239-939-2787, artinlee.org*



Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday Sept. 22-25

Fort Myers RV Show, Lee Civic Center, North Fort Myers

Shop travel trailers, fifth wheels, toy haulers, camper vans and more. Free parking and admission, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. all four days. *Lee Civic Center, 11831 Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers, 239-543-8368, rvshowusa.com/event/lee-civic-center-rv-show*



Saturday, Sept. 24

SWFL SteamCon Steampunk & Fantasy Convention, German American Social Club, Cape Coral

This convention features steampunk craft makers, artists, authors, Splendid Teapot Racing, costume contests and more. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday. Tickets \$10 ages 13 and older; one free entry for 13 or younger per paid adult; \$5 additional kids' tickets. *German American Social Club, 2101 SW Pine Island Road, Cape Coral, swflsteamcon.com*

Saturday, Sept. 24



National Public Lands Day workday, Lovers Key State Park, Fort Myers Beach

A landscaping project at the Welcome and Discovery Center will take place and volunteers will help with weed removal, trimming, weed barrier installation, mulching and more. 9 a.m.-noon Saturday and park entrance is waived, reservations required. *Lovers Key State Park, 8700 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach, 239-463-4588, [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)*



Sunday, Sept. 25

Peace Day in the Park, Wa-Ke-Hatchee Park, Fort Myers

Live music, meditation, yoga, food drive, blood drive, art and artisans, food, crafts, face painting and more. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. *Wak-Ke-Hatchee Park, 16760 Bass Road, Fort Myers, [peaceday-in-the-park.com](https://www.peaceday-in-the-park.com)*

Ongoing events



Third Annual Fall Festival and Haunted Maze, Springtime Farms Adventure Park, North Fort Myers

Check out all this fall festival has to offer, including a petting zoo with 200 animals, pumpkin patch, 70-foot jumping pillows, five water slides, dry slides, haunted maze, haunted trail, haunted hayride, butterfly experience, bird aviary, scavenger hunt and more. Sept. 24-Oct. 30, tickets \$12 per person Monday-Thursday, \$15 Friday-Sunday. *Springtime Farms Adventure Park, 10761 Aqua Vista Lane, North Fort Myers, 239-309-0630, [springtimeadventurefarm.com](https://www.springtimeadventurefarm.com)*



Wet Walk, Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve, Fort Myers

Get up close and personal and experience the beautiful wetlands. Led by trained guides, these walks follow a restricted, water-filled, sinuous trail through thick green ferns, towering cypress trees and chattering woodpeckers. Water levels may reach chest high,

depending on recent rainfall. Wet walks are held twice a day, at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., lasting about two and a half hours. Oct. 1, 8, 15, 19, 22 and 29. \$15 for Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve members, \$25 for nonmembers. Reservations required at

sloughfriendswetwalks@yahoo.com Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve, 7751 Penzance Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-533-7550, sloughpreserve.org



Organic garden tours, Shangri-La Springs, Bonita Springs

Join Shangri-La Springs organic garden manager Cecelia Morales in a sensory-based walking tour of subtropical, tropical, annual and perennial crops and orchard. Learn about what makes a garden, organic garden methods and permaculture principles. Wear closed-toed shoes, sun protection such as hats, sunglasses, sunscreen and bring a refillable water bottle. The hourlong tour takes place Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. \$15, reservations required. *Shangri-La Springs, 27750 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs, 239-949-0749, shangrilasprings.com*



"Nexus," FGCU Art Faculty Exhibition, Fort Myers

Part of Florida Gulf Coast University's 25th anniversary celebration, the exhibit shows investigations in social commentary and the environment, with works in paintings, ceramics, prints, sculptures and more. Free and open to the public. Visitors to campus should pick up a parking pass from the parking kiosk along the university's main entry. Through Sept. 29. *Wasmer Art Gallery, 10501 FGCU Blvd S Fort Myers, 239-590-7199, fgcu.edu/artgalleries/currentseason/nexus*



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, sanibelcommunityhouse.net*



ECHO Global Farm Tours, North Fort Myers

Experience farming and gardening at its most creative, with unique demonstrations, plants and techniques being used to help farming families around the world. ECHO is also home to one of the largest collections of tropical food plants in the U.S. Guided walking tours are 90 minutes, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday-Saturday. *ECHO Global Farm, 17391 Durrance Road, North Fort Myers, 239-543-3246, echonet.org*



Yoga by the River, 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. Class taught by Bonnie D'Angelo, a certified yoga instructor. All skill levels welcome. 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21 and 28. \$15 for members, \$20 nonmembers 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, 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*



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*



True Tours, River District History Tours, Fort Myers

This Fort Myers walking tour educates and entertains with narratives of local history and acquaints you with the colorful personalities of founders of Fort Myers. Tour at 10:30 a.m. each first and third Saturday of the month. *True Tours, 2200 First St., Fort Myers, 239-945-0405, truetours.net*

Performing arts and exhibits



Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers

- Belly dance class, Sept. 21
- Exhibit: "Creating Inside Out: The Art of Ian Summers," through Oct. 2

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



Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers

- Earth, Wind & Fire, Sept. 22
- Jim Gaffigan: The Fun Tour, Sept. 23-24

Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Florida SouthWestern State College, 13350 FSW Parkway, Fort Myers, 239-481-4849, bbmannpah.com



The Belle Theatre, Cape Coral

- "Into the Woods," through Sept. 25

The Belle Theatre, 2708 Santa Barbara Blvd., Cape Coral, 239-323-5533, thebelletheatre.com



Big Arts, Sanibel Island

- Big Arts Annual Juried Show, through Oct. 23

Big Arts, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel Island, 239-395-0900, bigarts.org



Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers

- "Not Now, Darling," Sept. 22-Nov. 5
- "Broadway Thru the Decades," through Oct. 1

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



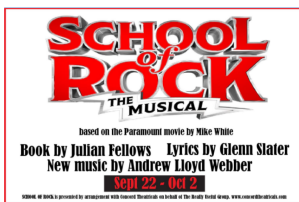
Centers for the Arts, Bonita Springs

- Films for Film Lovers: "MacBeth," Sept. 19

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

- Mosaics Tonight, Sept. 22
- Exhibit: "Nature's Blueprint: Biomimicry in Art and Design," through Oct. 20

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



Cultural Park Theatre, Cape Coral

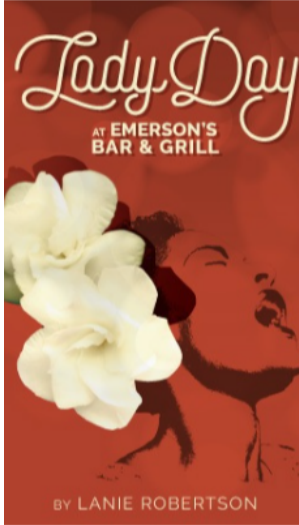
- "School of Rock," Sept. 22-Oct. 2

Cultural Park Theatre, 528 Cultural Park Blvd., Cape Coral, 239-772-5862, culturalparktheater.com

Florida Rep, downtown Fort Myers

- "Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill," Sept. 23-Oct. 30

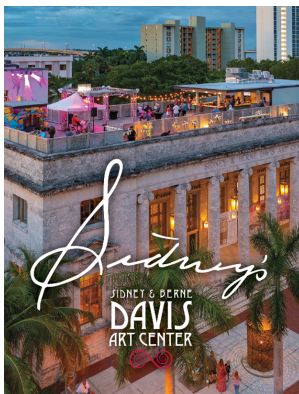
Florida Repertory Theater, 2268 Bay St., Fort Myers, 239-332-4488, floridarep.org



The Laboratory Theater of Florida, Fort Myers

- "The Play That Goes Wrong," through Oct. 9

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



Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, downtown Fort Myers

- Sidney's Rooftop Sculpture Garden: Wine and Paint, Sept. 21
- Island Hopper Songwriter Fest, Sept. 22
- Dueling Pianos, Sept. 23
- Sidney's Rooftop Sculpture Garden: DJ Dream Jay, Sept. 23
- Exhibit: "A Place Beyond the Subconscious," through Sept. 28
- Exhibit: "Fractasia | Sacred Space in a Sacred Age," through Sept. 28

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

Podcasts

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The Sanibel Captiva Guide Podcast

Sanibel residents Nick and Lori Adams, and son Max, interview the people who make Sanibel and Captiva special. They celebrate the history and experiences of the islands. thesancapguide.com/category/podcast



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Available in the App Store and Google Play, Otocast features a tour of more than 30 historic sites in Fort Myers. otocast.com



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