

What to do the week of Nov. 15-21, 2021

Monday, Nov. 15

Great Bowls of Fire, Center for Visual Arts, Bonita Springs

Create a design using brilliantly colored glazes, stamps or slip trail designs on hand-thrown ceramic bowls of your choosing. Techniques will be demonstrated while you enjoy food and drink. 5:30-8:30 p.m., call to register, \$65. *Centers for Visual Arts, 26100 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs, 239-495-8989, artcenterbonita.org*

Tuesday, Nov. 16

Happy Thanksgiving! Captiva Memorial Library

Now through Nov. 20, see the Happy Thanksgiving book display and complete activity sheets. Make a turkey out of a balloon and construction paper feathers. Craft available while supplies last. Captiva Memorial Library, 11560 Chapin Lane, Captiva, 239-479-4636, <u>leegov.com/library/branches/cv</u>

Wednesday, Nov. 17

Guided walks resume at San Carlos Bay Bunche Beach Preserve

Free guided beach walks at San Carlos Bay Bunche Beach Preserve are at 9 a.m. each Wednesday and will continue through the end of April 2022. 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*

Thursday, Nov. 18

Beach N' Brews Craft Beer Event, Lovers Key State Park, Fort Myers Beach

Enjoy an evening of craft beer from local breweries and treats from popular food trucks at this benefit for the new Welcome & Discovery Center at Lovers Key State Park. \$50 regular admission, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.; \$75 VIP, 5 p.m. early arrival. *Lovers Key State Park, 8700 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach, eventbrite.com*

Friday, Nov. 19

Full moon kayak tour, Mound House, Fort Myers Beach

This unique tour offers kayakers the rare opportunity to experience the backwaters of the Estero Bay in the quiet of twilight by the light of the full moon. Weather permitting and

reservations required, ages 12 & up, 4 p.m., \$45. *Mound House, 451 Connecticut St., Fort Myers Beach, 239-765-0865, moundhouse.org*

Movie in the Park "Playing with Fire," Lehigh Acres

Bring blankets and chairs to sit on while enjoying the featured film, "Playing with Fire," rated PG. The event will be hosted on the large event field behind the recreation center. 6:30-10 p.m. *Veterans Park and Recreation Center, 55 Homestead Road S, Lehigh Acres, 239-369-1521*

Saturday, Nov. 20

Bonita Fest

Free concert with performances by Johnny Rogers and Iconic the Band, from 3 to 9 p.m. *Riverside Park, 10450 Reynolds St., Bonita Springs, 760-470-1687, bonitafests.com*

Bonita Springs Invitational Art Festival

Visitors can stroll the pathways at The Promenade at Bonita Bay to see dozens of selected artists displays Saturday and Sunday. *The Promenade at Bonita Bay, 26811 South Bay Drive, Bonita Springs, 239-949-1583, promenadeships.com*

Garden Festival at Edison and Ford Winter Estates

More than 40 vendors will have rare, exotic and native Florida plants for sale, plus food trucks and live music. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, free. *Edison and Ford Winter Estates, 2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-334-7419, edisonfordwinterestates.org*

Sunday, Nov. 21

Garden tour at Manatee Park

Visitors will enjoy walking the ADA accessible paths through the restored native plant habitats and butterfly gardens. A volunteer naturalist leads the tour and participants will 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 between the months of December through March. The tours will be held at 9 a.m. every Sunday through March 2022. The 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*

Ongoing events

Taste of the Islands gives passport holders access to special dining opportunities at Sanibel and Captiva's finest restaurants throughout November. A portion of Taste of the Islands proceeds will benefit the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW). <u>tasteoftheislands.org</u>

Mondays with the Shell Crafters: The class is free, supplies cost between \$3 and \$5, and the shell crafters will help you make something special. Open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., class begins at 10 a.m. *The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 239-472-2155, sanibelcommunityhouse.net*

Wellness Together Yoga at The Westin Cape Coral Resort at Marina Village, includes a onehour class while enjoying the soothing views of the water. Reservations recommended. \$10, cash only, bring your own yoga mat, complimentary refreshments. 7 a.m. Thursdays. *The Westin Cape Coral Resort at Marina Village, 5951 Silver King Blvd., Cape Coral, 239-541-5000,* marriott.com/hotels/travel/rswwi-the-westin-cape-coral-resort-at-marina-village

Art exhibits

"The Birds of Southwest Florida" exhibit at Edison and Ford Winter Estates includes illustrations by John James Audubon. Included with admission and runs through mid-January 2022. *Edison and Ford Winter Estates, 2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-334-7419,* edisonfordwinterestates.org

DAAS Co-Op Art Gallery & Gifts

"Theater of the Absurd" artwork by Puerto Rican Rodney Acosta will be on display through Nov. 28. DAAS Co-Op Gallery & Gifts, 1815 Fowler St., Fort Myers, 239-590-8645, <u>daascoop.com</u>

Live theater

Alliance for the Arts

• "Almost, Maine" by Alliance Youth Theatre, Nov. 19-21

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

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre

• "The Sound of Music," Nov. 16-20

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

Florida Rep

• "Let's Fall in Love," Nov. 16-21

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

The Laboratory Theater of Florida

• "The Tempest," Nov. 18-20

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

Players Circle Theater

- Hot Keys and G Strings, Nov. 19-21
- Danny Sinoff The Bobby Darin Songbook, Nov. 22

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