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## What To Do the week of Nov. 29-Dec. 5, 2021

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

**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. Thank you!

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### **Monday, Nov. 29**

#### **"The Nutcracker," Barbara B Mann Performing Arts Hall at FSW**

The Gulfshore Ballet and Gulf Coast Symphony present the timeless Tchaikovsky classic. Nov. 29-Dec. 5, ticket prices vary. *Barbara B Mann Performing Arts Hall at*



## **Tuesday, Nov. 30**

### **Books and Blankets, Northwest Regional Library, Cape Coral**

The whole family is invited to bring blankies and pajamas for this nighttime edition of storytime that encourages development of pre-reading skills through songs, rhymes, finger plays and stories. 6:15-7 p.m. *Northwest Regional Library, 519 Chiquita Blvd. N., Cape Coral, 239-479-4636, [leelibrary.librarymarket.com](http://leelibrary.librarymarket.com)*



## **Wednesday, Dec. 1**

### **Festival of Trees Preview Party**

Get a sneak preview and take a stroll through this Southwest Florida winter wonderland. 5-7 p.m., \$25. *Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center, 2301 First St., Fort Myers, 239-333-1933, [sbac.com](http://sbac.com)*



## **Thursday, Dec. 2**

### **Untold Stories Tour, Mound House, Fort Myers Beach**

Mound House is the oldest standing structure on Fort Myers Beach, with an intriguing cast of characters who called it home, ranging from farmers to casino owners, scientists to developers. Learn about their stories along with a good dose of island history. 2 p.m., adults \$15. *Mound House, 451 Connecticut St., Fort Myers Beach, 239-765-0865, [moundhouse.org](http://moundhouse.org)*

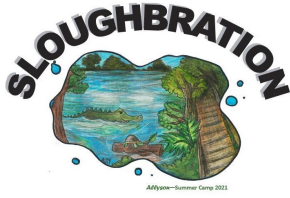


## **Friday, Dec. 3**

### **Tree lighting and Art Walk, downtown Fort Myers**

From 5:30-6:30 p.m. the SWFL Symphony will perform holiday favorites outside the Sidney Berne Davis Art Center. At 7 p.m. the annual tree lighting, with the help of Santa and Mayor Kevin B. Anderson, kicks off the holiday season downtown. "The Voice" finalist Ben Allen will

perform a free concert outside the art center. Also, the Art Walk, 6-10 p.m., will feature Southwest Florida artists to start your holiday shopping. *Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, 2301 First St., Fort Myers, 239-313-5129, [myriverdistrict.com/event](http://myriverdistrict.com/event)*



## **Saturday, Dec. 4**

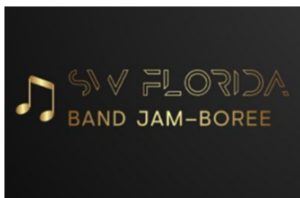
### **Sloughbration, Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve, Fort Myers**

Celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve. Fun slough-filled activities throughout the day, including specialty guided walks, interactive demonstrations, live animals, kid-friendly activities, food trucks, live music and more. Free, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. There will be no public parking at the Slough on the day of the event. Free parking and a courtesy shuttle will be available at CenturyLink Sports Complex, 14100 Six Mile Cypress Parkway. *Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve, 7751 Penzance Blvd., Fort Myers, [sloughpreserve.org](http://sloughpreserve.org)*



### **Christmas Boat Parade, Fort Myers Beach**

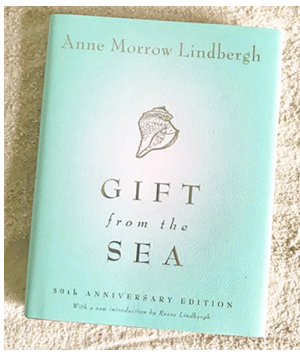
Celebrate an evening of lights and holiday cheer, Florida-style, on a boat! Traverse the backwaters of Fort Myers Beach as boaters begin the parade at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at Salty Sam's Marina, go through Pelican Bay and toward Bowditch Point to finish the parade around 8 p.m. *Salty Sam's Marina, 2500 Main St., Fort Myers Beach, 239-454-7500, [fortmyersbeach.org](http://fortmyersbeach.org)*



## **Sunday, Dec. 5**

### **SW Florida Band Jam-boree, Fort Myers**

This first-ever marching band event brings the sights and sounds of some of the best show-style marching bands together in an exhibition, 3-7 p.m. Sunday. \$10 advance tickets, \$12 gate. Contact is Dr. LeRoy Irving Jr., director of music at Dunbar High School, 239-461-5322, 404-246-4858 Ext. 2026. *North Law Firm Stadium, 3800 Edison Ave., Fort Myers, [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)*



## "Gift from the Sea" panel discussion with Kristina Lindbergh, Captiva Chapel by the Sea

The granddaughter of author Anne Morrow Lindbergh will discuss the impact of the book written in 1955 and inspired by visits to Captiva. 4 p.m., free, registration required. *Captiva Chapel by the Sea, 11580 Chapin Lane, Captiva, [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)*

## Ongoing events



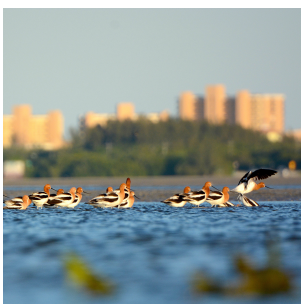
## Holiday Nights, Edison and Ford Winter Estates, Fort Myers

The 46<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Nights includes thousands of lights, historic decorations, new light displays, visits with Santa, carolers, refreshments, family science shows and more. Open nightly through Jan. 2, self-guided tours, 5:30-9 p.m., \$20 adults; guided tours, at 6 and 7 p.m., \$30 adults. *Edison and Ford Winter Estates, 2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-334-7419, [edisonfordwinterestates.org](https://www.edisonfordwinterestates.org)*



## 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](https://www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net)*



## Wednesday guided walks, San Carlos Bay Bunche Beach Preserve

Free guided beach walks at 9 a.m. 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](http://leegov.com/parks)



### **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](http://luminaryhotel.com/taste)*

## **Art exhibits**



### **Not On My Walls pop-up exhibit, Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers**

This three-day pop-up exhibition of orphaned art doubles as a white-elephant-style sale. Cycle out art that no longer fits your aesthetic, purchase new art and all proceeds go back into the community. Tacky Holiday Reception, 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, \$10 advance tickets. *Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-939-2787, [artinlee.org](http://artinlee.org)*

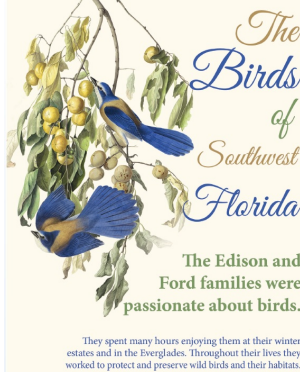


### **Sunday garden tours at Manatee Park, Fort Myers**

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. 9 a.m. Sundays through March 2022. 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](http://leegov.com/parks/parks/manateepark)*

### **The Birds of Southwest Florida**

See bird illustrations by John James Audubon in the Caretaker's House. Included with admission, runs



through mid-January. *Edison and Ford Winter Estates*,  
2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-334-7419,  
[edisonfordwinterestates.org](http://edisonfordwinterestates.org)

## Live theater



### Alliance for the Arts

- "The Descendants," Alliance Youth Theatre, Dec. 3-5

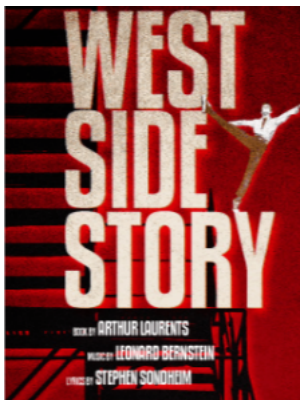
*Alliance for the Arts*, 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers,  
239-939-2787, [artinlee.org](http://artinlee.org)



### Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre

- "Holly Jolly Christmas," Nov. 30, Dec. 1-5, 7-12, 14-19, 21-23, 25
- "No Claus for Alarm," Nov. 30, Dec. 1-5, 7-12, 14-19, 21-23, 25
- "The Nutcracker," Children's Theatre, Dec. 3, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17-18, 21, 24

*Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre*, 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort  
Myers, 239-278-4422, [broadwaypalm.com](http://broadwaypalm.com)



### Florida Rep

- "West Side Story," Nov. 30, Dec. 1-5, 7-12, 14-15

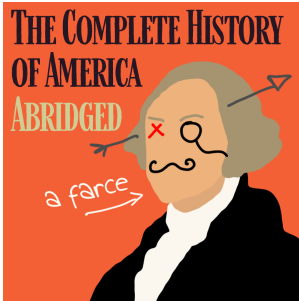
*Florida Rep*, 2268 Bay St., Fort Myers, 239-332-4488,  
[floridarep.org](http://floridarep.org)

### Fort Myers Theatre



"A Christmas Carol," youth production, Dec. 3-4

Fort Myers Theatre, 16120 San Carlos Blvd, #5, Fort Myers, 239-323-6570, [ftmyerstheatre.com](http://ftmyerstheatre.com)



### The Laboratory Theater of Florida

• "The Complete History of America (abridged)" Dec. 1-4, 9-11, 16-18

The Laboratory Theater of Florida, 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers, 239-218-0481, [laboratorytheaterflorida.com](http://laboratorytheaterflorida.com)



### Players Circle Theater

- Danny Sinoff, The Music of Cole Porter, Nov. 29
- "Avi Hoffman's Too Jewish?" Nov. 30
- Randy & Lori, Dec. 2
- "Oops We're a Troupe," comedy improv, Dec. 3
- Danny Sinoff, Sinatra The Rat Pack Years Concert, Dec. 6
- "Jingle Bell Jubilee," Dec. 8-13, 15-19

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

[playerscircletheater.com](http://playerscircletheater.com)



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