

Longest Homeowner In Town & River

By Renee Notes

In 1970, Jim and Arlene Kuhn built their first home in Town & River on Bal Isle Drive. Back then you could “stand on McGregor and see the river. There were no houses. The Landings and Gulf Harbour were gladiolus farms,” says Arlene. The Kuhn’s was the fifth house to be built in Town & River, “The families before them have all moved on,” said Jim. They built a second house on Bal Isle Drive in 1975 and continue to reside there today. The Kuhns moved their four children from Crown Point, Ind., in 1970. Previous to moving here the Kuhn family vacationed in Fort Myers.

They spoke of this time like it was yesterday. Cypress Square (on the corner of McGregor and Cypress Lake) was a motel, in 1977 you could purchase a 400- by 100-foot lot in Fort Myers for \$6,500, about the same size lot on Sanibel was \$100,000. At that time the closest light was on Route 41 and Daniels; a flashing red caution light. Daniels was only paved to the railroad tracks, after that it was a dirt road.

Jim had multiple fascinating careers. After retiring from IBM he became a real estate agent with Ruthenburg, then owned a marina located under the Fort Myers bridge. The old bridge was a single lane swing bridge; opened like a door to allow the big boats through. Fort Myers Beach was a fishing community in the ’70s. Jim recalls hanging a sign at his marina and a few of the locals came to give him a hand. “Everybody chipped in and



View of the canal in 1970



Current view of the canal



House complete!

would help anyone in need back then,” said Jim. The marina housed 72 shrimping boats, sold bait shrimp and had a bar/restaurant. Jim and staff could be found cooking lunch/dinner or cleaning fish for 10 cents per pound. After selling the marina Jim bought a dog kennel next to the post office. He spoke of his favorite dogs by name and personality traits. Arlene reminded Jim, “And then you owned that baseball team,” which was a minor league baseball team in Ontario from 1998 to 2002. An

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Owner Contact Information Request

Town & River Civic Association Inc.
P.O. Box 07073
Fort Myers, FL 33919

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Four Ways Criminals Use Social Engineering To Scam Us

Presented by Jacqueline J. Lambros, Registered Principal



A major risk to both businesses and individuals, social engineering involves the exploitation of our very nature. Specifically, criminals use social engineering techniques to elicit feelings of fear, uncertainty, pressure, and excitement in the hope that we will deviate from the ways we typically behave. Their goal is to gain access to our sensitive information or take advantage of us for financial gain. Here, we’ll explore five ways that criminals use social engineering to scam us – and tips to avoid falling victim.

1) Impersonate An Authority Figure

People tend to comply with requests from those in authority. Knowing this, a hacker might impersonate an authority figure to pressure you to take a specific action. For example, he or she may pretend to be a law enforcement agent and send an email that claims illegal content was found on your computer. He or she would then advise you to click on a link to obtain additional details. Because you wouldn’t want to be accused of doing anything illegal – and because of the

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Crossword Puzzle

Across

- 1. Spouse
- 5. Gown fabric
- 10. Throat-clearing sound
- 14. Smell
- 15. Scallion

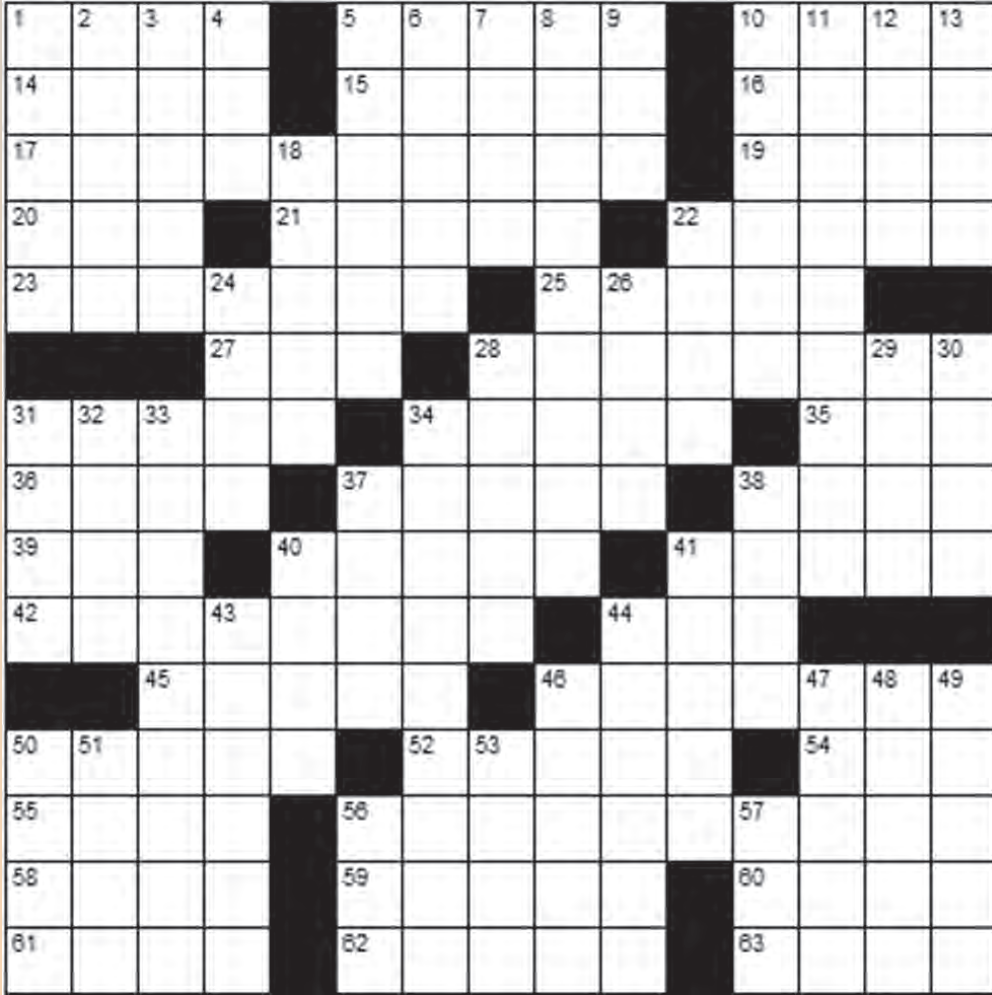
- 16. Stare
- 17. Heaven-sent
- 19. Cain's brother
- 20. Mire
- 21. Flip over
- 22. Attempted
- 23. Besmirched

- 25. Excellence
- 27. Hasten
- 28. A chain of atoms
- 31. Hot chocolate
- 34. Sealant
- 35. Atmosphere
- 36. Askew
- 37. Fasteners
- 38. Sun
- 39. Prefix meaning "modern"
- 40. Tropical Asian starlings
- 41. Wharves
- 42. Teacher
- 44. Black gunk
- 45. Hollowed out
- 46. Hereditary
- 50. Fall color
- 52. Leered
- 54. Big fuss
- 55. Handle
- 56. Note
- 58. Flows
- 59. A barrel slat
- 60. Leer at
- 61. Border
- 62. Daisylike bloom
- 63. Not difficult

Down

- 1. Uteri
- 2. Manner of speaking
- 3. Make a counterfeit
- 4. Historic period
- 5. A small hairpiece
- 6. Lacking leadership
- 7. King of the jungle
- 8. Braggart
- 9. N N N N

- 10. A type of fungus
- 11. Accustom
- 12. Type of sword
- 13. Blend
- 18. Papal court
- 22. Journey
- 24. Greeting at sea
- 26. L L L L
- 28. Of the cheekbone
- 29. Teller of untruths
- 30. Makes a mistake
- 31. Walking stick
- 32. Was indebted
- 33. Squatting
- 34. Jawless fishes
- 37. Eight bits of data
- 38. "Your majesty"
- 40. Filly's mother
- 41. Chinese "bear"
- 43. Body
- 44. Move unsteadily
- 46. Fits on a hand
- 47. Subarctic coniferous forests
- 48. Graven images
- 49. Hyrax
- 50. Monster
- 51. Gunk
- 53. Annoying insect
- 56. An Old Testament king
- 57. Foot digit



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Do The Right Thing

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Word Scramble

Countries

By Ellie Neal

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| Anaacd | Ngyamre | Lpotugra | Nsdinoeai |
| Oxemci | Lytia | Zlarbi | Dlahatni |
| Cafner | Eregec | Rcadueo | Nldacie |

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Sudoku Puzzle



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- Lee Republican Women Federated October dinner meeting (We welcome and encourage the general public to attend.)
- Oct. 8
- Venue: Pinchers – The Marina at Edison Ford, 2360 W. First St., Fort Myers, FL 33901. Located adjacent to the Edison & Ford Winter Estates in the Fort Myers Downtown River District
- 5:15 p.m., social. Dinner and program to follow. October's

speaker will be Lee County Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass.

- \$25
- R.S.V.P.: <http://www.leerepublicanwomen.com> or Wren Morefield at (270) 210-1284 or wrenspet@hotmail.com before Oct. 4 at 12 p.m.

Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass is a lifelong resident of Fort Myers. He and his wife, Jodi, have been married for 26 years and are happily raising their children, Brandan and

Andrea, in Lee County.

Cecil has been an advocate for our community throughout his career in public service. He is a dedicated public servant who utilizes a commonsense approach to decision making. He believes that core services and conservative spending must be considered a priority. Experience, leadership abilities, commitment and integrity provide him with the strength to be an effective community leader.

Berne Davis Garden To Be Open To Public

Free Tuesday Tours Until May

The Berne Davis Botanical Garden, 2166 Virginia Ave., Fort Myers, adjacent to the Edison Home, will reopen for Tuesday morning garden walks beginning Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The tours will continue until the end of May. Admission and parking are both free; handicap parking is on Virginia Avenue; regular parking is on Larchmont Avenue, off of McGregor Avenue.

The botanical garden is a project of the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council, whose headquarters are at the Virginia Avenue address. It is staffed by Garden Council volunteers who will provide tours of the garden. Those viewing the garden

may also just walk the path and enjoy the gardens.

In order to obtain the "botanical garden" classification, it must be open to the public on a regular basis, have a listing of plants planted, have plant signing in the garden, and have an educational mission.

The garden is the home of the Lorelei statue that was recently part of the old Fort Myers Library as well as the Mina Edison Botanical Library. Many of the displays in the garden have been provided through the talents and contributions of the local garden clubs, plant societies, and other affiliates which comprise the Garden Council.

The Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council was formed in 1957 and now comprises various clubs, societies, and

affiliate members in the area. Membership provides an opportunity to learn about floral design, growing plants suitable for our locale, and conservation methods. The council assists in educating and beautifying the community, and improving the environment. A speaker's bureau provides speakers for meetings and events. The council is a member of the National Garden Clubs, the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, and American Public Gardens Association.

For additional information about the council, contact the president, Bernadette Hamera, (239) 233-1166, bhamera@outlook.com.

Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council Inc., 2166 Virginia Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33901

Catch The Action

October Fishing

By Capt. Bill Russell

As the water temperatures of Southwest Florida begin to drop large schools of baitfish begin their migration south into our waters from the northern gulf. Many predator fish also are on the move south. Combined with our resident species, October presents good fishing opportunities.

You can target a specific species of fish or just get in the mix of a feeding frenzy and see what's there. Often a host of different species are ganged up on the same bait pod, it's common to catch a half dozen or more different species from one area. Don't be surprised if there are some larger fish lurking, keep a heavy rod rigged and ready for that cobia, tarpon, shark, or whatever else might make a presence. While targeting a specific species of fish can become challenging and often frustrating, taking advantage of whatever might be feeding around bait schools will give you plenty of action and fun. Plus, that elusive fish that you were targeting might just show up when least expected.

Offshore, look for bait balls from just a few feet off the beaches out into the gulf about as far as you dare to travel. Birds are the best indicator to locate the schools, watch for terns, gulls, or other birds grouped up and dipping to the water. Look for what appears as rain (baitfish) on the



water, watch for feeding activity and the torpedo shapes of mackerel skyrocketing from the water. Artificial reefs are some of the best areas to concentrate your efforts. It's common to catch king and Spanish mackerel near the surface or drop bait to the bottom for snapper and grouper.

Inshore, watch for the same key signs when over open water or deeper grass flats. Also, in the deeper water, a pod of dolphin hanging around an area is a great indicator of fish. Along shorelines and areas of shallower water you will also notice schools of nervous bait and possibly fish busting them at the surface. This is where you can expect to catch snook, redfish, snapper, and some big trout. Don't

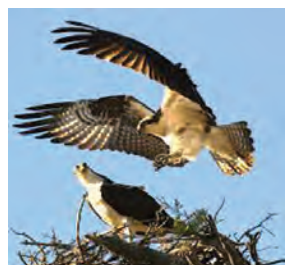
ignore mullet schools, there is almost always something hungry and often big, either mixed in or hanging around the perimeter of the schools. Large trout and redfish look for food flushed out from the schooling mullet, and there is always the possibility of a large shark cruising around the perimeter of the schools, often in only a few feet of water. If you are a wade fisherman take note and keep your eyes open.

For much of the summer anglers up my way fishing around Bokeelia and Charlotte Harbor reported an unusual number of pompano; schools were concentrated over sand bottom along bars where shallow water meets deep water. The waters around Bokeelia and Matlacha never had any red tide issues throughout the summer. Shrimp under popping corks and small pompano jigs are the best way to cover some ground. Watch for pompano skipping in your wake to give up their location. They run in schools, if you see one there is more.

October is one of the best months of the year to fish; hopefully the red tide has cleared out with the cooler temperatures. Look for great weather plus the winter crowds have not yet arrived and expect hungry and aggressive fish. If you are fishing or just spending time on the water this is a great month.

For charter information, please contact us at Gulf Coast Guide Service and "Catch the Action" with Capt. Bill Russell, phone: (239) 283-7960, website: www.fishpineisland.com, email: gcl2fish@live.com.

Capt. Bill Russell is a native and lifelong resident of Pine Island who has spent his entire life fishing the waters surrounding Pine Island and Southwest Florida. For the past 22 years Bill has been a professional fishing guide who takes pride in customizing each trip to ensure everyone on board has a great time and will return again. Come join us and "Catch the Action."



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interesting career to say the least!

When they reflect on the past 48 years in Town & River they tell of how you used to be able to see snook and mullet in the canals. "You couldn't get a fishing line through the water without hitting the mullet," said Jim. The Kuhns always loved living by the water, "It's like an extra-large lot that no one can walk on," joked Jim. They tell of how the streets were named after the developer's children. The biggest surprise to them was the building of two-story homes.

Arlene shares her happiest memories of Town & River and how much she loves this community. She recalls "all the great friends we made here and it's pet-friendly." Currently, Jim and Arlene can be found out on their lanai entertaining their five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren or spending time with their dog Nina. They both love reading and visiting with family/friends while watching the dolphins and boats roll by.



Bel Aisle Court in 1970



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Please contact the Director responsible for your street regarding any issues related to Town & River

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perceived authority of the sender – you may not question the legitimacy of the message. But when you click on the link? Malware would be installed on your machine.

2) Send "Urgent" Requests

A sense of urgency may cause us to rush into making decisions that we wouldn't usually make. The IRS scam is a great example of using urgency to trick people into taking ill-advised action. A con artist poses as an IRS representative and reports that, if the intended victim doesn't *immediately* provide payment information for back taxes owed, a warrant will be issued for the person's arrest. Who wouldn't want to avoid this negative consequence? To be sure, victims of this scam often comply with the request, sending precious confidential information into the hands of criminals.

3) Exploit The Fear Of Missing Out On Something Scarce

If we believe there isn't enough of something good to go around, many of us will take ill-considered actions because we fear we'll miss out on something we want. How would a criminal exploit this tendency? He or she might send phishing emails purporting to come from Apple and claiming that, because of huge demand, only a limited number of the latest iPhone is available. "If you click on a link in the message, you *might* be able to get one. Act now!" In reality, clicking on the link could install malware on your computer or lead you to a legitimate-looking website where you will be asked to supply personal information. Then, the hacker will have your confidential information – perhaps even your credit card number and its expiration date.

4) Pose As Someone You Trust

Social engineers sometimes try to exploit a sense of trust in others, causing potential victims to feel guilty enough to provide the scammers with what they need. These crimes usually result in bigger, immediate payoffs. For example, a scammer could pose as a friend traveling overseas and email you that he or she has been mugged and needs money to

return to the United States. In a situation like this, you might trust that the sender is your actual friend and feel guilty if you don't lend a hand. The result? You wire the money without doing enough to verify the sender's identity.

Tips For Spotting An Attack

Now that you understand the techniques used in social engineering, let's move on to some tips for spotting and dealing with attackers who use them:

- Be wary of any email or phone call that comes with a heightened sense of urgency and that claims to require an immediate response.

- If you get an unsolicited message or call purporting to come from a familiar organization and asking for personal information, hang up and call the entity at a number you know is legitimate or type the organization's URL directly into your browser and log in from there.

- Always verify the source of a phone call or message before fulfilling a request, clicking on a link, or downloading an attachment.

- If someone calls claiming to be from Microsoft or another tech company and requests access to your computer to fix a supposed problem, it is almost always a scam! If an individual arrives at your office with such a claim, ask for identification or verify his or her identity by calling the company for which the person supposedly works.

Be Vigilant!

Because our trusting nature often prevails over our common sense, we need to stay vigilant. By understanding the human tendencies that scammers try to exploit – and the red flags that signal a potential scam – you will be well positioned to protect yourself from this growing threat.

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Town & River Neighbors

Let's Get To Know Each Other!

I am collecting your stories for publication in our newsletter and website to **feature you** and your interests!

Story to share? Own a local business?
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Favorite restaurant? Activity in town?
Upcoming event/fundraiser?

... or anything else you'd like to share with your neighbors?

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Upcoming Sections

Pet Corner – Here's the spot to brag on your beloved

four-legged family member! Tell us why your pet is the best and send a photo!

In The Biz – We are looking to feature local businesses that are owned by our neighbors. You never know, you might find a new client or customer!

Helpful Tips – What's your favorite tip/life hack? This can be anything from helpful life hacks to silly things like opening a bottle of wine without a wine opener.

Questions For The Board – Do you have a question or tip for a board member?

Featured – Nominate a neighbor (or yourself) for "The Featured _____." This can be anything from special person, act of kindness, landscaped yard, holiday decorations, classic car, crafts, etc.

Favorites – Tell us your favorite: restaurant, local

activity, cocktail/wine/beer, fishing spot/tackle, vacation spot, movie/book.

Recipes – Share a favorite or family recipe.

Events – Let us know about an upcoming local event or fundraiser, book club, game night or club.

Share A Skill – Do you have a special skill? Host an event to share/teach and show off your special talent. This can be anything from cake decorating to casting a fishing net to anything you'd like to teach your neighbors!

Real Estate – Let us know of homes currently for sale, upcoming listings and sold properties in Town & River.

Welcome – to a new neighbor, new baby, new spouse, new pet or new boat. Introduce us to your newly welcomed Town & River addition.

Longest Homeowner – We are looking to feature the longest resident of Town & River! Are you an original resident? Write in and tell us your story of building your home and how the community has changed over the decades!

Please submit information and photos to: **secy@townandriverfl.com**.

I look forward to hearing from you! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Renee Notes,

Secretary of Town & River Civic Association

Cilantro Lime Chicken Thighs

Prep time: 20 minutes **Cook time:** 45 minutes

Total time: 1 hour 5 minutes

Serves: 6-8

Ingredients

- 8 chicken thighs, bone in, skin on
- Olive oil
- 6 garlic cloves, roughly chopped
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 2 limes, juice of
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 bunch cilantro, stems removed, chopped; more for garnish
- Olive oil

Spice Mix:

- 1 tablespoon seasoned salt
- 1 teaspoon hot paprika
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Instructions

Preheat oven 375.

In a small bowl, mix the spices. Pat the chicken thighs dry, and season each thigh on both sides with the spice mix. Be sure to season underneath the skin as well. Let the chicken

thighs sit in room temperature for about 15 minutes.

When ready, heat 1-2 tablespoons of olive oil in a cast-iron skillet or French braiser. Brown the chicken thighs deeply on both sides in the heated oil. Remove from the skillet and set aside briefly.

Lower the heat and deglaze the skillet with the white wine. Let cook to reduce and then add the broth.

Bring the liquid to a simmer then add lime juice and garlic.

Now return the chicken to the skillet; and toss in the cilantro. Bring to a high-simmer for about 5 minutes or so.

Cover the skillet and transfer to the 375 degree F-heated oven for 45 minutes or until chicken is cooked through.

Remove from the oven and let sit for 5 minutes before serving. Garnish with more cilantro if you like.



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Alex & Jacqueline Lambros



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| | <u>Aug 31, 18</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Assets | |
| Current Assets | |
| Checking/Savings | |
| First Citizens Bank- Operating | 9,624.28 |
| First Citizens Bank - MMS | 29,848.13 |
| Total Checking/Savings | 39,472.41 |
| Accounts Receivable | |
| Accounts Receivable | 1,435.77 |
| Total Accounts Receivable | 1,435.77 |
| Other Current Assets | |
| Hartford Prepaid Insurance | 461.25 |
| Prepaid Expense | 411.00 |
| Total Other Current Assets | 872.25 |
| Total Current Assets | 41,780.43 |
| Total Assets | <u>41,780.43</u> |
| Liabilities & Equity | |
| Liabilities | |
| Current Liabilities | |
| Other Current Liabilities | |
| Pre-Paid Annual Dues | 60.00 |
| Total Other Current Liabilities | 60.00 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 60.00 |
| Total Liabilities | 60.00 |
| Equity | |
| Prior Year Fund Balance | 54,429.03 |
| Net Income | -12,708.60 |
| Total Equity | 41,720.43 |
| Total Liabilities & Equity | <u>\$41,780.43</u> |

Town & River Civic Association Inc. Profit And Loss August 2018

| | Aug 18 | Jan-Aug 18 |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | |
| Income | | |
| Income - Mandatory | 0.00 | 5,280.00 |
| Income -Voluntary | 0.00 | 12,863.94 |
| Total Income | 0.00 | 18,143.94 |
| Interest Income | 1.27 | 9.93 |
| Total Income | 1.27 | 18,153.87 |
| Expense | | |
| Unidentified Checks | 674.79 | 674.79 |
| Accounting fees | 315.00 | 2,973.50 |
| Advertising | 0.00 | 1,546.70 |
| Bank Fees | 0.00 | 33.00 |
| General Insurance | 0.00 | 2,701.00 |
| Hartford Insurance Expense | 0.00 | 293.65 |
| Land Survey Expense | 0.00 | 1,275.00 |
| Legal Expense | 7,185.66 | 10,100.66 |
| Meeting Room Expense | 0.00 | 618.88 |
| Newspaper | 142.22 | 978.12 |
| Office Supplies | 0.00 | 180.63 |
| Postage Expense | 0.00 | 241.64 |
| Printing | 0.00 | 985.06 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | 0.00 | 159.00 |
| Secretary Expense | 0.00 | 2,004.64 |
| Storage Expense | 0.00 | 701.45 |
| Utilities | 0.00 | 514.02 |
| Website Expense | 0.00 | 1,615.00 |
| Total Expense | 8,317.67 | 27,596.74 |
| Net Ordinary Income | -8,316.40 | -9,442.87 |
| Other Income/Expense | | |
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| Lake Maintenance | 884.76 | 2,331.76 |
| Lake Utility | 158.01 | 933.97 |
| Total Other Expense | 1,042.77 | 3,265.73 |
| Net Other Income | -1,042.77 | -3,265.73 |
| Net Income | <u>-9,359.17</u> | <u>-12,708.60</u> |

What's Blooming At Edison & Ford Winter Estates?

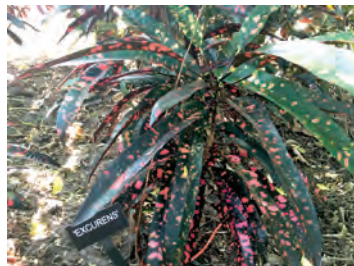
By Debbie Hughes, Senior Horticulturist at Edison & Ford Winter Estates

The summer heat, humidity and long days have worked magic on the gardens at Edison & Ford Winter Estates. October is a great time for visitors and staff to enjoy the cooler weather as fall rolls into Southwest Florida.

While this article is



dedicated to plants that are **blooming** at the estates, there is one plant that needs some recognition for its colorful leaves. The croton (*Codiaeum variegatum*) belongs to the Euphorbia family, which includes the popular poinsettia and milkweed plants. Poinsettias are typically used for Christmas decorations and gardeners who grow plants for butterflies are usually familiar with milkweed, as it is the host plant for the monarch.



There are many types of crotons growing at Edison & Ford Winter Estates.

Crotons can be irresistibly charming and are unlike most other tropical shrubs. The famous author, James Michener, described crotons in the opening chapter of his book *Caribbean*, as a symbol of the many shapes, sizes and colors of the people who inhabit the Caribbean Islands. Since Fort Myers has a subtropical climate, crotons have found their way into our hearts and minds and of course our gardens.

Many new Florida residents find crotons growing in the gardens around their homes and enjoy the plants for their easy care and colorful leaves. Garden centers often only carry a few varieties such as Mammee, Petra, Magnificent, Banana and Gold Dust; however, crotons have been cultivated since the 1660s, and with cross-pollination by ants – the chief pollinators of croton flowers – many mutations and unusual plants can be found.

In the Pacific Islands where crotons originated, the native islanders used the leaves as decorative adornments to crown honorable people during festivals. Crotons were first disbursed to Europe, then to the American nursery trade in the late 1800s where potted plants could be used indoors during the winter months and outdoors in the summer.

The Reasoner Brothers of the Royal Palm Nursery – unfortunately, no longer in existence – had one of the first nurseries in Florida and offered many variations of crotons. That nursery is where Thomas and Mina Edison fell in love with the colorful shrubs and purchased them for their Fort Myers property. During the 1920s and 1930s, crotons were hybridized in Miami. Plant botanist, Henry Nehrling, and Robert Halgrim Sr. (the curator for the estates at the time), both understood the importance of these shrubs and lovingly cared for them. Halgrim even hybridized some crotons himself.

If you plan to grow crotons, it is important to know that they need well-drained soil, and if your yard is composed of poor quality fill material, you will need to add amendments. When choosing the spot to plant these shrubs, use the parade of

colors sparingly, allowing each one to highlight an area as a specimen. Often their vivid hues are most effective when planted with subdued green foliage. They should not be planted in single file as a hedge, but given plenty of room to grow, so that each one can be fully appreciated.



Crotons can be grown as a shrub or as a potted plant.

I like crotons best when they are not overly pruned and allowed to attain their expected height of 12 to 15 feet. There are old homesteads near downtown Fort Myers that have some spectacular shrubs growing in their natural form. These crotons have been growing under huge oak canopies that provided enough shade for them to develop superb coloring.



Fabulous plants for entryways

Just like clothing goes in and out of fashion, plants disappear and return for their day in the sun too. Crotons have been experiencing resurgence in the nursery trade, often available through hobby growers at festivals or plant sales. The Edison Ford Garden Shoppe always has crotons for sale and many are propagated from plants growing on the property. During the summer months, cuttings of approximately 18 inches long can be rooted in a pot of soil. With misting and a little patience, roots should develop after about four to eight weeks. It's best to let the cutting grow into a husky plant before setting it directly into the ground.

Crotons are fairly easy to care for. In Florida, plants should be fertilized in the spring and again in the fall, but not during the summer months, as there is a fertilizer ban. I recommend spreading a half cup around each shrub.

As with many plants, crotons can attract some insect pests. The dreaded croton scale is a sucking-type insect that can be kept under control with a systemic insecticide applied in the spring. The plants are happiest when the temperature is between 65 and 90 degrees Fahrenheit and will drop their leaves if the temperature hovers near 30 degrees.

I think Edison would be happy to see crotons growing on the property again. If you would like to see the crotons and many other interesting plants in the Edison Ford gardens, there are a few tour options offered, including a garden tour on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. I hope to see you there!

Word Scramble Solution from page 2

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| France | Greece | Ecuador | Iceland |

Crossword Solution from page 2

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Constitutional Amendments

Joe Mazurkiewicz will address the pros and cons of all the constitutional amendments which will be on the November election ballot during the monthly Fort Myers Republican Women's luncheon on Tuesday, Oct. 16. A question-and-answer session will be held following Mazurkiewicz's presentation.

The public is invited to attend the luncheon and the speaker's presentation being held at The Helm Club, The Landings, South Fort Myers. A social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. The noon lunch will be followed by the business meeting and program.

The luncheon cost is \$20. Reservations are required by Thursday, Oct. 11, and may be made by contacting Tina Laurie, 489-4701. Attendees may write their checks to the Republican

candidate of their choice who has an election in November and the club will pay for the luncheon.

Additional information about the club may be obtained by contacting Tina Laurie, 489-4701.

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The program consists of five one-day classes running consecutively on Wednesday. Classes run all day and you will experience a variety of classroom and educational tours.

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- Phone: (239) 533-2221
- Locations: See interactive map at <http://www.leegov.com/leegrows/map>
- Email: LeeGROWS@leegov.com
- Schedule and registration: Please visit <http://www.leegov.com/leegrows/register>.
- Parking and lunches are included at no charge.
- Class 233 – Oct. 17, 24, 31; Nov. 7, 14. Registration open.

Sudoku Puzzle Solution from page 2

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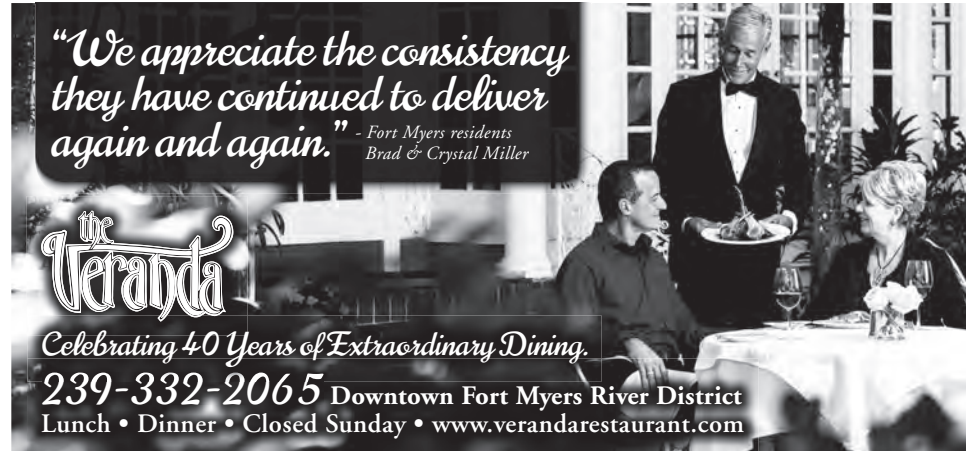
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Things To Do

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Island Hopper Songwriter Showcase

Thursday, Sept. 27 – 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Featured Musicians:

Robert Bidney is a strong, new voice on the indie album scene that has been a long time coming. His messages are as strong as his melodies with an appealing pop/soul sensibility, leaving listeners wanting more.

Carlene Thissen performed early on as a folk singer and then branched out into country. She is heavily involved with Immokalee, a farming community that inspired many of her original songs.

Mike McMillan got his first guitar as a teenager and has been pursuing his musical dreams ever since (in between jobs, four kids and several dogs).

Attendees are welcome to bring blankets and chairs. For more information, please visit: <http://www.americanacma.org/event/acma-island-hopper-festival-show-fort-myers-regional-library/>.

Location: Outdoor Amphitheater on Cornog Plaza

Homeflow: Creating And Maintaining Healthy Families And Homes

Wednesday, Oct. 3 – 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Presented by the UF Extension, this two-hour workshop includes the financial know-how and relationship skills needed to create a successful home environment. Topics included in the program focus on home maintenance and operation, energy efficiency, home safety, financial stability and budgeting, as well as an emphasis on improving communication within families. Registration required. Location: Meeting rooms AB.

Knitting Nook

Thursday, Oct. 4 and 18 – 1 to 3 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 1 – 1 to 3 p.m.

A casual self-guided group of knitters and crocheters share ideas, techniques and patterns. Attendees should bring their own projects. Basic supplies available for newcomers. Location: Conference room C.

Comic Fest

Saturday, Oct. 13 – 12 to 4 p.m.

Teens, tweens and adults can enjoy workshops, karaoke, games, food trucks, vendors, a costume parade and more. Activities for all ages.

Programs for tweens, teens and adults: Advanced registration begins Sept. 29. Some programs require advanced registration.

Costume Parade – Do you have a fun costume and want to show it off? Be a part of the costume parade. The top finalists will receive a prize. **Register in person at the information booth on the plaza between 12 and 3 p.m. to qualify.

Friends Of The Fort Myers Regional Library Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 16 – 3 to 5 p.m.

Find out how to help us make this important community resource, our Fort Myers Regional Library, even better. Location: Meeting room A.

Book Discussion: Nathaniel's Nutmeg By Giles Milton

Wednesday, Oct. 17 – 12 to 1 p.m.

Historical fiction and narrative nonfiction: Sometimes fiction seems real and nonfiction reads like a novel ... this year both will be discussed. Space is limited so registration is required. Location: Conference room C, second floor.

How To Apply For A Habitat For Humanity Home

Thursday, Oct. 18 – 10 to 11 a.m.

A Habitat for Humanity representative explains the Habitat program and how to apply for a Habitat partnership. Location: Meeting rooms AB.

Hope By Song

Monday, Oct. 29 – 6 to 7 p.m.

The Hope by Song's mission is to help those whose stories of abuse, addiction, homelessness or PTSD have not yet been heard by inspiring them to tell their stories. Their words are then used to create songs of struggle and hope. These songs are then used to educate others dealing with similar issues to encourage new, more beneficial ways of thinking about their lives, and to foster, in our community, a greater awareness and a deeper understanding of those in less fortunate situations. Location: Amphitheater.

Lakes Regional Library

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Coloring For Adults

Tuesday, Oct. 9 and 23 – 2 to 3 p.m.

Come and experience the latest trend in relaxation, adult coloring books! Studies show coloring can have a calming effect on the adult mind and helps promote overall wellness. Coloring pages designed especially for adults as well as colored pencils will be provided. Location: Meeting room B.

Book Discussion: The Power By Naomi Alderman

Wednesday, Oct. 10 – 2 to 3 p.m.

In *The Power*, the world is a recognizable place until a vital new force takes root and flourishes, causing lives to converge with devastating effect. Teenage girls now have immense physical power – they can cause agonizing pain and even death. And, with this small twist of nature, the world drastically resets. Location: Meeting room B.

Download Drop-In

Wednesday, Oct. 17 – 2 to 3 p.m.

Did you know you can download books, magazines, music, and other library content from our online library? Bring your app-enabled, fully-charged e-reader or tablet, and we will show you how to use Libby, Hoopla, and other library apps. Please make sure your library card registration is up-to-date and that you know your PIN. If you are going to be using Kindle books, you must have your Amazon/Kindle user name and password. If you are using an Apple device, you must have your Apple store password. Location: Meeting room B.

This is a drop-in program. No registration is required. Attendees will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis.

*****Please note that you may stop by the information desk at any time for one-on-one help with your e-reader. You do not need to wait for a class.**

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