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What To Do the week of Jan. 3-9, 2022

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 before the week of publication. Thank you!

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Monday, Jan. 3



Kids Cooking @ The Community House, Sanibel Island

Kids ages 7 and up get the chance to learn about kitchen safety and cooking with resident chef John Wolff.

2:30-4:30 p.m., \$30, reservation required. *The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 239-472-2155, sanibelcommunityhouse.net*



Tuesday, Jan. 4

Fishing clinic, Lovers Key State Park, Fort Myers Beach

Join park naturalists at 10 a.m. to learn a variety of tackle and fresh bait rigs, find out the best places to drop a line and find out about the rules and regulations for game fishing in Southwest Florida. You might even learn a few of the secrets our local fishermen swear by. Reservations required. 239-463-4588. Free with paid park entry \$4 vehicle with one person, \$8 vehicle with two to eight people and \$2 per pedestrian or cyclist. *Lovers Key State Park, 8700 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach, floridastateparks.org/Lovers-Key*



Wednesday, Jan. 5

Archaeology: Can You Dig It? Mound House, Fort Myers Beach

Learn what it takes to be an archaeologist. Handle real artifacts and discover how archaeologists study past cultures in a program perfect for families. \$5 and does not include Mound House admission, with Mound House members free. All ages at 10 a.m. Wednesdays & Fridays, no program Jan. 26. *Mound House, 452 Connecticut St., Fort Myers Beach, moundhouse.org*

Thursday, Jan. 6



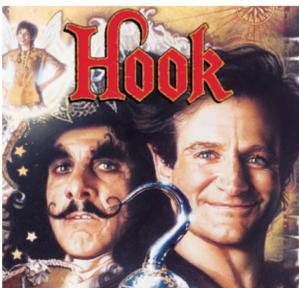
Songwriters Showcase, Lovers Key State Park, Fort Myers Beach

The new Welcome & Discovery Center will be the site of the "Sounds of Discovery" Songwriters Showcase, featuring J. Robert, Ricky Baker Cegelis and Karen Cohen. Event is a collaboration between Friends of Lovers Key and The Americana Community Music Association. 5:30 p.m., \$25. *Lovers Key State Park, 8700 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach, 239-463-4588, friendsofloverskey.com*



Heron Foraging Behavior, Sanibel Captiva Audubon Society 2022 Speaker Series, Sanibel Island

Heron and egret are part of one family, yet dine differently. Dr. Jerry Jackson, of FGCU and host of WFCU's radio show, "With the Wild Things" will focus on the heron and egret family's diets, feeding habitats, and unique adaptations to consume their daily meals. \$10 suggested donation, 7 p.m. Thursday. *Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, san-capaudubon.org/programs*



Friday, Jan. 7

Pirate family fun night, Boca Grande Community Center, Boca Grande

Bring the family and participate in a pirate-themed event with a treasure hunt, games, photo opps, story time and the movie "Hook." Bring lawn chairs, blankets and golf carts. 5 p.m. *Boca Grande Community Center, 131 First St. West, Boca Grande, 239-470-2712, leegov.com/parks/*

3rd Annual Fort Myers Seafood & Music Festival, downtown Fort Myers

Enjoy fresh seafood, live music and more at this three-day event. 4-10 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday



and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. *Fort Myers Seafood & Music Festival*, 1400 Hendry St., Fort Myers, [Facebook: Fort Myers Seafood & Music Festival](#)



Art Walk, downtown Fort Myers

She doesn't only sell seashells by the seashore! The River District Alliance has partnered with the Sanibel Shell Show to bring the craft of Seashells to Downtown Fort Myers. Shell crafters of all sorts will be displaying their works of art featuring seashells, some available for purchase. The featured artist is Ginny Dickerson who will be working on a new piece for all attendees to see. There will also be a shell scavenger hunt to take place during the event, 6-10 p.m. Friday. *River District Alliance*, 239-313-5129, myriverdistrict.com



Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 8-9

37th Annual Cape Coral Art Festival & Market Place

Lee County's largest special event brings over 120,000 attendees to enjoy art exhibits in downtown Cape Coral, along Cape Coral Parkway, Jan. 8-9. The virtual event will be held Jan. 3-28. 239-699-7942, capecoralfestival.com



Fort Myers Home & Garden Show, Caloosa Sound Convention Center, Fort Myers

See the newest products and find great ideas for home improvement projects. Discover services, furnishings, accessories, decorating ideas, remodeling services, landscapers and more. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, \$5 admission. *Caloosa Sound Convention Center*, 1375 Monroe St., Fort Myers, [Facebook events](#)

Ongoing events



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*



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*



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.

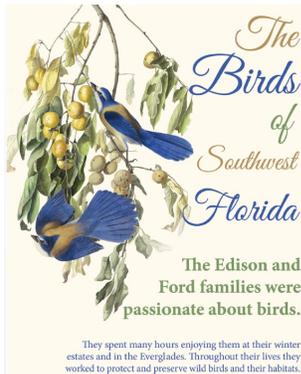
Parking is \$2 an hour and the meeting point for the walks will be the southernmost end of John Morris Road in the parking lot. *San Carlos Bay Bunche Beach Preserve, 18201 John Morris Road, Fort Myers, 239-533-7275, leegov.com/parks*



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 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*

Art exhibits



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

Performing arts

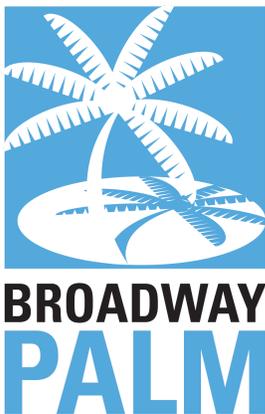
Final season of Love



Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers

- "Rent 25th Anniversary Tour," Jan. 4-9

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



Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre

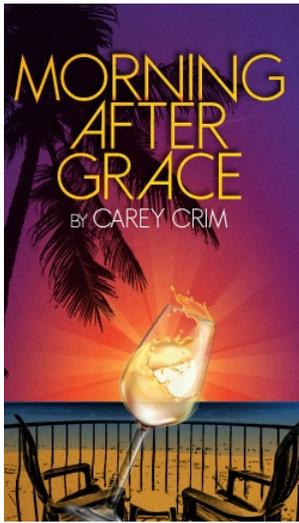
- "Singin' in the Rain," Jan. 5-Feb. 12

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

Florida Rep

- "Morning After Grace," Jan. 4-26

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



Fort Myers Theatre

- "Steel Magnolias," Jan. 7-23

Fort Myers Theatre, 16120 San Carlos Blvd, #5, Fort Myers, 239-323-6570, ftmyerstheatre.com



Murder Mystery Dinner Train

- "Murder Most Elite," Jan. 5-Feb. 27

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



Players Circle Theater

- "Night and Day: Love Lost & Found Through the Eyes of Cole Porter," Jan. 5-9

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

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