



Englewood History with Zest!

LEMON BAY FEST 2024

Guide to Programs and Events

WHAT IS LEMON BAY FEST?



Lemon Bay Fest was founded in 2002 to celebrate the arts, culture, and history of the Lemon Bay area. Every year the Elsie Quirk Library and the Englewood Charlotte Public Library have partnered together to create a week of programs and displays. We hope you enjoy them all!



Buchan's Landing
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LOCATIONS

Programs will take place at five locations throughout Englewood. Events in this booklet are color coded and labeled to distinguish between locations.

Elsie Quirk Library

100 W. Dearborn St
Englewood, FL 34223

Cookie House at Cedar Point Environmental Park

2300 Placida Road
Englewood, FL 34224

Englewood-Charlotte Library

3450 N. Access Road
Englewood, FL 34224

Englewood Museum Historic Lampp House

604 Perry Street
Englewood, FL 34223

Pioneer Plaza

325 W. Dearborn Street
Englewood, FL 34223

SATURDAY

February 3



Movie Matinee Double Feature

11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

We will be showing the films “Patrick Smith’s Florida: A Sense of Place” and “Cracker: The Last Cowboys of Florida” with a brief intermission.

Elsie Quirk Library

Englewood Museum Open House

1 - 4 p.m.

Learn about Englewood’s history through the many local artifacts preserved here.

Historic Lampp House

Presidents in Florida

Dr. Jim Clark | 3 - 4 p.m.

For over 250 years, United States presidents have hated Florida, fished in Florida, fought in Florida, and found getaways in Florida. Based on his book, “Presidents in Florida,” Dr. Jim Clark explores the relationships presidents have with Florida.

Englewood Charlotte Public Library



MONDAY

February 5

American Roots Music Roadshow

Easy Street | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Lisa Brande and Mark Trichka of Vermont's Easy Street will present an upbeat jaunt through American history in story and song featuring Bluegrass, Swing, Country, Cajun and Zydeco and some early Rock & Roll music.

Elsie Quirk Library

The Road to Englewood

Don Bayley | 2 - 3 p.m.

Don Bayley of the Lemon Bay Historical Society will discuss the early history of Englewood. Learn about the original route of the Tamiami Trail, how it was connected to Englewood, and why that changed. How were movie stars Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford connected to Englewood during the Roaring 20s? Who was Pete Buchan? Find out the answers to these questions and more.

Elsie Quirk Library

TUESDAY

February 6



Only in Florida

Dr. Caren Neile | 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

This one-of-a-kind presentation, based on Dr. Caren Neile's public radio segment and book "Only in Florida: Why Did the Manatee Cross the Road and Other True Tales", discusses true Florida stories and why they matter. A guide to identifying and sharing personal stories will be included in this engaging and educational presentation.

Englewood Charlotte Public Library

Bats in Your Backyard

Florida Bat Conservancy | 4 - 5 p.m.

Learn what is myth and what is fact when it comes to bats from experts at the Florida Bat Conservancy, along with special bat guests! This presentation will introduce simple steps that anyone can take to help these beneficial mammals.

Elsie Quirk Library



WEDNESDAY

February 7

Surviving the Storms: Hurricanes, Humans, & Wildlife

Charles Sobczak | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Reflecting on the trauma of Hurricane Ian, Sobczak investigates how people, properties and wildlife survived the storm and what lessons Ian carries for a warming world.

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Historic Lampp House

Rotonda and the Vanderbilts | *Dr. Jennifer Zoebelein* | 2 - 3 p.m.

Join Historian Dr. Jennifer Zoebelein from Charlotte County Libraries and History for a discussion about the history of Rotonda and its connection to the Vanderbilts.

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"Englewood as I Remember It" Author Talk

Jim Christman | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Author Jim Christman will discuss the making of his new book, "Englewood as I Remember It" and share some stories from it, followed by a question and answer session.

Elsie Quirk Library

THURSDAY

February 8



Lemon Bay Fest: Storytime!

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Join us for a special Lemon Bay Fest Storytime where we'll learn a little bit of Englewood and Lemon Bay history and then make a lemon-themed craft.

Elsie Quirk Library

A History of Manasota Key

Dr. Josh Goodman | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Manasota Key is more than just a beautiful barrier island—it has a fascinating history as well! Join Dr. Josh Goodman, manager of the Sarasota County History Center, for an exploration of the island's past through historical maps, charts, and tidbits about its former landowners and inhabitants.

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Rotonda Superstars Event

Neil Durrant | 2 - 3 p.m.

Join History Librarian Neil Durrant for a presentation about the Rotonda Superstars event.

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FRIDAY

February 9

Seashells 101

Englewood Shell Club | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Shells from the Club's collection will be on display as members share an overview of local shells and best conservation practices on the beach.

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Cookie House Tours

10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Built in 1931 with a unique log disc design, the Cookie House served as the personal office and laboratory of John Bass, with the mission of promoting scientific marine exploration in Southwest Florida.

Cedar Point Environmental Park

Hurricane History of Southwest Florida

Jacob Winge | 2 - 3 p.m.

Join Jacob Winge, a fourth generation Floridian, as he talks about the major storms that have affected southwest Florida since 1850 until present times.

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SATURDAY

February 10



Cracker Fair

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Come on down to the newly renovated Pioneer Plaza on Dearborn Street for the Cracker Fair sponsored by the **Lemon Bay Historical Society**. Music and fun for the whole family with kid's games, crafts, historical presentations, food vendors, artists, a lemon dessert contest, and more.

Pioneer Plaza

Above: Lemon dessert contest. Photo courtesy of The Englewood Review.

Right: Whip cracking demonstration at Cracker Fair 2017. Photo courtesy of The Englewood Sun.

ALL WEEK



Lemon Bay Escape Game

Use facts about Lemon Bay history to solve puzzles and win prizes!

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