

Hibiscus show, plant sale in Fort Myers

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The James E. Hendry Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society announces its 69th annual Hibiscus Show/Plant Sale on Saturday from 1-4 p.m. at First Assembly of God, 4701 Summerlin Road, Fort Myers. This free hibiscus show attracts several hundred people annually.

“The event will showcase hundreds of different hybrid hibiscus blooms in a variety of colors and forms which will be judged in several different classes including amateur, collector, open collector, commercial, miniatures and seedlings,” said Jack Bernatz, president.

In addition, more than 500 hybrid hibiscus plants will be for sale. Free raffle tickets will be given away every 30 minutes for gift certificates from The Bagel Factory, Bahama Breeze, BGI Fertilizer, Blue Moon Pizza, Butterfly Estates, Cantina Laredo, The Clam Bake, Danny Suero’s Hair Design with Dee, Eager Beaver Car Wash, Edison & Ford Estates Gift Shop, Edison Restaurant, First Watch, Five Guys Burgers & Fries, Florida Rep, Gavins Ace Hardware, Hooters, IMAG History & Science Center, Mel’s Diner, Messmer Florist, McGregor Pizza, Mission BBQ, Natalie’s Skin Solutions, Oasis Restaurant, Outback Steakhouse, PetSmart, PGA Golf, Pinchers Crab Shack, Sanibel Outlets, Skilletts, The Spa @ La-Te-Da Salon, Snyderman’s Shoes, Sun-Fire Nurseries, Talk of the Town Consignment, Trader Joe’s and Wisteria Tea Room.

This is the best opportunity Southwest Floridians have to add to their hybrid hibiscus collection. This delicate and beautiful plant grows abundantly in Florida’s tropical climate. The following hybrid plants will be for sale at this show: A Mother’s Dream, Avery’s Candy Corn, Black Jack, Blackberry Jam, Bold Idea, Cajun Paprika, Cajun Rising Moon, Cherry Blue, Cherry Snow, Chocolate Dream, Cocoa Royale, Connie Roush, Creole Belle, Creole Lady, Crossfire, Crown Jel-



Creole Lady is just one of the many hybrid plants that will be on sale. SUBMITTED

lyfish, Dark Princess, Fiesta del Sol, Fifi, Green Elf, In Love Again, Indigo Sunset, Joan of Arc, Kilimanjaro, Lanas Paradise, Love Pat, Magnifique, Mango Moon, Me Oh My Oh, Midnight Tryst, Mis Vale Del Rio, Nectar Pink, Orange Capitolio, Pink Pride of Hankins, Purple Magic, Quasar, Randy Henson’s Legacy, Red Capitolio, Rim of Fire, Rum Rascal, Simple Pleasures, Stolen Kiss, T. Orange Rainbow, T.

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If you go

What: James E. Hendry Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society

Where: First Assembly of God, 4701 Summerlin Road (near Colonial), Fort Myers

When: Saturday, April 30, 1-4 p.m.

Cost: Free admission and parking

Info: hendrychapterhibiscus.com

Star Queen Nebula, T. Taui, T. Ursulla’s Gift, Tamibon, Voodoo Queen, Whipped Cream & White Pride of Hankins. Members of the society who are experts in the care and growing of hibiscus will be available to provide advice. Should members of the public have questions regarding how the blooms are judged, there will also be several senior American Hibiscus Society judges available to respond.

Anyone who desires to learn more about how to grow, graft and hybridize this attractive tropical flowering plant can do so by joining the James E. Hendry Chapter, AHS at the show. The show is the highlight of the year for the society with meetings at The Berne Davis Botanical Garden, 2166 Virginia Avenue, Fort Myers, on the second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. All are invited to the next meeting Sunday, June 12 at 1:30 p.m. Parking and admission to the Annual Hibiscus Show/Plant Sale is free. Check out their NEW website hendrychapterhibiscus.com.

Summer hours begin next month at Historical Village

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The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village switches to off-season, summer

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