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Notes from the Trail

The Bartram Garden
Club, Inc. Newsletter



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**The Bartram Garden Club, Inc.
Member of NGC and FFGC**

Grow + Show + Serve + Conserve



Fairies on Parade

A BOTANICAL ARTS GARDEN SHOW

PRESENTED BY

*The Bartram Garden Club
Of Amelia Island*

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021

10:00AM - 3:00PM

RAIN DATE MAY 8

In the event of rain visit bartramgardenclub.org

The GFWC Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach
201 Jean LaFitte Blvd

ENTRANCE IS A \$10 DONATION

No Refunds

CONTACT KATHYE REILY FOR TICKETS

954-592-9443 KATHYESLIFE@ATT.NET

Or online at Fairiesonparade.EZEvent.com

**FAIRY GARDENS, ORCHID EXHIBIT, GARDEN GIFTS,
PLANT SALE AND, RAFFLE**

UPCOMING MEETING

The Magic of the Trail

A Demonstration of Botanical Arts Designs
and Fairy Gardens

Fairies on Parade Garden Show Preview

April 8

Hospitality 10:00am Call to Order 10:30am

Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach

201 Jean Lafitte Blvd

Masks and Social Distancing Required

Leadership Team for April 8*

Greeters: Kathy Reily, Jay Yates

Hospitality: Sue Dwyer, Karen Bottorff

Inspiration: Deb Walton

Raffle: Barbara Petro

Clean Up: Carol Dunlop, Kathy Reily, Pam Horne,
and all members

* If unable to serve please find a substitute and notify the president.

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We Proceeded On... A Message from the President

Dear Members,

The beautiful month of April greets us with vibrant azalea blooms, flowering trees, and the joyful sounds of spring. With April's loveliness comes optimism as we look forward to brighter days ahead.

Our **April 8** meeting will surely be a delight as members will preview our May 7 **Fairies on Parade** garden walk and floral exhibit with a discussion of botanical arts floral designs and fairy gardens. After the meeting you will be excited about creating a fairy garden at home to exhibit at the show using whimsical furniture and decorative miniature accessories. Our floral design enthusiasts will enjoy learning about pot-et-fleur, topiary, plaques/collages and wreath designs, some of which will be featured in our show.

To make **Fairies on Parade** a success, there are so many ways Club members may contribute. **Please sign up** using the link in this newsletter, or at the meeting. Help support this lovely way to celebrate Mother's Day weekend by purchasing a ticket online or from **Kathy Reily**. See the flyer above for more details.

As April is a time of renewal, this is also the time to renew your Club membership. Our Club benefits from your participation in our service projects and committees, and you benefit from our special programs and myriad learning opportunities.

Wishing you the lilt and laughter of spring!

Kathleen

Election of 2021 – 2023 Officers

The nominating committee has presented the following slate of officers for election at the April 8th meeting. Please be present to vote.

April Birthdays

7 Tancy Rapp
26 Susan Borge
29 Lorraine Conover

Reduce Reuse Recycle

Recycle

CORKS: Continue to save natural and synthetic corks to support "**Save the Oceans**" and "**Save the Forests**" conservation projects. Bring to the meetings.

CANS: Kans4K9s

TURN TRASH INTO valuable **service dogs for warriors** suffering from Post-traumatic Stress Disability! Bring us clean aluminum cans. (Test each can with a magnet. If it sticks it is *not* aluminum. We cannot accept tin cans.)

Reduce Invasives

CONTINUE to **replace** invasive plants, such as **asparagus fern**, **Boston fern**, and **Mexican petunia**, with native or Florida-friendly landscape plants. The bees, birds, and

Co-Presidents - Bev Williams, Deb Walton
Vice President - Betty Raker
Secretary - Linda Broadrick
Treasurer - Kathleen Lunman

Time to Renew Club Membership

The Club Treasurer will be accepting renewal memberships during the **April** meeting. Please make checks payable to Bartram Garden Club. Annual dues for June 1, 2021 - May 31, 2022 are **\$35.00 per individual or \$50.00 per spousal couple**. Checks may also be mailed to Beverly Williams, 86177 Shelter Island Drive, Fernandina Beach, 32034. Renewals include membership to the *Florida Federation of Garden Clubs*. Don't miss out on another exciting year of garden club activities.

Program Interest Survey

Have gardening or design questions? Need answers? Our programs are designed to educate and inspire. Please let us know your interests by completing a simple survey. [Click here for the form](#). Forms will be collected at the April meeting.

St. Johns River Bartram Frolic

April 17 - 18 Downtown Palatka Riverfront

Some featured events include:

William Bartram, The Long Warrior, and Trader Job Wiggins

"Passport to the Past" Adventure

Pride of Palatka Riverboat Tours

Hiking, Biking, Kayaking & Equestrian Activities

St. Johns River Storytellers

River Music at the Amphitheater

Sunday Bartram Symposium

Bartram Birthday Party

and more!

For information visit bartramtrailsociety.com

Email: bartramtrailsociety@gmail.com

386-546-1668

FFGC DISTRICT IV Spring Meeting features Lanakila Garden

May 21, 2021 9am - 2pm

Garden Club of Jacksonville, 1005 Riverside Avenue

Please attend to **represent Bartram Garden Club**, welcome our new District Officers and enjoy a catered lunch.

The organic **permaculture forest** at Lanakila Garden, a magnificent riverfront property on the St. Johns River, will be the featured program topic. There will be coffee and pastries and shopping at boutique tables between 9am - 10am. Due to COVID,

butterflies will thank you.

Dates to Remember!

April 8 "The Magic of the Trail"

General Meeting

Hospitality 10am Meeting
10:30am

April 12 - 13 FFGC State Convention

Hilton Oceanfront, Daytona Beach

April 17 - 18 St Johns River Bartram Frolic

Downtown Palatka Riverfront

April 22 Earth Day

April 28 WC yard cleanup,

9am. All hands are needed to help us rake, spread mulch and **groom the landscape** for the May 7th **Fairies on Parade** garden show. Some **anonymous garden club fairies** have already **planted annuals** in some exhibition areas. Help us finish the job! **Green Thumb** not required. Many thanks to faithful members **Linda Broadrick and Marc Williams** for volunteering during the month of March, and helping us to continue to meet at this beautiful venue.

April 30 National Arbor Day

Everyone plant one!

May 7 Fairies on Parade

Botanical Arts Show, Woman's Club, 10am - 3pm
Ticket required for entrance

May 13 President's Luncheon and Installation of Officers

seating is limited. Registration form will be available soon to all club members via email.

11am - 1pm
Outpost at North Hampton
Reservations required



FAIRIES ON PARADE wish list

Our resident Fairies need your help! Use your special talent to make our May 7th *Fairies on Parade* garden show a magical success! **There's a place for everyone in Fairyland.**

Sign up is easy.

- Click on the link below (Mobile devices require the Google Docs App)
- Chose the applicable committee(s)
- Type in your name
- Done!

Flutter your wings. **You are now a member of the magical world of make-believe!**

- [Click here for the form](#)

Please bring the following **contributions** to the Woman's Club **the day before** the event between 8am and 1pm

- Nature-related gift items for our Garden Shop
- Plants to sell
- Cut plant specimens from your garden to exhibit
- Tabletop Fairy Gardens you have created to exhibit
- Container-grown plants to group throughout the landscape.

Details will be discussed at our April meeting.

Standing Rule Adoption Vote

Please be prepared to vote on the following addition to the Standing Rules of The Bartram Garden Club, Inc. on April 8:

Rule #9. Elections: In the event one individual will not assume the responsibility of the office of President, Co-Presidents may be duly elected in accordance with the current Bylaws procedure for the election of officers.

"By The Sea" FFGC Convention And Installation of FFGC Officers and District Directors

District IV of the Florida Federation of Garden Club is proud to announce that **Connie Gladding**, Garden Club of Green Cove Springs, will be installed as our 2021 - 2023 **District Director** on **April 13** at the FFGC Convention in Daytona Beach. Bartram Garden Club member, **Beverly Williams**, will serve with Connie as **Assistant District Director**. District IV Awards will be revealed during lunch on April 12th. Bartram Garden Club could be a winner!

It would be wonderful to see **Bartram Garden Club** members seated at our banquet table during meals.

Questions about how to register? Contact Beverly Williams, bevthepatriot@gmail.com
See you **BY THE SEA!**

SPECIAL MAY MEETING AND LUNCHEON

The Club will host our May President's Luncheon and Installation of Officers on Thursday, **May 13th** at the **Outpost** outdoor event venue on Lofton Creek located in the North Hampton Community off of Amelia Concourse. Our newly elected District IV Director, Connie Gladding, will present the installation service.

Please mark the date. Lunch will begin promptly at **11:00am** Members are encouraged to carpool. **Reservations are required.** Please contact **Claudia Burningham** to reserve your space. claudiaburningham@gmail.com or call 904-654-1788

There will also be a sign up sheet at the April meeting.

Leadership Teams Sign-Up for 2021 - 2022 Meetings

As this Club year comes to a close, we begin to look forward to next year's activities with positive hopes that the COVID pandemic will be behind us.

There will be a Leadership Team sign up sheet at the April meeting. Please consider volunteering to serve

as a greeter or hostess, give an inspiration, or contribute a raffle item.

Gardening By The Month - April

What to Plant

Annuals/Bedding Plants: New varieties of coleus do well in sun or shade and provide vivid colors and patterns for months. **See** *Annuals*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_annual_landscape_plants

Bulbs: This is an ideal time to plant many bulbs. Consider blood lily, caladium, or canna. Louisiana iris and others make beautiful cut flowers. **See** *Bulbs for Florida*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_bulbous_flowers

Herbs: Plant heat-loving herbs, including basil, oregano, sage, Mexican tarragon, and rosemary. **See** *Herbs*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_herbs

Vegetables: Continue planting warm-season crops. Mulch well to prevent weeds and provide irrigation if rainfall is lacking. **See** *Vegetable Gardening in Florida*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_vegetable_gardening

What to Do

Pests: Monitor landscape plants for aphids that feed on tender new growth. **See** *Landscape Pest Management*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_pests

Beneficials: Identify and conserve beneficial insects. These insects should be encouraged in your yard! **See** *Beneficial Insects*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_beneficial_insects

Perennials and bulbs: Divide clumps of bulbs, ornamental grasses, or herbaceous perennials to expand or rejuvenate garden beds or to pass along to friends. **See** *Bulbs for*

Florida: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_bulbous_flowers and *Perennial Landscape Plants*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_perennials

Lawn insects: Rule out cultural problems, such as lack of water, that resemble insect damage before applying a pesticide. **See** *Turfgrass Pest Insects*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_turf_pest_insects

Lawns: Apply fertilizer after new growth has started—usually early April in north-central Florida and mid-April for north Florida and the panhandle. **See** *Lawn*

Fertilizer: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_lawn_fertilization

Shrubs: Choose from a wide variety of shrubs to add to the landscape now. **See** *Shrubs*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_shrubs and *The Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Guide to Plant Selection & Landscape Design*: <https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/homeowners/publications.htm>

Trees: Consider planting a spring-blooming tree, such as fringetree (*Chionanthus virginicus*), Carolina Silverbell (*Halesia carolina*), or redbud (*Cercis canadensis*). **See** *Southern Tree Fact*

Sheets: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/departement_enhort-trees

Mulch: Add mulch to minimize weeds and conserve moisture during dry weather. Organic mulches break down and add nutrients to the soil. **See** *Landscape Mulches*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_mulch

Library Floral Exhibits are Back!

THANKS to these members for volunteering in April and May:

April 1 - 14 **Karen Bottorff**

April 15 - 31 **Sandy Neuss**

May 1 - 14 **Frances Tidd**

May 15 - 30 Volunteer needed

Please contact **Frances Ambrose** to sign up.

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229-942-5307

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