

# Notes From the Trail

The Bartram Garden Club Newsletter



## The Bartram Garden Club, Inc.

Member of NGC, Deep South Garden Clubs, and FFGC  
Grow + Show + Serve + Conserve

---

## Next Meeting

Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach  
201 Jean Lafitte Blvd

**April 11, 2024**

**10:00 a.m. Meet and Greet    10:15 a.m. Call to Order**

**Bring a friend or prospective member**

*The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly— Identifying and Controlling  
Pests and Diseases with the 3 'Cides  
Fungicides, Pesticides and Herbicides*

Guest presenter is Dr. Taylor Clem— UF/IFAS Nassau County Extension Director

**Please plan to attend. We will be voting on the 2024- 2025 Operating Budget.**

**Also plan to submit dues for the June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025 club year.**

Greeters: Lorraine Conover, Debbie Ryan

Hostesses: (Drinks only) Kim Brewer-Bettencourt, Deb Walton

Inspiration: Kim Brewer-Bettencourt

Raffle Item: Kathye Reily

Clean up: All members

*If unable to serve, please find a substitute and notify  
the co-presidents. [kathyeslife@att.net](mailto:kathyeslife@att.net) or [gypsea42@gmail.com](mailto:gypsea42@gmail.com)*

## *We Proceeded on... Keeping the Trail Green!*

### *A message from the Co-Presidents*

On **April 11th** we will approve the club's 2024-2025 proposed operating budget. **Please be present to cast a vote.** Also, sign-up sheets for the **May 18th** fairies and friends butterfly botanical arts garden show will be available. We hope many members will design something whimsical, exhibit cut horticulture or a butterfly photograph and serve on a committee. We need volunteers to make this a magical success!

Plan to attend the William Bartram Month Proclamation reading at 6 p.m. on **April 8th** at the government building in Yulee. Address is on page 3 below.

The drip irrigation system is going in and planting will begin shortly at the Fernandina Beach Library Butterfly Garden extension.

**Club dues are payable** by the April 11th meeting; Individuals \$35/Household Couples \$50. Submit at the **April meeting** or make checks payable to Bartram Garden Club and mail to **Pam Dawson**, 85392 Stonehurst Pkwy, Fernandina Beach 32034. **before April 11th.**

We are working with the COFB Parks and Recreation Department to revitalize the downtown butterfly garden, and with Conserve Nassau, AI Museum of History, and a private property owner to relocate two heirloom Gerbing Camellia shrubs.

The FFGC Convention is **April 10 – April 12** in Jacksonville. Registration is closed but there is still a chance to see the NGC Major Flower Show at the Garden Club of Jacksonville.

Bartram's 250th Anniversary celebration and interpretative talk co-sponsored by AIKE and the club is Saturday, **April 13** at 2 p.m. at Egan's Creek Park. Details are available on page 5 of this newsletter.

*Kathye and Karen*

### *Library Floral Exhibits*

Many thanks to the following volunteers:

**Apr. 1 - 14 Linda Martin**

**Apr. 15 -30 Frances Ambrose**

**May 1 - 14 Karen Pavey**

**May 15 - 31 Bev Williams**

To volunteer CLICK the **SignUpGenius** link on the homepage of our website or contact **Frances Ambrose.**

[francesambrose2@gmail.com](mailto:francesambrose2@gmail.com)

[229-942-5307](tel:229-942-5307)

**Your displays are vastly appreciated by the library staff and patrons!**

### *Woman's Club Landscape Team*

We are thankful for the faithful members who help us maintain the landscaping at the clubhouse. This permits us to continue to meet there. Next clean up is **April 24 at 10 a.m.** Please join us!

## *Dates to Remember*

### **April**

**8 William Bartram Month Proclamation Reading, Nassau County Commissioners' Chambers, 6 p.m.**

**9-12 FFGC Convention/Flower Show, Jacksonville**

**11 Club General Meeting, 10 a.m.**

**13 Girl Scout Wildflower Program, 10 a.m. Central Park Scout Hut**

**13 Bartram's travels 250th Anniversary Interpretative Presentation, Egan's Creek (details below)**

**22 Earth Day**

**24 WC Yard Clean-up, 10 a.m.**

**26 National Arbor Day**

### **May**

**9 Presidents' Luncheon and Awards Celebration, TBD**

**17 District 4 Spring Meeting, 9 a.m., Ravines Gardens, Palatka**

**17 Butterfly Ballet set up, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Woman's Club**

**18 Butterfly Ballet Botanical Arts garden show, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

## *Fairies and Friends Present "A Butterfly Ballet"*

**May 18th 10 AM - 3 PM**

**Butterfly Release** with admission ticket - 11 am & 1pm

**\$10** —Children 10 and under free. Contact **Kathye Reily** for tickets. **Buy one for a friend!**

**We need your help, please!**

**Serve on a committee.** SIGN UP at the April meeting or text Bev Williams 904-799-3556.

**Donate a \$10.00 gift card** for our raffle basket - from name-brand merchants only, please.

**Vital Contributions:** Fairy Gardens, Botanical Arts Designs, Gift Shop and Plant Sale items, cut horticulture, and butterfly photography.

## The Camera Corner

Betty Raker, Photography Chairman

Submit photos for the **May 18** "Fairies & Friends Present A Butterfly Ballet" photography exhibit. The exhibit will not be judged.

**Class 1:** "Natural Habitats of Butterflies" A landscape photograph of a past, current or future habitat.

**Class 2:** "Activities of Busy Butterflies" A general photograph of a butterfly or butterflies doing what butterflies do.

**Class 3:** "Butterfly Patterns" A close-up butterfly or butterflies focusing on patterns.

**Class 4:** "The Life of Butterflies in Collage" A collage of at least three stages of butterfly life: egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, emerging (adult).

*An exhibitor may make **only one entry per class**. Advance registration is required by **April 20**. Important: Perspective entries should be emailed in jpeg format and actual size to Marianne Salas.*

*(moliviasalas@gmail.com)*

*For a complete list of Guidelines [CLICK here](#)*

*Consult the Website Blog: [Betty's Butterfly Photography Tips](#)*

## News from the Horticulture Committee

Keep Nassau Beautiful is sponsoring their one day only Spring Adopt A Tree event on Saturday, April 6 in Yulee. Pickup sessions are 9am - 11am or 12pm - 2pm. **To reserve a tree** and pickup time, visit <https://keepnassabeautiful.org/programs/planting-nassaus-future/>

The maximum number of plants is restricted to 2 each per Nassau County residential address.

This month's horticulture tips are found under the Blog tab of our website. [bartramgardenclub.org](http://bartramgardenclub.org) Click "Blog" at the top of the homepage.

Duval County Master Gardeners Plant Sale is Saturday, March 30, from 9am - 2 pm at the Duval Extension Office, Jacksonville.

## April is William Bartram Month

**The Bartram Garden Club** (thank you, **Linda Martin**) successfully petitioned the Nassau County Commissioners to declare April as **William Bartram Month in Nassau County** in an effort to commemorate the 250th anniversary of Bartram's travels in Florida, which began when he set foot at present-day Old Fernandina in March 1774. The date of the proclamation reading will be **April 8** at 6 p.m. in the County Commissioners' Chambers, James S. Page Governmental Complex at **96135 Nassau Pl., Yulee, FL** Your attendance is appreciated!

## Keep Calm and Garden On!

### Gardening by the Month

[Click here](#)

### Landscape Matters

Nassau County Extension Service offers many educational classes.

For a complete list and to register [click here](#)

### Membership Pictorial

Photos will be taken during meetings for our online roster. You may also send a JPEG/JPG image to webmaster, Marc Williams, [willimarc@icloud.com](mailto:willimarc@icloud.com)

Participation is optional. Do note the online roster is password protected for privacy purposes.

### April Birthdays

**25 Mary Butler**

**26 Susan Borge**

**29 Lorraine Conover**

### Club Business Cards now available

Please pick up a few of our beautiful business cards during the club meetings or contact Karen Reily.

### Butterfly Release in Remembrance

On **May 18th** we will release 100 butterflies in honor of FFGC's 100th anniversary. We will also recognize the four deceased members of our club who are now gardening with us in spirit: **Jackie Gray, Carol Dunlop, Glorienne Parisi and Reha London.**

## *Bartram Members Create Designs for the Friends of the Library*

The Friends of the Library Celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Fernandina Beach Library's expansion on February 22. Our club was invited to enhance the festivities with creative floral designs. Many thanks to **Kathleen Lunman, Betty Raker, Karen Reily, Mariette Wooden, and Beverly Williams** for generously offering their time and talents. The club received many compliments! Below are photographs of their contributions.



L to R: Mariette Wooden, Karen Reily, Bev Williams



L to R: Betty Raker, Kathleen Lunman



L to R: Betty Raker side A, Betty Raker side B, Bev Williams

*Members are our greatest asset!  
Continue to Explore the Trail with us.  
Renew your Annual Membership to The Bartram Garden Club.*

\$35.00 Individuals

\$50.00 household couple

Payable to Bartram Garden Club.

Please submit at the April meeting or mail **by April 11th** to:

**Pam Dawson**

**85392 Stonehurst Pkwy**

**Fernandina Beach, FL 32034**

Payment is applied to the June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025 club calendar year!

*Sandy's Conservation Capers*

Conservation Chairman, Sandy Neuss, reports that plans are underway to transplant heirloom Gerbing Camellias from a potential construction site to the Amelia Island History Museum. Also, she would like to encourage members to purchase "Choose the Shade of Light" energy-saving LED lightbulbs from Pam Dawson at our ways and means table during the April meeting.

*250th Anniversary Celebration of Bartram's Travels in Florida*

On April 13th Amelia Island Kayak Excursions and The Bartram Garden Club are celebrating the 250th anniversary of William Bartram's travels in Florida as part of Nassau County's Bicentennial. Gather at Egan's Creek Park on Atlantic Blvd. for an inspiring interpretive talk at 2:00 p.m. Join us as a reenactor of The Bartram Society of Florida brings William Bartram to life.

**NOTE: The interpretative talk is free. However, reservations are "suggested" for planning purposes. Call Amber at 904-557-5307.**

*Catch the Buzz! Honey Bees, Native Plants, & Pollinator Wildflowers*

6 - 8 pm, Tuesday, April 16, First Love Brewing Co., 22 S. 8th Street Suite 5, Fernandina Beach

Enjoy a fun & informative evening with the *Friends of Talbot Islands*. Educational presentations include *Nassau Co. Beekeepers'* observation hive; native plants by *Amelia's Native Wildflowers*; and Nassau County Extension pollinator expert will delve into pollinators we may not know we are hosting! \$20.00 per person — sign up and pre-pay at [talbotislands.com](http://talbotislands.com) Contact Bartram Garden Club member Margaret Bellucci for more information.

*Follow NGC on Facebook and Pinterest*

<https://www.facebook.com/NGCSOCIALMEDIA>

[https://www.pinterest.com/natlgardenclubs/\\_created/](https://www.pinterest.com/natlgardenclubs/_created/)

[www.bartramgardenclub.org](http://www.bartramgardenclub.org)