

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

December 14, 2023

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

University of Florida Coleus Breeding Program

Dr. David Clark, internationally recognized UF professor of plant sciences, will explore the ground-breaking research in plant genetics at the University of Florida. His breeding program has released over 100 new Coleus cultivars grown in summer gardens throughout the world!

Bring a Guest or Prospective Member

Enjoy Dr. Clark's knowledge and wit!

Greeters: Eileen Brown, Mary Ann McNulty

Hostesses: Sue Dwyer, Karen Pavey

Inspiration: Linda Martin

Raffle Item: Kathleen Lunman

Clean up: All Members

*If unable to serve, please find a substitute and notify
the co-presidents.*

We Proceeded on... Keeping the Trail Green!

A message from the Co-Presidents

It is hard to believe that the holiday season is here. We hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving and took advantage of the green light to eat unlimited carbs.

We had a fun and creative workshop at the November meeting. Members made 26 petite designs with the slinky pumpkins. The designs were delivered to the Fernandina Beach Rehabilitation Center and Savannah Grand for residents to enjoy in their dining areas. Thank you to all who participated and helped bring holiday cheer to the residents and staff.

Our December speaker is professor Dr. David G. Clark, Environmental Horticulture Department, University of Florida. Dr. Clark will give a presentation on the University's Coleus breeding program. Do not miss his witty presentation.

At the December meeting we will be awarding our first Sponsorship Appreciation Certificate to Liberty Landscape Supply owner, Mike Zaffaroni. Mike is also a Charter Member of The Bartram Garden Club.

We will be also be collecting items for Micah's Place at the December meeting. Please see the requested donations listed in the newsletter below.

The holiday season is always a busy one but we hope you take a few minutes to slow down and enjoy this time of the year.

We look forward to seeing you at the December meeting.

Karen Reily and Kathy Reily

Library Floral Exhibits

Many thanks to the following volunteers:

Dec. 1 - 14 Jill Guenther

Dec. 15 - 31 Karen Stanley

Jan. 1 - 14 Karen Reily

Jan. 15 - 31 Beverly Williams

Feb. 1 - 14 Volunteer Needed

Feb. 15 - 29 Linda Martin

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

francesambrose2@gmail.com

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

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

Dates to Remember

December

14 General Club Meeting, 10 a.m.

January

11 General Club Meeting, 10 a.m.

19 FL Arbor Day Planting, 11 a.m.

January 19, 2024 Florida Arbor Day Celebration

The club will be planting a weeping Yaupon Holly tree at the western entrance of Fort Clinch State Park at 11:00 a.m. on January 19th in support of FFGC's Florida Arbor Day celebration. Hundreds of garden clubs across the state will "plant it green" during the same hour.

Many thanks to Arbor Day Chairman, **Kim Brewer-Bettencourt** and Co-President **Karen Reily** for arranging the details of this event.

Your attendance is greatly appreciated. See you at 11:00 for a group photo!

December Birthdays

13 Karen Reily

16 Mary Ann McNulty

18 Frances Tidd

19 Sue Dwyer

19 Janet McTague

28 Robin Overlock

28 Carol LeBert Hinnant

*T is what I'm about to say
thoughtful?*

H is it helpful?

I is it intelligent?

N is it necessary?

K is it kind?

Kindness knows no Season.

The Camera Corner

Betty Raker, Photography Chairman

Holiday Lights Photography

Explore festive holiday lights and capture creative photos in the community or at home. Fancy, heavy, or expensive photo gear not needed. Simply start clicking those Smart Phones.

Photograph outdoor lights around dusk when ambient light can help capture surrounding trees, bushes, structures, and sky. **Turn off the flash** feature **when photographing outside**. A flash might be necessary, however, when photographing indoor holiday trees. Try it both ways.

In general, **use a slower shutter speed**, and the automatic Smart Phone Night Mode feature, if offered. To capture fireworks with a phone, use the Burst Mode. Pick the best image or combine several to create a GIF.

Use **different perspectives** and look for interesting details in a wide-angle shot which help **tell a photo story**. **Hold the phone still using both hands** for the time it takes to finish the night-time exposure. **Use a tripod or prop against a steady surface**. **Shoot from different angles** for interest. Perspective plays a big part in capturing holiday moments. Try some shots in portrait mode and others in landscape.

Sources:

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Woman's Club Landscape Team

The November work day was cancelled due to expected low morning temperatures. 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 work day will be announced later.

***Have a safe and joyous
Holiday Season!***

Welcome New Member!

Please welcome **Janet McTague** when you see her at the December meeting. She will be wearing a "New Member" ribbon on her name tag. Janet's personal contact information may be found on the password-protected Members page of our website. Contact webmaster **Marc Williams** if you do not have the password.
willimarc@icloud.com

Micah's Place Charitable Contributions Needed

Help make the Holidays a little brighter for victims of domestic violence. Please bring an item from the Micah's Place Wish List to the December 14th meeting.

Cantu and Africa's Best Haircare Products
Twin Bedding Sheet Sets
Extra Twin Pillow Cases
Pajamas - all adult sizes
Children's Shampoo and Conditioner
Children's toothpaste, toothbrush, hairbrush and detangler

Contact **Linda Broadrick** for more information. 404-281-8991

Landscape Matters

Nassau County Extension Service offers many educational classes. To register [click here](#)

Keep Calm and Garden On!

Gardening by the Month

[Click here](#)

Grow and Show What you Know at a NGC Flower Show!

Start planning now to show off your amazing horticulture! FFGC will host an NGC Major Flower Show at the Garden Club of Jacksonville during their 100th anniversary convention next April. The Horticulture Division I Sections A - H will be open to any amateur gardener. Do not miss this opportunity to show the state of Florida how much you love growing shrubs, trees and flowers! Bartram Garden Club members really shine here!

Click here to read the Flower Show Schedule and plan your entries in Division I.

We are very proud to showcase some of the Slinky “pumpkin” designs members created during the make-and-take and charity workshop in November. **Bruce and Linda Broadrick** delivered a total of 26 centerpieces to Savannah Grand ALF and Fernandina Rehab and Nursing Center. Many thanks to the members who participated!! Members are our greatest asset!



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