

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

February 15, 2024

(NOTE: 1 week later than usual)

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

How to Create Bioswales and Rain Gardens
Rhonda Gracie, UNF Horticulturalist

“We treat rainwater as a waste product instead of a valuable resource.”
Learn about rainwater harvesting, how to design an easy-to-do watershed-friendly landscape, and the benefits of saving rainwater on-site by creating bioswales and rain gardens.

Bring a Guest or Prospective Member

Greeters: Eileen Brown, Beverly Williams
Hostesses: (Drinks only) Elisabeth Beekman, Kathye Reily
Inspiration: Elisabeth Beekman
Raffle Item: Karen Reily
Clean up: Elisabeth Beekman and all members

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

We Proceeded on... Keeping the Trail Green!

A message from the Co-Presidents

We have had butterflies and fairies on our minds since Butterfly Beverly announced the "Fairies and Friends Present A Butterfly Ballet" botanical arts garden show.

Wings are flapping into action to set the stage for this year's show. This is an "All hands on deck" event, and great time to get to know your fellow members. Everyone will have an opportunity to contribute! Spring will be here before you know it!

Looking forward to Rhonda Gracie's presentation on **February 15** — Stormscaping: How rain gardens and bioswales benefit the management of natural disasters and low-lying areas of the home landscape. Definitely a topic pertinent to our island.

Karen Reily and Kathye Reily

Did you plant a tree on FL Arbor Day?

Ensure your new tree's successful development with proper care. UF-IFAS provides guidance. Click here for information: <https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/planting.shtml>

Library Floral Exhibits

Many thanks to the following volunteers:

Feb. 1 - 14 Marianne Salas

Feb. 15 - 29 Linda Martin

Mar. 1 - 14 Kathleen Lunman

Mar. 15 -31 Karen Reily

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

francesambrose2@gmail.com
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. January's volunteers were **Bruce & Linda Broadrick, Jerry Walthall, Marc and Bev Williams, and Rich Reily**. Next clean up is **February 28 at 10 a.m.** Join us!

Dates to Remember

February

15 General Meeting, 10 a.m.

(Note: Change of date)

28 WC yard cleanup, 10 a.m.

March

14 General Meeting

16-17 Orchid Society Show, Mandarin GC, Jacksonville

19-20 Deep South Convention, Gatlinburg, TN

27 WC Yard Clean up, 10 a.m.

Florida Arbor Day Celebration

Bartram Garden Club's Florida Arbor Day Celebration was a resounding success!

We had a great turnout from both the community and our members.

Special recognition was given to FFGC for 100 years of service.

Our 100 Live Oak seedlings give-away not only supplied trees to support our maritime forest, but gave us the opportunity to remind all about the important role trees play in our daily lives.

Fairies and Friends Present "A Butterfly Ballet"

BOTANICAL ARTS GARDEN SHOW

Save the Date!

May 18th 10 AM - 3 PM

Woman's Club of Fernandina

Set Up May 17 Rain Date May 19

Fairy Gardens, Botanical Arts Designs, Gift Shop, Plant Sale, Cut Horticulture, Nature Photography and more!

Let your creative juices begin to take flight!

The Camera Corner

Betty Raker, Photography Chairman

You are invited to submit photos for the **May 18** "Fairies & Friends Present A Butterfly Ballet" photography exhibit. The exhibit will include four Classes, four photographs in each Class. The exhibit will not be judged. No ribbons will be awarded. However, a review panel will offer helpful comments.

Class 1: "Natural Habitats of Butterflies" A landscape photograph of a 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 in each class. Advance registration is required by March 25, 2024. Perspective entries should be emailed (VERY IMPORTANT) in jpeg format and actual size to Marianne Salas. (moliviasalas@gmail.com)

For a complete list of Guidelines CLICK here:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/57dd8a8437c581c5129d8a69/t/65ba86a7a8208062d5cf1002/1706722983741/Photo+Exhibit+Info.pdf>

Plan to attend the FFGC Convention in Jacksonville April 10 - 12. Learn how to register for all events by clicking here:

<https://ffgc.wildapricot.org/Convention>

News from the Horticulture Committee

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 in 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! Entries may be cut specimens or container-grown. Read the show Schedule to **learn more about how and what to enter.**

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

Keep Calm and Garden On!

Gardening by the Month

[Click here](#)

Landscape Matters

Nassau County Extension Service offers many educational classes.

Feb. 10 - Lawn workshop

Feb. 14 - Po-Tay-Toes

March 2 - Irrigation workshop

March 13 - Garden Fertilizers

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

Ways and Means Updates

We are now able to accept credit card purchases with a 3% convenience fee. The following items are available during club meetings, or by contacting Treasurer Pam Dawson. pddfad3@aol.com

NEW! Brushed silver and black magnetic name tags — \$10 each
Denim shirt with club logo — \$45
Garden gloves \$6 each/ 2 for \$10/ 3 for \$15
LED light bulbs (energy-saving)
Floral design products and
Much, Much More!

February Birthdays

4 Pam Dawson

7 Jill-Ann Walthall

15 Sabine Jarvis

17 Cindy Murphy

17 Frances Ambrose

20 Karen Bottorff

Thanks to the members who supported the Florida Arbor Day tree planting on January 19 at Fort Clinch State Park. Pictured L to R: **Marc Williams, Bev Williams, Frances Ambrose, Carol Le-Bert Hinnant, Lorraine Conover, Linda Martin, Pam Cartwright, Karen Reily, Bruce Broadrick, Linda Broadrick, Kathy Reily, Elisabeth Beekman, Deb Walton, Betty Raker and Rich Reily.** Present but not pictured: **Sabine Jarvis, Susan Wilson, Debbie Ryan, and Bob Reily.**



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