

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 March 9, 2023

Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach
201 Jean Lafitte Blvd.

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

Bromeliads: A Well-Kept Secret

Guests speakers: **Marlys Golatz and Jan Duncan**, Veteran Duval County Master Gardeners

Although Marlys and Jan have provided counsel and support to several gardens in the Jacksonville area, their primary garden home is the Mandarin Garden Club. This Jacksonville club hosts two-plus acres of 17 different demonstration gardens, including an extensive Bromeliad garden. The landscape reflects a 33-year joint venture between the Duval County Extension Service and the University of Florida.

Marlys and Jan are excited to share their vast gardening experience, especially their love of the Bromeliad family of plants, which contains thousands of species, 16 of which are native to Florida.

This will be the last horticulture program of the year. Please join us!

Leadership Team for March 9*

Greeters: Lorraine Conover, Debby Arnold

Inspiration: Frances Ambrose

Raffle: Kim Brewer

Clean Up: Mariette Wooden, Linda Broadrick, Marianne Salas, Mary Butler and All Members

* If unable to serve please find a substitute and notify Beverly Williams.

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We Proceeded on...

A message from the Co-President

Dear Members,

We will elect a slate of new officers during the March 9th meeting, as well as approve the 2023- 24 proposed operating budget. Please be present to cast your vote.

Our small-standard flower show will be **April 14 - 15**. Learn about the design division in a fun, non-intimidating way. The second of two free demonstrations geared toward novice designers will be offered at the library **March 3** from **1 - 3 p.m.** NGC Accredited Flower Show Judge and past FFGC president, **Jan Sillik**, will demonstrate how to make petites, trays and wreath design types. Last time twenty-three members and guests enjoyed Jan's folksy humor while having "fun with fundamentals." Whether you plan to enter a design in our show or just want to hone your design skills, you will not want to miss Jan's homespun presentation. No reservations are required. Only your enthusiasm and willingness to learn.

Beverly

Library Floral Exhibits

March 1 - 14: Bev Williams

March 15 -31: Mary Butler

We need more volunteers. Need inspiration? View a gallery of previous exhibits on the club's website.

Please contact Frances Ambrose to sign up.

francesambrose2@gmail.com

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

Your displays are vastly appreciated by library staff and patrons!

Woman's Club Yard Maintenance Teams

Continue to volunteer by using our SignUpGenius online feature.

[Click here](#) Thanks to **Linda & Bruce Broadrick, Marc and Bev Williams, Jay Yates, Mariette Wooden** and new member **Jerry Walthall** for helping last month. The next work day is **March 29 at 10 a.m.** Many hands make light work!

Renew Membership Before May 1

Dues for the 2023-24 club year are now payable. Memberships are \$35.00 per individual or \$50.00 per spousal household. Make check payable to Bartram Garden Club. Submit during the March 9th meeting, or mail to: **Kathleen Lunman, 96202 Ridgewood Circle, Fernandina Beach, 32034.**

Basic Floral Design Lecture and Demonstration

March 3

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Fernandina Beach Library

Instructor: NGC Accredited Master Flower Show Judge, Jan Sillik

No reservation required. Free to members. Learn how to create and enter designs in our "Down the Rabbit Hole" flower show.

Dates to Remember

March

3 Basic Floral Design Demonstration,

Fernandina Beach Library, 1 - 3 p.m.

3 Flower Show walk-through. 3 p.m., library

9 Club General Meeting, 10 a.m.

18 - 19 Orchid Show, Jacksonville

29 WC yard clean up, 10 a.m.

April

1 Girl Scout Wildflower Patch program

13 Set up for flower show/entries

14 - 15 Flower Show open to public

26 WC yard cleanup, 10 a.m.

May

11 President's luncheon/Installation of Officers

13 North FL Daylily Society Sale

16 District Spring Meeting, Orange Park registration required

District IV Spring Meeting "The Gloves Come Off..."

May 16, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Coffee and plant sale 9 a.m.

Hilltop Restaurant, 2030 Wells Rd., Orange Park

Registration deadline **April 29**

Guest Speaker: **Dr. David Clark, UF**
"Besto Pesto"

Dr. Clark is a dynamic speaker with a sharp sense of humor! Prepare to be enlightened and entertained.

[Will our club win any FFGC awards??](#)

Follow us Down the Rabbit Hole!

There is a party going on *Down the Rabbit Hole* on April **14-15**. Help make our first NGC standard flower show an affair to remember. We need “party planners” to serve on committees and exhibit designs.

Feeling unsure about the Design Division? Attend our next design demonstration on **March 3** at the Fernandina Beach library between **1 and 3 p.m.** Learn how to create and enter a wreath, traditional line-mass, petite, or tray design. It's free and no reservation is required. A walk-through will follow at 3 p.m. to help familiarize would-be designers with the show's exhibition spaces. (Carpooling is encouraged.)

Love digging in the dirt instead? Enter the Horticulture Division and watch the party grow! There's a place for both cut horticulture specimens and contain-grown plants.

Don't forget the nature photography section. To enter, register with Marianne Salas by **March 3**. moliviasalas@gmail.com Already registered? Submit your mounted photo(s) to Marianne during the **March 9th** meeting.

Members may easily sign up to enter a floral design, collections, and/or fairy garden by using the *SignUpGenius* links included in the **Schedule**, available from the homepage of the club website.

If you find yourself “curiouser and curiouser” about the show's rules, or want to enter a design, contact Entries Chairman Bev Williams. bevthepatriot@gmail.com 404-312-8530

To volunteer for a committee, contact **Mariette Wooden**, General Show Chairman mariettewooden@gmail.com 303-748-5505

Gardening by the Month

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UF/IFAS Extension Programs

Landscape Matters Programs

March 8 Florida's Rain Gardens

April 12 Plant Propagation

May 10 Florida-Friendly Flowers

June 14 Gardening with Herbs

July 12 Slugs, Bugs, and Other Garden Thugs

See all upcoming horticulture programs and register at: <https://bit.ly/NassauHorticulture>

Florida Gardener Magazine

The Spring issue of the FFGC quarterly newsletter, as well as NGC's *The National Gardener*, may be accessed from the homepage of our website, bartramgardenclub.org

Agra Wool Floral Bricks and other Mechanics Available

The club is selling bricks of the new biodegradable and **reusable** floral foam (\$6.00 each) and other floral design supplies. Available during the March 3 design demonstration at the library and the March 9 club meeting. Just in time for your flower show designs!

Welcome New Members

Give a warm garden glove handshake to Jerry and Jill-Ann Walthall, who joined last month. Be sure to say “hello” during the March meeting. Their contact information is found on the Members tab of our website. This page is password protected. Forgotten the password? Contact webmaster Marc Williams willimarc@icloud.com

Note: all new members and guests wear a colored ribbon. Look for “ribbon wearers” and say “welcome.”

March Birthdays

8 Marcia DeFalco

9 Sandi Barada

10 Beverly Williams

10 Lisa Cleary

12 Betty Raker

23 Claudia Burningham