

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

March 14, 2024

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

Bring a friend or prospective member

Bartram's Travels in Florida 250th Anniversary Celebration

*Botany and Horticulture Intersect – Plant Identification
and Nomenclature*

*Guest presenter is the entertaining Keith Fuller – Horticulturalist, Landscape Design
Consultant, and previous St. Johns County Extension Agent*

**Each member in attendance will be given a free ticket to enter two drawings at
the FFGC Convention.**

Greeters: Marcia Vincent, Julia Burch

Hostesses: (Drinks only) Susan Wilson, Cathy Klein

Inspiration: Beverly Williams

Raffle Item: Betty Raker

Clean up: 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

On **March 14** 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 for the event, and/or exhibit cut horticulture or a butterfly photograph. Venture outside your comfort zone and think about butterflies and fairies fluttering about. This is the perfect time to get to know fellow club members. Maybe collaborate on a project with someone. You may surprise yourself!

Club dues are payable by the April meeting; Individuals \$35/Household Couples \$50. Submit at the March or April meeting or make checks payable to Bartram Garden Club and mail to **Pam Dawson**, 85393 Stonehurst Pkwy, Fernandina Beach 32034.

We are working with the City's Parks and Recreation Department to revitalize the downtown butterfly garden, and with Conserve Nassau, AI Museum of History, and a property owner to relocate two Gerbing Camillia shrubs.

The FFGC Convention is **April 9 – April 12** in Jacksonville. Registration deadline is **March 11**. This is a chance to see a NGC Major Flower Show and support our competing members. **To register use the link below on page 3.**

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 4 of this newsletter.

There are a lot of upcoming activities! We hope you will participate in these events and share the joy of spring with friends and family!

Kathye and Karen

Library Floral Exhibits

Many thanks to the following volunteers:

Mar. 1 - 14 Kathleen Lunman

Mar. 15 -31 Karen Reily

Apr. 1 - 14 Linda Martin

Apr. 15 -30 Frances Ambrose

To volunteer CLICK the **SignUpGenius** link on the **homepage** 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!

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 **March 27 at 10 a.m.** Join us!

Dates to Remember

March

14 Club 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.

April

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 Celebration, Egan's Creek (details below)
22 Earth Day
24 WC Yard Clean-up, 10 a.m.
26 National Arbor Day

Fairies and Friends Present "A Butterfly Ballet"

BOTANICAL ARTS GARDEN SHOW Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach

May 18th 10 AM - 3 PM
Butterfly Release with admission ticket - 11 am & 1pm
Adults \$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 March meeting or text Bev Williams 904-799-3556.

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

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

The event flyer will be emailed to every member. Share with friends!

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 per 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 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 **March 25, 2024**. 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](#)

Coming Soon to the Website Blog: [Betty's Butterfly Photography Tips](#)

Plan to attend the FFGC Convention in Jacksonville April 10 - 12.

Parking is free with hotel reservation. Free shuttles will run between the hotel and the flower show at the Garden Club of Jacksonville on Thursday and Friday. 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!

Show off your amazing horticulture at the FFGC Major Flower Show during the 100th anniversary convention in April. The Horticulture Division I Sections A - H are 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.

March 2 - Irrigation workshop

March 13 - Garden Fertilizers

For a complete list and to register

[click here](#)

Membership Roster Pictorial announced

Club photographer, Betty Raker, will be available during meetings to take a photo of members for our online roster. You may also send a JPEG/JPG image to webmaster, Marc Williams, willimarc@icloud.com. Participation is optional. Do note the online roster is password protected for privacy purposes.

March Birthdays

8 Marcia DeFalco

9 Sandi Barada

10 Bev Williams

12 Betty Raker

23 Claudia Burningham

30 Sue Regan

Club Business Cards now available

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

Free Trees for Kids

The Nassau County Library System is participating in the *Free Trees for Kids* from Neighborhood Forest. Parents simply need to [click here](#) to register their child or children. The trees will hopefully be delivered in time for Earth Day, April 22nd. Library patrons are asked to designate in the comments box the branch location where they wish to receive their tree(s). Applications are **due by March 15th**. Contact Library Director **Julie Cannavino** for more information. jcannavino@nassaucountyfl.com

250th Anniversary Celebrations of Bartram's Travels in Florida

On April 13th *Amelia Island Kayak Excursions* is celebrating the 250th anniversary of William Bartram's travels in Florida as part of Nassau County's Bicentennial. Book either a guided kayak eco-tour or the land eco-tour via van lead by Nick Deonas of Amelia Island Footprints at 12:00 p.m. Gather at Egan's Creek Park on Atlantic Blvd. for an inspiring interpretive talk at 2:00 p.m. co-sponsored by **The Bartram Garden Club**. Join us as The Bartram Society of Florida brings William Bartram to life. Also meet the local individuals, including your garden club representative, who have been working together on marking the official Nassau County Bartram Trail.

Reservations are required for both the kayak and van tour. Call AIKE at **904-557-5307** or book online using the link below. A portion of the proceeds from the AIKE tours will be donated to the **The Bartram Society of Florida**.

<https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/ameliaislandkayak/items/504155/calendar/2024/04/?flow=100464&full-items=yes>

NOTE: The interpretative talk is free, separate from the tours, and open to anyone. Reservations for the talk only are "suggested" for planning purposes. Call Amber at 904-557-5307.

In addition, **The Bartram Garden Club** has 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 announced when determined. Your attendance will help us honor the legacy of our namesake and America's first naturalist!

Questions about the interpretive talk and proclamation reading? Contact Beverly Williams, bevthepatriot@gmail.com or text 904-799-3556

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