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<u>We Proceeded On...</u> <u>A Message from the President</u> **May Birthdays** 19 Marianne Salas

Grow + Show + Serve + Conserve

### Dear Members, Welcome to the month of May—before COVID-19 we had looked

## 25 Susannah Warner

# June Birthdays

## forward to many festivals and celebrations that were planned for this lovely month—including our May Awards Luncheon! I hope

3 Sue Lord 4 Linda Broadrick you are all well and finding fun ways to make the most of our time 16 Pam Horne

at home—and in our gardens. By now everything is probably squeaky clean and there are no weeds popping up anywhere. July Birthdays

Although we have had to endure adjusting to these life-changing Barbara Lunsford times, I appreciate how nature teaches us to have hope and to

8 Renee Kuebodeau "Keep calm and carry on." The little wren Mommy and Daddy are 13 Brenda Price 23 Elizabeth Rawson 28 Richard Reily

still busy visiting their nest in my bromeliad—but now they are taking care of their babies! A nest in a bromeliad! I never would have thought! Birds and animals adapt without giving a second thought, and we can learn so much from them.

Member Spotlight section. Remember to renew your membership by sending in your dues to Beverly Williams as soon as possible so your name may continue on the FFGC roster. Keep in mind that our Vice-President Sue Lord will be preparing programs for the upcoming

Take advantage of the timely information in this month's newsletter

—especially enjoy reading about our **featured members** in the

there is always something we want to learn. Please continue to follow the guidelines to stay safe and healthy and remain in touch with fellow club members with a note, an email or phone call. How wonderful to have these social methods to "visit" friends and family!

meeting year which begins in September. Email your suggestions

to Sueblord@mac.com Whether a native Islander or a newcomer,

May there be brighter days ahead as we anticipate kicking off our fifth anniversary in September with our President's Welcoming Tea

and Awards Celebration. Looking forward to the time when we will enjoy each other's smiling faces again!

<u>Membership Dues Deadline</u> Many thanks to those who submitted dues by mail! Only a few renewals are outstanding, despite our inability to meet in person.

As a reminder, a portion of your club dues also allows you membership to the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. Kindly send dues by May 15th to the address below so your name may remain on the FFGC roster. Thanks for your continued participation as a member of our garden club!

**Beverly Williams** 86177 Shelter Island Drive Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

> Payable to Bartram Garden Club

\$35.00 Individual Membership

\$50.00 Spousal Membership

Blessings to you all,

Kathleen

> Mail to:

**Mother Nature Survives COVID-19 Pandemic!** For millions of years planet Earth has adjusted to myriad periods of extreme change. This pandemic is no exception. Mother Nature's bounty has not been canceled, as evidenced in the examples below. Susannah Warner captured photos of a beautiful Hibiscus and Clematis during one of her recent walks about town. Also pictured is a daylily she hybridized. Marc Williams' Gloriosa Lily is also showing off. Please visit our Facebook page to view other photos members have shared. You will experience renewed

hope and inspiration from these gifts of nature.

20 Susan Wilson

<u>August Birthdays</u> 8 Dan Borge 15 Bruce Broadrick

4 Trudie Richards

28 Jay Yates Reduce Reuse Recycle

Recycle CORKS: Continue to save natural and synthetic

corks to support "Save the Oceans" and "Save the Forests" conservation projects. Deposit

resume.

with Kathleen Lunman or

CANS: Kans4K9s TURN TRASH INTO valuable service dogs! Continue to save

Beverly Williams until meetings

clean aluminum cans. (Test each can with a magnet. If it sticks it is not aluminum.) All proceeds from the sale of the

cans are donated to K9s for

screens and trains dogs to be

Warriors. The organization

paired with veterans suffering from Post-traumatic Stress Disability who can benefit from a canine service companion, at no cost to the veteran. Reduce Invasives

CONTINUE to replace invasive

plants, such as asparagus fern, Boston fern and Mexican petunia, with native or Floridafriendly landscape plants. The bees, birds, and butterflies will thank you!

Florida: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_bulbous\_flowers

**What to Plant** 

What to Do Pests: Insects become more active in warm weather. Watch for thrips, scales, and mites on ornamental plants. **See** Landscape Pest Management: <a href="http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_landscape\_pests">http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_landscape\_pests</a> Gardenias: Yellowing of older leaves is usually normal; yellowing of new growth usually indicates a micronutrient deficiency. See Gardenias at a Glance: <a href="http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep338">http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep338</a> **Oleanders**: Inspect chewed or ragged leaves for oleander caterpillars at work. **See** *Oleander Pest* Management: <a href="http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_oleander\_ipm">http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_oleander\_ipm</a> Lawn insects: Watch for damage from chinch bugs in St. Augustinegrass and begin scouting for newly hatched mole crickets in bahiagrass lawns. See Turfgrass Pest Insects: <a href="http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_turf\_pest\_insects">http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_turf\_pest\_insects</a>

Propagation (Lawn and Garden): <a href="http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_garden\_propagation">http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_garden\_propagation</a>

Trees: Prepare for hurricane season by checking trees for damaged or weak branches and pruning if

Lawn Mowing: Encourage healthy growth and discourage insects, weeds, and diseases by mowing

needed. Hire an ISA-certified arborist. See International Society of Arboriculture: http://isa-

arbor.com/ and Pruning Landscape Trees and Shrubs: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_tree\_pruning



who submitted articles every month.

Credit: UF/IFAS Photo by Marisol Amador

The Garden Therapy Award is attributed to the hard work of **Alice Caldwell**, **Deb Walton** and the entire Youth Garden Therapy Committee who faithfully led the ESE youth garden therapy program at FBHS last year. Kudos also to **Greg Caldwell** who supported the program in myriad ways behind the scenes.

It's always an honor to garner any Deep South Region Award!! 3rd place out of 6 states is quite an achievement for a club our size which was established only 4 short years ago!! THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

This is the first time we applied for the Newsletter Award and we took first place. Many thanks to all those

The Special Achievement Award was made possible by all of those who contributed to the **flower show** 

we exhibited at the Fernandina Beach Library in April 2019. You cannot be thanked enough!!

**Horticulture Tip** Susan Borge **Keeping Company** 

Although I frequently garden alone, I do enjoy the company of neighbors and strangers who stroll by and strike up a conversation about this plant or that, and there's not much I enjoy more than sharing a lemon or kumquat, snow pea or blueberry with someone who's never tasted one right off the plant. Nowadays, in these strange times of physical distancing, that happens less and less. In the silence, I've become very aware and appreciative of the non-human passersby with whom I'm sharing the bounty of my garden. And

none give me more pleasure than the glorious birds, especially at this time of year when (against the

quarantine guidelines?) so many are visiting from out-of-state.

container.

Contact Bev by emailing

bevthepatriot@gmail.com

Mariette Wooden **Proportion** Proportion is one of the six principles of floral design. It is the ratio between amounts and quantities of one area or component to another or to the whole. Here are a couple of tips to help with proportion. In a

traditional design, the total floral components should be between 1 ½ to 2 times the height or width of the

Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants

The SISTERS REMAIN EXCITED about coming to Amelia Island! They have graciously offered to

reschedule their program in the Fall. Continue to watch for updates.

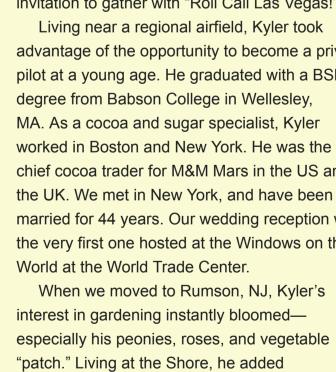
container, which ever is greater. No flower should be more than 1/3 the greatest dimension of the

**Design Tip** 

## We appreciate those who expressed an interest in this special event and it is our sincere hope to promote it again in the Fall!

a big shout out to these husbands who have faithfully (with their wife's gentle guidance) lifted, toted and set up tables and chairs every month. They are our mainstays. Many thanks to Rich Reily, Bruce Broadrick, Marc Williams and Kyler Lunman for always being there for the ladies! :-) We asked the wives to introduce their significant other. In addition, the editor asked each husband to answer the following question: What is the most important lesson you have learned since your wife joined The Bartram Garden Club?" We think you will enjoy their answers.

Kyler was born in Watertown in the Snow Belt Bruce was born in Dalton, GA, and lived in of upstate New York. Growing up on a farm gave East Ridge, TN, Ringgold, GA, and Park Ridge, him an appreciation of nature, especially a love of IL, where he attended the same high school as the Standardbred horses his family raised. He Hillary Rodham Clinton. He earned a BS in



windsurfing and boating to his hobbies. When

our son developed an interest in cycling, Dad

joined in and now together they cycle every

chance they get. Currently Kyler is head of

research and development for APR Biotech

my floral design paraphernalia —and offers

Kyler has become knowledgeable about all

which specializes in air disinfection.

a critical eye and helping hand whenever I ask. That's LOVE!! Kyler replied, "Having my wife in The Bartram Garden Club has shown me that camaraderie and sharing with others is fun and helpful." Kyler has supported Kathleen's love of gardening and floral design for many years while managing his own business. She is a member of two garden clubs --- double

doesn't really have a favorite hobby but does enjoy making vintage airplanes out of aluminum beer cans, which requires looking for unusual beer that still tastes good. He's an avid baseball fan and loyal to the Florida Marlins, as well as the Philadelphia Philly's. I think if he could come back after this life, he would be a professional baseball player. Rich loves playing softball and has played for

40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in July.

the City of Fort Lauderdale for 27 years as the

City's Environmental Program Coordinator. He

prefers riding a bike rather than driving a car. He

day if his knees would allow it. I'm the one who actually supports Rich's gardening "habit. He's an avid tree hugger and

loves learning about new plants and flowers, and

is a strong supporter of planting native plants.

Rich says, "An important lesson I have learned

since Kathye joined the Garden Club is that she

is not a gardener." He generously shares plants with friends and

**Rich Reily** by Kathye Reily Rich was born in Philadelphia, PA and raised in Cherry Hill, NJ – home of the one of the first indoor shopping malls. We will celebrate our

Before Rich retired in 2009 he was employed by

over 40 years on various teams, and still pitches for our church's softball team. Since moving to Fernandina Beach 6 years ago, he has also picked up playing Pickleball and would play every

Rich has faithfully supported all facets of our garden club work since his wife Kathye joined as a charter member, including work days at the Woman's Club, Habitat for Humanity projects and landscaping at Ft. Clinch.

is happy to adopt and revive plants which others have not successfully grown. He is always willing to lend a helpful hand with a smile on his face.

# <u>Gardening By The Month - May</u> Annuals/Bedding Plants: Plants that can take summer heat include salvia, angelonia, wax begonia, and

## ornamental pepper. See Annuals: <a href="http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_annual\_landscape\_plants">http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_annual\_landscape\_plants</a> Bulbs: Planting early-, mid-, and late-blooming varieties of daylily ensures months of color from these lowmaintenance plants. See Daylilies: <a href="http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_daylilies">http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_daylilies</a> and Bulbs for Herbs: Continue to plant heat-loving herbs, including basil, oregano, Mexican tarragon, and rosemary. **See** *Herbs*: <a href="http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_herbs">http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_herbs</a> Vegetables: Swiss chard will take the heat as well as okra, southern pea, and sweet potato. See Vegetable Gardening in Florida: <a href="http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_vegetable\_gardening">http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_vegetable\_gardening</a>





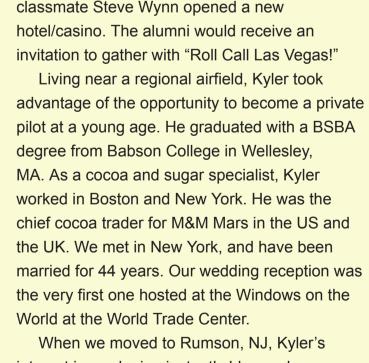
Kudos to our Awards Chairman, **Frances Tidd**, for her diligence in applying for these awards.

I want to share with you a website I've enjoyed for decades that brings our feathered friends into sharp focus and provides endless hours of entertainment and information: https://www.allaboutbirds.org/cams/ At the moment, there are fifteen different bird cams offering a peek into these fabulous creatures at their most loving, their most vulnerable, and their most inspiring. In a few weeks, they'll be adding Eastern Bluebirds and other familiar birds to their list. Hope you enjoy!

## Meanwhile, if you prefer a refund kindly contact treasurer Beverly Williams. Otherwise you may use your ticket for the Fall program or apply value of ticket toward your membership renewal dues.

The Trailblazers <u>Member Spotlight</u> This month we are proud to highlight the "man power" which helps make our monthly meetings possible. A lot goes on behind the scenes in preparation for every meeting! We would like to give

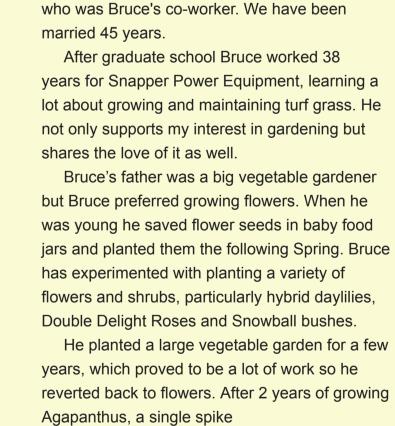
**Kyler Lunman Bruce Broadrick** by Kathleen Lunman by Linda Broadrick



graduated from Manlius Military Academy. Those

close school ties continued whenever his

jeopardy for Kyler! Much appreciation is extended to team Lunman for shepherding us into another garden club year.



appeared but unfortunately our 2-year-old

granddaughter snapped it off before it opened.

experimenting with Zone 9 plants in our back

learned since we joined the Bartram Garden

Club, he replied with his typical dry sense of

yard. Bruce has enjoyed his garden club

membership, especially Keith Fuller's

and sailing.

During retirement we spend a lot of time

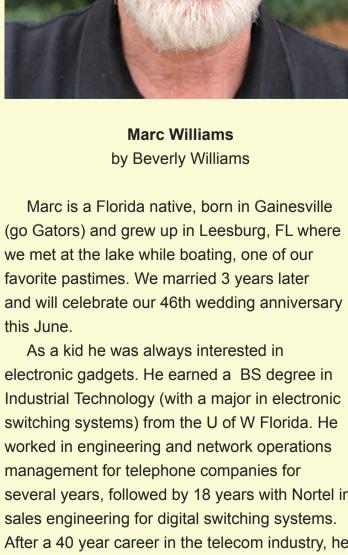
presentations. His other hobbies include bicycling

When asked the most important lesson he has

Industrial Management from Georgia Tech

followed by an MBA from Georgia State. Bruce and I met on a blind date arranged by my sister

humor – "Green side up?" Bruce helps clean up at the Woman's Club and spent several hours one hot summer day helping the Civic Beautification Committee revitalize the entrance to Ft. Clinch. Bruce and Linda both completed all four NGC **Gardening School courses! Their love of** learning is a huge asset to our club.



Army: "Never volunteer for anything." Marc provides ongoing IT support for our club, having designed our website and developed all of our electronic communication channels, including this newsletter. Even though he replied, "never



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Industrial Technology (with a major in electronic switching systems) from the U of W Florida. He worked in engineering and network operations management for telephone companies for several years, followed by 18 years with Nortel in sales engineering for digital switching systems. After a 40 year career in the telecom industry, he retired from Cisco Systems. In addition, shortly after college he had a 6 year stint as Communications Chief in the Florida Army National Guard. Marc and I raised our son, Bryan, in Alpharetta, GA, along with many, many plants! Marc always provided free labor and handcrafted hardscape too, as requested. In Fernandina Beach we still raise plants and Marc still provides free labor. Marc is an audiophile extraordinaire! He also enjoys boating (the faster the better), wood working projects, biking and antique telephones. In retirement he has volunteered as a restoration carpenter at Ft. Clinch, and iPhone/iPad and Apple Mac instructor at COA. He enjoys building little lending libraries for the community. In tongue in cheek fashion, Marc says the lesson he has learned since joining the Bartram Garden Club is the same thing he learned in the

volunteer for anything," he is always available with a gardening tool and/or technical advice. ertram Garden Cillo