

# Notes From the Trail

The Bartram Garden Club Newsletter



## The Bartram Garden Club, Inc.

Member of NGC, Deep South Region, and FFGC

Grow + Show + Serve + Conserve

## *Spring District Meeting May 13*

(Note there is NO General Club Meeting in May)

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED for the District Meeting**

### **FFGC District IV Spring Meeting**

Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach

201 Jean Lafitte Blvd.

Doors open at 9 a.m.

Morning Refreshments and Shop Ways and Means 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Business Meeting begins at 10 a.m.

### *Bygone Treasures Along the Amelia River*

**Gerbing Gardens, The Legacy of One Man's Vision**

Guest Speaker is **Marianne Salas**, a botanical painter, photographer, and garden historian. Her love of Camellias prompted her to photograph and help catalog 1,000 existing Camellias at the former site of Gerbing Gardens on Amelia Island, which was a popular tourist destination in the 1930s and 40s.

Join us for an inside look into the history of Gerbing Gardens and its founder, local fisherman Gustav George Gerbing, who transformed seven acres of family property along the Amelia River into a public garden. Gerbing sold Camellias and ran a nursery on the property for over 14 years. Today the site is recognized for its historical significance, and is registered by the Archives of American Gardens at the Smithsonian Institute.

REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to reserve your seat. The registration form may be found by clicking on the link below. The fee is \$30.00, which includes morning refreshments and a catered lunch.

Kathye Reily is the registrar. 954-592-9443 [kathyeslife@att.net](mailto:kathyeslife@att.net)

[Click here to register.](#)

## *Welcome to our Newest Member*

Please extend a garden-glove handshake and warm welcome to new member **Cindy Murphy**. Her contact information is on the password-protected Members page of our website.

## *We Proceeded on...*

### *A message from the Co-President*

Dear Members,

Our club is honored to host the FFGC District IV Spring meeting on **May 13th** at the Woman's Club. **Advanced registration is required!** The **registration link** may be found on the home page of our website next to the calendar or by clicking the link above. **Last day to register is May 8th!**

Many, many thanks to the members who have volunteered to assist. We could not sponsor this event without so many helping hands.

If you have not volunteered to serve on a Committee, it's not too late! You may donate plants and garden-related gifts to sell at our ways and means table. Contributions should be brought to the Woman's Club Thursday morning, **May 12th between 9 a.m. and noon for pricing.**

The Spring meeting is when we honor the many accomplishments our district clubs have achieved during the past year. FFGC awards and special recognitions will be presented, in addition to a delightful lunch catered by the Woman's Club!

It is a wonderful opportunity to bond with fellow gardeners and share the beauty of our island paradise.

Our own Marianne Salas will present a program about the bygone era of Gerbing Gardens and the fisherman/founder who hybridized many Camellias and the iconic Southern G.G. Gerbing Azalea right here on Amelia Island. You won't want to miss her Camellia slide show.

This wraps up our 2021- 2022 club year. I personally would like to thank the members of our Executive Committee whose dedication is the oil which keeps the wheels turning. Have a safe and fun summer, one and all.

Beverly

## *Birthdays*

May 19 Marianne Salas  
May 25 Susannah Warner  
June 4 Linda Broadrick  
June 15 Jill Guenther  
June 16 Pam Horne  
June 28 Jane Bailey  
June 30 Sandy Neuss  
July 9 Mina Burk  
July 23 Elizabeth Rawson  
July 28 Rich Reily  
July 31 Marcia Vincent

## *Dates to Remember*

May 12 Set up for District Meeting, 9 a.m.  
**May 13 District IV Meeting, WC 9 a.m.**  
May 14 Daylily Plant Sale & Show, Courtyard Marriott, Orange Park

## *Recycle Corks*

We need wine bottle corks for our December 2022 workshop. So please continue to bring them to our meetings and keep them out of the landfills.

## *Pennies for Pines Saving*

**forests \$68 at a time.**

Continue to donate coins for reforestation of areas destroyed by natural catastrophes. Contributions in any sum will be collected at every club meeting. The Forest Service does the planting –we just donate our pennies. Easy!

## *Library Floral Exhibits*

Please contact Frances Ambrose to sign up.

[francesambrose2@gmail.com](mailto:francesambrose2@gmail.com)

## *Time to Renew Your Membership*

Please mail your check to:  
Kathleen Lunman  
96202 Ridgewood Circle  
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

**\$35.00** Individual Membership

**\$50.00** Spousal Household

Make check **payable to: Bartram Garden Club**

## *Thanks to the following members for providing morning refreshments for the Spring District Meeting*

Marcia Vincent, Kathye Reily, Mary Ann McNulty, Kim Bettencourt, Cathy Klein, Marcia DeFalco, Kathleen Lunman, Frances Ambrose and Julia Lizza. Food items should **NOT require a fork, refrigeration or reheating**. A disposal serving tray is appreciated.

Please bring contributions to the Woman's Club on **May 12th between 9 a.m. and noon**.

## *Pop-up Gift Shop/Plant Sale*

We need garden-related gifts and plants to sell at the District Meeting. Please bring donations to the Woman's Club on **May 12th between 9 a.m. and noon**. Thank you!!

**Your mind is a garden.  
Your thoughts are the seeds.  
You can grow flowers,  
Or you can grow weeds.**

Variant of William Wordsworth poem

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Fernandina Beach, FL 32035  
[www.bartramgardenclub.org](http://www.bartramgardenclub.org)

## *North Florida Daylily Society*

### **Plant Sale and Show**

More than 400 Daylilies, Many Varieties

May 14, 2022

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Courtyard Marriott

610 Wells Road

Orange Park, FL 32073

## *Plant Sale by Master Gardener Volunteers*

May 7, 9 a.m. - 12 noon

85831 Miner Road, Yulee 32097

Questions?

Call 904-530-6353