

Notes from the Trail

The Bartram Garden Club

Newsletter



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The Bartram Garden Club, Inc.

Member of NGC, Deep South Region, and FFGC

Grow + Show + Serve + Conserve

Upcoming Meeting

November 11, 2021

10 a.m. Meet and Greet

10:30 a.m. Call to Order

Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach

201 Jean Lafitte Blvd.

A Candle Shall Light the Way

Floral centerpieces using a candle as a feature or accessory

Top Oxygenating House Plants

Presenter: Show and Tell centerpieces demonstrated by various club members, and suggested oxygenating house plants for Holiday gift-giving by Betty Raker, VP of programs.

Leadership Team for November 11th*

Greeters: Jay Yates, Lorraine Conover

Inspiration: Marcia DeFalco

Raffle: Jay Yates

Clean Up: Glorienne Parisi, Pam Horne, Mariette Wooden/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,

Don't miss our November program: A display of table centerpieces which creatively incorporate candles as a feature or accessory, in addition to examples of highly oxygenating house plants for Holiday gift-giving.

Be sure to read about other opportunities in this month's newsletter. **Gardenfest** is November 5th. Registrations are accepted at the door for \$20.00. The **Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants** will entertain us on November 18th. Ticket price includes lunch. This is our main fundraiser for the year. It's an entertaining way to support the club. Contact **Kathy Rely** or purchase a ticket at the November meeting. Tables of six may be reserved.

As always, thanks for reading *Notes from the Trail* every month. We hope you find the publication timely and informative.
Beverly

Holiday Lights by the Shore Workshop

On Thursday, **December 9**, our holiday workshop will feature candles. Bring some cut fresh greens, container and candles for your custom table centerpiece. The club will provide some cut flowers, additional greens, and mechanics. Workshop fee is \$5.00 per member/ \$10.00 per guest. Contact **Betty Raker** for more information. raker@findley.edu

Welcome to our Newest Members

Please extend a garden-glove handshake to new members **Barbara Garcia** and **Margie Harkins**. Their contact information is on the password-protected Members page of our website.

Woody Owl and Smokey the Bear Poster Contests

Please join our **talent search** for aspiring artists! Children between 1st and 5th grades are invited to participate in the 2021 National Garden Clubs' poster contest. The contest encourages youth to take a personal role in preventing wildfires and conserving natural resources. We would love to sponsor one student from each age group. Please contact **Kathleen Lunman** for the details.

Garden Therapy for Children in Distress

We are compiling nature-related workbooks for children temporarily residing at Micah's Place, a shelter for victims of violence. Contact **Jill Guenther** to learn how you can help these children achieve emotional balance through nature's healing powers.

Award Winners are Recognized

Marc Williams and **Linda Broadrick** received NGC award certificates during the District meeting on October 1 for the club website and promotional brochure. Many thanks to Marc, our webmaster, and to Linda, our publicity and membership chairman, for helping make us an award-winning club.

Wildflower Badge for Scouts

We are offering local Scouts an opportunity to learn how wildflowers benefit bees, birds, and butterflies. The new FFGC Wildflower Badge will be awarded to those Scouts who participate in this special program currently being developed by **Deb Walton**. Contact Deb if you are interested in teaching our youth about the importance of pollinators.

November Birthdays

10 Suzanne Doggett

15 Danny King

28 Deb Walton

Dates to Remember

November 5 District IV Gardenfest, St. Johns Co. Agricultural Center

November 11 Club General Meeting, Woman's Club

November 17 (one week earlier than usual) Yard clean-up 9 a.m. at the Woman's Club. Join us for weeding, minor trimming and clean up around the Woman's Club campus. This allows us to meet there free of charge. Thanks to **Deb Walton, Marcia DeFalco, Pam Dawson, Marc Williams, Margie Harkins, Sandy Neuss, Margaret Bellucci, and Mina Burk** for volunteering in October. We welcome new faces and helping hands. **Green Thumb** not required.

November 18 *Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants* floral demonstration, 10 a.m. Woman's Club. Advance ticket required.

November 24 FFGC adult awards due

Reduce Reuse Recycle

Recycle
Corks: Continue to save natural and synthetic wine bottle corks. Bring them to our meetings and keep them out of the landfills.

Reduce
Invasives: Continue to replace invasive plants, such as asparagus fern, Boston fern, and Mexican petunia, with native or Florida-Friendly landscape plants. The bees, birds, and butterflies thank you!

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!



Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants

Floral Demonstration and lunch

10 a.m. November 18, 2021

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\$25 ticket includes lunch

Contact **Kathy Rely** at kathyeslife@att.net or 954-592-9443

Tropical Milkweed Alert

Native milkweeds are optimal choices for our landscapes but we all love the tropical varieties. Please remember to [cut back tropical milkweeds](#) during the month of November. This encourages our monarch butterflies to migrate and also protects caterpillars from ingesting the protozoan parasite *Ophryocystis elektroscirrha*.

Gardening by the Month - November

Click [here](#) for the Gardening by the Month calendar from UF/IFAS Extension Service.

Library Floral Exhibits

THANKS to these members for volunteering in November and December:

November 1 - 14 Jay Yates
November 15 - 31 Karen Rely
December 1 - 14 Carol Dunlop
December 15 - 31 Volunteer needed

Please contact Frances Ambrose to sign up.

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