

Notes from the Trail

The Bartram Garden Club, Inc. Newsletter



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On the Trail We Blaze

Grow + Show + Serve + Conserve

UPCOMING MEETING "Unmold as the Trail Unfolds"

Hypertufa Workshop by Reservation Only
October 8 10:00am
GFWC of Fernandina Beach

Leadership Team for October 8:

- Greeters: Frances Tidd and Deb Walton
- Hospitality: Hospitality Committee
- Inspiration: Bev Williams
- Raffle: Elizabeth Rawson
- Clean Up: Claudia Burningham, Frances Ambrose, all members

* If unable to serve please find a substitute and notify the president
ktlplot@gmail.com

We Proceeded On... A Message from the President

Dear Members,

Welcome back! I have eagerly looked forward to saying those words—and to seeing you at our outdoor October 8 hypertufa workshop meeting. (Reservation required.) You will need to wear gloves—and dust masks—and you will be smiling all the while! This fun, educational, and productive activity is a wonderful way to begin our fifth year. We have achieved so much in four short years, with special thanks to our founder Beverly Williams, and to you, our enthusiastic members. We are just beginning—Excellisior! Onward and upward!

As our club is named after William Bartram—explorer and "America's First Great Naturalist,"—the November 12 meeting will feature a special program by Sam Carr highlighting Bartram's life and travels, with a Bartram re-enactment by Mike Adams, both members of The Bartram Trail Conference.

Now that cooler weather is on the horizon, begin to prepare your gardens for the fall. You will find helpful information in our October newsletter to guide you—keeping in mind to incorporate native Florida plants in your landscape. The newsletter includes informative events and updates, and enables our business meetings to be brief, affording more time to devote to our programs. It is posted to the Home page of our website, where you can refer to it at your leisure! Also, refer to our Leadership Teams sign up form on the Home page. Please sign up to help. There several remaining vacancies.

At our October meeting we will be bidding a fond farewell to our very talented and creative Vice-president Sue Lord, who will be relocating to South Carolina. From arranging monthly programs, to demonstrating floral techniques, to designing amazing arrangements for the Fernandina library, Sue has devoted so much enthusiasm and energy to ensuring the success of our club. Sue, we will miss you and wish you the very best as you head north.

In the meantime, please contact Sue to reserve your spot and prepare for the October workshop. I look forward to greeting each one of you personally. Welcome back!
Kathleen

October 8th Hypertufa Workshop

10:00 a.m.
REGISTRATION required
Contact Sue Lord
sueblord@mac.com
202-492-2257

The fee is \$5.00 per member and \$10.00 per non-member. Handouts and specific instructions will be emailed in advance to all registered participants. **Don't delay. Space is limited** to 25 participants. Contact Sue Lord immediately so adequate supplies may be purchased.

We Need Leadership Team Volunteers!

IT TAKES A TEAM to conduct our awesome meetings. **Help!** There are still several vacancies. [Click here](#) to volunteer. It's so easy. Just type your name in the appropriate block(s). Done! *Please note our bylaws state that every member must serve on a minimum of one committee per year to remain an active member.* So please look for these and other opportunities.

In many organizations 80% of the work is accomplished by only 20% of the members. Please don't let our club be one of those organizations. Sign up today!

Here We Grow Again!

WELCOME to our newest member, **Jackie Gray!**

Jackie moved here from the Atlanta area and worked at Pike's Nursery there. She has a degree in horticulture science! We are excited to welcome Jackie to the club.

Please say hello during our October workshop.

October Birthdays

- 21 Eileen Brown
- 22 Kathye Reilly
- 28 Marc Williams

Reduce Reuse Recycle

Recycle
CORKS: Continue to save natural and synthetic corks to support "Save the Oceans" and "Save the Forests" conservation projects. Bring to the meetings.

CANS: Kans4K9s
TURN TRASH INTO valuable service dogs for warriors suffering from Post-traumatic Stress Disability! Bring us *clean aluminum* cans. (**Test each can with a magnet. If it sticks it is not aluminum.** We cannot accept tin cans.)

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 will thank you.

October is Florida Native Plant Month

The Florida Association of Native Nurseries (FANN) and the Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS) invite you to "go native." Explore their websites to learn more about what to plant in Nassau County. The birds, bees, and butterflies will be happy you did.

Dates to Remember!

- October 8**
Hypertufa Workshop
Reservations required.
sueblord@mac.com
- October 19**
District IV meeting via Zoom
- October 28**
Yard clean up at Woman's Club, 9am
- THANKS to Linda Broadrick, Karen Reilly, Kathleen Lunman, Claudia Burningham, and Marc Williams for volunteering in September!

2021 Calendars are Here

Members who ordered calendars may pick them up at the October meeting. **\$9.00 each includes tax and shipping**
Payable to Bartram Garden Club

Thanks for supporting FFGC scholarships!

Announcing the 2021 Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

It's Woodsy's 50th birthday! He challenges children to "Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!" and to take an active role in recycling, reusing, and reducing waste; planting and caring for trees; and using natural resources wisely.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. are giving students the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of basic environmental conservation principles through original drawings of Woodsy Owl.

Children from first through fifth grades are invited to participate. Any group of children can participate: Scout troops, after school programs, home-schooled students and the like. Participants must be Florida residents and be sponsored by an NGC Garden Club.

Contact a club officer if you know of a child or group of students who are budding artists! Bartram Garden Club is proud to sponsor participants.

Information is on the NGC website: gardenclub.org. Click on Youth & Scholarships at the top, then click Youth Contest from the menu. Click here for the [smokey-bear-flyer-2021.pdf](#).

Gardening By The Month – October

- What to Plant**
Annuals/Bedding plants: Plant digitalis (foxglove), petunia, and shasta daisy in the fall garden. See Annuals: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_annual_landscape_plants
Bulbs: Fragrant daffodil varieties for North Florida include "Carlton", "Fortune", "Silver Chimes", "Thalia", and "Sweetness". See Bulbs for Florida: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_bulbous_flowers
Herbs: Some to try from plants or seed include dill, fennel, oregano, and sage. See Herbs: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_herbs
Vegetables: Plant bulbing onions, salad crops such as arugula, lettuce, and spinach, as well as numerous other cool-season crops. See Vegetable Gardening in Florida: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_vegetable_gardening
- What to Do**
Lawns: Control winter weeds in lawns before they appear. Preemergent herbicides must be applied at the right time to be effective. Apply when nighttime temps are 55°F–60°F for 4–5 days. Avoid "weed and feed" products. See Lawn Weeds: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_lawn_weeds
Winter Landscapes: Plant evergreen hollies; their bright berries add color to the landscape when other plants have died back for the winter. Water well when planting and mulch to minimize weeds. See Holly: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_holly
Pine needles: Gather pine needles that are dropping and use them as natural mulch. See Landscape Mulches: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_mulch
Strawberries: This is the last month to set strawberry plants in the garden or in large containers. Either way, water daily until plants are established. See Strawberries: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_strawberries
Lawns: Lawns start to lose color as the weather cools. If a green winter lawn is desired, overseed with annual ryegrass when daytime temps are in the low 70s, but keep in mind that watering and mowing will be required.
Lawn disease: Watch for brown patch and large patch, fungal diseases that cause areas of grass to turn brown. Since treatment is difficult, prevention with proper cultural practices is key. The disease becomes active when the soil temperature, measured 2–4 in. deep, is between 65°F and 75°F and goes dormant when the weather warms in May. See Turf Diseases: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_turf_diseases

Library Floral Exhibits are Back!

After the COVID shut down, the Fernandina Beach public library is once again welcoming our fabulous floral designs for the viewing pleasure of library patrons and staff. Volunteers for October are:

- October 1 - 14 Frances Tidd
 - October 15 - 31 Beverly Williams
- Please contact Beverly Williams to sign up for November and December. bevthepatriot@gmail.com

We Have Grown a Forest!

CONGRATULATIONS to Florida garden clubs! Between March 2019 and April 2020 FFGC members donated \$21,692 to the Penny Pines reforestation project! Florida was the highest contributor from the Deep South Region. The Bartram Garden Club supports this conservation project by collecting pennies at every club meeting. Thank you for your continued contributions!

We are seeing positive results.

Coming Attraction: William Bartram Returns to Amelia Island

Our November program will feature two special guests from the Bartram Trail Society of Florida. Director Sam Carr and Mike Adams, William Bartram reenactor, will speak about our namesake and how we can continue the Bartram legacy. Plan to attend and bring a friend!

"In 1774 . . . Bartram landed on the north end of Amelia Island and crossed present Clark's Creek (formerly Egan's Creek) to the headquarters of Lord Egmont's plantation."



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