

Notes from the Trail

The Bartram Garden Club

Newsletter



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October 1, 2021

The Bartram Garden Club, Inc.
Member of NGC, Deep South Region, and FFGC
Grow + Show + Serve + Conserve

Upcoming Meeting

October 14, 2021

10 a.m. Meet and Greet
10:30 a.m. Call to Order

Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach
201 Jean Lafitte Blvd.

Natives on Display

Introduction to the University of North Florida Botanical Garden

Presenter: Rhonda Gracie, UNF Horticulturalist and Landscape Designer

Take a virtual walk through the UNF certified Botanical Garden which spans the campus and includes a nature preserve. The garden functions as an aesthetic display, educational display and research site. In addition, enjoy a guided tour with Rhonda at the university, 10 a.m. - 12 noon on **October 21st**.

Leadership Team for October 14th*

Greeters: Frances Ambrose, Frances Tidd

Inspiration: Jay Yates

Raffle: Karen Bottorff

Clean Up: Susannah Warner, Cathy Klein, Jackie Gray, Marianne Salas, and Debby Arnold

* If unable to serve please find a substitute and notify Beverly Williams.
bevthepatriot@gmail.com

We Proceeded On ... A Message from the President

Dear Members,

Many thanks to those whose contributions and attendance made our fifth anniversary celebration a festive event. This was on the heels of our last gala in May. If you attended that luncheon you know how wonderful the food was, thanks to **Claudia Burningham** and **Elizabeth Rawson**. Few members realize that Elizabeth's husband,

Brian, marinated the chicken and grilled it at 6 a.m. the morning of our meeting! Other husbands often help us behind the scenes. Thank you, one and all!

Now that we have reconnected after summer vacation, our focus turns to beginning another 5 years of learning, preserving, conserving, and serving together as a federated garden club.

Don't miss our October meeting. **Rhonda Gracie** will introduce us to the registered **Botanical Garden at UNF**, which spans the 1400 acre campus, and includes a bamboo garden and nature preserve. We are honored to "see" it before the planned grand opening celebration scheduled for spring of 2022 to coincide with UNF's 50-year Anniversary.

Be sure to read about other opportunities in this month's newsletter. **Gardenfest** is November 5th and we need your donations for the raffle basket created by **Kathy Reilly**. The **Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants** will entertain us on November 18th. Ticket price includes lunch.

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

Beverly

Tour Botanical Gardens of University of North Florida

On Thursday, **October 21** UNF horticulturalist and landscape designer, Rhonda Gracie, will give us a guided tour of the university's certified botanical garden, which spans the campus. The tour is 10 a.m. until noon. As a prelude, Rhonda will present a detailed program during our **October 14th** meeting at the Woman's Club. Save both dates and contact **Betty Raker** to sign up for the tour. raker@unf.edu

Eighteenth Annual Gardenfest is November 5

Time: 8:45 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Location: St. John's County Extension Center
3125 Agricultural Center Drive
St. Augustine 32092

Registration Fee: \$15.00 before **October 28th** \$20.00 at the door

Theme: *What a Wonderful World – To Preserve and Protect, Start in Your Own Yard*

Click [here](#) for the brochure and registration form.

Welcome to our Newest Members

Please extend a garden-glove handshake to new members **Mary Butler** and **Nancy Ponder**. 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, Inc. 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 **Bev Williams** or **Kathleen Lunman** for the details.

Tree Planting Record

The FFGC Trees and Reforestation Committee is counting trees again! The data collection year runs between March 1, 2021 and February 28, 2022. Please keep a record of the trees you plant. Our club will submit a full list to FFGC before the March 10, 2022 deadline.

Donations Needed for Gardenfest Fundraiser Raffle Basket

Please bring "small" items to the October meeting.

Suggestions include \$5 or \$10 gift cards from a national chain, such as Target, Publix, T.J. Maxx, Home Goods, Walmart and Dollar Tree.

Fall motif tapered candles, candle holders, mulling spices, small bags of flavored coffee, potpourri, napkin rings, and mini string lights. Please, **no candy or food items**.

We **do not need** fall dish towels, coffee mugs, tea or paper guest towels. Thank you.

October Birthdays

- 1 Gioranne Parisi
- 13 Nancy Ponder
- 21 Eileen Brown
- 22 Kathy Reilly
- 28 Marc Williams

Dates to Remember

October 1 FFGC District IV Fall Meeting, Orange Park

October 21 Botanical Gardens Tour, UNF

October 27 Woman's Club Volunteer Clean-up 9 a.m. Join us for weeding, trimming and clean up around the Woman's Club campus. This allows us to meet there free of charge. Thanks to **Rich Reilly, Bruce & Linda Broadrick, Deb Walton, Jay Yates, Jill Guenther and Bev Williams** for volunteering in September. We welcome new faces and helping hands. **Green Thumb not required.**

November 5 District IV Gardenfest, St. Johns County Extension Center, 3125 Agricultural Center Drive, St. Augustine

November 11 Club General Meeting, Woman's Club

November 17 WC Yard Clean-up, 9 a.m. (one week earlier than usual)

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

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Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants

Floral Demonstration and lunch

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\$25 ticket includes lunch

Contact **Kathy Reilly** 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 months of October and November. This encourages our monarch butterflies to migrate and also protects caterpillars from ingesting the protozoan parasite *Ophryocystis elektroscirta*.

Gardening by the Month – October

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

Library Floral Exhibits

THANKS to these members for volunteering in October:

October 1 - 14 Beverly Williams

October 15 - 31 Frances Tidd

Please contact Frances Ambrose to sign up.

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229-942-5307



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