

Notes From the Trail

The Bartram Garden Club Newsletter



The Bartram Garden Club, Inc.

Member of NGC, Deep South Garden Clubs, and FFGC
Grow + Show + Serve + Conserve

Next Meeting

Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach
201 Jean Lafitte Blvd

October 19

(Note: one week later)

10:00 a.m. Meet and Greet 10:15 a.m. Call to Order

Program: "Scent: A Natural History of Fragrance"

Guest Speaker: Elise Pearlstine

Author Elise Pearlstine will discuss her book, Scent: A Natural History of Fragrance, described as a fascinating exploration of the natural history of scent and human perceptions of fragrance from the viewpoint of plant and pollinator.

Bring a Friend or Prospective Member

Greeters: Kathleen Lunman, Mariette Wooden

Inspiration: Deb Walton

Raffle: Lorraine Conover

Hostesses (Drinks Only): Sandy Neuss, Karen Stanley

*If unable to serve, please find a substitute and notify
the co-presidents.*

We Proceeded on... Keeping the Trail Green!

A message from the Co-Presidents

Dear Members,

What a fantastic start to our year!

We had quite a turnout in September, from both members *and* the community! All who attended were surprisingly enlightened about our maritime forest, and walked away with a new appreciation for Amelia Island's unique ecosystem. A big thank you to the Executive Committee for offering a splendid buffet and informational displays during the social time.

We are happy to announce that **Debbie Ryan** has agreed to chair the **Garden Therapy** Committee. Her professional counseling experience is a helpful asset! Members are encouraged to **sign up** for this rewarding committee. Read Debbie's article on page 3 of this newsletter to learn how.

Proudly we are first and foremost a club that believes in giving back and making a difference in our community through service. Our various committees offer many options. We encourage each member to join a committee which fits his or her special interests. Your individual unique gifts are valued and appreciated by all!

Hope to see you at the **October** meeting on the **19th**, one week later than usual!

Thanks for all you do!
Karen and Kathye

Library Floral Exhibits

Many thanks to the following volunteers:

Oct. 1 - 14 Betty Raker

Oct. 15 - 31 Elizabeth Rawson

Nov. 1 - 14 Kathleen Lunman

Nov. 15 - 30 Betty Raker

Dec. 1 - 14 Jill Guenther

Dec. 15 - 31 Karen Stanley

Jan. 1 - 14 Karen Reily

To volunteer CLICK the SignUpGenius link on the home page of our website or contact **Frances Ambrose**.

francesambrose2@gmail.com

[229-942-5307](tel:229-942-5307)

Your displays are vastly appreciated by the library staff and patrons!

District IV Fall Meeting and FFGC Officers' Tour

October 24, 2023

Ribault Garden Club,

Jacksonville Beach

Lunch included. Please represent our club, enjoy meeting other clubs, and learning from our new FFGC Officers.

[CLICK here to register](#)

Dates to Remember

October

7 Nassau Co. Master Gardener Plant sale (**details below**)

19 General Club Meeting, 10 a.m.

(Note: one week later than usual)

24 District IV Fall Meeting, Ribault Garden Club, Jacksonville Beach (**registration link above**)

25 Woman's Club Yard Cleanup, 10 a.m.

November

3 Gardenfest, UF/IFAS Duval Co.

9 General Club Meeting, 10 a.m.

29 Woman's Club Yard Cleanup, 10 a.m.

Nassau County Master Gardeners' Plant Sale

October 7

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Rebecca L. Jordi Cooperative Extension Office

85831 Miner Road, Yulee

Plants grown by MGVs. All

proceeds support the overall horticulture program.

Event is **cash and check only**.

The Camera Corner . . . Tips for Fall Nature Photography

from Betty Raker, Photography Chairman

Create a ghostly silhouette: Think about hanging Spanish moss, or interesting bare branches; any object that's readily identifiable by its shape. Before sunset find a spot with a clear line of sight to the sky with your subject's back to the sun. As the sun is setting, take photos of your subject with the flash turned off. You should have about 20 minutes before the sun is too dark to act as a backdrop. Think about adding to the spookiness by shooting photos with elements of fog!

Low Light Strategies: Many cameras and smartphones have a shooting mode called HDR, for high dynamic range. In this mode, your camera takes two or more shots at different exposures and then combines them so you get detail in the lightest and darkest areas. If there's any movement, the shot will be blurry. It may be the only way to get a shot in very dark situations, especially with a smartphone.

Jack-O-Lanterns: The best time to capture a shot of jack-o-lanterns is at twilight, or 20 minutes after the sun goes down when the glow from the jack-o-lantern produces about the same amount of light as the night sky. With everything equally lit, the camera will have an easy time capturing the details everywhere in your shot. If you miss this 20-minute window, turn on HDR mode. Smartphones should default to HDR in these conditions.

Stage a vignette: Think about combining a candelabra with a jack-o-lantern, black cat figure, and a colorful chrysanthemum.

References: <https://www.techlicious.com/tip/tips-for-taking-great-halloween-photos/>

Garden Therapy News

How fortunate we are to belong to a club that not only benefits all of us but also believes in assisting others in so many ways. I am looking forward to working with the **garden therapy committee**. Whether the request comes from those who are physically or cognitively impaired, or those recovering from abuse or addiction, garden therapy might brighten their outlook, or at least help them appreciate that other people care.

Please consider joining this committee. "Many hands make light work" and will be most necessary when assisting some populations. Any and all suggestions and ideas for creative projects are welcome. Please feel free to text me, **Debbie Ryan** at 631-223-6548

Nassau County UF/IFAS Programs

Landscape Matters Programs

Oct. 11 Landscape Design, 10 am

Oct. 18 Florida-Friendly

Landscaping Crash Course,

3:30 - 5 pm

See all other upcoming horticulture programs and register at: [https://](https://bit.ly/NassauHorticulture)

bit.ly/NassauHorticulture

Leadership Teams

Needed for Meetings!!

Continue to **volunteer** by using our SignUpGenius online feature.

[Click here](#) **A Horticulture**

Chairman is also needed.

District IV Gardenfest

November 3

[Click here](#) for registration form.

October Birthdays

7 Karen Pavey

21 Eileen Brown

22 Kathy Reily

28 Marc Williams

30 Debbie Ryan

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome **Sabine Jarvis** and **Sue Regan** when you see them at the October meeting. They will be wearing a "New Member" ribbon on their name tag. Their contact information may be found on the password-protected Members page of our website. Contact webmaster **Marc Williams** if you need the password. willimarc@icloud.com

Horticulture Tips and Secrets!

Gardening by the Month

[Click here](#)

Seed Saving Secrets! by Pat Neasbitt for NGC

Collecting seeds to grow plants and share with others is part of the enjoyment of being a gardener. You can save seeds to make sure you have the plants next year that you want. The price of seeds, like everything else, has risen dramatically, and saving seeds can save you lots of money. Besides being frugal, it's fun to save your own seeds.

Click on the link to read the NGC Featured Blog Post by Master Gardener Pat Neasbitt.

<https://gardenclub.org/blog/seed-saving-secrets>

We are very proud to showcase the quilt square which member and fiber artist Frances Ambrose created to honor our club! This will be sewn into the FFGC Centennial Quilt and displayed during the FFGC Convention in Jacksonville April 2024. Thank you, Frances!



Follow NGC on Facebook and Pinterest

<https://www.facebook.com/NGCSOCIALMEDIA>

https://www.pinterest.com/natl gardenclubs/_created/

www.bartramgardenclub.org