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# Notes from the Trail

The Bartram Garden Club, Inc. Newsletter



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## On the Trail We Blaze

### Grow + Show + Serve + Conserve

#### We Proceeded On... A Message from the President

Dear Members,

The long, hot days of summer are slowly drawing to a close as we look forward to taking advantage of cooler weather and spending more time outdoors.

I hope you have fared well, staying safe during the past months while "social distancing." These have been very difficult times, but as gardeners we keep calm and garden on!

Our September meeting has been canceled but in October we hope to offer a fun, safe opportunity to gather and reconnect. We will conduct a long-requested hypertufa workshop. Vice-president Sue Lord has invited Amy Wilson to present this hands-on workshop to be held outdoors at the Woman's Club. When mixing ingredients for hypertufa containers, wearing a mask and gloves is automatically required. How suitable for these cautionary times! **Reservations are required.** See details below.

In November we will learn about William Bartram's travels in Florida (which began right here on Amelia Island), and how as a club we can help preserve his legacy. Sam Carr, director of The Bartram Trail Conference, and Mike Adams, a "Billy" Bartram reenactor, will offer an informative and unique presentation.

The Executive Board and I have very much missed being together with you, and we look forward to seeing your smiling eyes above your masks on October 8th!

Sincerely  
Kathleen

#### October 8th Hypertufa Workshop

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. Please sign up early so we will know how many supplies to order. Those who wish to only observe do not need to register.

#### We Need Leadership Volunteers!

IT TAKES A TEAM to conduct our awesome meetings. Please take time to sign up for one of our Leadership Teams. [Click here.](#) It's so easy. Just type your name in the appropriate block(s). Done! (The form is also available on our website at the bottom of the Home page.)

In many organizations 80% of the work is accomplished by 20% of the members. Please don't let our club be one of those organizations. Volunteer to give an inspiration, clean up, provide a raffle item, or serve as a hostess or greeter. You'll be glad you did.

#### Here We Grow Again!

WELCOME to our newest members, **Patti Toohy and Constance Rapp!**

Patti lives on the island and contacted us this summer through our website. She is very interested in native gardening and eager to learn!

Constance (Tancy) will be moving to Amelia Island this month. She is currently a member of the Garden Club of Stuart, Florida. Tancy brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge as a long-time member of FFGC.

Please welcome both newcomers during our October workshop.

#### Dates to Remember!

- September 17 FFGC Fall Meeting via Zoom
- September 30 Yard work day at the Woman's Club, 9:00 AM
- October 8 General Meeting and Hypertufa Workshop

## Gardening By The Month – September

### What to Plant

**Annuals/Bedding plants:** Try ageratum, celosia, zinnia, and wax begonia for color into fall. [See Annuals:](#) [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_annual\\_landscapes\\_plants](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_annual_landscapes_plants)

**Bulbs:** Add color, texture, and pattern to the garden with the many varieties of elephant's ear (*Alocasia* spp.), calla, narcissus, and zephyr lily. [See Elephant's Ear:](#) [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_elephants\\_ear](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_elephants_ear) and [Bulbs for Florida:](#) [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_bulbous\\_flowers](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_bulbous_flowers)

**Herbs:** Plant Mexican tarragon, mint, rosemary, and basil. [See Herbs:](#) [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_herbs](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_herbs)

**Vegetables:** It is time to establish strawberry plants. Other veggies to plant now are broccoli, carrot, cabbage, collards, and many others. [See Vegetable Gardening in Florida:](#) [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_vegetable\\_gardening](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_vegetable_gardening)



Hydroponic lettuce and herbs

### What to Do

**Lawn insects:** Continue to monitor the lawn for signs of insect damage. Fall armyworms, chinch bugs, mole crickets, and sod webworms are still active this month. See [Insect Management in Your Florida Lawn:](#) <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/R00002848/00001>

**Perennials and bulbs:** Divide and replant those that have grown too large or need rejuvenation. Add organic matter to new planting areas and monitor water needs during establishment. See [Seeds and Propagation \(Lawn and Garden\):](#) [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_garden\\_propagation](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_garden_propagation)

**Lawns:** The last fertilizer application should be around the middle or end of September in north Florida. Choose a fertilizer with no or very little phosphorus unless a soil test indicates a need for it. A fertilizer containing controlled-release nitrogen yields longer-lasting results. See [Lawn Fertilizer:](#) [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_lawn\\_fertilization](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_lawn_fertilization)

**Fertilizer Bans:** Certain municipalities in north Florida prohibit the application of fertilizer to lawns and/or landscape plants during the summer rainy season (June–September). See if such an ordinance exists in your area.

**Lawn weeds:** Maintain healthy grass because it is the best defense against weeds. Avoid "weed and feed" products; only apply herbicides to areas with weed infestations. See [Lawn Weeds:](#) [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_lawn\\_weeds](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_lawn_weeds)

**Garden for hummingbirds:** Plant firebush, firespike, russelia, and other plants to supply nectar for visiting hummingbirds. See [Hummingbird Gardening:](#) [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_hummingbird\\_gardening](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_hummingbird_gardening)

**Vegetable garden:** Prepare the fall vegetable garden if not done in August. Using transplants from your local garden center will get the garden off to a fast start, but seeds offer more varieties to choose from. For a list of Florida-proven performers, See [Vegetable Gardening in Florida:](#) [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_vegetable\\_gardening](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_vegetable_gardening)

### Bartram Garden Club is a Winner!

The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and Deep South Region recently announced our club won the following awards:

- FFGC
- 5A Special Achievement Award
- 12-3 Newsletter Award
- 15 -2 Garden Therapy Geriatric and Exceptional Award
- DEEP SOUTH REGION
- 10A-II Special Achievement Award, 3rd Place (out of 6 states!)

Kudos to our Awards Chairman, **Frances Tidd**, for her diligence in applying for these awards, and to those members who participated in the projects.

It's especially an honor to garner a Deep South Region Award! 3rd place out of 6 states is quite an achievement for a club our size which was established only four short years ago!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

## Announcing The Bartram Garden Club Brochure: Hot off the Press

KUDOS to membership chairman, Linda Broadrick, who worked tirelessly all summer creating a beautiful brochure designed to introduce prospective members to our club. Copies will be distributed in strategic places. Look for it at our October meeting, and - - - please THANK LINDA for producing an award-winning publication!! (Yes, there is a FFGC award for that, and we will apply!!)

***Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants***

The library meeting room has been reserved for this event on October 29th, **however**, all scheduled events at the library are **pending** due to COVID.

**We appreciate those who purchased tickets, and it is our sincere hope to reschedule the Sisters when it is safe to do so.**



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