

Notes from the Trail

The Bartram Garden Club
Newsletter



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The Bartram Garden Club, Inc.

Member of NGC and FFGC

Grow + Show + Serve + Conserve

Upcoming Meeting

Welcome Back Tea, Birthday Celebration and Membership Promotion

September 9, 2021

10 a.m. – 12 noon

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

Each One, Bring One

- A guest who is interested in learning about our garden club
- Your personal tea or coffee cup
- Your gardening questions
- Plate of small tea sandwiches/pastries or finger fruit OR a \$10.00 door prize in a gift bag.

Reserve a seat now – RSVP Deb Walton

Debwalton7@hotmail.com

404 - 435 - 6559

Leadership Team for September 9*

Greeters: Marcia DeFalso, Elizabeth Rawson, Karen Reily

Inspiration: Frances Ambrose

Raffle: Frances Ambrose

Clean Up: Pam Horne, Claudia Burningham, Cathy Klein, Sandy Neuss and all members

* 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,

Welcome back! The club officers have diligently planned another rewarding club year. We are excited about the kick off on **September 9th**. Hopefully you have already received your personal invitation in a separate email and sent your rsvp to **Deb Walton**. We encourage every member to **bring a guest**. This is a wonderful opportunity for others to learn about our garden club in a fun and relaxed manner.

The meeting will feature a special tea and **birthday party** in recognition of our **fifth anniversary** as a chartered federated garden club. We will recognize our charter members and all additional members by "class." Please plan to attend so you may be included in your respective "class photo."

Highlights include door prizes, raffle, gardening trivia, and special guest, **Dr. Taylor Clem**. Taylor is Nassau County's new UF/IFAS horticulture extension agent and county extension director.

Please help us welcome and introduce Dr. Clem to our community and garden club. He will be available to **answer all of your gardening questions**, and share details about the Extension Service, including the Master Gardener Volunteer Program.

Please **RSVP to Deb Walton** according to the invitation notice and meeting announcement printed above. Don't forget to include the name(s) of your guest(s).

In other news, we are very pleased to welcome back the **Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants** on **November 18**, who will present another entertaining floral demonstration. Tickets are \$25 and include lunch. They may be purchased at the September and October meetings, or by contacting **Kathy Reily** 954 - 592 - 9443. Be sure to make note of other upcoming events mentioned in this issue.

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

Beverly

FFGC District IV Fall Meeting

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. **October 1**

Host: Orange Park Garden Club

Location: Courtyard by Marriott, 610 Wells Rd., Orange Park 32073

Cost: \$30.00 includes morning refreshments and hot buffet lunch

Registration Deadline: September 23

Program: Conserving and Protecting Florida's Waters,

Jennifer Mitchell, St. Johns River Water Management District

Bonus feature: Seeds harvested from a local community butterfly garden will be available, as well as ways and means tables by the District and host club

Please attend to **represent Bartram Garden Club**.

Click [here](#) to register.

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 garden functions as an aesthetic and educational display, as well as a research site, and includes natives and a nature preserve. As a prelude, Rhonda will present a detailed program during our **October 14th** meeting at the Woman's Club. Save both dates!

Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants Return Floral Demonstration and lunch

10 a.m. **November 18, 2021**

Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach

201 Jean Lafitte Blvd.

\$25 ticket includes lunch

Contact **Kathy Reily** at kathyreilylife@att.net

or 954 - 592 - 9443

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

Host: FFGC District 4, and UF/IFAS St. Johns County Extension Service

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

The registration form will be available soon.

Theme: *What a Wonderful World – To Preserve and Protect,*

Start in Your Own Yard

Topics:

- Going Native with Florida-Friendly Landscaping
- All-American Standard Flowers
- Stormwater Pond Plantings: Why and Which Ones?
- Incorporating Edibles into Your Home Landscape

Features:

- Guided tour of the experimental gardens
- Raffles
- Ways and Means Tables
- Plant sales
- and more

Bald Eagle Stamp Program

This fund-raising project helps offset the cost of caring for injured and non-releasable raptors at the Audubon Center for Birds of Prey in Maitland, Florida.

Collectible stamps are sorted, appraised and sold to collectors. 100% of the proceeds go to help the birds.

Collectible stamps include:

- Any stamp collections
- Any foreign, commemoratives, airmail or special handling stamps
- Any State or Federal hunting and fishing licenses stamps
- Mint plate blocks
- Please, no current single-letter rate, including Christmas stamps.

Contact the Audubon Center for Birds of Prey for details.

We are saving trees!

The National Gardener and *The Florida Gardener*, quarterly newsmagazines of NGC and FFGC respectively, are no longer available in paper version. However, a convenient link to both publications is on the Homepage of our club website. *The National Gardener* can also be delivered to your inbox. Visit www.gardenclub.org to sign up. Scroll down to Members Resources. It's free, and full of interesting articles about gardening, the environment, and myriad NGC programs.



Gardening By The Month – September

Click [here](#) for the Monthly Northeast Florida Gardening Calendar published by the

UF/IFAS Extension Service.

Library Floral Exhibits

THANKS to these members for volunteering in September and October:

September 1 - 14 **Frances Ambrose**

September 15 - 30 **Kathleen Lunman**

October 1 - 14 **Beverly Williams**

October 15 - 31 **Frances Tidd**

Please contact **Frances Ambrose** to sign up.

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229-942-5307

In Loving Memory of Al Latina

FFGC immediate past president, Al Latina, passed away on August 25. Al was instrumental in bringing Amazon Smiles to FFGC. In his memory, please go to smile.amazon.com and set up FFGC as your Smiles charity or change your current charity to FFGC. If you have any problems setting it up, email Linda Felfarek at lfelf@bellsouth.net or call 352-356-2751. You can also Google "how to change your charity on Amazon Smiles". It will walk you through the steps. See you on Amazon Smiles!

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