

# Notes From the Trail

The Bartram Garden Club Newsletter



**The Bartram Garden Club, Inc.**

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## **President's Luncheon and Installation of Officers**

**Please bring a pot luck dish to share.**

**May 11th**

**10:30 a.m. Coffee/Meet and Greet**

**11:00 a.m. Call to Order**

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

## **Please Welcome Incoming Officers**

*Co-Presidents, Karen Reily and Kathye Reily*

*Vice President, Linda Broadrick*

*Recording Secretary, Jill Guenther*

*Treasurer, Pam Dawson*

**There will be a brief business meeting to vote on proposed  
changes to Bylaws and Standing Rules, followed by  
installation of new officers.**

## *We Proceeded on...*

### *A message from the Co-President*

It has been my honor to serve this club and our community since 2016. I extend my humble gratitude to each and every member who has enthusiastically supported club activities and faithfully attended meetings. I also would like to thank the dedicated executive committee who patiently worked with me the past two years. I am proud of what we have accomplished. With that, in comes the new, and on May 11th I am excited to install an outstanding team of newly elected officers. Please extend to them the support and encouragement you have afforded me. With sincerest gratitude,  
Beverly

## *Library Floral Exhibits*

**May 1 - 14: Mary Butler**

**We need volunteers.** For inspiration view the gallery of previous exhibits on the club's website.

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

[francesambrose2@gmail.com](mailto:francesambrose2@gmail.com)

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

Your displays are vastly appreciated by library staff and patrons!

## *Woman's Club Yard Maintenance Teams*

Continue to volunteer by using our SignUpGenius online feature.

[Click here](#)

Many thanks to the following members who volunteered on April 25: **Jerry Walthall, Linda and Bruce Broadrick, Deb Walton, Jill Guenther, Marc and Beverly Williams, Bob Reily and Rich Reily.**

## *Membership Dues Reminder*

Dues for the 2023-24 club year are now payable. Memberships are \$35.00 per individual or \$50.00 per spousal household.

Make check payable to Bartram Garden Club. Mail to: **Kathleen Lunman, 96202 Ridgewood Circle, Fernandina Beach, 32034.**

## *Wild Amelia Nature Festival*

The club will host an information booth on May 20th during the festival at the Atlantic Blvd. Recreation Center between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. **Mary Butler, Kathleen Lunman, Rich Reily and Bev Williams** will share details about our club.

## *District IV Spring Meeting*

### *"The Gloves Come Off..."*

**May 16, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Coffee and plant sale 9 a.m.**

Hilltop Restaurant, 2030 Wells Rd.,  
Orange Park

Deadline to register without penalty:

**April 29**

Click [HERE](#) to register

**Bring canned goods for charity.**

Guest Speaker: **Dr. David Clark,**  
"Besto Pesto"

Dr. Clark is a dynamic speaker with a sharp sense of humor! Prepare to be enlightened and entertained.

## *Dates to Remember*

**May**

**11** President's luncheon/Installation of Officers, Woman's Club, 10:30

**13** North FL Daylily Society Sale,  
Orange Park

**16** District Spring Meeting, Orange Park

CLICK [HERE](#) to register

**20** Wild Amelia Nature Festival,  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## *Nassau County Master Gardeners' Plant Sale*

**May 13**

**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.

## *Thank you for following us "Down the Rabbit Hole!"*

**"The secret, Alice, is to surround yourself with people who make your heart smile."**

Thank you all for your important contributions to our flower show and for making my heart smile. It was such a pleasure to work with enthusiastic and committed team members.

We accomplished what we set out to do: we learned more about horticulture, floral design, and photography, and shared our knowledge with the community. And in the process, we strengthened our connection to other club members.

A special thanks goes to our president, Beverly Williams who wrote the Schedule and created our artistic vision.

Also, please join me in recognizing Linda Martin, who chaired horticulture — the largest Division of our show.

I've heard so many compliments from friends and strangers who attended the show. Thank you for a job well done.

*Mariette*  
General Flower Show Chairman

## *Touched by an Angel*

by Beverly Williams

The flower show docents will attest that we met many smiling faces and grateful hearts during the flower show. I must share one heart-warming experience.

A young man, probably not older than 17 years of age, was interested in the educational exhibit "What is a Federated Garden Club?" provided by Kathleen Lunman. He read about the NGC Penny Pines program and asked how he could donate to "this organization." I found a rather large glass vase in the nearby storage room and jokingly stated he wasn't expected to fill up the jar. He dropped in a \$10.00 bill! For me that made all of our hard work worthwhile! (During the remainder of the show others made unsolicited cash donations. Thank you, Tree Angel!)

## *Gardening by the Month*

[Click here](#)

## *UF/IFAS Extension Programs*

### **Landscape Matters Programs**

May 10 Florida-Friendly Flowers

June 10 Landscape Design

June 14 Gardening with Herbs

July 12 Slugs, Bugs, and Other Garden Thugs

See all upcoming horticulture programs and

register at: [https://bit.ly/](https://bit.ly/NassauHorticulture)

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## *Welcome New Member*

Give a warm garden glove handshake to **Karen Stanley** who joined last month. Be sure to say "hello" during the luncheon. Her contact information is found on the Members tab of our website. This page is password protected.

Forgotten the password? Contact webmaster Marc Williams

[willimarc@icloud.com](mailto:willimarc@icloud.com)

## *Birthdays*

### *May*

19 Marianne Salas

25 Susannah Warner

### *June*

4 Linda Broadrick

14 Mary Cillo

15 Jill Guenther

16 Pam Horne

28 Jane Bailey

30 Sandy Neuss

30 Mariette Wooden

*Alice would like to thank the following members who led her “Down the Rabbit Hole” with style and grace!*

General Show Chairman and Fearless Leader - Mariette Wooden

Clerks and Tabulations - Chairman Cathy Klein, Elisabeth Beekman, Kim Bettencourt, Mary Butler, Julia Burch, Pam Dawson, Kathye Reily, and Marcia Vincent

Docents - Chairman Deb Walton, Frances Ambrose, Margaret Bellucci, Linda Broadrick, Claudia Burningham, Mary Cillo, Lorraine Conover, Marcia DeFalco, Kathleen Lunman, Elizabeth Rawson, Kathye Reily, Rich Reily, Beverly Williams, and Jay Yates

Educational Exhibit - Kathleen Lunman

Finance - Kathleen Lunman

Focal Area Vignette - Julia Lizza

Hospitality/ NGC Judges and Photography Judges - Claudia Burningham

NGC Judges/ Gifts/ Lunches - Beverly Williams

Signage - Marc Williams

Photographer - Marcia DeFalco

Publicity - Linda Broadrick

Schedule - Beverly Williams

Staging/Properties - Marc and Beverly Williams, Rich Reily, Doug Wooden

Horticulture Division Committee - Chairman Linda Martin, Entries Chair Betty Raker, Classification Chair Karen Reily, Placement Chair Kathleen Lunman, and volunteers Sandi Barada, Jill Guenther, Robin Overlook, and Debbie Ryan

Horticulture Division Exhibitors - Sandi Barada, Susan Borge, Julia Burch, Lorraine Conover, Sue Dwyer, Jill Guenther, Linda Martin, Betty Raker, Elizabeth Rawson, Karen Reily, Kathye Reily, Rich Reily, Debbie Ryan, Beverly Williams, Mariette Wooden; Guest exhibitors - Judy Comley, Joan Kramer, and Leslie Pierpont

Design Division Committee - Chairman Mariette Wooden, Classification Frances Ambrose, Entries Beverly Williams

Design Division Exhibitors - Betty Raker, Jill Guenther (2), Rich Reily, Linda Broadrick, Kathleen Lunman, Susan Wilson, Sue Dwyer, Elizabeth Rawson, Julia Burch, Marcia Vincent, Debbie Ryan, Amy Wilson (guest), Beverly Williams, Mariette Wooden, Ginny Pierucci (guest)

Botanical Arts Horticulture Section Committee - Classification Deb Walton, Entries Beverly Williams

BA Fairy Gardens Exhibitors - Karen Reily, Kathleen Lunman, Sue Dwyer, Bev Williams  
Botanical Arts Design Section Committee - Classification Deb Walton, Entries Beverly Williams

BA Wreath Exhibitors - Elizabeth Rawson, Marianne Salas, Debbie Ryan, Karen Pavey  
Botanical Arts Photography Section Committee - Chairman Marianne Salas, Staging Marcia DeFalco

BA Photography Exhibitors - Lorraine Conover (2), Margaret Bellucci (3), Karen Reily (2), Marc Williams (2), Cathy Klein, Marianne Salas, Mariette Wooden, Kim Bettencourt (2), Susannah Warner (2), Marcia DeFalco (3), Beverly Williams

SPECIAL THANK YOU to those who helped dismantle, and to Elisabeth Beekman who washed the linens!!

If your name is not on the list above but you attended the show, THANK YOU.

Over 160 persons from the community signed the guest book. A lot of guests who arrived during the busy, busy opening hour of the show did not record their attendance, as well as a few members. So probably close to 200 **lucky individuals** enjoyed cut and container-grown horticulture, creative floral designs, and botanical arts exhibits, including the fabulous photography section!

This is one of many reasons why joining a federated garden club is so rewarding.

Kudos everyone!!

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