



**BARTRAM CLUB OF
AMELIA ISLAND,
FLORIDA
EST. 2016**

FEDERATED GARDEN CLUB MEETING

JUNE 16, 10:00 A.M.
FERNANDINA BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

This is an orientation meeting hosted by

**THE FLORIDA FEDERATION OF
GARDEN CLUBS, DISTRICT IV**

**All those interested in chartering a federated
garden club are cordially invited to attend.**

Contact Beverly Williams, 404.312.8530

Amelia Island Federated Garden Club

The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs will sponsor an orientation meeting at the Fernandina Beach Public Library on June 16th at 10:00 AM for residents interested in chartering a local federated garden club. FFGC is a member of National Garden Clubs. NGC comprise 50 state garden clubs, and promotes the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility. For more information please contact Beverly Williams at bevthepatriot@gmail.com or call 404.312.8530.



Beverly Williams
Club President

THE BARTRAM
GARDEN CLUB

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PRINCIPLES
OF
DESIGN

BE DARN CAREFUL
RIDING PAST SCHOOLS

- BALANCE
- DOMINANCE
- CONTRAST
- RHYTHM
- PROPORTION
- SCALE





**THE
BARTRAM GARDEN CLUB**

MEETS HERE

SEPTEMBER 8th at 10:00 a.m.

Prospective Members Interested In

Gardening

Floral Design

**Nature Studies and
Environmental Issues**

Are Encouraged to Join Us!!

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GROW YOUR WORLD AND GREEN YOUR COMMUNITY

The Fernandina Beach/Amelia Island/Yulee community once again has a federated garden club which offers residents the chance to share common gardening interests on a local, state and national level. The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. has chartered "The Bartram Garden Club" to serve residents of NE Florida who are interested in the fields of gardening and landscape design, environmental conservation, floral design and civic beautification. FFGC is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc. which is headquartered in St. Louis, MO and supports federations in all 50 U.S. states and 200,000 international members.

In keeping with Fernandina's deep historical roots, the newly organized club has been named after the famed Colonial Naturalist, William Bartram, who visited Amelia Island in 1774, recording its natural flora and fauna. In commemoration a "William Bartram Trail" marker was erected at the intersection of Centre and Front Streets by the now defunct Rose Garden Club in cooperation with FFGC and the City of Fernandina Beach.

"Twenty-one Bartram Trail Markers have been erected at various sites in Florida," explains Beverly Williams, acting president of the new garden club. "All have been given to our state by local garden clubs. We wanted to keep alive Bartram's legacy. He discovered many plants and animals in Florida which were new to science at that time."

The club will conduct a "Meet and Greet" meeting at the Fernandina Branch Library on September 8 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Prospective members are cordially invited to attend. Anyone is eligible for membership who takes an active interest in gardening and is willing to promote the objectives of the club.

Beverly adds: "It's our goal to offer an enjoyable variety of educational, social and civic projects that attract a diverse membership. Joining a local garden club is a rewarding way to grow a green world while bettering the community and environment."

For more information Beverly may be contacted at bevthepatriot@gmail.com or by calling 404.312.8530.

As submitted to "The Fernandina Observer" online publication.



Members of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC) are in the initial process of forming a federated garden club to serve the Amelia Island/Fernandina Beach/Yulee area. Current FFGC District IV director, Carolyn Stevens, and local resident and FFGC member, Beverly Williams, will conduct an introductory meeting to address questions from prospective members. All interested residents of the community are invited to contact Beverly at 404-312-8530 or email at bevthepatriot@gmail.com for more information.

FFGC is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc and the Deep South Region. National Garden Clubs, Inc., (NGC) is a not-for-profit educational organization headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri. The organization comprises 50 state garden clubs and the National Capital Area, 5,000 member garden clubs and 175,000 members. Additionally, NGC has 60 national affiliated organizations within the United States and nearly 330 international affiliated organizations with locations ranging around the globe including: Canada, Mexico, South America, Bermuda, South Africa, Australia and Japan.

Overall, NGC promotes the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility and help coordinate the interests and activities of state and local garden clubs in the U.S. and abroad.



City proclaims September 16, 2016 Arbor Day

Submitted by **Suanne Z. Thamm**

Reporter – News Analyst

September 9, 2016 1:30 P.M.

Mayor John A. Miller has proclaimed Friday, September 16, 2016 as Arbor Day in the city of Fernandina Beach, FL. In issuing his proclamation at the September 6, 2016 meeting of the Fernandina Beach City Commission, Miller invited the public to attend a tree planting ceremony at 10:00 a.m. that day at the Third Street Rail Yard, where the city is installing screening planting consisting of Southern Red Cedar and American Sweet Gum trees.

Miller said that the city is celebrating its 14th year as a designated Tree City USA community. He presented the proclamation to Reha London of the Bartram Garden Club and the Amelia Tree conservancy.



Fernandina Beach Mayor John Miller presents Arbor Day proclamation to Reha London.

In accepting the proclamation, London called the recognition "serendipitous." She recounted her visit to City Hall during which she asked how to beautify the Third Street corridor leading into the city from Gum Street. She credited city Senior Planner Kelly Gibson with the idea of combining Arbor Day commemoration with a planting project that will help screen the railroad and industrial activities from the street.

London also announced that Fernandina Beach now has a federated garden club in the Bartram Garden Club. She invited the public to the club's first meet-and-greet at the Fernandina Beach Library at 10:00 a.m. this Thursday, September 8, 2016.



Editor's Note: Suanne Z. Thamm is a native of Chautauqua County, NY, who moved to Fernandina Beach from Alexandria, VA, in 1994. As a long time city resident and city watcher, she provides interesting insight into the many issues that impact our city. We are grateful for Suanne's many contributions to the Fernandina Observer.



Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, the first Arbor Day was observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska and now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, the City celebrates its 14th year as a designated Tree City USA community; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to recognize the contributions towards continuing to maintain and improve the City's tree canopy made by Ms. Reha London of the Bartram Garden Club, and the Amelia Tree Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, Fernandina Beach observes Arbor Day each year in recognition of the importance of trees throughout our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John A. Miller, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Fernandina Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 16, 2016, as

“ARBOR DAY”

in Fernandina Beach, Florida, and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations and encourage citizen to celebrate Arbor Day by attending the City's tree planting ceremony on Friday, September 16, 2016 at 10am at the 3rd Street Railyard where the City has installed a screening planting consisting of Southern Red Cedar and American Sweet Gum Trees.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, John A. Miller, hereunto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of the City of Fernandina Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 6th day of September 2016.

CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH

JOHN A. MILLER
Mayor - Commissioner



CITY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM
City of Fernandina Beach



SUBJECT: Proclamation of Arbor Day 2016

ITEM TYPE: Ordinance Resolution Other
 Proclamation Presentation

REQUESTED ACTION: Proclaim Friday, September 16, 2016 as Arbor Day

SYNOPSIS: Attached is a Proclamation for Arbor Day on Friday, September 16, 2016 at 10am. Ms. Reha London with the newly established Bartram Garden Club will accept the proclamation. The City's Arbor Day will take place along S. 3rd Street right-of-way where a screening planting will be installed along the railyard area. The planting will consist of Southern Red Cedar and American Sweet Gum trees. The public is invited to attend the event.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

2016/2017 CITY COMMISSION GOALS:
(As approved by Resolution 2016-51)

<input type="checkbox"/> Beach Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Alachua Street
<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer Field Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater
<input type="checkbox"/> Downtown Density	<input type="checkbox"/> Opportunity
<input type="checkbox"/> ADA Improvements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Departmental
<input type="checkbox"/> Consideration	

CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS: No additional comments.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION(S): I recommend that the City Commission proclaim Friday, September 16, 2016 as Arbor Day. *DM*

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR	Submitted by: Marshall McCrary, <i>[Signature]</i> CDD Director	Date: 8/23/16
CONTROLLER	Approved as to Budget Compliance	Date:
CITY ATTORNEY	Approved as to Form and Legality	Date:
CITY MANAGER	Approved Agenda Item for 09/06/16 <i>DM</i>	Date: 8/23/16

COMMISSION ACTION: Approved As Recommended Disapproved
 Approved With Modification Postponed to Time Certain
 Other Tabled



Post Office Planting Bed

- A - Agapanthus
- R - Prostrate Rosemary
- Iris - Apostles' Giant





THE BARTRAM GARDEN CLUB

The Bartram Garden Club is a civic and educational organization chartered in September 2016 to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility in Nassau County. The club is an affiliate of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC) under the umbrella of National Garden Clubs (NGC), headquartered in St. Louis, MO. Federated garden clubs network to promote service projects and community building through floral design, gardening and environmental studies.

In early 2016 FFGC District IV Director, Carolyn Stevens and Fernandina Beach resident, Beverly Williams, identified the need for a state garden club to serve Amelia Island and the greater Nassau County area. "Like myself, many residents were active in a federated club before moving here from another state," Beverly stated. "Most of us are learning how to navigate Florida's unique climate and soil. Others want to continue their floral design studies."

The Bartram Garden Club began with 26 charter members and was so named to recognize the legacy of Colonial naturalist, William Bartram, who set foot in Florida at Amelia Island in 1774. "We felt it was appropriate to acknowledge the role he played in NE Florida's history, having discovered many plants and animals here unknown to science at that time." In total, twenty-one Bartram Trail Markers have been dedicated at various sites in Florida by state garden clubs. One marker stands at the riverfront in downtown Fernandina Beach.

Service to the community is an important hallmark of the club. Members place a floral display on a rotating basis in the foyer of the Fernandina library, serve on the Design Council of Fernandina Main Street and lead garden therapy programs at a local assisted living facility. One member is actively identifying heritage trees within the City of Fernandina Beach. Another member initiated the idea to plant trees along South 3rd Street to screen the rail yard from view. The club hopes to soon sponsor NGC "Design

Study Units 1-6", a series of basic design workshops taught by FFGC instructors which will be offered to club members and open to the general public.

The club currently meets at the Fernandina Branch of the Nassau County Public Library the second Thursday of the month, September through May beginning at 10:00am. Programs alternate between design, horticulture and environmental topics. Guests and prospective members are always welcome. For more information about the organization and upcoming meetings please visit www.bartramgardenclub.org





SUBMITTED PHOTOS

At left, last week, Nassau County 4-H youth and parents headed to Tallahassee to participate in the annual 4-H Day at the Capitol. This event is a chance for youth from across the state to flood Tallahassee in a "sea of green" while learning about their state government. Youth had the opportunity to listen to speeches from public officials and 4-H alumni, including Florida Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam. Both Nassau and Duval county 4-H'ers met firsthand with state Sen. Aaron Bean to share why they are 4-H members and what 4-H means to them. Youth also attended a workshop about the Florida Supreme Court. Altogether, more than 500 4-H members and parents were present at the Capitol as part of this event.

At right, Nassau County 4-H would like to thank the members of the Callahan Masonic Lodge No. 32 for their donation to the youth development program. Lodge Treasurer George Spicer presented the donation to members of the Nassau County 4-H Council, the youth leadership team for the 4-H program. This council is composed of youth from various clubs throughout Nassau County. 4-H is extremely thankful to have community support such as the Masonic Lodge to make its programs accessible to all youth. If you're interested in learning more about Nassau County 4-H, call 530-6353. 4-H is open to youth ages 5-18 throughout the county. 4-H also needs both one-time and recurring adult volunteers to help with programs.



PHOTOS BY PHIL SCANLAN FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

Above left, a sand castle depicting its inspiration, the Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island. Above right, a Camelot-style sand castle on the beach.

My daily walk — on our beautiful beach

PHIL SCANLAN
For the News Leader

The above two sand castles were near the Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island during my walk on the Amelia Island beach. (Tuesday). Although we are all supposed to "Leave No Trace" on the beach, apparently a few guests decided to leave something pretty nice for me to enjoy.

My walk is a slow 2-mile, 1-hour walk each day. I prefer the beach if not too hot, cold or windy. My second choice is the Amelia Island Parkway sidewalk, which connects to the A1A Amelia Island paved path. Living just north of American Beach, I am very lucky to have these two wonderful options for my daily walk.

The beach is my first preference for a walk because the ocean is beautiful and the beach

is alive with people, birds and, occasionally, a few dolphins. Today, I saw a super flock of 60 pelicans flying in their graceful formation. Usually, I see a flock of only 15 to 20; I think 60 may be all of our beach pelicans.

Lots of toddlers were having fun playing in the wading pools left at low tide for small kids to enjoy. Lots of teenage girls were enjoying the waves hitting at their feet while clicking cellphone photos of each other. Many adults sat nearby in their beach chairs reading or texting while getting a sun tan.

My hour walk each day is a wonderful opportunity to get fresh air, exercise and enjoy the island; and it is also a necessary part of my medical treatment plan. We all need to keep moving to keep living. We all need to be able to walk, run or bicycle safely.

Having paths to walk, run or

bicycle safely on is as important as having roads to drive on.

Over the past several years, with the help of federal and state grants, the city, county and state have worked together to help make significant improvements in our Amelia Island Trail Network. We now have about 50 miles of Amelia Island trails: some in our parks and some connecting our parks. See www.AmeliaIslandTrail.org for an island trail map or pick up a trail map flier at the Fernandina Beach Visitors Center in the train depot downtown. The next big trail improvement will be a new 10-foot-wide paved path along Simmons and Bailey roads across the island from the Atlantic Ocean to the Amelia River, funded with another federal grant.

After that, we need the city and county to work together to make a number of small-

er improvements to enable safer trail access to downtown Fernandina Beach, as specified in a study done in 2016 by Sprinkle Consultants. That study was funded by the Regional Transportation Planning Organization. We have analyzed the 169-page Sprinkle study and sent a specific two-page proposal for acting on that study to both the city and county managers that I hope will be scheduled for consideration by the city and county commissions in the near future.

Our community team goal is to help make Amelia Island the best place in Florida to walk, run or bicycle safely.

Enjoy your own daily walk, run or bicycle ride on Amelia Island.

Editor's note: Phil Scanlan is the CEO of Friends of Amelia Island Trail Inc.



SUBMITTED

Democrats help Micah's Place

Members of the Nassau County/Amelia Island Democratic Club gathered items to donate to Micah's Place at the party's March monthly meeting. From left, Jennifer Wildes, Bob Zingler, Carla Voisard and Joyce Frink.



SUBMITTED

Garden Club spruces up library landscaping

Members of the Bartram Garden Club recently volunteered to pull weeds and tidy up the landscaping in front of the Fernandina Beach library. The club also exhibits a floral art design in the foyer on a rotating basis for staff and patrons to enjoy. For information about other service projects, visit www.bartramgardenclub.org



ROBERT WEINTRAUB FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

Newspaper columnist visits Men's Newcomers Club

Mark Woods, Florida Times-Union columnist and author, discussed his adventures in America's national parks at a recent meeting of the Men's Newcomers Club at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club.



PHOTOS BY JOANNE TEMPLETON/UF/IFAS NASSAU EXTENSION

Nassau County Extension happenings

Above, homeowner Fred Espersen chats with UF/IFAS Nassau Extension Director Becky Jordi as he completes the second day of "Crash Course in North Florida Gardening." Espersen and more than 20 other homeowners participated in an intense six-hour course to learn about gardening in their landscapes.

Below, Jordi prunes the East Palatka holly in the UF/IFAS Nassau Demonstration Garden during a recent Landscape Matters class. She also discussed the correct pruning techniques for crape myrtle trees.