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Members of The Bartram Garden Club gather with leaders from the Nassau County Council on Aging at 1901 Island Walkway in Fernandina Beach, where the club presented a Majestic Beauty Indian Hawthorn tree for the agency's future home. Participants at the tree planting were from left Don Harley, COA Human Resources director; Frances Bartelt, COA volunteer coordinator; Janice Ancrum, COA president and CEO; Dan Borge, COA board of directors and club member; Susan Borge, chair of the club's Horticultural Committee; Pattie Pitts (kneeling), chair of the club's Civic & Beautification Committee; Adam Miller, Liberty Landscape Supply; Melody Dawkins, COA membership director; Richard Reily, club member; Cathy Klein, club member and coordinator for Flowering Fernandina; Kathleen Lunman, club vice president; Kathye Reily, club secretary; Joshua Stafford, Gage Tree Care; and Nancy Ellison, club member.

Bartram Garden Club gifts COA for Florida Arbor Day

The Nassau County Council on Aging recently received a gift of "green" from The Bartram Garden Club – the first addition to the landscape surrounding the agency's new building located at 1901 Island Walkway in Fernandina Beach, according to a news release. COA expects to occupy its new location later this year.

The Majestic Beauty Indian Hawthorn tree, a small garden tree that provides a spectacular show of spring color, will become the centerpiece of a butterfly gar-

den in the future.

"Our donation of this beautiful Majestic Beauty not only recognizes the importance of growth in our community, but also speaks to long, healthy life which is the mission of the Council," Bartram Garden Club President Beverly Williams said in the release. "Also, the timing of this tree planting is not coincidental – Florida Arbor Day is celebrated in January."

Liberty Landscape Supply delivered the tree to the site, as well as supplied planting exper-

tise. Gage Tree Care removed the stump from the original tree damaged by Hurricane Irma. Both local companies donated supplies and services.

"The Nassau County Council on Aging works on a daily basis to cultivate partnerships with the local community, county and state which result in the vital programs and services we offer to our seniors," said COA President and CEO Janice Ancrum. "This gift is a perfect addition to our future home in Nassau County."

"The Bartram Garden Club strongly supports service to the community and endeavors to be a good partner with the local community, county and state. Specifically, the club strongly supports the planting, nurturing and protection of trees. Chartered in September 2016, the club is named in recognition of famed colonial naturalist William Bartram, who set foot in Florida on Amelia Island in 1774, and recorded its flora and fauna," the release states.

**Bartram Garden Club Gifts NCCOA
with Flowering Tree**



**Bartram Garden Club, NCCOA Leadership
Team and friends pose with the newly planted
Majestic Beauty**

The Bartram Garden Club planted a flowering tree on the grounds of the new **Nassau County Council on Aging** building located at 1901 Island Walkway on Jan. 19, in honor of Florida Arbor Day.

Bartram Garden Club president Beverly Williams, said, "The donation of this beautiful *Majestic Beauty* not only recognizes the importance of growth in our community, but also speaks to long, healthy life which is the mission of the Council."

Liberty Landscape Supply and Gage Tree Care assisted with the site preparation and planting of the *Majestic Beauty Indian Hawthorn Tree*, which is prized for its fragrant clusters of pale pink blossoms.

**The Bartram Garden Club
Meeting Agenda March 8, 2018**

10 - 10:30 a.m. Hospitality

Call to Order

Welcome guests and new members: Julie Crocker, Vanneza Rivera

Inspiration Nancy Ellison

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the U.S.A.

Program Thyme to Grow Rebecca Jordi
 Nassau Co. Extension Director

Myriad Ways to Use Lavender Pam James
 Pelindaba Lavender

Approval of February Minutes
Treasurer's Report

President's Report

March Birthdays
Tree Count - Tree-mendous!
The Language of Orchids, March 17-18, GC of Jax
Sisterhood of The Traveling Plants, \$25.00, make
reservation, April 19th, 10:00 a.m., Woman's Club
Flower Show, St. Augustine GC, April 20 - 22, Agriculture
Center, St. John's County
State Flower Show, April 22 - 24, World Golf Village,
Hostesses needed
District Meeting - May 17th, Ravine Gardens State Park,
Palatka
Symposium - Thank you! Thank you!

Vice President's Report

Committee Reports

Horticulture Tip, Susan Borge
Design Tip, Beverly
Civic Beautification, Pattie Pitts and Reha London
Hospitality, Claudia Burningham
National Arbor Day commemorated by COFB - Peg Lehosit
Library Exhibits -
February 15 - 28, Debby Arnold
Currently, Pattie Pitts
March, Anne Henson
March 26 - April 1, Katie Aquino

April 1 - April 15, Mariette Wooden
 April 15 - 30, Fran Kienle
 May 1 - 15, Nancy Ellison
 May 15 - 31, Beverly Williams
 June 1 - 15, Kathleen Lunman
 June 15 - 30, Frances Tidd
 July 1 - 15, Debbie Pakradooni
 July 15 - 31, Marianne Sales
 August 1 - 15
 August 15 - 31
 Penny Pines, Jay Yates

Adjourn

PLEASE LEAVE NAME TAGS AT REGISTRATION DESK.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 8 - Alice Caldwell
- 10 - Beverly Williams
- 23 - Claudia Burningham
- 26 - Elizabeth Rice

Treating Cold-Damaged Plants

<http://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/care/weather/treating-cold-damage.html>

Water

After a freeze, check the soil around your plants. Plants may not be getting the water they need if the soil has dried out or if the water in the soil is frozen. Watering the area can help defrost the soil and provide your plants with an available source of moisture. Even injured plants need water.

Fertilizer

While you may be tempted to add a little fertilizer to your plants to help speed their recovery hold off. If you fertilize too early you could encourage new growth before cold weather has gone. It's best to wait until spring to begin fertilizer application. Once the danger of frost has passed, an application of fertilizer can help speed recovery.

Pruning

Don't prune cold-damaged plants right away. The dead foliage looks bad, but will help insulate plants from further injury. In the spring, assess the extent of the damage by scraping the bark with your fingernail. Cold-injured wood will be black or brown under the bark. To be certain where to prune, wait until plants begin to sprout new growth.

My Hints:

1. Water BEFORE a freeze, as well as after. Dessication is the enemy of plants in the cold.
2. Unlike most plants, the damaged tissue of herbaceous plants (e.g. Begonias, Elephant Ears, Impatiens, etc) that melt into mush in response to freezing temps should be removed soon after the freeze to avoid rotting the crown of the plant.
3. If you're going to go to the trouble of covering plants with burlap or even a bedsheet, also slip a bucket of warm water underneath. It will help keep the air under the covering warm, as water loses heat slower than air.

LAVENDER GROWING TIPS



**PELINDABA
LAVENDER**
SAN JUAN ISLAND

- **Drainage.** This is perhaps the most important factor for successful lavender growing. If planting in heavy or poorly draining soil, dig a hole much larger than the pot size and fill with soil amended with gravel or chicken grit. Make sure water drains readily from the hole before planting.
- **Acidity.** Lavender likes soil at neutral pH or slightly alkaline. If soils are acidic as is commonly the case at Pelindaba's San Juan Island farm, they will need amendment - calcitic lime works particularly well in this regard.
- **Sun.** Lavender likes to have at least eight hours of sun daily during the flowering season. Good sun exposure is important for full blooming and long life. It does especially well when planted near heat-reflecting materials, such as against rock walls, over crushed oyster shells or light colored gravel, etc.
- **Weed control.** In rich soil, lavender does not compete well with weeds. Make sure the area is well-cleared of weeds before planting, and be vigilant about removing them when they reappear. We recommend liberal use of weedcloth - woven form to allow water and air to pass through but not light.
- **Watering.** Along with poor drainage, over-watering is the most common reason for lavender failing to thrive. In our climate in the San Juan's (only 19-20" of rain, virtually all in the winter), watering is necessary only in the first year when establishing the plants. Make sure the plants neither dry out nor have soggy roots (if using a water meter, water only when "3" or less). Use drip irrigation where possible, or when watering by hand, avoid getting moisture on the leaves. Once plants are established, they should rarely need watering - though watch for early signs of wilting in the early stages of flower-head development when a short watering or two will be beneficial.
- **Fertilizing.** Except in pots (see below), lavender does not need fertilizer, which contributes mainly to leaf growth but does little for flowering. Nutrient depletion can also be a source of leaf yellowing.
- **Pruning.** Pruning is absolutely required for good flower development and to prevent woody stalks. In our climate we choose to prune in late fall before the plant goes dormant for the winter. Cut the flowers down to within two leaf nodes above the grey/brown woody part of the stem (leaving approximately 2-3 inches of green stalk). Not cutting down this far can result in the plant becoming leggy over time, or growing so large that with a full flourish of flowers it can become unduly top heavy, leading to the main trunk splitting and potential plant death. On the other hand, cutting too far, namely into the woody part of the stem, can decrease plant life significantly.
- **Potted lavender.** Lavender grows well in pots as long as there is enough sun and enough room to accommodate the plant's large root system. If you do plant in pots, use well draining potting soil amended with gravel. Unlike their field-planted brethren, potted plants dry out readily, so in this situation more watering is required. Similarly, in pots lavender may benefit from occasional fertilizing such as with fish emulsion.

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