



FINALLY, OUR BEAUTIFUL ISLAND IS IN BLOOM! We can look forward to warmer temperatures and longer days with sunshine into the early evenings. Some of you may be traveling this season — “May the wind always be at your back and the sun upon your face...” Best wishes to all of you!

— Susan Koehler

BOOK DISCUSSION

LAST TRAIN TO PARADISE: HENRY FLAGLER AND THE SPECTACULAR RISE AND FALL OF THE RAILROAD THAT CROSSED THE OCEAN *by Les Standiford*

Discussion leader: Margaret Davis

WHEN: Wednesday, April 2, 2:30 - 3:30 PM
WHERE: Amelia Plantation Chapel
CONTACTS: Mina Burk, Sarah Warden



This is our last book discussion for the 2024-2025 calendar year. Whether new to the group or a stalwart member, we'd love to see you around our table. All are welcome to actively participate or simply listen to member-led discussions.

SIPS & SAVORIES *and Sweets, too!*

A casual way to get to know one another as we gather in members' homes. Husbands and partners, are welcome to attend this event. RSVP required.

WHEN: Tuesday, April 15, 5:00 – 7:00 PM
WHERE: Home of Leslie and Joseph Cutajar
WHAT TO BRING: An appetizer to share (*and any necessary serving utensils*).

Please identify your food on a card with your name, and the name of your appetizer. Another guest may be interested to know more about your recipe.

Your choice of beverage: wine, beer, soft drink, liquor with mixer.

RSVP: By Monday April 8, 2025 (required)
CONTACT: Diana Kaspar



COFFEES ☕

PLA is eager to introduce potential members to our group. Bring a friend or neighbor who might be interested in joining. Coffees are an excellent forward to our organization, and the benefits of membership.

WHEN: Monday, April 14, 10:00 – 11:00 AM
WHERE: Long Point Grill, Summer Porch
CONTACTS: Allison Crisp, Leslie Cutajar
RSVP: By Monday April 14th, 2025 (*Maximum 30 guests, RSVP required*)
CONTACT: Allison Crisp



GARDEN INTEREST *APRIL, the joy of new beginnings, the beauty of Spring...*



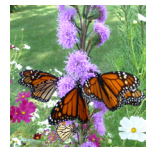
THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA'S ANNUAL MEETING & FLOWER SHOW *Join us for:*



Birds are the educational focus of Flora and Fauna as shown in Division V Education Exhibit. You may also explore beautiful and inspiring entries in floral design, horticulture, photography, botanical arts, and education exhibited by talented members of 16 member garden clubs.

There's so much to discover! The flower show is FREE and open until noon.

We will travel by bus to Garden Club of America's Annual Meeting & Flower Show, Flora & Fauna at Sawgrass Marriott, Ponte Vedra Beach in Jacksonville. Leslie Pierpont will join us for the tour.



WHEN: Tuesday, April 29th, at 9:00 AM
COST: \$50.00 for round trip transportation from The Oaks, seating is limited. Please send in your check made payable to: PLA Treasurer, and mail to: PLA Treasurer, PO Box 15274, Fernandina Beach FL 32035 Your check will hold your spot.

RSVP: Email or call Leslie Pierpont

Details, departure time and lunch menu selections, and cost will be included in the invitation.



* Reminder to wear your Nametag!





MAY EVENTS to mark on your calendar. Invitation & details.

MAY LUNCHEON & ANNUAL MEETING

Summer Ahoy!

Join our Tribute to Summer at the PLA's last luncheon of the year!
Fashion Show by Omni's Salty Threads

- WHEN:** Tuesday, May 13, 11:30 AM
WHERE: Amelia Island Club, Atlantic Room
COST: Send a \$35 check to: Treasurer, PO Box 15274, Fernandina Beach FL 32035
This is a popular event so mail your check as soon as possible!
RSVP: Reservation deadline is Monday, May 8th. Sorry no cancellations/refunds after that date. Email any dietary restrictions no later than May 8th to: Ellen Stark,



Enjoy special guest speaker from **THE AMELIA ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE**

THE AMELIA ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE stretches back to 1820 when it was erected on Cumberland Island and part of Spain. The Lighthouse was dismantled and in 1838 was reconstructed on the northern end of our island, near the mouth of Egan's Creek. It is the oldest existing lighthouse in Florida. In November, the city received federal and state support to help fund a 3-month restoration and is raising private funds from people like us to complete this important work.-

Donations by check, in any amount to The Amelia Island Lighthouse, may be given at the May Luncheon.



MAY SIPS & SAVORIES and Sweets, too!

A casual way to get to know one another as we gather in members' homes. Husbands and partners are welcome to attend this event. RSVP required.

- WHEN:** Tuesday, May 6, 5:00 - 7:00 PM
WHERE: Home of Louise and Robert Fontaine
WHAT TO BRING: An appetizer to share (*and any necessary serving utensils*).
 Please identify your food on a card with your name, and the name of your appetizer. Another guest may be interested to know more about your recipe.
 Your choice of beverage: wine, beer, soft drink, liquor with mixer.
RSVP: By Monday April 28, 2025 (required)
CONTACT: Diana Kaspar



Watch your email for additional events in May!

May 31st marks the end of PLA's 2024-2025 calendar year, and the start of our 2025-2026 Membership Campaign.

For your convenience, there is a pdf of the membership form attached that may be downloaded and printed. Please fill out the form and send in, along with your check for \$35.00 to ensure your contact information is included in PLA's 2025-2026 Handbook/Directory.

If you're interested in getting involved in a committee, leading a special interest group or wish to propose new ideas, we encourage you to get involved!

Contact us at: plantationladiesassociation@gmail.com for more information.