

2022 St. Johns River Bartram Frolic Symposium

April 24th, 2:00 PM, 1st Presbyterian Church Westminster Hall

2:00 PM: Bartram's Natural World - Dr. Dorinda Dallmeyer, President Bartram Trail Conference, Bartram Scholar

Dr. Dallmeyer will discuss the inspiration for her film *Cultivating the Wild*. In her book *Bartram's Living Legacy* she writes, "Like William Bartram, we need to take the time to look around ourselves, to notice the natural world going on about its business, and to realize that nature is not just a backdrop, some stage set against which we play our lives, but truly the crucible of our creation, the world which has made us what we are." An inspirational speaker, she will share her passion for Bartram's view of our world.

2:30 PM: James Spalding and William Bartram: A Traveler's Guide—Dr. Christopher Robinson

William Bartram came into his own during his Florida trip. In this talk, Dr. Robinson will introduce us to James Spalding, Bartram's host here in Palatka at Spalding's Lower Store, and we will follow Bartram through Florida as he uses James Spalding's stores as his bases. The focus of this talk will be the physicality of Bartram's trip, with an emphasis on integrating the places Bartram visited, the people he met, and the events (such as the great alligator battle) that marked this year of Bartram's southern trip.

3:00 PM: The Frolic on the St. Johns Education Program: Lisa Rinaman - St. Johns Riverkeeper and Susan Garboriau - Putnam County School District Technology and Innovations Director.

The St. Johns River Bartram Trail started as a celebration of the St. Johns River and its recreational assets. The St. Johns Riverkeeper and the Putnam County School District transformed it into an educational opportunity for the students of Putnam County. The history, science, culture, and environment of the St. Johns River through William Bartram's eyes has been taught to over 2,500 Putnam County students. Many of the students enjoyed their first boat ride on the St. Johns River. Lisa and Susan will talk about the program and its effect on the children, the community and the BTSF.

3:45 PM: Making the Bartram Trail in Florida Happen: Dean Campbell, Director - Bartram Trail Society of Florida, Director- Bartram Trail Conference, and Stephanie Liskey, Managing Partner, Sailforth Productions.

Dean Campbell has been instrumental in the development of the Bartram Trail in Florida since its inception in 2013. He will review where we are, the five counties that are currently involved, and the possibilities to expand the Trail across the Southeast. This has been a long-time vision of his and it may just happen. Stephanie Liskey is a Managing Partner of Sailforth Productions. Stephanie will talk about the development of the graphical identity for Bartram Trail in Putnam County as it has evolved through connections with Volusia County and the Bartram Trail Society of Florida. She will also talk about how the Bartram Heritage can be used to link designated Scenic and Historic Byways throughout the SE United States enhancing their value and public appeal.

4:45 PM: Sam Carr - President of the Bartram Trail Society of Florida, Past-President Bartram Trail Conference

Sam will close the symposium with a review of all that has happened because of the William Bartram legacy in the state of Florida and the 2022 St. Johns River Bartram Frolic.