



# Allamanda News

*The Newsletter of the Wellington Garden Club*

**NOV/DEC 2015**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



The leaves are falling, the air is crisp and clear, snow flurries sprinkle the ground. The sun is shining bright and the squirrels are scampering for nuts to prepare for the long, cold winter in Connecticut where I am visiting my son (slide presentation at November Meeting). On the other hand, the palms are swaying, the air is warm and dry, the sun is shining bright and the aningas are sunning themselves on the water's edge at home in Florida.

Wellington Garden Club members have been very busy scurrying about over the last two months catching up with old friends at our first two monthly meetings, hearing great speakers explain the benefits of an urban food garden and teach us how to understand and enjoy a flower show. In September, our Youth Contest Chairs organized a Smokey Bear presentation with the Florida Forest Rangers at Binks Forest Elementary School. In the same month, our Environmental Chairs organized a great Beach Coastal Cleanup at Boynton Beach. We had our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tree Planting Community Event on Sept 26, 2015 when we planted more than 750 Florida Slash Pines with the help of around 50 volunteers from the community and our club. The Youth Chair organized a Wynnebrook Elementary Green Apple Day event in conjunction with the school and Pratt & Whitney with great volunteer support.

Our Around & About Chair organized our first outing at Goss/Cummings Gardens in the Acreage to see some beautiful gardens by Lisa and Michael, gardeners. District X events was the "Meeting of the Minds" in September mainly for Presidents and Chairs and the Fall Meeting in October was attended by several of our members.

The fun doesn't stop there. Look forward to more exciting events such as hearing about old growth cypress wood by speakers, Jesse and Dee Vance at our November meeting and joining our December Holiday luncheon at Mayacoo Lakes Country Club with a "Roaring 20's" theme. November is also the start of our Garden Art and Floral Design Workshops where you will have a chance to show off your creativity. Go to [www.gardenclubs.org](http://www.gardenclubs.org) and [www.ffgc.org](http://www.ffgc.org) for information on educational classes offered by NGC and FFGC. Another upcoming and exciting event is our joint effort to plant a pollinator garden with the Village of Wellington and Whole Foods set to kick-off mid-November.

Thank you, dear members, for your volunteer efforts and participation in our events and programs. Remember to keep our members who have recently lost loved ones and who are not feeling well in your prayers and thoughts. Reach out to them in their time of need.

*Kathy*

***"Nurture our gardens, ourselves and our leaders of tomorrow"***

## WGC CALENDAR OF EVENTS – November-December 2015

Nov 2	Garden Club Meeting – Village Park (10:30 AM)
Nov 8-10	FFGC Fall Symposium – Palm Beach Gardens
Nov 10-11	NGC Landscape Design Course 1 – New Smyrna Beach
Nov 11	Garden Art Workshop – Fire Station 30 (9 AM – Noon)
Nov 12-13	NGC Landscape Design Course II – Sarasota <b>NEW DATES &amp; LOCATION</b>
Nov 16	Around & About – Adventure Mini Golf, Lake Worth
Nov 17-18	NGC Gardening Study Course 1 – Miramar
Nov 19	Wellington Landscape Maintenance – Village Park (8:30 AM) -TBA
Nov 19	Floral Design Workshop – Fire Station 30 (1-4 PM)
Dec 2	Executive Committee Meeting – Wellington Library (10-11:30 AM)
Dec 7	Holiday Luncheon – Mayacoo Lakes Country Club, West Palm Beach
Dec 17	Wellington Landscape Maintenance – Village Park (8:30 AM) -TBA
<del>Dec 30</del>	<del>Executive Committee Meeting – Wellington Library</del> <b>CANCELLED</b>

### TREASURER'S REPORT

*By Danese Sloan-Kendall, Treasurer*

September 1, 2015

Wellington Garden Club began June 1, 2015 with a checking account balance of \$21,724.40. Income since then totaled \$250.00, primarily from membership renewals.

Expenses since June 1<sup>st</sup> were \$ 3,560.21 consisting primarily of FFGC dues, member education, insurance, CPA fees and yearbook printing.

August 31<sup>st</sup> balance in the Wellington Garden Club checking account was \$18,414.19.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

*Jim Wenham, Membership Chairman*



On October 22, a lively group of new members, their mentors, committee chairs and WGC Executive Committee members gathered at the home of Caren Griffin, Chair of the WGC Mentor Program. There were loads of delicious goodies for everyone to enjoy, after which President Kathy Siena gave an overview of the club, its organization, its connection to the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC), Deep South Region (DSR), and National Garden Clubs (NGC) as well as our own District X. Committee chairs talked about the many

ways new members can become involved and the new members shared their backgrounds and reasons for joining the club. What a talented group of new members our club has! We look forward to getting to know our new members better as we work together on the **club's many activities. A very warm welcome to all!**

## HOSPITALITY

By Kathy Hernicz



Garden club members listed below have signed up to bring food donations to the November meeting. **Please prepare your food item to cover at least 12 people.** A small written description of ingredients would be appreciated to help those members with food allergies. Contact Kathy Hernicz at (561) 791-4419 or [ckhernicz@yahoo.com](mailto:ckhernicz@yahoo.com) for any questions or **changes**.\*\*

### NOVEMBER

SANDWICHES	SALAD	DESSERT
Kathy Hernicz Natalie Steinmetz Mary Anne Greely Cass Stryker Shirley Horn Alaura Allen (2 items) Cynthia Hartman Jayne Kiesewetter	Kathy Hood Janet Stein Kathy Siena Marcia Kendall Nancy Wifholm Barbara Zenker Paige Griffin Claire Falik Bernice Correra	Caroline Kessman Jan Seagrave Barbara May Linda Motzer Lisa Ferrano Nana Dunning Sandy Williams Rickie Pollacchi Martie Spaier

**\*\* members donating food are requested to find a replacement if cancelling one week prior to meeting.\*\***

## WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB MEETING Monday, November 2, 2015

### Nature's Relics - Old Growth Cypress Wood

Jesse and Dee Vance

Email: [thevancegroup@bellsouth.net](mailto:thevancegroup@bellsouth.net); Website: [www.naturesrelics.com](http://www.naturesrelics.com)



Seven years ago Jesse and Dee Vance of Nature's Relics discovered one of Florida's great natural treasures. A rare commodity that few know very much about--and that is "Old Growth Cypress Wood." What was once a virgin cypress stand now provides the owners a prime area for collecting and reclaiming this centuries old wood. Logged back in the **1800's, these remnant pieces are retrieved on private land and brought back to Ft. Lauderdale for recycling.** The first stage in the repurposing process is cleaning and preparing the wood to make it user friendly for mounting plants, floral designs, landscaping, for interior/exterior decorating, and for one-of-a-kind art pieces. It is nature at its best!



## AROUND & ABOUT – Monday, November 16, 2015

### **Adventure Mini Golf** - \$5.00

6585 S Military Trail, Lake Worth, FL 33463  
561-968-1111



Are you looking for a fun outdoor activity? Come challenge your fellow WGC members to a game of miniature golf. Adventure Mini Golf offers two 18-hole golf courses featuring an active water and garden landscape. They are the award winner of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Unsolicited Landscape Award for a business. Owner Jerry Doser was so touched with this presentation that he has enhanced the landscaping with additional plants and placed signage labeling the flora and fauna.

Come putter around! You have got to see this place for yourself. **Don't forget your hat and sunscreen.**

**LUNCH :** TBA      **CARPOOL:** Leaves Ultima Fitness or IHOP at 9:15am Sharp  
**SIGN-UP** at a meeting, or contact Diane Patterson (561) 795-7742 or email at [dpatte5353@gmail.com](mailto:dpatte5353@gmail.com)

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## AROUND & ABOUT – Thursday, January 21, 2016

### **Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens**

253 Barcelona Rd, West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
561-832-5328

**Cost: \$15** non-refundable after January 15th, 2016. **Tour begins at 10 AM**

A visit to the Ann Norton Sculpture Garden is a three-fold tour experience encompassing Ann's 1.7 acre Garden, the Artist Studio and the gallery space in the historic home. The 1925 home, on the National Registry of Historic Places, will include an exhibition of works depicting flowers by various artists. The Garden's collection of rare palms, cycads and native plants is one of the largest public collections in the state. Nine massive sculptures created by Ann Norton stand within the lush landscape. Her works in bronze, stone and wood inhabit the Studio.



Join us for this guided tour and learn about Ann Weaver Norton's commitment to promote preservation, environmental awareness and the incorporation of the arts.

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## WEKIVA YOUTH CAMP

By Harriet Samuels

Looking forward to meeting, greeting and hearing from our 2015 campers and Leader-in-Training at the January Members' Meeting

We may also hear from our members who were volunteers.

### REMEMBER:

Applications for the 2016 camper will be available soon. Please reach out to youngsters who might be interested.

Contact: Harriet Samuels (561-715-0950) [hiswpbwh@gmail.com](mailto:hiswpbwh@gmail.com)

## YOUTH GARDEN CLUBS NEWS

*By Barbara Hadsell, NGC and FFGC Gardening Study Schools Chairman*



### Pratt & Whitney Awards \$10,000 Green Power Grant

*By Deanna Usiadek, Manager, Communications Pratt & Whitney*

**Wellington Garden Club and West Palm Beach Elks Lodge #1352  
dig in to help Wynnebrook Elementary make the grade in going green**

**JUPITER, Florida, Oct. 12, 2015** – Wynnebrook Elementary School in West Palm Beach is going green with the help of a \$10,000 Green Power Grant from Pratt & Whitney. Pratt & Whitney, a division of United Technologies Corp. (NYSE: UTX), is a world leader in the design, manufacture and service of aircraft engines and auxiliary power units.

To kick off its yearlong commitment to go green, the school recently joined thousands of other schools across the globe in hosting a Green Apple Day of Service event. Close to 100 community volunteers grabbed their favorite gardening tools and gloves and spent a Saturday morning transforming Wynnebrook's courtyard into a first-class sustainable learning environment for students.

**"Our goal is to make being green a way of life for everyone at our school," said Jeff Pegg, Wynnebrook's principal for more than 16 years.**

**Volunteers at the school's Green Apple Day of Service event** included Wynnebrook administrators, faculty, staff, students and parents; employees from Pratt & Whitney; and representatives from the Wellington Garden Club, West Palm Beach Elks Lodge #1352 and Florida Atlantic University Pine Jog Environmental Educational Center.

**Also volunteering was County Commissioner Paulette Burdick. "It is heartwarming to see businesses and organizations in our community coming together to enhance the learning environment at Wynnebrook and engaging students in the process," Burdick said. "Teaching students how to care for our planet is one of the most important investments we can make in our future."**

The volunteers laid down more than 80 bags of eco-mulch, and planted 250 pollinator-friendly plants, 50 wild native flowers and three butterfly-friendly vines. They also prepared three raised beds for vegetables and herbs with six yards of organic veggie mix soil.

**Partnering with Pratt & Whitney to make Wynnebrook's Green Apple Day of service a success** were the Wellington Garden Club, West Palm Beach Elks Lodge #1352, Indian Trails Native Nursery, Whole Foods Market, Sam's Club and Target.

Barbara Hadsell, a member of the Wellington Garden Club and key organizer of the Wynnebrook Green Apple Day of Service, said getting students outside and excited about nature at an early age has many benefits. **"Gardening is a great way for students to experience the satisfaction that comes from caring for something over time,"** she added. "It helps build their self-esteem and teaches them caring about our natural resources is an everyday activity that takes commitment."

**"It is a responsibility and privilege to give back to the communities in which our employees live and work,"** said Mike O'Neill, manager of Systems Engineering Validation at Pratt & Whitney. **"I am proud to work for a company that is an internationally recognized leader in green technologies and environmental sustainability, and is engaged in helping schools everywhere become green."**

United Technologies Corp. is a founding sponsor of the **U.S. Green Building Council's Center for Green Schools**, which created the Green Apple Day of Service in 2012. The Center is making sure every student has the opportunity to attend a green school within this generation. From kindergarten to college and beyond, the Center works directly with staff, teachers, faculty, students, administrators, elected officials and communities to drive the transformation of all schools into sustainable places to live, learn, work and play.

**"I am grateful to all those who helped us take our first big step toward making Wynnebrook Elementary a high-performance green school as well as a high-performance academic school,"** Pegg said. Wynnebrook, which has more than 880 students in pre-K to Grade 5, has been an **"A" graded school** for 12 years in a row by the state of Florida.

**"As a community, we sent a powerful message to our students that we care about them and their learning environment,"** Pegg said. **"Seeing the students dig in with community volunteers to help their school go green was the icing on an amazing event. I am especially thankful to Pratt & Whitney for the Green Power Grant, which made our Green Apple Day of Service possible and will fund numerous green classroom and schoolyard activities throughout the year."**

## YOUTH CONTEST NEWS

*By Carol Richardson and Martie Spaier, Youth Contest Co-Chairs*



### **Smokey Bear at Binks Forest Elementary School**

On Sept 17<sup>th</sup> Wellington Garden Club, in conjunction with the local forest rangers from The U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, presented a program featuring forest fire prevention with Smokey Bear in attendance. The entire school attended in two separate presentations. Needless to say the children were very excited to see Smokey! Some of them **even got to shake Smokey's hand!** **Everyone had a great time!** Representing the Garden Club were Carol Richardson, Kathy Siena, and Linda Motzer.

This event will be followed up with the actual poster contest featuring what the children learned about forest fire prevention.

Did you know that Smokey was born in 1944?



**MARK THE DATE**  
**WGC MEMBER EDUCATION**  
**Garden Art Workshops**  
*By Carol Lazzarino, Chm*

**November Craft Class**

Decorative Bottles and Vases  
Wednesday November 11, 2015



Join us for a fun filled craft class where we will repurpose old wine bottles and plain glass flower containers and turn them in to decorative art for your home or a gift for someone special. We will be crafting with Jute, burlap, lace and other embellishments for a natural look.



When you sign up for the class, I will give you a basic supply list to help you create your project. Sign up sheets will be at the Fall meetings.

The class will be held at the Fire Station 30 at 9610 Stribling Road from 9:00 AM -Noon. If you have any questions, you can reach me at 561 312-2082



Carol Lazzarino

**FLORAL DESIGN**  
**Thursday November 19, 2015**  
Jayne Kieseewetter and Bernice Correra, Co-Chairs

**2015-16 Schedule**



The overall theme for this season's Floral Design Workshops will be functional table settings. We will continue the "Designs with Household Treasures" and will add "Basic Table Settings and Designs", (copywritten National Garden Clubs, Inc.) These table designs will be functional table settings containing dishes, beverage containers, candles, napkins and other accessories with a coordinating floral design. \_Master Gardeners and National Garden Club Floral Judges, Christine Biscoglio and Susan Hillson, will lead this series of three classes.

The classes will be limited to 20 participants. The non refundable fee will be \$35.00\* per person. A Design Booklet and the mechanics (oasis, floral adhesive, etc) will be provided and each participant will be responsible for bringing their own plant material and supporting accessories.

Thursday, November 19, 2015	1-4 pm	"Thanksgiving"	Firestation 30
Monday, January 11, 2016	1-4 pm	"Sports"	Village Park
Monday, March 14, 2016	1-4 pm	"Spring"	Village Park

The classes will be held at **two** locations this year:

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**WELLINGTON LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

*By Diane and Jim Thompson*

At the present time, there is no garden for the club to maintain. However, Whole Foods Market, our club and the Village of Wellington are going to put in a butterfly garden at the west entrance of the Village Park recreation area, the main entrance by the round about. The park personnel will remove sod and Whole Foods staff is going to help plant it. I think you might have heard about this at the last meeting. I am not in charge. So, my take is slightly limited. Jim and I will help with maintenance when it is in. More details will be forthcoming.

**ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM**

*By Mary Ann Hesser & Bonnie Wenham, Co-Chairs*

We have participated in the Village of Wellington's Adopt-A-Street program for several years. Volunteers meet at the parking lot adjacent to the dog park near the corner of Greenbrier Blvd. and Aero Club Drive at 9:00 a.m. on designated dates four times during the Garden Club's calendar year. We pick up litter beginning at the parking lot and continue to the corner of Wellington Trace and Greenbrier Blvd. Grabbers, gloves, trash bags, and orange vests are supplied by the Public Works Dept. Sign up at Monday's meeting. Contact Mary Ann Hesser or Bonnie Wenham if you have questions.

## ELKS VEGETABLE GARDEN



Several years ago WGC began partnering with the Elks Lodge to plant and harvest veggies to feed the hungry and homeless at the St. George's Soup kitchen in Riviera Beach.

The Elks Lodge is on Belvedere, two blocks east of Jog Rd. on the south side. Tim Hadsell will be happy to take your calls or just stop in on Fridays at 9 am for an hour or two. Questions? call Tim at 561-670-4790.

Volunteers are needed every **Tuesday** and **Friday** to work in the Aquaponic Vegetable Garden. **We hope you'll come and get involved** to help feed the hungry.

## HORTICULTURE

*By Laure Hristov*

### WHAT KIND OF BULB PLANTS CAN I GROW IN SOUTH FLORIDA?

Although I miss my Tulips and Daffodils, I have come to love other plants grown from bulbs that thrive here in our climate. The holidays are a popular time to gift Amaryllis bulbs. They thrive in full sun 6-8 hours and like it dry. Plant these bulbs with the neck of the bulb at or slightly above ground level. Once you have leaves, fertilize monthly with a 10-10-10. They usually bloom in April and May and you should leave all the foliage on the plant after blooming. Just cut the flower stalk down 3-5 inches above the bulb.

Another beauty is the Eucharis Lily shown at right, originating in Columbia. This lily thrives in warm temperatures and partial shade and is known for its brilliant white blooms that are also fragrant. It has beautiful shiny dark green foliage that is also very attractive. Large mature clumps can flower at different times of the year but mostly in the spring. Keep the soil moist allowing the surface to dry between waterings.



Canna Lily are bold tropical looking plants that bloom in summer and are very cold hardy to zone 7b! Their bulbs are called Rhizomes that spread underground. Plant them at a distance because the leaves tend to get chewed, but you want to enjoy the visual impact of the flowers from a distance toward the back of the planting bed.



Blood Lily is one of my favorites here. These beauties need rich well-drained soil, so make sure to add some compost or manure to the soil. They thrive in partial shade or bright sunlight. Keep soil consistently moist but never soggy. Reduce water and allow the foliage to die down in late summer when the plant goes dormant and withhold watering until spring. Use a light application of a well balanced fertilizer. Early fall is a good time to divide your bulbs and share them with a Garden Club friend!

## GROWING PAPERWHITES IN FLORIDA

Found on the internet – Contributed by Twig Morris



Here's a bulb that is a delightful gift for the holidays – Paperwhites. They will bloom indoors in the fall and winter without any soil. You just nestle the ends of the bulbs into a container filled with an inch or so of gravel or glass beads, and add water up to the bottoms of the bulbs. Then place them in a sunny spot. The indoor light and warm temperature will induce the flowers to grow so tall they will pull over the container. To prevent such a disaster, once the bulbs start to show green shoots about one to two inches tall, replace the original water in the pot with a mixture of 1 part gin or vodka to 7 parts of water. This results in paperwhites that are one-third shorter but three times happier!

## NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS GARDENING STUDY SCHOOL November 17-18 in Miramar

Do you know what Gardening Study School is all about? The curriculum is divided into a series of four individual courses consisting of 10 hours of instruction each, and is open to any Garden Club member. District XII will be offering Course I in November and Course II April 12 & 13, 2016. Course III and IV will take place in November of 2016 and March/April of 2017. The courses, which may be taken in any order, are structured to stimulate interest and impart knowledge for growing plants to the peak of perfection.

Course content is presented in lecture format by horticultural professionals. Topics include the study of basic botany for gardeners, soils, houseplants, and propagation. Also covered are such topics as how new plants are developed and evaluated, factors that influence plant growth, container gardening, pruning techniques, growing outdoor flowers and vegetables, specialized styles of gardening, growing plants indoors and/or under lights, and growing trees and shrubs.

Students are encouraged to take the optional exam offered the afternoon of the second day in order to become a NGC accredited Gardening Consultant. The registration fee for Course I, (which includes lunch both days), is \$65; Exam fee is \$8. Registration deadline is Nov. 6. Special group rate for a double room at the Wingate Hotel in Miramar is \$89 per night plus tax. Breakfast is included.

Reimbursement for course fee is available from WGC. **For WGC Reimbursement form posted on the Member Login section of the club's website. [Click Here](#) For more Gardening Study School information and registration form, [click here](#). Or use the form on the following page.**

## **REGISTRATION FORM**

GARDENING STUDY SCHOOL

COURSE I, SERIES 4

November 17 and 18, 2015

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Nov.6, 2015**

**Note: If booking hotel room reservation this must  
be done by October 16, 2015 to obtain special  
rate.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL (Required): \_\_\_\_\_  
GARDEN CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

### **COURSE FEES:**

_____ FULL COURSE (2 Days)	
_____ Garden Club Members	\$65
_____ Non-Members	\$65
_____ Exam Fee	\$8

Lunch Included in registration fee.

**TOTAL REMITTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN**

### **EXAM**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be taking the Exam on November 18  
\_\_\_\_\_ I will not be taking the Exam on November 18  
\_\_\_\_\_ I am taking this course as a Refresher to maintain my  
Consultant's Certificate (No Exam required)

Note: Coffee/Tea/Water and Breakfast Treats will be provided

**Please make checks payable to:**

**FFGC, District XII**

**Mail check and completed Registration Form to:**

**Kay Murff**  
**1429 Mercado Avenue**  
**Coral Gables, FL 33146**  
**[kmurff1@bellsouth.net](mailto:kmurff1@bellsouth.net)**  
**305-665-3377**

### **Hotel Information:**

Double Room, \$89 per night plus tax, includes  
breakfast.

Group Rate cut off date: **October 16, 2015.**

If room is cancelled after that date you may have to  
pay for at least one night.

For reservations call: 954-441-0122

Mention you are with the FFGC Group.

***Required reading:*** The reading for this course is the  
NGC subscription publication "The National Gardener  
Magazine".

There are several ways to order the magazine. See NGC  
website for details. [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

### **RECOMMENDED TEXT:**

**BOTANY FOR GARDENERS** by Brian Capon  
(Can be purchased from Amazon.com)



## UPCOMING WGC MONTHLY MEETINGS

January 4, 2016

### Reptiles and Amphibians in South Florida

*Colleen D Closius, B.S. and Frank Mazzotti, Ph.D.*

Wildlife Technician, Colleen Closius, from the University of Florida, will share her interest in South Florida ecology and conservation with us as she gives a presentation on invasive species such as Burmese pythons, Argentine black and white tegus, and Nile Monitors. She is joined by Dr. Frank Mazzotti, Ph.D. professor at UF, AKA the "Croc Doc". Some of his interests include endangered species and environmental education. According to Dr. Mazzotti, their presence and the problems associated with them have gotten a lot of attention. Is it possible some of these invasive species are here in South Florida in our very own gardens, lurking about looking to devour an endangered species? We may even get to see real, live species. This is surely a meeting not to be missed.



Website: [TheCrocDocs](http://TheCrocDocs.com)

## RECAP OF AROUND AND ABOUT

**Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at Goss/Cummings Garden**



It was a sunny Saturday afternoon in early October when an enthusiastic group of WGC members visited the Goss/Cummings garden in Palm Beach Gardens. As promised in the Yearbook description of this property, we were greeted with "eye candy for the soul" and a "kaleidoscope of colors" from the owners' extensive collection of bromeliads, orchids and other tropical plants. Avid gardeners and property owners Lisa Goss and Michael Cummings provided

a very personal guided tour that gave us the history of the many plants on their property, methods of propagating them and details of their cultivation. At the end of the tour we were treated to a sampling of the many fruits grown on their property: papaya, pineapple, persimmons, dragon fruit, star fruit and many others, including the "chocolate chip cookie" fruit. Lisa and Michael's hospitality and informative tour made the day very special for all the attendees, including Beth Stewart's little dog who travelled with us in Beth's doggy backpack.

On the next page are a few samples of the "eye candy for the soul" seen on the tour.



Photos left and right show just a few of the amazing varieties of bromeliads in the Goss/Cummings garden. Center photo is the flower of the Dragon fruit plant, which is a member of the cactus family.

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## Plant Sale

Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am – 2:00 PM

Member grown plants for sale at the home of Stormi Bivin,  
1945 S. Club Drive, Wellington. 20% of all plant sales go  
directly to WGC's 2016 Tour of Gardens, "*Glorious Gardens*".

This date coincides with the Lakefield West Annual Community Garage Sale (Hours: 8:30 am – 12:00 pm) so the gates will be open until 1:00 pm\*. Come on out for a fun shopping day – grab some PLANTS and maybe a few local treasures!

\*If arriving after 1:00 pm, dial **214** or **888** at the *call box* and you will be buzzed in.

## GLORIOUS GARDENS TOUR

By Twig Morris & Barbara Hadsell, Glorious Gardens Co-Chairs

Plans for the 2016 *Glorious Gardens* Tour are underway and members already have volunteered to chair committees or be committee members. However, there are still many opportunities for all members to get involved and help with this important event. Committees you can join range from coordinating ticket sales, soliciting or tracking ads and sponsors, organizing the garden greeters or being a garden greeter on the day of the tour, helping with refreshments or the plant sale, using your graphics talents to create posters and flyers or delivering street signs on the day of the tour, etc. So whatever your interests and talents, **there's a way for you to contribute to the success of the *Glorious Gardens* tour. Be sure to sign up for the committee of your choice at the November 2 membership meeting.**

## THE TWO BZs AT CONVENTION

The following note came in from Bobbi Ziegler who attended the recent Master Gardener Convention in Orlando.



*"I thought you would want to see this photo of Barbara Zenker and I at the convention. 350 Master Gardeners were in attendance from all over the state. It was wonderful."*

Shown at left are Bobbi Ziegler, 2<sup>nd</sup> from left, and Barbara Zenker, far right, with two other Master Gardeners at the 2015 Master Gardener Convention in Orlando.

## CELEBRATING NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY



Wellington celebrated National Public Lands Day (NPLD), September 27, 2015 with approximately 50 volunteers planting more than 700 pine seedlings at the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Environmental Preserve. The group, some of whom are shown at left, included members of the Wellington Garden Club, Girl Scouts, and students from the Palm Beach Central High School Environmental Club.

The seedlings provided by the Village of Wellington were South Florida Slash pines, which are specifically adapted to our local environment. **This marks Wellington's 2<sup>nd</sup> year** planting for NPLD. According to the Village of Wellington web site, 95% of the seedlings planted last year by the same volunteer groups are still thriving. Special thanks to the WGC members who planted seedlings for a greener tomorrow.



**The following information is courtesy of Naturescape Broward. Most of the information also applies to Palm Beach County and is included here for your information.**

*Providing for wildlife* - Attract birds and other wildlife to your yard by providing the four basic components of habitat: food, water, cover, places to raise young. Planting native plants is fundamental. Create and certify your yard as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat with the National Wildlife Federation. For more information, visit: [nwf.org/gardenforwildlife](http://nwf.org/gardenforwildlife).

*Making homes for wildlife on the move* - Broward County is in the Atlantic Flyway, which means that species of wildlife migrate through our area at various times of the year either in the air, or in the water. Many species of birds are summer, winter, or migrant visitors. Marine species vary too - sea turtles nest on our beaches in the summer, and manatees winter in our waterways. The Greater Ft. Lauderdale Flyway Cities Coalition is a coalition of over 60 groups, cities, and agencies in Broward County that care about protecting and increasing habitat for resident and migratory wildlife.

## **NATIVE PLANTS TO ATTRACT GARDEN BIRDS**

### **Trees and Palms**

#### **Botanical name Common name Birds attracted to plant**

*Bursera simaruba* Gumbo Limbo Doves, woodpeckers, vireos, warblers

*Chrysophyllum oliviforme* Satin Leaf Warblers, cardinals, blue-gray gnatcatchers

*Coccoloba diversifolia* Pigeon Plum Mockingbirds, catbirds, robins, woodpeckers

*Coccoloba uvifera* Sea-grape Mockingbirds, catbirds, blue jays, woodpeckers

*Ilex cassine* Dahoon Holly Cardinals, mockingbirds, cedar waxwings

*Lysiloma latisiliquum* Wild Tamarind Warblers, gnatcatchers, redstarts, flycatchers

*Morus rubra* Mulberry Fruit-eating birds

*Myrcianthes fragrans* Simpson Stopper Mockingbirds, catbirds, cardinals

*Pinus elliotii* var. *densa* Slash Pine Doves, blue jays, warblers, owls, woodpeckers

*Quercus virginiana* Live Oak Warblers, jays, cardinals, vireos, woodpeckers

*Sabal palmetto* Sabal Palm Red-winged blackbirds, grackles, blue jays, mockingbirds, robins, woodpeckers

*Thrinax radiata* Thatch Palm Fruit-eating songbirds

### **Shrubs**

#### **Botanical name Common name Birds attracted to plant**

*Ardisia escallonioides* Marlberry Mockingbirds, catbirds, cardinals

*Asclepias tuberosa* Milkweed Hummingbirds

*Asclepias currassavica*\* Scarlet Milkweed Hummingbirds

\*Non-native

*Callicarpa americana* Beautyberry Mockingbirds, catbirds, vireos, woodpeckers

*Chrysobalanus icaco* Cocoplum Fruit-eating birds, painted bunting cover

*Cordia globosa* Bloodberry Mockingbirds, cardinals

*Hamelia patens* Firebush Hummingbirds, spot-breasted orioles, warblers

*Myrica cerifera* Wax Myrtle Cardinals, catbirds, warblers, vireos

*Pyschotria nervosa* Wild Coffee Cardinals, blue jays, catbirds

*Rapanea punctata* Myrsine Jays, woodpeckers, cardinals, thrashers

*Serenoa repens* Saw Palmetto Fruit-eating birds, cover

*Sophora tomentosa* Necklace Pod Hummingbirds, warblers, vireos

# Vines and Grasses

## **Botanical name Common name Birds attracted to plant**

*Eragrotis spectabilis* Purple Lovegrass Cover for small birds; seeds for cardinals, buntings, sparrows

*Lonicera sempervirens* Coral Honeysuckle Vine Hummingbirds, thrushes, orioles, mockingbirds, Catbirds, and other fruit-eating birds

*Muhlenbergia capillaries* Muhly grass Cover for small birds; seeds for cardinals, buntings, sparrows

*Passiflora suberosa* Corky-stem Hummingbirds, fruit and insect-eating birds  
Passion Flower Vine

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Email: [naturescape@broward.org](mailto:naturescape@broward.org)

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## **REPORT ON DISTRICT X FALL MEETING**

*By Twig Morris, Former WGC President*



Members of Wellington Garden Club travelled to Stuart a few weeks ago to represent our club at the 2015 District X Fall Meeting. We were joined by over 140 members representing most of the 16 clubs throughout our District. Early in the meeting there was a touching memorial to deceased members of District X clubs. Carol Coleman, First VP, (shown at left) represented WGC and placed a rose in memory of WGC member Alice Mueller who died earlier this year.

Later in the meeting, the Executive Officers of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC) told attendees about the various programs of FFGC and National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). They provided details of how clubs can support these activities, such as Wekiva Youth Camp, the SEEK Environmental Conference for high school students, the NGC Schools, and the NGC President's Projects, to name a few.

Then it was time for clubs to be recognized for awards received at the NGC Convention last May. Our members can be very proud of the many awards we won at the National level including the very prestigious Member of Honor award given to member Lisa Ferrano, one of only eight such awards given by NGC in the nation. In addition, Wellington received first place in the NGC President's Two-Year Special Project focusing on Wildlife and our youth won many NGC awards in the Youth Contests. Photo at left shows Carol Coleman, Twig Morris, FFGC President Arlene Rand, District X Director Donna Berger and WGC Awards Chair Barbara Hadsell displaying the many award certificates received that day.



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# “COTTON CLUB”

**Shh!** *You're invited to the*

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**SPEAKEASY(TEA?)PARLOR**

**Monday, December 7, 2015**

**Social Hour 11:00am - Luncheon 12:00 Noon**

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## RECYCLING PROGRAMS

**Here are some programs in which the club participates that don't cost you anything.**

**1. Start Saving UPC labels** from Campbell's and other products as part of the "Labels for Education Program" helps buy supplies for FFGC Wekiva Youth Camp.

**2. Saving Plastic bottle caps** for "Caps for Love" helps the disabled by providing them with wheelchairs and service dogs. Click on the following link to find out more.

<http://www.wellingtongardenclub.org/PDF/labels&caps.pdf>

**NOTE: Bonnie Wenham and Mary Ann Hesser collect the caps, and Twig Morris collects the UPC labels.**

### JOIN THE 3R CLUB Sponsored by the TriCouncil of FFGC *By Barbara Hadsell*

**REDUCE** landfill

**REUSE** to make new products

**RECYCLE** program that pays money to the 3R Club

#### **ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED:**

**M&M BAGS** – All Mars candy (M&M, Twix, Snickers) bags, all sizes

**CELL PHONES** – Standard cell phones, iPhones, Smartphones (remove all personal information)

**INK CARTRIDGES** – Ink cartridges, inkjet cartridges, and toner cartridges, all makes and models

**PENS, PENCILS, MARKERS** – Pens, pen caps, mechanical pencils, markers & caps

**COLGATE ORAL CARE** – Colgate toothpaste tubes, caps, toothbrushes, outer packaging, & floss containers

#### **PERSONAL CARE:**

**HAIR CARE** - Shampoo, conditioner, spray, gel, paste, includes bottles, caps, tubes, and triggers

**SKIN CARE** - Lip balm tubes, face lotion bottles, tubes, and plastic jars, body wash containers, soap dispensers, body and hand lotion bottles and dispensers

**COSMETIC PACKAGING** - Lipstick cases, lip gloss tubes, mascara tubes, eye shadow and bronzer cases and tubes, foundation packaging and bottles, powder cases, eye liner and lip liner cases and pencils, concealer tubes and sticks

**PLEASE COLLECT THESE ITEMS AT HOME UNTIL YOU ARE NOTIFIED TO BRING THEM TO A MEMBERSHIP MEETING.**

## **Wellington Garden Club Meetings**

Our garden club meetings are held at Village Park, 11700 Pierson Rd., Wellington

10:30 am Business Meeting

11:30 am Light Lunch

12:15 pm Program

Guests are always welcome. If you plan to bring a guest please email Jim Wenham, Membership Chair, [hammerx48@me.com](mailto:hammerx48@me.com) the Friday before the meeting so we will plan enough food.

### **Newsletter**

The *Allamanda News* is published five times a year. Please send your news, photos, tips, and advertising to Evvy Bartley at [evvy35@comcast.net](mailto:evvy35@comcast.net).

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