



# Allamanda News

The Newsletter of the Wellington Garden Club

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome garden club members to a brand new garden club year! I am very happy to start a new term serving as your President for the next two years along with a great new Executive Committee. I am glad that our "old" members renewed and that we have new members joining us who will officially be welcomed at a New Member Reception in October. Our monthly meetings will continue to be held at Village Park, 11700 Pierson Road in Wellington. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 9 starting at 10:30 AM. We are so thankful that we have a nice facility to meet in while our new Community Center is under construction.

*Kathy Siena  
President 2015-2017*

We have some outstanding monthly program speakers and Around & About trips planned. We listened to our members recommendations. Be sure to check out the Speakers and Around & Abouts in the new Schedule of Programs/Events on Pages 8-9 of your 2015-2016 Yearbook, which you will receive when you attend the monthly meeting. You will see everything going on in our club, District X, FFGC and NGC. When you receive your Yearbook, enjoy browsing through it and notice a new layout design for the yearbook in a few different places, especially on Page 11 where all of the NGC Schools and links to Plant Societies are listed for easy reference. I hope to have the yearbook on our Website someday soon where you can actually click on all of the hyperlinks and go directly to the websites or email addresses.

We are preparing for our 2016 Garden Tour, "Glorious Gardens" on Saturday, April 9 from 10 AM to 4 PM. The proceeds from this biennial garden tour are used to fund scholarships, youth garden club programs, camperships, Habitat for Humanity landscaping and several community beautification projects. Encourage your friends and families to attend and bring their cameras.

The incoming NGC President's Special Two-Year Project is "Service in Action!" Garden club members are encouraged to serve by "increasing awareness and encouraging conservation of our amphibians, and our pollinator species" and by "finding and growing our future leaders". While we have lots of gardening, social and educational activities in our club, we also have volunteer opportunities you won't want to miss! Think about getting involved with our youth who may be our next garden club leaders and members. Nurture them and teach them the meaning of our motto: "Gardening Makes a World of Difference". I have chosen: **"Nurture Our Gardens, Ourselves, and the Leaders of Tomorrow"** as my theme for the next two years. Every volunteer service in action is important and appreciated by me, other fellow club members and the community we live in and work in.

*Kathy*

**2015-2016**  
**Executive Committee/Officers and Committee Chairs**

**Executive Committee/Officers**

President:	Kathy Siena
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Carol Coleman
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	Doreen Baxter
Treasurer:	DaneseSloan-Kendall
Assistant Treasurer:	Silvia Evans
Recording Secretary:	Linda Motzer
Corresponding Secretary:	Bobbi Ziegler
Parliamentarian:	Barbara Hadsell
Former President, <i>ex-officio</i>	Twig Morris



**Left to Right:** Barbara Hadsell, Carol Coleman, Doreen Baxter, Linda Motzer, Kathy Siena, Bobbi Ziegler, Silvia Evans, and Danese Sloan-Kendall

**2015 -2016 Committee Chairs**

**CIVIC/COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Group Liaison Lisa Ferrano**

Adopt-a-Street	Mary Ann Hesser and Bonnie Wenham
Community Gardens	Barbara and Tim Hadsell
Earth Day	Uma Bhatti and Rehana Potter
Garden Tour 2016	Barbara Hadsell and Twig Morris
Habitat for Humanity	Linda DeSanti and Lisa Ferrano
Wellington Community Landscape Maintenance	Diana and Jim Thompson
Wellington Garden Week	TBD

**COMMUNICATION: Group Liaisons Doreen Baxter, Carol Coleman, Kathy Siena**

External Events Liaison	Twig Morris
Historian	Betty Naulty
Membership	Jim Wenham
Mentors & New Member Reception	Caren Griffin
Newsletter	Evy Bartley
Publicity	Claire Falik
Webmaster/Media Tech Support	Doreen Baxter
Yearbook Preparation	Fred Gerkin

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**COMMITTEE CHAIRS (Cont'd)**

**EDUCATION: Group Liaison Barbara Hadsell**

Around & Abouts	Diane Patterson
Awards	Barbara Hadsell
College Scholarships	John Siena
Environmental Education	Phil Macnak and Diane Rice
Floral Design Workshops	Bernice Correra and Jayne Kiesewetter
Garden Art Workshops	Carol Lazzarino
NGC Schools	Barbara Zenker
SEEK	Lisa Ferrano
Wekiva Youth Camp	Harriet Samuels
Youth Contests	Carol Richardson and Martie Spaier

**Youth Garden Clubs**

Binks Forest Elementary School	Lynn Pernezny
Girl Scout Troop 22222	Allison Zimmerman 561-543-7893
Olympia Jr. Garden Club	Silke Corredor
Palm Beach Central High School	Lisa Ferrano
Pine Jog Elementary School	Linda Petuch 561-656-5400
Wellington High School	Roxanne Henry
Wellington Landings Middle School	Jan Everett
Wynnebrook Elementary School	Janet Stein and Kathy Hood (garden)

**GARDENING: Group Liaison Linda Motzer**

Birds, Bees & Butterflies	Jan Everett
Horticulture	Laure Hristov
Meeting Plant Raffle	Beth Stewart
Plant Sales	Stormi Bivin and Beth Stewart

**SOCIAL EVENTS: Group Liaison Bobbi Ziegler**

Hospitality – Fall	Denise Friedlander
Hospitality – Spring	Jorun Legraid
Luncheon – Holiday	Suzanne Rares and Diane Patterson
Luncheon – Spring	Judy Schweitzer, Barbara Zenker and Bobbi Ziegler
Sunset Socials	TBD

**WGC CALENDAR OF EVENTS – SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2015**

Sept. 2	Mayor’s Recognition of Pollinators – Council Chambers – 2:00 PM
Sept. 9	WGC Membership Meeting – Village Park -10:30 AM
Sept. 15	Adopt-a-Street – Wellington Dog Park – 9 AM
Sept. 17	Wellington Landscape Maintenance – Village Park – 8:30 AM
Sept. 19	PBC Beach Cleanup and Cookout – Boynton Beach Inlet
Sept. 25	District X Meeting of the Minds (AKA Lunch `n Learn) Stuart
Sept. 26	Green Apple Day of Service – Wynnebrook Elementary – 8:30 AM
Sept. 30	WGC Executive Committee Meeting – Wellington Library – 10:00 AM
Oct. 5	WGC Membership Meeting – Village Park – 10:30 AM
Oct. 10	Around and About – Goss/Cummings Garden – Royal Palm Beach
Oct. 15	Wellington Landscape Maintenance – Village Park – 8:30 AM
Oct. 16	District X Fall Meeting – Stuart
Oct. 22	New Member Reception – 10:00 AM
Oct. 28	WGC Executive Committee Meeting – Wellington Library – 10:00 AM

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
*By Danese Sloan-Kendall, Treasurer*

**June 1, 2015**

Wellington Garden Club began April 1, 2015 with a checking account balance of **\$ 25,777.61.**

Income since then totaled \$ 9, 631.11 primarily from the very lovely and fun Spring luncheon and membership renewals.

Expenses since April 1st were \$ 13,684.32 consisting primarily of payment for the Spring luncheon , youth activities, program services and member education.

May 31st balance in the Wellington Garden Club checking account was **\$21,724.40.**

**HOSPITALITY**  
*By Denise Friedlander, Hospitality Chairman*

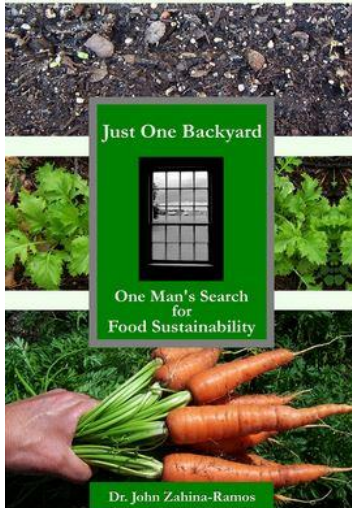
	September	October
SANDWICHES	Twig Morris Connie Kilgore Barbara Phelan Caren Griffin Shirley Horn Marilyn Miller Silvia Chestnut-Evans Barbara Hadsell	Jackie Anderson Mary Ellen Chestnut Carol Lynn Krenkel Linda DeSanti Tim Hadsell Deb Russell
SALAD	Danese Sloan-Kendall Kate Kouba Barb Segura Joyce Smith Carol Richardson Heather Stewart Connie Kilgore Judy Schweitzer	Kevin Foster Dolores Rosen Evy Bartley Dale Hesser Dora Bellomo Bobbie Ziegler Diane Patterson Laure Hristov Claire Falik
DESSERT	Evelyn Bartley Bev Lichtenstein Paige Griffin Carolyn Lowe Bonnie Wenham Jim Wenham Carol Lazzarino	JoAnn Akins Jackie Anderson Mary Ann Hesser Stormi Bivin Connie Kilgore Marilyn Walvoord Joan Kaplan Mary Drexler

## WGC MONTHLY MEETINGS

**September 9, 2015**

**"So Much More than a Food Garden.."**

Dr. John Zahina-Ramos



Everyone knows that home and community food gardens can provide fresh and delicious food. We also know that urban food gardens can help the environment and local economy. But, just how beneficial are they? Until now, no one has really measured just how beneficial an urban food garden can be. Dr. Z has recently completed a research project to answer that question and published a book that explains the results of five-year study on the many ways that our home and community



gardens make our cities more sustainable. Did you know that your home food garden could save enough energy to power the average U.S. house for a year? Or that your food garden may conserve tens of thousands of gallons of water each year? Urban food gardens have tremendous benefit to both the grower and the community. Join us for a presentation on just how important our food gardens really are.

E-mail: [john@justonebackyard.com](mailto:john@justonebackyard.com)

Website: [Just One Backyard](http://JustOneBackyard)

**October 5, 2015**

**"Understand and Enjoy a Flower Show"**

Mary Ellen Chestnut

Mary Ellen Chestnut, a 15-year member of the Wellington Garden Club and Master Flower Show Judge for 25 years, has been affiliated with several south Florida garden clubs. She was the first accredited judge to join the Wellington Garden Club and co-chaired the club's first Standard Flower show. In addition, Mary Ellen served as past director of District 12 flower show judges. Learn about the importance of the flower show schedule "law of the show", the impact of the physical location of the show, how the choice of container can affect the appearance of your composition, the use and balance of color and skillful interpretation of the flower show theme.



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## AROUND & ABOUT TRIPS

### Goss / Cummings Garden

13174 57th Place North, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

**Saturday, October 10, 2015**

Lisa Goss and Michael Cummings have a majestic collection of cypress trees, staghorns, bromeliads, orchids, tropical fruit trees, ferns, exotic palms, cactus, plumeria and so much more. It is truly eye candy for the soul. As you walk this garden, you will be amazed with the different fragrances and the beautiful kaleidoscope of colors painting the entire property complete with parrots and waterfall.



Lisa and Michael are very active members of a number of local plant societies such as The Bromeliad Society, The Rare Fruit Council, Tropical Orchid Society and Mounts.

Wear your sunscreen, hat and bug repellent.

#### 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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## Spring Luncheon – May 4 2015 –Wycliffe Country Club

*Photos by Doreen Baxter*

A wide variety of Hawaiian-themed stylish outfits adorned over 100 Wellington Garden Club members on May 4<sup>th</sup> at Wycliffe Country Club for the club's annual Spring Luau Luncheon. The

décor carried out the Hawaiian theme and numerous, fabulous raffle baskets were contributed by members.



Shown at left is a glimpse of the décor and at right are some of the "Hoola" Gals, (Left to right), Marilyn Walvoord, Mary Drexler, Teresa Cummings, Connie Kilgore and Doreen Baxter



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## Spring Luncheon (Cont'd)

A highlight of the event was the installation of 2015-2017 club officers, which was conducted by Former District Director Emilie Palmieri of the Boca Raton Garden Club. New officers, who are pictured on page 2, include President Kathy Siena, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Carol Coleman, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Doreen Baxter, Treasurer Danese Sloan-Kendall, Assistant Treasurer Silvia Evans, Recording Secretary Linda Motzer, Corresponding Secretary Bobbi Ziegler and Parliamentarian Barbara Hadsell.

Also at the luncheon, John Siena, Scholarship Chairman, awarded college scholarships to Ruth Rhodes and Ryan Wackes of Palm Beach State College and Yan Ortiz of Palm Beach Central High School. Photos and more details of the scholarship winners are on page 8 of this issue.

Barbara Hadsell, Awards Chairman, announced the many awards won by WGC at the National, Regional and State levels. A complete list of awards is found in the 2015-2016 Yearbook that will be distributed at the September 9 membership meeting.



*Twig Morris, out-going President, with Kathy Siena, President 2015-2017, and Diane Patterson, outgoing 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*



*Beautiful raffle baskets for lucky winners*



*Money, Money, Money Raffle Sales Marilyn Walvoord & Stormi Bivin*



*Stormi Bivin, Mary Drexler, Candace Abdella, Donna Guibord, Marilyn Walvoord, Suzanne Rares & Connie Kilgore helped plan the event.*

## WGC Scholarship Committee Report – 2014-15

*By John Siena, Chairman*

### Academic Scholarships Awarded at May Luncheon

The WGC Scholarship committee is pleased to report that we have awarded three scholarships to Yan Ortiz (UCF Freshman), Bryan Wackles and Ruth Rhodes (both attending PBSC) at the culmination of the 2014-15 Club calendar year. The committee made extensive progress codifying our local club's scholarship process and offered additional state and national garden club scholarship information to our local students. In the coming year, we will do our best to promulgate this information to a wider group of local students. We have made new contacts with the local institutions of higher learning and deepened our existing ones. The coming year should be even more fulfilling for the WGC and to our national club president's "leap into action" theme as we help and work more closely with our educators and students to promote their dedication to horticulture and the environment.

For the past several years, the Wellington Garden Club has awarded scholarships to students studying horticulture and environmental sciences at Palm Beach State College. Successful fund raising events have provided the means to fund these scholarships. We are proud to be able to make a difference in these students' lives.



*2015 scholarship winners opposite (Left to right) with: Twig Morris, WGC Past President, John Siena, Scholarship Chair, and scholarship winners Ruth Rhodes, PBSC, Ryan Wackes, PBSC, Yan Ortiz, PB Central HS, Lisa Ferrano, PB Central HS Youth Garden Club Chair, and Toni Riebe, PB Central HS Faculty*

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## WEKIVA YOUTH CAMP

*By Stormi Bivin*

### How I Spent My Summer Vacation (at Camp Wekiva)

Remember this kind of writing assignment you did as a kid when you returned to school each fall? This summer I went to Camp Wekiva in Apopka, FL and would like to share the experience. Maybe this will bring back some fond memories of your camp days as a youngster.

This summer, my 6-year old grandson, Anthony, went to *Critter Camp* at Camp Wekiva...and so did I! This was his first time at any overnight camp, so I applied to be a volunteer during the time he would attend. I was accepted and assigned to "arts & crafts". I also filled in with "nature" activities when needed. It was the first week of June and both of us were very excited to begin our adventure in the woods for 3 days/2 nights. As a volunteer, I bunked with three other ladies (from other area garden clubs) in a very comfortable cabin, complete

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## Wekiva Youth Camp (Cont'd)



with air conditioning! My grandson (shown at left, center) bunked with seven other boy campers and two adult male Counselors in a cabin in the boys' section, complete with bunk beds, of course. The campers' cabins are not air conditioned, but they didn't seem to mind at all.

The days were filled with all kinds of fun activities from morning until bedtime. The campers went on a nature hike, dissected owl poop, did arts & crafts, had "Smores" around the campfire and one of the very favorite activities was an awesome educational and hilarious presentation by "The Snakeman", enjoyed by adults and kids alike! Yes, I am telling the truth – owl poop – though, it was synthetic! The kids loved going to the "Canteen" each afternoon for a snack/treat.

Meals were served daily in the dining hall, complete with peanut butter & jelly sandwiches always available if you didn't like the *blue plate special*. Before entering the dining hall for breakfast, we all gathered around the flagpole, located just outside, and the flags were raised for the day. Everybody recited the pledge of allegiance and the conservation pledges. Before dinner, the flags were retired with ceremony again. We said "grace" before meals with fun twists, mostly done in song. Each group had to do a very short skit or a little "ditty" to add to the entertainment. The kids were expected to be patient, quiet and respectful while all of this was happening. Many good lessons were being taught, while trying to keep it light and fun. The bugler played "Reveille" each morn, and "Taps" at night.

So, did Anthony like going to Camp Wekiva? You bet he did....he loved it! If asked, he would tell you his very favorite part of camp was being able to sleep on the top bunk. (This is very exciting in the world of a 6-year old). He's already talking about wanting to go again next summer! So, did his Grandma like going to Camp Wekiva? You bet she did....and she'd do it again in a heartbeat! It's a great camp with so much to offer our youngsters.

I encourage you to learn more about it, to explore the possibility of volunteering at the camp, attend Wekiva Leadership Training, and to consider sending your child, grandchild or anyone else you know who is between first and eighth grade. It's a great opportunity and experience.

### For Wellington Garden Club Members

*By Sandy Sklar*

### Spontaneous Bamboo Sculpture at Mounts Botanical Garden

*This bamboo sculpture was constructed at Mounts Botanical Garden by members attending the first "After Hours Garden Stroll" on May 4, 2015. Doreen Baxter, Dennis Lipp, Carol Lazzarino, and Marilyn Walvoord initiated the activity and recruited strollers to participate in the building and design of the structure. Kyle and Alexander were major helpers creating several wind operated mobiles using leaves and palm fronds to enhance their movement. Also joining in the production was Rochelle Ibanez Wolberg, and Joel Crippen. See the results of their efforts on the next page.*



*Participating were Carole Lazzarino, Marilyn Walvoord, Dennis Lipp, Rochelle Ibanez Walberg & Joel Crippen. Sandy Sklar and Kyle also assisted in the artistic design.*

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### **YOUTH GARDEN CLUBS NEWS**

*By Barbara Hadsell, Youth Activities Chair*

#### **GREEN APPLE DAY OF SERVICE AT WYNEBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-SATURDAY, SEPT 26, 2015-- 8:30 AM TO NOON.**

Please leap into action and sign up for this important event. See details below and click on the link to sign up and register to help: (Experience not needed!)

"Take It Outside" Green Apple Event  
Wynnebrook Elementary School  
1167 Drexel Rd.,  
West Palm Beach, FL 33417

Wellington Garden Club has been asked to assist the Wynnebrook Elementary students, teachers and parents with their Green School initiative by leading a campus cleanup and beautification day. Shrubs will be trimmed, fertilized and mulched. Pollinator-friendly plants will be added to the beds around the courtyard and in other areas close to walkways so students can observe the pollinators at work. Areas for outdoor classrooms will be evaluated for future projects, plus there will be lots more fun things to help with at the school campus. Mark your calendars and click on this link to sign up as a Wellington Garden Club member volunteer:

<http://greenapple.org/content/wellington-garden-club-wynnebrook-elementary>

Thank you for your support and participation in this very important event to help Wynnebrook Elementary School become a Green School of Excellence.

## YOUTH CONTEST NEWS

*By Kathy Siena, 2012-15 Youth Contest Chair*

Now that all of the awards have been given out by WGC, FFGC, DEEP South and NGC, I can safely say that 2014-2105 was a great year of awards for our youth contest participants. They are really bright and creative kids. Out of the 200 entries, these talented students were recognized for their beautiful poster artwork, original thoughts in their high school essays, creative recycled sculptures, and environmentally-aware poetry writings.



Hunter Tota

Our high school Essay Contest winner was Cody Lagana-Grade 11-1<sup>st</sup> place by FFGC and Deep South. Jake Anders, pictured on page 15, won 1st Place-grade 9 by FFGC and Deep South for his high school poetry entry "The Earth Needs Protection". Hunter Tota won 1<sup>st</sup> place-4<sup>th</sup> grade and Emily Oschmann received Honorable Mention-6<sup>th</sup> grade for NGC Youth Recyclable Sculpture Contest Award.



Emily Oschmann



Of course, the kids always love seeing Smokey Bear and the Florida Forest Rangers. Here they are showing off their Certificates of Participation.

2015-16 Youth Contest Co-Chair Carol Richardson, Florida Forest Ranger Jeff, Smokey Bear, WGC 2014-15 Outgoing Youth Contest Chair Kathy Siena and Equestrian Trail Elementary School Students

The student's reward for participating and winning the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest is spraying the pumper truck hose with the help of the Ranger, shown at right with the Pine Job Contest Winner in the Fall 2014

THANK YOU to our new Youth Contest Co-Chairs, Martie Spaier and Carol Richardson who are already doing a great job preparing for the fall youth contests. Thank you again also for the opportunity to serve as your Youth Contest Chair for three years and for the great rewards it offered me educating and working with our youth.



## BINKS FOREST ELEMENTARY YOUTH CONTEST

*By Carol Richardson and Martie Spaier, Youth Contest Chairs 2015-17*



Left to right: Kathy Siena, Binks Principal Michella Levy, Linda Motzer, Martie Spaier, Carol Richardson

On August 14th Kathy Siena, Martie Spaier, Linda Motzer and I attended "Meet the Teacher" day at Binks Forest Elementary School. We set up a table with a story board and had handouts available for the students and parents. Many signed up and showed interest. This year's focus will be preserving and nurturing our bio-indicators such as bees, butterflies and amphibians. The Wellington Garden Club has been invited to do a Smokey Bear presentation September 17th. We welcome anyone who would like to participate in the judging of the contests and to attend a presentation such as the forthcoming Smokey Bear on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

## WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

### WGC ANNUAL BEACH CLEANUP AND COOKOUT- SEPTEMBER 19 at 8:30 AM

By Diane Rice, Environmental Chairman



Welcome to Wellington  
Garden Club's Annual  
Beach Cleanup & On Site Bar-B-Q  
in conjunction with :  
-Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful-  
International Coastal Cleanup Day  
Date: Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015  
Place: Ocean Inlet Park  
6990 N. Ocean Blvd.  
Ocean Ridge, FL 33435  
Time: 8:30AM - 1 PM at the inlet park  
7:45 AM - Carpool from Wellington  
More info later.  
Directions: Take I-95 to Boynton Beach  
Blvd -Go East- X Bridge -to A-1-A/  
Ocean Blvd -turn left or North. Pass  
Hammock Park -- turn in to Inlet Park  
OR  
Take I-95 to Lantana. Go East X Lantana  
Bridge to A-1-A/ Ocean Blvd. Go South.  
Turn into Inlet Park.

RSVP - Yes -- Count us in - Names are:

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Total in my party is \_\_\_\_ and my lunch  
order is \_\_ hamburger and /or \_\_\_\_ hot  
dogs (Max 1 each pp). Meal incl. chips,  
beans, watermelon, salad & lemonade.  
You can bring your own soda. Will provide  
ice & cups. Price: \$8 pp.

Email names & meal info by Sept 7th to  
[DianeRice@pbccleanup.com](mailto:DianeRice@pbccleanup.com) to RSVP  
and receive other info.

Need 5 gallon empty paint buckets if  
you can get them free.

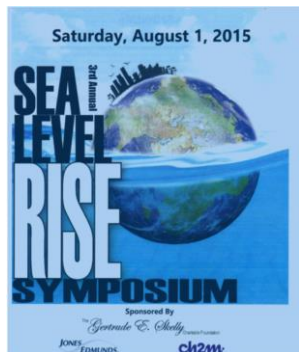


## SKIP THE STRAW

Did you know that plastic straws are one of the most common items found littered on beaches and in the ocean? According to Lourdes Ferris, Executive Director, Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful, Inc., plastic straws and stirrers are the 8<sup>th</sup> most littered item in Palm Beach County with over 1,731 picked up by volunteers last year during the International Coastal Cleanup. The anti-straw movement is part of a nationwide push, Ocean Conservancy's Last Straw Challenge. So the next time you go out to eat, take the Last Straw Challenge and ask your waiter or waitress to "Skip the Straw" and help our oceans and sea creatures. [For more information on "Skip the Straw" in Palm Beach County, click here](#)

## THIRD ANNUAL SEA LEVEL RISING SYMPOSIUM

*By Diane Rice, Environmental Chairman*



WGC Environmental Chairman Diane Rice went to the 3rd Annual Sea Level Rising Symposium held on Aug. 1, 2015. There she was pleased to see how our local city and county government officials of Palm Beach, Broward and Dade Counties have already begun the challenge of sea level rising. Most vulnerable is Miami, coastal barrier islands and the Everglades. Getting ready to build sea walls seemed to be the first step for areas like Key Biscayne Island.

But there is another side of this and that is public participation like: voting, reducing our carbon footprint, assisting in data collection, outreaching thru art, signing petitions, and funding Everglades conservation & restoration.

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## IN MEMORIAM

**Alice D. Mueller**

**September 26, 1938 – June 16, 2015**

**For those of you who might have missed seeing this notice in the Palm Beach Post, she will be sorely missed by us.....**



Alice Kathleen Donahue Mueller, 76, of Wellington, FL, passed away at home on June 16, 2015. She was born in Chicago, IL on September 26, 1938 to Edward K. and Betty F. Donahue. She is survived by her son, Jonathan Mueller of Oakland, CA, and Alice's six siblings: Betsy Mehelich of St. Charles, IL; Edward Donahue of Germantown, TN and his wife Nora; Sheila Reif of Jenks, OK, and her husband David, James Donahue of Holyoke, MA; Joseph Donahue of Quartz Hills, CA, and his wife Betty; and Anne Scown of Sacramento, CA, and her husband Richard. Alice is also survived by 15 nieces and nephews and their respective children.

After concluding her undergraduate college education, she married Robert J. Mueller and was married for 16 years. She also taught primary school for twenty years throughout the Chicago suburbs. After retirement, she became involved in the Guardian ad Litem program as a volunteer in the Palm Beach area from 2008-2014. She advocated for children placed in foster care. Alice dedicated her time to ensuring these children were growing up in safe, healthy, loving environments, and presented her observations in court.

A huge 'Thank You' goes out to all of Alice's dearest friends in the Wellington area and surroundings.

## HORTICULTURE

*By Laure Hristov*

Every time I am asked to write a Horticulture article, I have the hardest time picking a subject. Why, you ask? Because I just love, love, love educating others about Horticulture and there are so many things I know I can share and I just can't settle on one thing! I guess that's why I suffer from this plant addiction too LOL!

So I decided to just list some items that are important this time of year for keeping your garden healthy and in great shape! Happy Gardening - Will it ever get cool again???

1 - If you haven't done so by September 1, as soon as possible cut back and shape all your winter bloomers, such as: Dombeya Seminole, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, Powderpuff to name a few.

2 - Lawn Tips: I see this over and over again, irrigation running when it's raining. Please check your rain sensor and/or turn off sprinklers during the rainy season. Also, make sure you only water early in the morning and never have your sprinklers run early evening once the sun has gone down. This causes lots of fungus and insect damage. When it comes to water - LESS is the Best!

3 - When amending our sandy soil, always use Canadian Peat and not Florida Peat! Be careful when purchasing potting soil which must drain well and should contain pine bark and Canadian Peat. This is a great way to amend the soil to help it to retain moisture for plants that require it. Composting, of course, is the best if you have the space and time.

4 - Orchids - Scale remover: Mix equal parts of Rubbing Alcohol, Water and 409 cleaner. Spray thoroughly, make sure you get in all the crevices, make sure you get the underside of leaves too. If you are new to Orchids and are on Facebook I would highly recommend joining the group: Newbie Florida Orchid Growers, lots of great information.

5 - Aspirin is not just for aches and pains - Try it on your Heirloom tomato plants. Dissolve one 325 mg uncoated aspirin in a cup of water overnight, stir and pour out a little and mix with whatever liquid fertilizer you prefer. Sea Kelp is good and mix in 1 T. of Epsom Salt (make sure it's not perfumed) per gallon of water. Put in a spray bottle and spray all parts of the plant. Always spray early in the morning after the plant has been watered or in the evening after they have been watered. Make sure they are not dry and hot.

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## WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

*By Barbara Hadsell, Awards Chair*



Wellington Garden Club (WGC) members and local youth have recently received awards and recognition from National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC), the Deep South Region and the FL Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. NGC, a not-for-profit educational organization with over 180,000 members in all 50 states recognized Lisa Ferrano, WGC member, with the Member Award of Honor—one of only eight given in the United States. Lisa's volunteer achievements in the community over several years were cited, especially her work with local youth and Habitat for Humanity landscaping.

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WGC's two-year efforts to promote wildlife through educational programs for members and the public, together with the club's participation in various field trips featuring wildlife and special wildlife programs for youth, received a 1<sup>st</sup> place national President's Special Projects Award. In addition, two students sponsored by WGC were honored. In NGC's Recycled Sculpture Youth Contest, Hunter Tota, Equestrian Trails, received the 1<sup>st</sup> place award for 4<sup>th</sup> grade and Emily Oschmann, Palm Springs Middle School received an Honorable Mention at the 6<sup>th</sup> grade level.



Of the many awards given by NGC's Deep South Region, comprised of six southern states, and the FL Federation of Garden Club—the most outstanding achievement recognized was the planting of 1,200 small slash pine and mahogany trees provided by the Village of Wellington in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Preserve off of Flying Cow Rd. WGC members partnered with Girl and Boy Scouts, the Environmental Club members from Palm Beach Central High School and Village of Wellington staff in planting this future forest.

**The following poem by Jake Anders, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade student at Wellington High School, won 1st place at both the Deep South Region and FFGC Youth Poetry Contests. Jake was sponsored by WGC and is shown here with President Kathy Siena.**

### The Earth Needs Protection

The Earth needs protection  
Treat it right and with care  
Recently it has been ripped apart  
Almost to the bare

The miners went fracking  
The animals went packing  
The government was clapping  
And the environmentalists were cracking

So what are we to do?  
Lessen our "footprint"  
And be less greedy too  
We can save the Earth

The Earth is a fragile thing that mustn't be harmed  
For it provides us with a home with open arms  
Without protection we are doomed to fall  
The Earth will surely not hold us all  
By the time we are done.



## FLORAL DESIGN WORKSHOPS

By Bernice Correra and Jayne Kiesewetter, Chairs

**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 co-ordinating floral design.**

We are fortunate to once again have as our instructors, National Garden Club Accredited Flower Show Judges, Christine Biscoglio and Susan Hillson, to lead this series of three classes. It was their goal last year for all participants to have fun while learning a new concept of floral design. Christine and Susan are both extremely creative and are somehow able to enthusiastically and magically coax masterful designs from each participant!

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"	Fire Station 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:

*November 19* class will be held at **Fire Station 30** on Stribling Way (between 441 and Lyons Road)

*January 11* and *March 14* classes will both be held at **Village Park**, 11700 Pierson Road, Wellington (present location of our Garden Club meetings)

To sign up now, please mail your check for \$35.00 payable to Wellington Garden Club to Bernice Correra, P.O. Box 1251, Loxahatchee, FL 33470. If there are any openings left by September 9<sup>th</sup>, when we have our first monthly meeting, a sign-up sheet will be provided. Further details will be forthcoming as we approach the first design class on November 19. Confirmed participants will be notified by e-mail prior to each class with reminders and specifics on plant material and accessories required. If you have any questions, please email either Bernice at [us1canuck@aol.com](mailto:us1canuck@aol.com) or Jayne at [jbinwelly@comcast.net](mailto:jbinwelly@comcast.net).

\*If you sign up for the series but find that at the last minute you cannot attend a class, then you will be responsible for finding a replacement and reimbursement from your replacement should you so choose.



**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 re purpose 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

# NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

*By Twig Morris, District X National Garden Week Chairman*

During the week of June 7-14, 2015, garden clubs across the U.S. celebrated National Garden Week and the Wellington Garden Club was no exception. To mark the event members Joan Kaplan and Danese Sloan-Kendall delivered potted plants to Wellington's Village Hall, Village Park, Public Works Department and Library. Members Barbara Hadsell, Martie Spaier, Rickie Pollachi, Carolyn Lowe and Carolyn's granddaughter, Olivia Lowe, helped children in Wellington's Village Park Summer Camp Program plant Southern red cedar seedlings in pots they could take home and grow. The seedlings and pots were donated by Wellington's Landscape/Forestry Division of the Public Works Department.



Joan Kaplan with Brian Hopper, Supervisor of Wellington's Landscape and Forestry Operation.



Barbara Hadsell and Rickie Pollachi help kids plant seedlings



Wellington kids at Village Park summer camp



A camper proudly displaying his newly-planted red cedar seedling

## **National Garden Clubs (NGC) Schools** *By Barbara Hadsell, Chairman NGC Gardening Studies School*

### **NGC ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES SCHOOL**

The mission statement of the Environmental Studies Schools is to teach environmental literacy to cherish, protect and conserve the living earth. The courses teach participants environmental literacy, appreciation of the natural world, encourages action for sustainable development and appreciation for the interrelation of all natural things. Particular emphasis is presently placed on land conservation, water conservation and air quality.

### **NGC GARDENING STUDY SCHOOL**

The School consists of a series of four courses, scheduled usually for two days of instruction, followed by a general examination. Courses cover all aspects of growing, from understanding soil structure to pruning techniques, plant identification, etc. Topics include basic botany, soils, growing annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, fruits and vegetables, lawns, pests and diseases of plants, plant classification, and selected subjects of local interest.

Additional topics and areas of interest that may be covered are subjects such as Reconciliation Ecology (the science of inventing, establishing, and maintaining new habitats in places where people live, work, and play), and creating backyard habitats to help endangered species such as pollinators and amphibians.

### **LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL**

The courses cover the history of landscape design as well as instruction from landscape architects in a variety of design techniques used in home and municipal settings.

The curriculum covers a wide range of subjects: from landscape design history to landscape architecture in the year 2000 and beyond. Since its founding in 1958, professional instructors have maintained the high standards originally incorporated in the study program. Also offered are many optional programs, such as conferences, symposia and tours. Students acquire the tools for making their own gardens more beautiful and easier to maintain. Many students have been motivated to serve in political decision-making areas where awareness of the impact of a well-designed landscape can enhance the beauty and enjoyment of life in the public arena.

A list of 2015-16 NGC Schools and locations is contained in the WGC 2015-16 Yearbook. Information on registering will be available at garden club meetings and on the internet.



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## **NEWS FROM FFGC AND DISTRICT X**

*By Twig Morris, External Events Liaison*

### **DISTRICT X FALL MEETING**

**Save the date, Friday, October 16,** for the District X Fall Meeting to be held in Stuart. This year's District X Fall meeting, titled *Sunflowers and Chardonnay*, will introduce the newly-elected FFGC Officers who will review the "State of the State" for FFGC programs and projects during the coming year. With a title like *Sunflowers and Chardonnay*, this year's meeting promises to be lots of fun as well as informative. Don't miss it! To register see: [http://www.districtx.org/PDF\\_files/2015\\_fall\\_districtx\\_registr.pdf](http://www.districtx.org/PDF_files/2015_fall_districtx_registr.pdf) or register at the September WGC meeting. Reimbursement for the \$30 fee is available from WGC. Educational reimbursement forms will be available at club meetings.

## NEW FFGC WILD APRICOT WEBSITE ANNOUNCED

At the 2015 FFGC Convention last April, a new FFGC website was unveiled. The new address is [www.ffgc.wildapricot.org](http://www.ffgc.wildapricot.org). In addition to containing information about FFGC events, it's important to note that this new website will enable each member throughout the state to manage his or her personal profile (name, address, phone number, etc.). It's now **your responsibility** to be sure your information in the FFGC database is correct. FFGC and the WGC Membership Chair will no longer do this for you.

The instructions for updating your personal profile are below. Although it may sound difficult to do, it really isn't. If you're somewhat computer literate, you should be able to easily follow the instructions. If you need help or your computer skills are not up to par, or you just don't want to do this now, we will have more instruction and assistance at our monthly meetings this fall.

**Following are the instructions received from District X Director Donna Berger.**

- 1. Go to the FFGC website: [www.ffgc.wildapricot.org](http://www.ffgc.wildapricot.org)**
- 2. Click on the LOGIN link at the TOP LEFT SIDE of the screen.**
- 3. Enter your personal email address and create your personal password. \*\***
- 4. Click on CREATE a PROFILE, and when the next screen comes up, click on EDIT YOUR MEMBER PROFILE at the bottom to verify and update your information.**
- 5. Update at any time during the year if your information changes.**

**\*\*Wild Apricot is a membership service that protects the FFGC Members Only Website by requiring individual passwords for all users. The user's individual password and email address combine to give the user secure access to the website. There is no one universal password for all users -- rather the individual user must provide a password of their choice.**

**IF THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU ARE SIGNING IN OR YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR PASSWORD:**

Click on **FORGOT PASSWORD**. You'll receive an automatically generated email with instructions to create a password and complete the login process. Email not recognized? That just means that the email address FFGC has on file for you is not the same as the email site you're using to log in. No worries, just contact headquarters via email -- [ffgc@ffgcmail.com](mailto:ffgc@ffgcmail.com) -- so the database can be updated with the email address you want to use.

**THE FLORIDA GARDENER WILL BE MAILED TO THE ADDRESS IN YOUR PROFILE. TO RECEIVE THE MAGAZINE AT A DIFFERENT ADDRESS OVER THE SUMMER -- SIMPLY CHANGE THE ADDRESS IN YOUR PROFILE IN THE SPRING AND CHANGE IT BACK IN THE FALL.**

## Adopt-A-Street Program

*By Mary Ann Hesser and Bonnie Wenham, Adopt-a-Street Chairmen*

The club has 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 Greenbriar 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. Next volunteer day is September 15.

## ELKS VEGETABLE GARDEN

*By Tim Hadsell, Community Gardens Chairman*



WGC began partnering with the Elks Lodge to plant and harvest veggies to feed the hungry and homeless at the **St. Georges Soup kitchen** in Riviera Beach. The garden also is used as a teaching garden for Wynnebrook Elementary Junior Garden Club.

The Elks Lodge is on Belvedere, two blocks east of Jog Rd. on the south side. Volunteers are needed every **Tuesday** and **Friday** mornings to work in the garden. We hope you'll come and get involved to help feed the hungry and the students at Wynnebrook. Questions? call Tim at 561-670-4790.

## 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**

### 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

**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 call Jim Wenham, Membership Chair, email [hammerx48@me.com](mailto:hammerx48@me.com) the Friday before the meeting so we will plan enough food.

**Newsletter**

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Newsletter Editor Evvy Bartley

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