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The Newsletter of the Wellington Garden Club

JAN/FEB 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We are only half way through our garden club year and yet so much has happened. I am learning about the different seasons we actually experience here in South Florida as we moved from very hot and humid days to drier and cooler days and the snow birds are returning to us. Our environmental horticulture friends at UF tell us that winter is a great time to plant bulbs like clivia lily, and crinum. My husband, who is a great cook and likes to cook with herbs, built a waist-height container garden to plant our herbs in, such as thyme, dill, fennel, tarragon and some mints. They should thrive in cooler temperatures.

As far as our club activities during November and December, the Garden Art Workshop chair taught a crafting class with decorative bottles and vases. Our Floral Design Workshop co-chairs had their first workshop teaching members how to make beautiful designs. You can read more about both of these classes in our Newsletter.

Youth contests are always an important part of WGC and our co-chairs have been working diligently gathering and judging participants creative and amazing contests. There will be many more to come. The 2016 Glorious Garden Tour co-chairs are working together with their wonderful committee chairs to organize an amazing garden tour at several gardens in the area. This is a very important fundraiser. You will be sure to enjoy the efforts of the garden tour homeowners as well as our super volunteers.

To wrap up our 2015 year, we had a wonderful "Roaring 20's" themed Winter Luncheon at Mayacoo Country Club and watched the skillful dance steps of Kevin and his partner. Chico's fashion show and our beautiful WGC models really topped it off. Our members can get pretty dapper and spiffy with their outfits. Thank you to the chairs and helpers.

Kicking off the New Year will be our January meeting filled with lots of things to do. Our speakers from UF will talk about "Reptiles and Amphibians in South Florida" and how they may affect us in our yards and gardens. Our scholarship campers, teachers, youth contest top winners and parents will be joining as well. Don't miss some amazing Around and Abouts and monthly meeting speakers coming up in January and February. Refer to your directory for details. We are having a Sunset Social at Kevin Foster's on January 30 from 6-9 PM. Don't miss it!

Happy Holidays and a Blessed and Happy New Year to you all. See you in January.

Kathy

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

WGC CALENDAR OF EVENTS - January-February 2016

Jan. 4	Garden Club Meeting _ Village Park (10:30 AM)
Jan. 5	Adopt-a-Street – Wellington Dog Park (9 AM)
Jan. 13-14	FFGC Board of Directors Meeting – Winter Park
Jan. 15	Arbor Day (Florida)
Jan. 11	Floral Design Workshop – Village Park (1-4 PM)
Jan. 21	Around & About – Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens – Palm Beach
Jan. 25*	Executive Committee Meeting – Village Park (9-10:30 AM)*
Jan. 27-28	Tropical Short Course/NGC Tri-Refresher, Mounts Botanical Garden
Feb 1	Garden Club Meeting – Village Park (10:30 AM)
Feb. 2-4	NGC Flower Show School. Course III, Port St. Lucie (Tues-Thurs)
Feb. 9	Garden Art Workshop – Fire Station 30 (9 AM-Noon)
Feb. 16	Around & About – Palm Beach Zoo, West Palm Beach
Feb. 18	Wellington Landscape Maintenance – Village Park (8:30 AM)
Feb. 19-21	Wekiva Leadership Training, Apopka
Feb. 25	New Member Reception (10:00 AM)

***NOTE:** WGC Executive Committee Meetings are now being held at Village Park from 9-10:30 AM, not at the Library. Please notify the President in writing at least five days in advance of the meeting if you would like to address the committee. Dec 30 meeting is cancelled.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Danese Sloan-Kendall, Treasurer

December 1, 2015

Wellington Garden Club began November 1, 2015 with a checking account balance of \$24,709.24.

Income since then totaled \$555.35.

Expenses since November 1st were \$ 4,366.95 primarily for youth program expenses.

November 30th balance in the Wellington Garden Club checking account was \$20,897.64.

HOSPITALITY

By Denise Friedlander



Garden club members listed below have signed up to bring food donations to the January & February meetings. **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 Denise Friedlander at (561) 791-4681 or polishhoney@aol.com for any questions or changes.**

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
SANDWICHES	Dee Rolfe Alaura Allen Anna Cavalleri Angela Harper Heather Stewart Debbi Kaplan Pamela Jacobson Diana Thompson Twig Morris Gigi Galle Betty Naulty Petra Russell	Barbara Gerkin
SALAD	Ann Cavalleri Melanie Harwood Kay Brown Caren Griffin Ellen Rawlings Carol Richardson Doreen Baxter Jorun Legraid Linda Motzer Roxanne Henry Bobbi Ziegler	Marilyn Rosen
DESSERT	Ricki Pollacchi Sandy Williams Joyce Smith Barbara Zenker Amy Schwed Stormi Bivin Betty Naulty Rosemarie Schaefer Jim Thompson Tom Wenham Brenda Shaw Carolyn Lowe	Cheryl Karlo Marilyn Walvoord Jan Seagrave Patricia Smith

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

Wellington Garden Club Meeting

Monday, January 4, 2016 Reptiles and Amphibians in South Florida

Colleen D. Closius, B.S.
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.

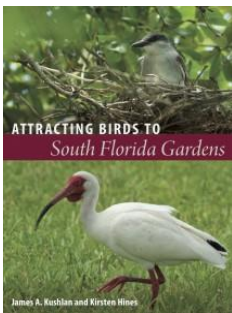


Mazzotti, their presence and the problems associated with them have gotten a lot of attention. Is it possible some of these invasive species are here in South Florida in our very own gardens, lurking about looking to devour an endangered species? We may even get to see real, live species. This is surely a meeting not to be missed.

<http://crocdoc.ifas.ufl.edu/>
Website: *The Croc Docs*

Wellington Garden Club Meeting Monday, Feb. 1 2016 Gardening For Birds and Other Wildlife in South Florida

Kirsten Hines



Kirsten Hines is a writer, photographer, biologist and environmental educator focused on wildlife, nature, travel and conservation. She has long championed South Florida's native plants and habitats, including as coauthor of the Institute for Regional Conservation's Natives for Your Neighborhood online plant conservation resource and, with James Kushlan, the gardening book *Attracting Birds to South Florida Gardens*. Learn why gardening is different in sub-



tropical South Florida, and what you can do to make your own yard, even just a patio, more attractive to our unique community of birds and other wildlife, helping to restore and maintain the region's ecological functions through wildlife-friendly landscaping.

Email: kirstennaturetravel@gmail.com
Website: [Kirsten Nature & Travel](#)

AROUND & ABOUT – Thursday, January 21, 2016

Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens

253 Barcelona Rd, West Palm Beach

561-832-5328

Cost: \$15 nonrefundable after January 15th, 2016

Tour begins at 10am

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.

LUNCH : TBA

CARPOOL: Leaves Ultima Fitness or IHOP at 9:15 am Sharp

SIGN-UP at a meeting or contact Jan Seagrave, phone: 561-301-9184 or email jflygirl@bellsouth.net.

AROUND AND ABOUT TRIPS

Palm Beach Zoo

1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL 33405

561-533-0887

COST: \$20



Come visit the Palm Beach Zoo and get in touch with your wild side. The Zoo is professionally accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and houses over 700 animals within 23 acres of lush tropical landscape. Our experience will include both a guided tour and an interactive education adventure with live animals.

We will tour a LEED-certified building and learn about its green features and how the building was designed with the environment in mind. You will also learn about the zoo's green program and how you can be green, too.

Wear your walking shoes, hat, sunscreen and bring plenty of water. Don't forget your camera.

LUNCH: TBA

CARPOOL: Leaves Ultima Fitness or IHOP at 9am Sharp

SIGN-UP: At a meeting or contact Jan Seagrave, phone: 561-301-9184 or email jflygirl@bellsouth.net

CAMP WEKIVA LEADERSHIP TRAINING



Dates: Friday February 19 - Sunday February 21

Time: Begins 1 p.m. Friday, ends 12 noon Sunday followed by an open house from 1-3 p.m.

Location: Wekiva Youth Camp, Wekiwa Springs State Park, Apopka, FL

Cost: \$75 includes meals, lodging, activities

Contact: Harriet Samuels; hiswpbwh@gmail.com; 561-715-0950

Here's your chance to learn more about FFGC Wekiva Youth Camp and to spend a few days being a kid again. You'll learn about the camp's programs that emphasize nature study, conservation, and crafts. You'll also learn teaching strategies for working with children during the summer camping sessions, held from mid-June through July, however, **there's no obligation to become a volunteer for the summer camp sessions.** The \$75 fee qualifies for reimbursement under the WGC Member Education budget.

So take a break, have fun, go to camp Wekiva and be a kid again! More details may be found at the Wekiva Youth Camp website: <http://www.wekivayouthcamp.org/wekiva-leadership-training/>

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!! WEKIVA NEWS ALERTS

Special opportunity to meet and greet our 2015 Wekiva participants.
Come to our January 4th meeting.

Important notice for Wekiva 2016: Check the Wekiva website to register for Critter Camp, regular camp or to be an adult volunteer. Early registration is important as some of our potential campers were shut out last summer due to so many interested youngsters. The Wellington Garden Club offers camperships so our youngsters only pay registration fees. We attempt to assist as many youngsters as our budget allows. (Parent(s) or guardian(s) are responsible for transportation to and from camp. If you want a campership, let Harriet know ASAP.

For further information, contact Harriet Samuels at 561-715-0950 or hiswpbwh@gmail.com

YOUTH GARDEN CLUBS NEWS

By Barbara Hadsell, NGC and FFGC Gardening Study Schools Chairman

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AN HOUR EACH THURSDAY AFTERNOON AT BINKS FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Please join new member Helga Mesmer on Thursday afternoons from 2:00 – 3:15 to help Starla Davis and her teachers and parents to supervise Jr. Garden Clubbers doing fun projects. There are two groups of approximately 36 enthusiastic students each who work on a variety of projects. Here is Starla's description of some of their activities:

"Each **Green Squad** meeting begins with an over-view of what our focus will be and/or mini lessons on specific topics. For example, students learned about identifying the flowering plants going into our Butterfly Courtyard and how to set up a compost bin.

For the garden beds, students led by my team of teachers, Wellington Garden Club members and several parent volunteers have put together raised cedar beds and constructed cinder-block garden areas. They've laid recycled newspapers and cardboard down and covered them with weed-block. Students have mixed peat moss, compost/manure mixes, and bags of potting soil together and poured to fill our square garden beds. In our pictures, you can see sunflowers, milkweed, zinnias, pentas, fire bushes, and salvias the children planted in our Butterfly Courtyard which is a Monarch Waystation.

In the garden beds, students planted green beans, tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, and radishes that are growing in the hopes of getting to eat them before all the little creatures that also seem to like them do. Water from our rain barrel is used to water these plants which the children love doing. At this point, the children have been laying weed-block down between the garden beds and laying bag after bag of mulch to establish walking paths. We're hoping to get picnic tables with umbrellas to construct an outdoor classroom in another section of our Butterfly Courtyard.

All I can say is that in the hour the children work in the garden areas, it is absolutely the most action-packed fun possible. "

You can reach Starla at **Phone:**[561-302-9299](tel:561-302-9299) **Email:**starla.davis@palmbeachschools.org

YOUTH CONTEST NEWS

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

Hello Everyone, Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. The Youth Contest is in full swing. We have had 140 entries submitted for poems and essays alone. We have judged them and sent them on to FFGC for them to do the same and there were a few sculptures as well. We have had two Smokey Bear presentations by the Forest Rangers at Wynnebrook and our new school Binks Elementary. We will be doing another one at Pine Jog December 9th with an awards presentation as well for the posters. Happy to say that we have picked up posters from Binks and will be judging them soon and from Home Schoolers. We will be meeting some of our winners at the January meeting.

SMOKEY BEAR POSTER CONTEST



1ST place winner of Smokey Poster Contest



Pine Jog contest winners w/Smokey Bear & Ranger



Smokey Bear at Pine Jog Elementary



Forest Ranger Stan at Pine Jog

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 CRAFT WORKSHOP

Create your own Fairy Garden Workshop

By Carol Lazzarino and Dee Rolfe, Chairs



In this workshop we will be crafting all the fun little accessories to complete your Fairy Garden. The workshop will be held at Fire Station 30 from 9:00-12 Noon. We will demonstrate how to make a Fairy Garden and will be creating items like a koi pond, bird house, bird bath, gazing ball, whimsical mushrooms, wishing well, and even a bridge. The



cost is \$10 for all the supplies to make these items.

Fairy Gardens are perfect for indoor use or on your porch or patio. They require low maintenance.



You will need to bring your own dish garden container, potting soil and a few plants. Pick up the instruction sheet when you sign up so you will be prepared for the class.

RECAP OF FLORAL DESIGN CLASS November 19, 2015

By Jayne Kiesewetter and Bernice Corraera



A Mass Design in a pumpkin, squash, or melon was the order of the day, and from there the creativity of each student took over. We were assigned an added dimension of bringing a casual place setting to accompany our arrangement. After we had completed our designs, a lesson on artistic napkin folding followed. And then the fun began, as Susan and Chris critiqued each of our designs as if it were a flower show entry. If the notion of this sets off alarm bells in your mind, relax. Because in addition to their artistic talents, Susan and Chris are also diplomats skilled in tactfully dealing with sensitive matters. We were praised for what we had done right coupled with a gentle suggestion of how our already wonderful work could be even a little bit better. Speaking for myself and some others who gave us feedback, we left the class feeling we had had fun and learned at the same time. Next class will be Monday, January 11th, from 1:00 to 4:00. Contact Jayne Kiesewetter if you would like to be on a Wait List in the event of a last minute cancellation. The theme will be a Sporting Event.



Adopt-A-Street Program on Tuesday, January 5th

By Mary Ann Hesser & Bonnie Wenham

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 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.



FERTILIZER ORDER

Manufactured by Nutricote and also marketed as Dynamite by Home Depot, this product is a 360-day time-release fertilizer. The company has been awarded the Gulf Guardian Award from the EPA Gulf of Mexico Program Partnership for its low impact on the environment. Home Depot product only lasts up to 9 months.

50 lb. bags, 13-5-11 with micro nutrients
\$75 per bag
Check payable to WGC
(Wholesale cost is \$64.81 per 50 lb. bag + delivery charge)

Contact: Barbara Hadsell 439-4607 or email at: barbarahadsell@cs.com

A sign-up sheet will be available at January/February meetings. **Check payable to WGC must accompany order.** Delivery will be in late February. You may split a bag with another person but only one person must be responsible for pick up and bag splitting. Home Depot sells this fertilizer in a 2 lb. bottle @ \$4.50 per lb. vs. \$1.50/lb. in a 50 lb. bag.

ELKS VEGETABLE GARDEN



For the last several years, WGC has partnered with the Elks Lodge and Wynnebrook Elementary School Junior Garden Club to plant and harvest veggies. 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 Tuesdays and Fridays at 9 am for an hour or two. Questions? call Tim at 561-670-4790. We hope you'll come and get involved to help the junior garden club learn about growing and harvesting veggies for a healthier lifestyle.

Above: Sandy Williams and Heather Stewart prepare hydroponic plantings

HORTICULTURE

By Laure Hristov

Cycads look superficially like palm trees, but they belong to a very different group. They first appeared on the planet around 280 million years ago, but they really hit their stride in the Jurassic and Cretaceous period, between 200 and 65 million years ago. But their time would soon be over. Out-competed by flowering plants, and suffering from the decline of their dinosaur pollinators, the cycads started to disappear.

Today, there are just 300 species in 11 genera. The cycads are indeed an ancient group, but the living species aren't much older than 12 million years. Cycads have been an important source of food for dinosaurs and despite being toxic, they have been valued by many cultures for food. There has been a renewed interest in them since their present status as endangered plants has created an upsurge of interest in their conservation.

Here are the basics: They are woody plants which produce seeds. They are grouped with gymnosperms but are in fact unrelated to any other group of living plants. They are found in tropical, subtropical and warm temperate regions of the northern and southern hemispheres.



One of the most common Cycads in south FL gardens is the Sago Palm which is not a palm at all, but *Cycas revoluta*. (Just an FYI - the seeds are highly toxic to dogs and cats). They are long-lived, unisexual plants that develop cones and reproduce by seeds. Some produce cones very regularly and others sporadically sometimes with 10-15 years or more between events. The seeds are often eaten by a diverse range of birds and animals which aid in the dispersal of the species. The stems of the cycads are thickened and fleshy and have storage capacities and are often referred to as tuberous. The stems can be either completely subterranean or may develop an above ground trunk.

Cycads are excellent horticultural subjects and are of great value to collectors. Landscapers find their primitive shapes and silhouettes appealing and their predictable dimensions are very useful in planning the landscape. They make great container plants and are excellent for indoor use when there is sufficient light.

I started collecting these interesting plants a few years back and just love the interest and history they add to the garden!

For more information on Cycads check out www.cycad.org.

RECAP OF AROUND AND ABOUT Monday, November 16, 2015



On Monday, November 16th, 35 or so WGC members and friends visited and played miniature golf at Adventure Mini Golf on Military Trail owned and operated by Jerry Doser. Jerry gave us a short talk about the beautiful landscaping and the strategy for each of the two golf courses. We had the option of choosing one of two courses to play and what a challenge they were! For sure, Jerry's golf center is one of the nicest miniature golf centers around. It was truly a showplace for our gardeners to enjoy. Not only was the center done in good taste, but each course was immaculately groomed and cleverly laid out. Fortunately, in spite of the previous weather forecast calling for a rainy day, we had blue skies and lots of sunshine with a slight breeze. After we finished, it was determined some folks actually had a few holes in one. Jerry treated us to a little gift of stuffed animals for our efforts and several of us went off in different directions for lunch. This was truly a fun Around & About, and we all agreed that we should do this again!



Everyone had a wonderful time competing in teams



Jerry Doser giving us instructions before we took the "plunge"!



All those with a hole-in-one

FACEBOOK

By Linda Motzer, Facebook Chair

WGC has an updated Facebook Page. Go to [wellingtongardenclub/facebook](https://www.facebook.com/wellingtongardenclub/) to view our page. Click the "Like" button to receive the latest Pics and Posts on your FB newsfeed.

Please email WGC event photos or info that you would like posted to Linda Motzer at lmotzer@aol.com.

Will Big Cypress Be Next for Fracking?



While most Floridians were trying to enjoy this Winter's Holiday Festivities, the National Park Service was reviewing the last step needed to approve the Burnett's Oil Company's Plan of Operation (POP) for the Nobles Grade 3-D Seismic Survey of 70,454 acres inside the Cypress Reserve, the biggest seismic land request ever made in Florida and probably the largest consideration of a National Park / Reserve. Note that this is like step 1 for fracking to later be permitted.

"Why should we be upset for it is only a Seismic Survey" said a Park Ranger to me. For starters, it sets precedence which is hard to overcome and not only should Floridians take note, but also the whole country. For example,

1. 70,454 acres of a national preserve is a big land mass for approval without a full Environment Impact Study.
2. The Endangered Species Act of 1973 is now being overlooked. The Florida Panther is at risk and South Florida is the only known breeding area according to the web site defenders.org/florida-panther/basic-facts. This survey area includes some of the Florida Panther dens and no one really knows how the Florida Panther will react or if its food supply will be diminished once the seismic survey begins.
3. The role of National Park Service is now at question since it will not abide by its own 1916 National Park Service Organic Act of preserving endangered species in its own national parks and preserves for future generations to enjoy.
4. The National Park Director's Order #21 of 2001 requires an Environmental Impact Analysis be made and an Environment Assessment made by Burnett Oil Company is simply not adequate for the land mass of 70,454 acres that it is requesting for survey. Instead this Director's Order #21 should be interpreted as requiring a full Environment Impact Study.

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs put out a position paper on January 15, 2015 calling for a ban on fracking, and therefore, as the WGC Environment Chairman, I have an obligation to give you the latest from the state legislature that voted to start their legislation in January, 2016. Florida House subcommittees have already approved a version of HB 191 which will create regulations for fracking. It was introduced by Ray Wesley Rodriques(R) of Lee County and Rep. Cary Pigman (R), an ER MD from Avon Park. This bill establishes regulation for fracking and voids all past local ordinances (43% of FL population) to ban fracking. The subcommittee of 14 members voted --- 9 Yays and 3 Nays and 1 - not voting. Please check your emails from our Florida Federation of Garden Clubs representatives: Jackie Host, Pat Carver and Inger Jones who give us the latest updates and please email or call your representatives for environmental causes when asked.



Wellington Garden Club

www.wellingtongardenclub.org

December 2015

Dear Garden Club Member:

It seems impossible that 2015 is almost at an end, yet it is. No doubt you have received numerous solicitations in the mail from a wide variety of non-profit organizations asking you to make your year-end donations while there is still time. As you consider these requests, we hope the name on the top of your list is Wellington Garden Club's biggest fundraising endeavor, the "***Glorious Gardens Tour***" scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On that day garden enthusiasts from Wellington and surrounding communities have an opportunity to visit unique private gardens in and around Wellington. These special gardens highlight a wide variety of landscape styles and plantings and also will include a plant sale, an exciting raffle, and refreshments. Held every two years, this event provides crucial financial support for ongoing club projects including:

- Habitat for Humanity landscaping for homes in Palm Beach County
- Scholarships for students pursuing college degrees in horticulture and environmental science
- Sponsorship and funding for youth to attend environmentally-focused summer camps
- Civic beautification projects in and around Wellington
- Educational programs and leadership for Junior Garden Clubs at various local schools

The cost of these projects is budgeted at over \$15,000 over the next two years. So you can see your financial contribution to the "***Glorious Gardens Tour***" is crucial to the success of these valuable programs.

We urge you to become part of the "***Glorious Gardens Tour***" tour by purchasing a Philanthropic Sponsorship at one of the levels shown on the attached form. All philanthropic sponsors will earn recognition in the tour program. A sponsorship of \$100 or more will include two tour tickets.

Please complete the enclosed Sponsorship Form, and mail your **tax-deductible donation** along with your payment to the address shown. Your gift in any amount will be very much appreciated. We thank you and are sincerely grateful for your continued support of our club. Remember -- ***Gardening Makes A World of Difference!***

Sincerely,

Kathy Siena
President

Barbara Hadsell
Glorious Gardens Co-Chair

Twig Morris
Glorious Gardens Co-Chair

Wellington Garden Club is a 501 (c) (3) organization. A Copy of the Official Registration #CH21151 And Financial Information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling Toll-Free (800-435-7352) within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval or recommendation by the state.



Wellington Garden Club
“The Glorious Gardens of Wellington”
April 9, 2016

Please return this form with your check payable to Wellington Garden Club.

Indicate Your Levels of Philanthropic Sponsorship

<input type="checkbox"/> Royal Poinciana	\$ 1000.00 and above*
<input type="checkbox"/> Allamanda	\$ 500.00 to 999.99*
<input type="checkbox"/> Bougainvillea	\$ 250.00 to 499.99*
<input type="checkbox"/> Orchid	\$ 100.00 to 249.99*
<input type="checkbox"/> Beauty Berry	\$ 50.00 to 99.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Hibiscus	\$ 25.00 to 49.99

*Sponsorships of \$100.00 or more will receive 2 complimentary tour tickets.

Name for Recognition _____

Address _____

_____ City State/Zip Code

Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Check# _____ Date _____

Deadline for inclusion in program booklet is Friday, February 12, 2016

Mail to:
Wellington Garden Club
C/O Bobbi Ziegler
8837 Via Brilliance
Wellington, FL 33411

For further information, email: bobbiron@bellsouth.net or 561-422-7005

UPCOMING DISTRICT X EVENTS

Tropical Short Course - January 27-28, 2015 Mounts Botanical Garden

Have you registered yet for the Tropical Short Course to be held on January 27 & 28 at Mounts Botanical Garden? Here's your chance to learn about a wide variety of garden-related topics and enjoy presentations by speakers who are experts in their fields. The complete program brochure is found on the District X website under Upcoming Events or by clicking on this link: [TSC Information Brochure](#). Registration forms are also on the District X website or by clicking on this link: [TSC Registration Form](#). The cost is \$60 for both days; \$35 for one day. Registration deadline is January 13. Additional fee applies for late registration. Tuition reimbursement is available to WGC members. For more details on reimbursement, contact [Silvia Evans](#), Assistant Treasurer.

You may want to travel to Vero Beach in February for Garden Fest. It's always a great event and well worth the drive.

Garden Fest!
nature's finest marketplace
Our 15th year 2016

Over 90 Vendors!

- ◆ Plants
- ◆ Flowers
- ◆ Orchids
- ◆ Trees
- ◆ Pottery
- ◆ Furniture
- ◆ Fountains
- ◆ Garden art

Youth activities & Great food!

"Ask The Experts" both days

Great Raffle Prizes!
...no need to be present to win!

Free Admission & Parking

Riverside Park in Vero Beach

3250 Riverside Park DriveOff Rt. 60, beachside, in Vero Beach

Saturday, Feb. 6, 9 am - 5 pm
Sunday, Feb. 7, 9 am - 4 pm

Rain or Shine

Check our web site for more information and directions...
www.gardenclubofirc.org

Bring your Wagon

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS
DISTRICT X JUDGE'S COUNCIL
PRESENTS
FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

COURSE III
FEB 2, 3, 2016 (CLASSES)
FEB 4, 2016 (EXAM)

COURSE IV
NOV 1, 2, 2016 (CLASSES)
NOV 3, 2016 (EXAM)

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO
WWW.DISTRICTX.ORG

PORT ST. LUCIE BOTANICAL GARDEN
2410 SE WESTMORELAND BLVD.
PORT ST. LUCIE, FL 34952

National Garden Clubs, Inc. Flower Show School trains and accredits flower show judges. The school is open to all who are interested in the fields of horticulture, design, and flower show procedure. Registration is required.

JAN WARSHAUER, SCHOOL CHAIRMAN (561) 775-6991
JWARSHAUER@AOL.COM

MICHELE MYERS, REGISTRAR (561) 308-4260
M.S.MYERS@MAC.COM

It's not too late to register for Flower Show School on February 2, 3, 4 in Port St. Lucie. Even if you haven't taken Course I or II, you are still eligible to take Course III. The prior two courses may be taken at a later date. For more information, talk to WGC members Susan Hillson and Christine Biscoglio who have taken the courses and are now accredited Flower Show Judges; Barbara May an accredited Master Flower Show Judge and instructor or Twig Morris who is currently enrolled in Course III.

HIGHLIGHTS OF WGC WINTER LUNCHEON ON December 7, 2015

A grand time was had by all who attended the Winter Luncheon at the "Cotton Club Hotsy Totsy Speakeasy Parlor" on December 7. Many attendees chose to dress the part in fabulous Roaring 20s attire as you can see from the photos below. Thanks to Diane Patterson, Suzanne Rares, Mary Drexler, Joan Kaplan and the entire team for creating such a special event.



Making a dramatic entrance



Kevin Foster and the Ladies in Red



A trio of dapper gents



Kathy Siena presents Member of Honor award to Lisa Ferrano



Kevin Foster and his partner in action



Stormi Bivin and Carol Coleman strut their stuff during the Chico's fashion show



GREAT NEWS

About SUNSET SOCIALS! Let's Get Ready to Party!

Our Garden Club Member "**Kevin Foster**" has graciously volunteered to host another "**SUNSET | SOCIAL**" in his home after the first of the year!

The date is: **Saturday, January 30th, 2016 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm!**

Sign-up sheets will be available at our Club Meeting on **January 4th.**

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Sign-up sheets will also be available at Floral Design Class #2 on **January 11th.**

(However, numbers are limited so sign up early)

Also, please **be sure to bring your calendars, cash or check books.**

* A **prepaid \$10** donation plus a beverage to share "**or**" **hor d'oeuvres per person** is requested.

*****All Members, Spouses, Guests and Friends are welcome!*****

Contact Person: **Barbara Segura – 860-836-9515**
barbarajsegura@gmail.com

More details to follow!

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.

NEXT COLLECTION DATE WILL BE ON JANUARY 4, 2016 AT THE 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, at 315-882-2794 or email 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.

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