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The Newsletter of the Wellington Garden Club

MAR/APR 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The hot item of the day right now, even though it's really cold out, is our 2016 "Glorious Gardens" Garden Tour coming up on Saturday, April 9th from 10 AM to 4 PM. Our Garden Tour co-chairs and committee chairs and all of the volunteers are working very hard to make this important fundraiser the best event ever. Without it, we wouldn't be able to offer scholarships to our students, help the needy with Habitat for Humanity landscaping, and educate our junior gardeners in growing a garden and many other community projects. Your help is needed to make the garden tour a success and raise the funds necessary for these programs. On the following page you can learn about the many ways you can contribute.

Tropical Short Course held late January at Mounts Botanical Garden was another great year of interesting speakers and classes on "Heed Your Weeds", "Coastal Dune Management", Native Bees-Gardeners' Best Friends and many more. If you have never attended TSC, be sure to sign up for it next year and you could receive member education reimbursement for attending. The reimbursement program is one of the ways we thank our members for all their hard work during the year.

Around & Abouts are always so much fun to go on for a lot of reasons. You get to carpool with your friends, you learn about and experience something new at the event with your friends, and you get to have lunch with your friends. What could be better than that? Coming up on Thursday, February 18 is a trip to Palm Beach Zoo where we will have a guided tour of a LEED-certified building and learn about its green features. Go on a venture into the northern Everglades on a guided nature walk through Grassy Waters Preserve. Our final Around & About of the season will be at Butterfly World in Coconut Creek where we will get up close and personal with the butterflies and see exotic bird aviaries.

Get ready for our Spring Luncheon on Monday, May 2. The theme is "The Mad Hatter". Start looking for just the perfect hat to wear. We will have a brief business meeting first which will include important voting and scholarship award presentations.

One of the most important meetings of the year was the Special CALL meeting open to all members on January 18 to voice concerns and offer suggestions. We voted on and passed several recommendations presented by the Advisory Committee that were directly related to some important concerns for consideration. We listened and now we are moving forward with motions passed, actions taken and a newly formed standing committee for all members to attend and make recommendations to the Revisions Committee. We need more members to sign up for this new committee so you can continue to voice your ideas and suggestions. WGC is active and growing and improving with your help. Thank you.

Nathy

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

GLORIOUS GARDENS COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOTE: FOR THOSE WORKING THE DAY OF THE TOUR, A PRE-TOUR IS PLANNED FOR THE LAST WEEK IN MARCH. DATE, TIME AND STARTING POINT FOR PRE-TOUR TO BE ANNOUNCED VIA EMAIL.

Plant Sale – Beth Stewart and Linda DeSanti, Chairs

Assistance is needed for the plant sale including set up, break down as well as during the day of the tour. The signup sheet will be at the March meeting, and please be sure to include AM or PM shift, unless you would like to spend the entire day with us!

If you have any member-grown plants that look great and that you are donating to the plant sale, you can either bring them to the sale early in the morning or drop them off at Linda DeSanti's house (outside her garage is the best spot). Her address is 14022 Greentree Trail in Wellington. Please label them. Feel free to call Beth at 791-1239 or 309-7434 or Linda at 758-7415 if you have any questions or to let us know when you can help on April 9.

Refreshment Committee – Beverley Ginn and Mary Ann Greely, Chairs

The Refreshment Committee needs your help. We would like to serve homemade cookies with iced tea and lemonade the day of the Garden Tour. There will be a signup sheet at the March Garden Club meeting and we would appreciate your donations. Drinks in gallon containers may be purchased at Publix and cookies from your kitchen may be brought to Stormi Bivin's home the morning of the Big Day. We also need volunteers for either a morning or afternoon shift to offer a cool drink and a cookie to our guests. Your help will be greatly appreciated. You can expect to hear from Beverley or Mary Ann if you don't sign up.

Ticket Sales – Barbara Phelan and Janet Stein, Chairs

Garden Tour Ticket sellers and program/map distributors at "Will Call" needed morning of the tour, Saturday, April 9 from 9:30 AM to 2 PM at the First Baptist Church 12700 Forest Hill Blvd. There will be a signup sheet at the March meeting or you can email Janet Stein to sign up. jrstein@bellsouth.net

Raffle Ticket Sales – Jan Seagrave and Joyce Smith, Chairs

We need your help with raffle ticket sales. We have gathered awesome prizes that will knock your socks off! Here's just a sample of the raffle items: a season pass to our beautiful state parks; a round of golf for four at the Wanderer's Club; a magnificent flowering tree; a colorful window box of flowers and herbs. There are two amazing works of art painted by two of our talented members, and a floral design class donated by another member and more. Don't miss out. Sell raffle tickets to your friends and neighbors or take a chance and buy some for yourself. You might even win!

Garden Greeters – Sandy Sklar and Ro Schaefer, Chairs

Garden Greeters and Master Gardeners are needed for our April 9th home tour. This position just requires smiling faces to welcome the public and mark their tickets upon entry. Two are needed at the front of each home and two in the back gardens. You will be seated, out of the sun, and given your preference of time slot, either AM or PM. This is an easy, fun way to volunteer your time for the tour. A sign-up sheet will be available at the March 7th WGC meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting and would like to be a Greeter, please contact Sandy at sandraskl@aol.com or Ro tubby458@hotmail.com and indicate your time slot preference. A total of forty volunteers are needed.

WGC CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MARCH – APRIL 2016

Mar 2	Executive Committee Meeting - Village Park (9-10:30 AM)
Mar 7	Garden Club Meeting – Village Park (10:30 AM)
Mar 7-8	Deep South Convention – Tunica, MS (Mon.-Tues.) Days 1-2
Mar 14	Floral Design Workshop – Village Park (1-4 PM)
Mar 22	Adopt-a-Street – Wellington Dog Park (9 AM)
Mar 29	Executive Committee Meeting – Village Park (9-10:30 AM)
Mar 31	Around & About – Grassy Waters Guided Tour, West Palm Beach
Apr 4	Garden Club Meeting – Villae Park (10:30 AM)
Apr 9	2016 Garden Tour – “Glorious Gardens” (10 AM-4 PM)
Apr 9	Wellington Garden Week (Sat. – Fri.) Days 1-6
Apr 12-13	NGC Gardening Study Course II – Miramar (Tues.-Wed.) Days 1-2
Apr 17	Earth Day, Wellington Amphitheatre (4-7 PM)
Apr 17-19	FFGC Convention – Orlando (Sun.-Tues.) Days 1-3
Apr 20	Around & About – Butterfly World, Coconut Creek
Apr 27	Executive Committee Meeting – Village Park (9-10:30 AM)
Apr 29	District X Spring Meeting - Stuart

TREASURER’S REPORT

By Danese Sloan-Kendall, Treasurer

January 1, 2016

Wellington Garden Club began January 1, 2017 with a checking account balance of \$20,609.01.

Income since then totaled \$1,525.35, primarily from the Around & About and garden tour sponsors.

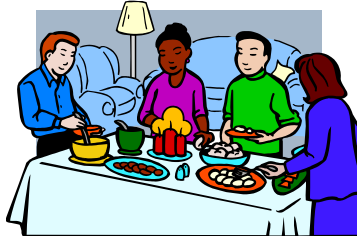
Expenses since January 1st were \$ 2,966.56 primarily for the around and about, and program services to include, Habitat, floral design workshop and youth program expenses.

Current balance in the Wellington Garden Club checking account is \$19,117.80.

Additionally, for more detailed information the WGC profit & loss versus annual budget report is being sent to all members.

HOSPITALITY

By Denise Friedlander



Garden club members listed below have signed up to bring food donations to the March & April 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 Email polishhoney@aol.com for any questions or **changes.****

	MARCH	APRIL
SANDWICHES	JoAnn Akins Debe Ewing Carolyn Lowe Barbara Gerkin Kimberly Helms Jennifer Fanaro	Debbie Kaplan
SALAD	Barbara Phelan Susan Hillson Beverly Ginn Harriet Samuels Caroline Kessman Marcia Kendall Elizabeth Hlasnicek	Kevin Foster Gigi Galle Barb Forgash Beth Stewart
DESSERT	Melanie Harwood Martie Spaier Kathy Hood Gigi Galle Betty Naulty Pat Smith Chris Tiner	Petra Russel Tom Wenham Deanna Skewes Pamela Jacobson

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

**Wellington Garden Club Meeting
Monday, March 7, 2016**

Overview of Tropical Bamboo in the United States

Robert Saporito



Robert Saporito, past president of the American Bamboo Society's Florida Chapter and the Owner of Tropical Bamboo, is the premier supplier of ornamental tropical bamboo plants located in Loxahatchee Groves. Many of these clumping bamboo varieties have only become available in the U.S. during the past decade, providing a new, exciting, controlled element for landscapes. There are many challenges to bringing tropical bamboo into the United States. In the U.S., bamboo is grown almost exclusively as an ornamental plant and south Florida provides an environment suitable for a wide selection of these large woody perennial grasses. Other less utilized uses are farming for bamboo



shoots, a traditional forest vegetable in Asia, and in construction due to its strength, durability and affordability.

Email: robert@tropicalbamboo.com
Website: [Tropical Bamboo](http://TropicalBamboo.com)

**Wellington Garden Club Meeting
Monday, April 4, 2016**

Succulents That Work in South Florida

Alan Stopek



Alan Stopek has been professionally involved in south Florida's nursery and landscape industries for the past 40 years. He has produced a large assortment of plants dating back to 1975 in both Broward and Palm Beach counties.



The presentation will display many photos of assorted succulents including Agaves, Aloes, Portulacarias, Euphorbies and more succulents or related type plant elements. These are plant

species that are quite effective in your landscapes with little maintenance concerns. Wonderful architecture and artistic qualities generated from this plant group that can brighten up any landscape composition.

Email: coconut2@gate.net
Website: [Efflorescence](http://Efflorescence.com)

AROUND & ABOUT – Thursday, March 31, 2016

Grassy Waters Preserve

Nature Hike and Guided Botanical Tour

8264 Northlake Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL 33412
561-804-4985

COST \$5

Come venture into the wilds of the Northern Everglades. Join a guided Nature Walk at Grassy Waters Preserve, a 23 square mile wetlands ecosystem that serves as the freshwater supply for the city of West Palm Beach and other municipalities. Historically, Grassy Waters was both a key component of the Greater Everglades watershed and the headwaters of the Northwest Fork of the Loxahatchee River. A mosaic of wetlands, tree islands, and forested hammocks, Grassy Waters is home to a variety of native wildlife and animals. Learn the preserves unique history.



Come prepared. Wear sunblock, use bug spray, wear comfortable walking shoes and have plenty of water. You are in for an educational adventure.

LUNCH: TBA

CARPOOL: Leaves Ultima Fitness or IHOP at 9:30am

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

AROUND & ABOUT – Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Butterfly World

Tradewinds Park
3600 W Sample Rd, Coconut Creek, FL 33073954-977-4434

COST: \$17



Discover the miracle of metamorphosis at Butterfly World. An expert guide will lead you through the entire life cycle of the butterfly as it occurs. You may even see a butterfly laying eggs. Walk through 3 giant "open air" aviaries, brimming with tens of thousands of "rain forest flyers". Feel your heart soar as a rainbow of live exotic butterflies from every rainforest on earth encircles you in their habitat. Later, our group will see their exotic bird aviaries, housing hummingbirds and a rainbow of other extraordinary bird species.

LUNCH: TBA

CARPOOL: Leaves Ultima Fitness or IHOP at 9:30am

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Wellington Garden Club Meeting
Recap of Monday, February 1st
Gardening for Birds and Other Wildlife in South Florida



Kirsten Hines, writer, photographer, biologist and environmental educator focused on wildlife, nature, travel and conservation of native plants and habitats for attracting birds to South Florida gardens. She explained the difference of South Florida gardening and how to not only make your yard and patio attractive, but what will attract the birds and wildlife and how to maintain ecological functions through the appropriate landscaping.



HEAR YE! HEAR YE!! WEKIVA NEWS ALERTS

WILL THE YOUNGSTERS IN YOUR LIFE BE WEKIVA CAMPERS?

Registration is open for critters, campers and adult volunteers. Check the Camp Wekiva web site for full details. Make sure you indicate that the Wellington Garden Club is your sponsor.

Hopefully we will be able to offer full Camperships to all our youngsters again this year. Please contact me for further information and let me know that you have submitted an application.

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

RECAP OF FEBRUARY 9TH CRAFT WORKSHOP
Beautiful Fairy Gardens

By Carol Lazzarino and Dee Rolfe, Chairs



Above: Amy Schwed, Diana Tibbs, Maria Wolfe, Doreen Baxter and Carolyn Lowe

The class produced some beautiful Fairy Gardens such as koi ponds, bird houses, bird baths, gazing balls, whimsical mushrooms, wishing wells and even bridges. Each person brought their own dish garden container, assortment of various miniatures, tiny plants and potting soil to produce some of the lovely gardens below. These are perfect for indoor use or on your porch or patio and require very little maintenance.





RECAP OF FLORAL DESIGN CLASS

*By Jayne Kiesewetter and Bernice Correra, Co-Organizer Chairs
With Chris Biscoglio and Susan Hillson, Instructors*

January 11, 2016

The theme for this class was "Sports" with a Hogarth style arrangement (basically an "S" curve). In addition, our table was to be set up like a buffet complete with serving platters, flatware, napkins, and so forth. It was the most comprehensive undertaking we've done. Yet surprisingly, it was one of the most fun in that we could team up with another person. The "Buddy System" proved to be popular. And the sports theme variations were a study in contrast, from equestrian to exercise workouts to the Olympics. For those who enjoy entertaining with theme parties, this was excellent practice.

Our last class is Monday, March 14th, from 1:00 to 4:00 at Village Park.

located at 11700 Pierson Road, Wellington. This is also our present location for our Garden Club meetings.



Bernice Correra and Carol Lazzarino
Hogarth design, Olympic flags & buffet



Chris Biscoglio and Susan Hillson with a
Race Track theme buffet

Adopt-A-Street Program on Tuesday, March 22, 2016

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.

HORTICULTURE

REPURPOSE IDEAS FOR THE GARDENER

SECOND-HAND PLANTER

Pull out those old worn out garden gloves or denim and cloth pocketbooks and use them as charming hanging planters on a wall or fence. Cut some holes for drainage and fill them with potting soil and plant them with herbs or flowers.

INSTANT SHELVING

Highlight your favorite plants along a walkway by turning over two or three terra-cotta pots and lay an old board across them to serve as a staging area.

MIRROR IMAGE

Scour garage sales and resale shops for old mirrors and hang them in dark or shaded areas of your garden to reflect light, create the illusion of more space and evoke a sense of mystery.

POST - IT

Stow extra work tools, twine, gloves, labels and a first aid kit in old mailboxes mounted on walls, fences and posts throughout your garden. You'll save lots of time and extra steps with these handy storage areas throughout the garden.

PLANT MARKERS

Turn old mini-blinds into plant markers (never have enough of these). Start off by washing and wiping them down. Lay out a few slats and paint them a nice light bright green and allow to dry. When dry repeat on the other side. Then cut them into 6" long pieces and round the top and trim the bottom to a point to look like a plant tag. Use a permanent marker to write the names of your plants on them.

BROKEN CLAY POT PLANT MARKERS

Here's another great idea for those broken clay pots and a fun way to label your herbs.

Laure Hristov
Horticulture Chair
Wellington Garden Club and District X



WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GARDENING IN SOUTH FLORIDA?

by Barbara Hadsell,
National Garden Clubs and FL Federation of Garden Clubs
Gardening Study School Chairman

From the "newbies" to the seasoned FL gardener, there is always more to learn. Wellington Garden Club, along with NGC and FFGC, offers both educational opportunities and hands-on learning. Support President Kathy Siena's theme "Nurture Our Gardens, Ourselves and the Leaders of Tomorrow" by being an ACTIVE gardener and participating in the following:

- NGC Gardening Study School. Course 2 is being offered on April 12 and 13 and will cover Growing Fruit, Growing Vegetables, Vermiculture, Plant Disease and Garden Pests, Irrigation & Water and Lawn Alternatives & Growing Grass. It is a two day course taught by professionals and only a one-hour drive south of here in Miramar. For more information www.districtx.org "Educational Opportunities".
- Weekly get-togethers at the Elks Loaves and Fishes Garden on Belvedere. Each Tuesday morning feel free to drop in between 9 and 12 and join other WGC members as they plant seeds in growing medium (sitting down), harvest lettuce and other veggies from towers and containers and enjoy "coffee and" with others. Guidance given by Tim and two Master Gardeners. More info timhadsell@cs.com
- Also, Tim wants to especially thank all involved in yesterday's work by the Wynnebrook students and the WGC leaders in the Loaves and Fishes Garden at the Elks. So much accomplished and a nutritional snack made by our Jr. Chefs – kale chips and deviled eggs – Yum! Special kudos to Kathy Hood who brought her brother and sister-in-law visiting from Wisconsin. They were astounded at the program and loved participating! Also, special thanks to our members who participate in planting and harvesting on other mornings at the garden. Your work is very important, too.
- Planting with Natives--Join Lisa Ferrano and Linda DeSanti to landscape a Habitat for Humanity home with all native plants. Sign up at a WGC general meeting
- All of our Youth Garden Clubs associated with elementary schools like Binks Forest and Wynnebrook are meeting regularly after school, planting and harvesting vegetables and nurturing pollinator-friendly plants. Their adult leaders welcome volunteers--no advance knowledge of gardening needed. Contact barbarahadsell@cs.com
- General membership meetings coming up are all about various phases of gardening and of course our "Horticultural Moment" will also be offered.

NGC "KEEPING IN TOUCH" MESSAGES

It's so important to read the message from NGC President, Sandy Robinson, and her challenge to garden club members in the latest issue of *Keeping In Touch*. So glad Wellington Garden Club recognizes and works towards that end. Please read what NGC President, Sandy Robinson, has to say about feeding our pollinators and feeding the hungry via this link:

[Keeping In Touch](#).

RECAP OF AROUND AND ABOUT
Thursday, January 21, 2016
Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens
By Jan Seagrave

On a sunny Thursday afternoon, several members of our WGC went to the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens where we had wonderful tours of the grounds and sculptures, as well as paintings by two different docents. The garden docent was extremely knowledgeable and gave us quite an insight into the world of Ann Norton and her background before and after marrying Mr. Norton. She also introduced us to Ann's sculpture studio and her artworks. The metal sculptures, stonework, and garden were very interesting, but the absence of real flowers and color was rather a mystery to us. Upon questioning our tour director, she confirmed that Ann did not want anything but assorted palms. Since the yard was so immense, the care of flowers would have been an impossible and never ending task. Therefore, a few sculptured tulips and various other metal flower sculptures graced the lawns.

After the garden tour, we went back in to meet up with another very lovely docent who gave us some wonderful narratives on the house, the art gallery and the notable painters. I understand from Jan Seagrave that one of our members actually bought a print of the large picture with Churchill in it! This picture was hanging prominently in the reception area as you came into the house. I believe it was painted by his granddaughter and the likeness she caught of Churchill was remarkable.

Many members ended the afternoon with lunch at restaurants of their own choice.



Your guess is as good as ours!



Silver Magnolia Blossom

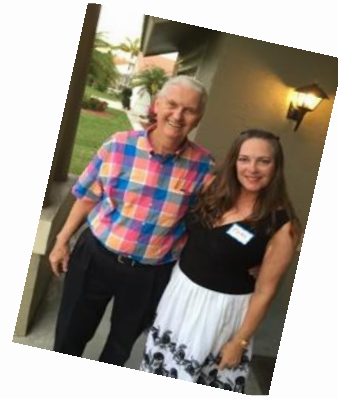


We think they might be Mexican or South American



Ann's favorite-bricks!

RECAP OF SUNSET SOCIAL
Saturday, January 30, 2016
Home of Kevin Foster



Kevin Foster hosted a second Sunset Social on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at his lovely home. About forty members, friends and family enjoyed delicious food, drink and dance compliments of Kevin's music selection and in-home dance floor! Kevin's home was buzzing with laughter and conversation - newer members and seasoned members got a chance to meet each other or get reacquainted. Attendance at the social is now included in your membership in the WGC. Attendees only bring food and drink to share. Be sure to check out the next sunset social. As Canadian actor, Victor Webster said "I don't want to miss out on the chance of having a good time!"





Join the "Mad Hatter"



Who will be hosting
Wellington Garden Club's
"The Spring Luncheon"
Monday, May 2, 2016
11:00 AM \$32.00 each
Wycliffe Golf and Country Club
Wellington, Florida

Signup sheets & details available at March 7
members meeting



Questions. Contact Bobbi at: bobbiron@bellsouth.net

"You won't want to be late for a very important date"

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

By Barbara Hadsell

NGC and FFGC Gardening Study Schools Chairman

Drew Martin Receives the FFGC Earth Steward Recognition

Drew Martin was chosen and honored by Wellington Garden Club as Earth Steward for 2015. This is in recognition for all the many contributions Drew Martin has given to not only Palm Beach County, but also to the state and nation.

Anyone who knows anything about conservation knows Drew Martin. He is like a walking encyclopedia when it comes to knowing about conservation facts ranging from seismic surveying or plastic pollution in the Atlantic to where the sea turtles like to hang out in Palm Beach County. Drew explains that this is one of the few habitats for sea turtles to grow from adolescents to adults because of a special habitat and the reef system off Palm Beach County.



Left to Right: Kathy Siena, Barbara Hadsell and Drew Martin

Wellington Garden Club is not the only organization that recognized Drew Martin. He was awarded the prestigious Kabler Award from the Everglades Coalition for work on preserving the Everglades in 2012 and Environmental Champion Award from John T. McArthur State Park in 2010. He is currently active in the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiatives, elected to the Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Palm Beach County and is chair of the Plastics Action Team.

As Wellington Garden Club Environmental Chairs, we could not be more proud to recognize Drew Martin as champion of our environment and for receiving the Earth Steward Recognition. The photo is of Kathy Siena and Barbara Hadsell, FFGC Earth Steward Recognition Chair handing the recognition to Drew.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ENVIRONMENT

Each month you will find a file holder on the back table at our general meeting titled Environmental Education. Currently it contains handouts for you to take home and read on the following

- Wellington's Top Birding Spot
- Advocacy vs. Lobbying published by National Garden Clubs, Inc.
- Adopt FL-Friendly Landscaping -an FFGC Position Paper
- Protecting FL Springs-an FFGC Position Paper
- FL State Parks-an FFGC Position Paper
- Ban Hydraulic Fracturing in FL - an FFGC Position Paper

FFGC Encourages Young People to Talk About Fracking at South Florida Fair

Water ... water everywhere yet not a drop to drink ?

Have you ever considered where Florida would be without access to good drinking water ? Communities would have to relocate. Florida's number one economy tourism.. would evaporate. And food grown locally would be scarce. Needless to say, the garden clubs would not be growing much either. And the next generation of Floridians may very well be living in another state.

And yet that is the very scenario the Florida faces every time an oil company applies for a permit to drill for oil. Florida's loose oil has most likely been drawn out of the ground in the 1960s and 1970's when oil was first found in Collier County. And since many of those oil producing lands now have either houses built on top or have been sold as part of the Everglades National Park or Cypress Preserve one might think that all viable oil has been taken out and sold. Not so anymore. Dan Hughes Oil Company was the first to use fracking fluids in Florida to try to extract trapped oil underground - in particular the tHogan Well # 20H-3H as reported by [Julie Dermansky's July 13, 2014 article](#). "Triumph for Citizens in Florida as Hughes Oil Company Drops Fracking Project."

Fracking is short for hydraulic fracturing and in other states it is done under high pressure where you have granite type rock. But in Florida where limestone is the norm for underground rock ---- a low pressure acid etching is all that is needed to dissolve the limestone and retrieve trapped oil. An estimated 4.4 million gallons of water are needed to drill and fracture one well according to Stateimpact Pennsylvania in its March 12, 2013 issue [article](#). " How Much Water Does it take to Frack a Well ?" And because these fluids are so toxic and the water solution with the fracking fluids can never be cleaned up for safe drinking there is an additional problem of what to do with the millions of gallons of fracking water created. Do we try to put it in injection wells and hope it never leaks out or do we forget about it and hope it never contaminates our own drinking water supply.



From Left to Right: Sophia Yanes (RPBHS), Lynn Gunnels (WHS) and Diane Rice - Environmental Chairman of District X.

But what is even more important is to understand how our young people feel knowing that they will be on earth and possibly in Florida for the next 60 years. How is it that this generation can pollute the water that was meant to be cleaned and used for the next generation.

This year at South Florida Fair Horticultural tent young people will be able to discuss with visitors the challenges they will be faced if Florida is allowed to continue its method of oil permitting. Perhaps young people can give us their perspective and in doing so teach the older generation a new way of valuing life and its most important commodity ... water.

This article was prepared by Florida's District X Environmental Chairman Diane Rice who along with NGC Education Chairman Barbara Hadsell was instrumental in getting this space allocated so that the young people could tell their side of the story.]

For more information, please visit the web site: BanFrackingFL.com

NEWS FROM FFGC AND DISTRICT X

The 2016 FFGC Convention is coming up on April 17-19 in Kissimmee and the District X Spring meeting is happening on April 29 in Stuart. Both events promise to be informational and valuable meetings. Registration forms follow. Please contact Twig Morris at 434-6629 or email at twig_morris@hotmail.com for more information.



INSPIRED GARDENING

90th Annual Convention - Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Embassy Suites, Kissimmee, Fl. April 17 - 19, 2016



PLEASE PRINT AND USE SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH REGISTRANT

NAME (Last) _____ (First) _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____
 DISTRICT _____ CLUB/CIRCLE _____ PHONE _____
 EMAIL _____ EMERGENCY CONTACT (Name/Phone) _____

CIRCLE ALL CATEGORIES WHICH APPLY TO YOU

Delegate	Alternate	Club/Circle President	Club/Circle Member
FFGC Officer/District Director	FFGC Board Member	FFGC Former President	FFGC Life Member
Guest/Spouse/Companion	First Time Attendee		

FULL CONVENTION PACKAGE PLAN

TWO DAY PLAN includes: registration fee; 2 lunches, 2 evening banquets
 Mon, April 18 and Tues, April 19, 2016 \$ 175.00 \$ _____

PART TIME REGISTRATION/MEAL PLAN - MEMBER, SPOUSE, COMPANION OR GUEST:

ONE DAY PACKAGE PLAN - Includes Registration Fee; 1 lunch, 1 banquet
 Circle One - Monday April 18 \$ 105.00 OR Tuesday April 19 \$ 105.00 \$ _____

ONE DAY A LA CARTE PLAN

FFGC Member Registration Fee:
 Circle One - Monday April 18 \$25.00 OR Tuesday April 19 \$ 25.00 \$ _____

Spouse Registration Fee (access to Hospitality Room during convention) \$ 10.00 \$ _____

Meals: please circle meals attending (prices are per meal, not per day)
 Monday, April 18 Lunch \$ 33.00 Banquet \$ 50.00 \$ _____
 Tuesday, April 19 Lunch \$ 33.00 Banquet \$ 50.00 \$ _____

OPENING NIGHT DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT SUNDAY, APRIL 17

This event is open to all attendees. (FFGC Board of Directors will receive special invitation to complete for attendance.)

DINNER & SHOW FFGC members, spouses, guests \$ 44.00 \$ _____
 CHECK IF ATTENDING PROGRAM ONLY WITHOUT DINNER. _____
 (Calendar/Flower Show Awards presented)

SPOUSE TOURS - OPEN TO SPOUSE/GUESTS ONLY

Monday, April 18	Scenic Boat Tours of Winter Park	\$ 12.00	\$ _____
Tuesday, April 19	Museum of Military History, Kissimmee	\$ 6.00	\$ _____

REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED AFTER Friday, March 25, 2016 - ADD LATE FEE \$ 35.00. \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

MAIL CHECK PAYABLE: FFGC 2016 CONVENTION ALONG WITH REGISTRATION FORM TO: Sue Roberts, Registrar:
 2441 Bar Harbor Bay, Mount Dora, Fl. 32757-8871 * 352-357-3712 * sue@georgesueroberts.com

REGISTRATION DEADLINE Monday April 4th. No refunds after Friday April 8th. Registration Fee Non Refundable.

You must be registered to attend ANY programs, meals OR workshops. NO WALK INS accepted.
 Dietary Restrictions for extreme health issues must accompany registration. Every effort will be made to meet extreme health issues. Hotel may not be able to honor all requests. NO SHELLFISH served.

Hotel Reservations must be made directly with hotel. Embassy Suites; 4955 Kyngs Heath Road; Kissimmee 34746.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS. 3/25/16. NO EXCEPTIONS! Call: 407/ 597 - 4000 Group Code: FLG

For hotel reservations, please click on the line below or enter the address in your browser.
https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcoming_ei_new&eventID=13917187

Registrar Use Only

Reg. No. _____
 Check No. _____
 Deposit No. _____

FFGC District X Spring 2016 Meeting REGISTRATION FORM

(Copy as necessary; One Form per Person; Please PRINT)

NAME: _____

CLUB/CIRCLE: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: (____) _____

EMAIL: _____@_____

SELECT: CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD OR PASTA PRIMAVERA
Registration Fee includes Continental Breakfast, Dessert & Beverage

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: _____

Please check all that apply:	
<input type="checkbox"/> District X Member	<input type="checkbox"/> FFGC Former President
<input type="checkbox"/> District X Chairman	<input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Chairman/Officer
<input type="checkbox"/> District X Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> NGC Chairman/Officer
<input type="checkbox"/> District X Director	<input type="checkbox"/> NGC Former Officer
<input type="checkbox"/> Former District X Director	<input type="checkbox"/> NGC Life Member
<input type="checkbox"/> DELEGATE	<input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Life Member
<input type="checkbox"/> First Time at District X Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/> FFGC Life Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Circle/Club President	<input type="checkbox"/> FFGC Pillar of Pride Recipient
<input type="checkbox"/> FFGC State Chairman	<input type="checkbox"/> FFGC Hall of Fame Recipient
<input type="checkbox"/> FFGC State Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> FFGC Earth Steward Recipient
	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest

Checks payable to: **FFGC / District X**

\$30.00 before April 1st or \$35.00 after April 1st

NO REFUNDS after April 8th ~ Registration Deadline April 15th

MAIL TO: C. L. Roberts, Treas.
1887 NW Pine Lake Dr.
Stuart, FL 34994-9444



FACEBOOK

By Linda Motzer, Facebook Chair

WGC has an updated Facebook page. Go to wellingtongardenclub/facebook 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.

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 AT HOME UNTIL YOU ARE NOTIFIED TO BRING THEM TO A MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

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

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 email Jim Wenham, Membership Chair, at 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.

Deadline for May/June Issue: **April 15**

Newsletter Editor Evvy Bartley

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