



Allamanda News

The Newsletter of the Wellington Garden Club

NOV/DEC 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Your President was recently asked to give a President's Report at the October 13, 2016 District X Fall Meeting which she would like to share with you here:

To paraphrase part of our mission statement, it is to further the education of our members, the public or community and our youth in the fields of gardening, floral design, environmental awareness, horticulture and many more. Three specific projects that helped fulfill this mission and were best received were for our members, our community and our youth.

Our members asked us to review and revise our somewhat old and outdated Articles of Association. We started the revisions last January and in September, our members voted on and adopted our newly Revised Articles (or Bylaws). We recently launched a new website which is a great resource and help to our members. You are encouraged to take some time to view it at www.wellingtongardenclub.org.

Our generous community is important to us, and we try to give back to them in many ways. One of the ways was to organize a joint effort with the Village of Wellington and our Club volunteers to plant native trees and shrubs in the Wellington Preserve on National Public Lands Day for the third year in a row. A second large project held in the community was our Glorious Gardens Tour of five beautiful gardens open to the community and members to view at private homes in the local Palm Beach County area.

Last, but certainly not least to Wellington Garden Club that we take an active part in every year, are opportunities and programs for our local Youth such as college scholarships, Camp Wekiva and SEEK camperships, junior garden clubs and youth contests. The youth enjoy the Smokey Bear presentations with our Florida Forest Rangers.

I hope to see you all soon.

Kathy

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2016

Nov 1	Board Meeting – Wellington Community Center (9-10:30 AM)
Nov 1-3 (Tues-Thurs)	NGC Flower Show Judges School, Course IV, District X – Port St. Lucie – Days 1-3
Nov 7	Garden Club Meeting – Wellington Community Center (9:30 AM)
Nov 8	CANCELLED Trip to La Maison Fleurie & Tropical Botanical Garden
Nov 10	Floral Design Workshop – Village Park (9:30 AM – 2:30 PM)
Nov 14-15 (Mon-Tues)	NGC Environmental Studies, Course II – Pine Jog Env. Center, WPB Days 1-2
Nov 18	Blue Star Marker Dedication – South Florida Memorial Cemetery Lake Worth-Noon
Nov 29	Board Meeting – Wellington Community Center (9-10:30 AM)
Nov 30	FFGC Awards Submission Deadline
Dec 5	Wild West Holiday Luncheon – Mayacoo Lakes Country Club 9697 Mayacoo Club Dr., West Palm Beach (11:00 AM – 2:30 pm)
Dec 13	Around & About – “Raisin’ Cane” –Clewiston-Bus Day Trip
Dec 14	Floral Design Workshop – Village Park (9:30 AM – 2:30 PM)
Dec 15	Wellington Landscape Maintenance – Wellington (8:30 AM)

WGC Yearbooks will be distributed at the November meeting.

TREASURER’S REPORT

By Danese Sloan-Kendall, Treasurer

October 1, 2016

Wellington Garden Club began August 1, 2016 with a checking account balance of \$26,662.08.

Income since then totaled \$1,341.00 primarily from the floral design and garden art.

Expenses since August 1st were \$1,955.92 and adjustments of \$598.92 primarily for management expense to include yearbook and insurance and program services to include environmental education and hospitality.

Additionally, for more detailed information, the WGC profit & loss versus annual budget report can be emailed upon request.

Current balance as of September 30, 2016 in the Wellington Garden Club checking account is \$25,448.24.

WELCOME BACK FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Doreen Baxter, Chair



Here is a picture of the first meeting of the WGC on September 6th in our new facilities at the Wellington Community Center Lakeview Room on the ground floor. What an improvement over our previous meeting places, and the view of the lake is a bonus. How thrilling is this that we have a nice place to sit and set our breakfast delights and coffee down. Do wonders never cease to happen?

That’s Betty Naulty, our historian, seated at the front table, with a look of amazement as well as delight with our new look!

3RD ANNUAL TREE PLANTING – September 24, 2016

Celebrating National Public Lands Day

By Twig Morris

In celebration of National Public Lands Day (NPLD) on September 24, Wellington Garden Club (WGC) partnered with the Village of Wellington to plant approximately 350 native Walter's viburnum shrubs at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Everglades Habitat in Wellington. Also participating in this celebration, in addition to WGC members and Village staff, were Palm Beach Central High School Environmental Club students and faculty, shown at left; Boy Scout Troop 222 and Cub Scout Troop



222, Girl Scout Troop 22222. The Scouts were accompanied by their leaders and parents, photo at right. Approximately 50 residents of Wellington and surrounding communities participated in this event. This is the third year that WGC, the Village of Wellington and community groups have celebrated National Public Lands Day by planting native trees or shrubs in the Everglades Habitat.



WEKIVA



**HEAR YE! HEAR YE!!
WEKIVA NEWS**

WILL THE YOUNGSTERS IN YOUR LIFE BE WEKIVA CAMPERS?

OPPORTUNITY FOR 2017 WEKIVA CAMPERSHIPS

Are you interested in registering your youngsters -- children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, neighbors' children, friends' children-- for next summer's Wekiva Youth Camp? Upon registration, make sure you indicate that the Wellington Garden Club is your sponsor. Check the Wekiva web site for full details www.wekivayouthcamp.org Notification for registration will follow in our newsletter sometime after the 1st of the year in 2017.

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

NEWS OF OUR JUNIOR AND YOUTH GARDENS

By Twig Morris, Junior & Youth Liaison

Our junior and youth gardeners are planning their activities for the coming school year and it looks as if they have some exciting projects ahead of them. Here is a quick overview of what's in the works at the various schools in our area.

- **Binks Forest Elementary** – Starla Davis, Leader – Recently I had the pleasure of assisting Starla Davis, the fifth grade teacher who leads this enthusiastic group of twenty-five 3rd, 4th and 5th graders called the **Green Squad**. We worked to clean up the butterfly garden installed last school year in the courtyard facing their classrooms. Plans for this year include adding pavers for pathways in the garden, refreshing the planting beds and mulched areas, planting more butterfly-attracting plants and refurbishing some large planters in front of the school. They meet every other Tuesday from 2:00-3:00 p.m. and would welcome help from WGC members to assist them with sprucing up the butterfly garden in the courtyard outside their classrooms. If interested, please contact me at twig_morris@hotmail.com or 561-434-6629
- **Pine Jog Elementary** – Lori Vanis, leader – This school has a hydroponic garden along with two sets of raised-bed gardens. I will be meeting soon with Lori to determine how WGC can assist with their garden projects and the days and times help is needed from our members.
- **Wynnebrook Elementary** – Janet Stein & Tim Hadsell, Co-leaders held a "wake-up" the gardens day in the Wynnebrook Elementary courtyard on Thursday, October 20 that involved uncovering the beds, adding soil, mixing the new soil in with current soil, etc. Additionally, WGC members helped the students install plants in the square foot gardens as well as other gardening tasks needed in the school's courtyard. On Wednesday October 26, WGC volunteers worked again with Wynnebrook students at the Elks garden and in the kitchen. If you're interested in assisting with the Wynnebrook students every Wednesday from 2:50-4:00 p.m., contact Janet Stein at jrstein@bellsouth.net or 561-684-2135.
- **Girl Scout Troop 22222** – Allison Zimmerman, leader – The Scouts have done a cleanup of the native plant garden they installed near the Wellington dog park. They also were out in full force to participate in the planting at the Wellington Environmental Preserve for National Public Lands Day. More details on the Scout troops activities will be shared with you as soon as they are available.
- **Palm Beach Central High School** – Lisa Ferrano, leader – This high school club under the guidance of science teacher Toni Riebe and WGC member Lisa Ferrano hopes to plant a vegetable garden at the school this year. The club also will refurbish a wildflower garden on campus and has a tentative plan to work with the Million Orchid Project at Pine Jog Environmental Center to install orchids in the oaks trees in the butterfly garden at the Wellington Preserve on Flying Cow Road in Wellington.

RECAP OF AROUND AND ABOUT TRIP – Tuesday, October 18, 2016



On Tuesday, October 18th, Kevin Easton, president of the Palm Beach County Beekeepers, let us observe bees in their natural environment. He told us what they were doing, who was doing it, and why. Did you know that only female bees sting? Did you know that all the male bee does is look for a queen to impregnate? Did you know that male bees' eyes are three to four times larger than females?

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It can be difficult to make sense of what is going on inside a beehive...they look so disorganized. But not so, their activity is quite simple. There are 3 main types of bee in the hive. At the top of the line is the Queen and identified by her abdomen, which is much larger than any other bee. She is supported by thousands of female workers ("worker bee") and, in the summer, hundreds of male drones whose function is to mate with the queen. Drones do not work and are evicted by the workers and die in early autumn.



The queen is central to the survival of every colony by laying eggs, and during April and May, she lays day and night (2,000 eggs a day) and more than her own body weight. She mates only once but holds sufficient sperm from the male drones to lay eggs for 3-5 years. Actually, the only work the male drone does is to fly around outside the hive waiting to mate with the queen. Then they die off. In a healthy hive, this routine fluctuates with the seasons and goes on for years. An aging queen may leave the hive with up to 60 percent of the workers and fly off to start a new hive leaving a daughter queen to inherit the original hive. If she is ailing and no longer producing, the colony may sting her to death.



In order for Kevin to show us the various hives, it was necessary for him to smoke out the bee hives which caused them to fly out while he picked up the various hives to show us how they work. Amazingly, he handled all these hives with no coveralls or facial protection, and we were able to get very close to take pictures of the bees at work. He showed us that young workers stay in the hive focusing on domestic tasks for the first few weeks after birth. They may attend the queen, clean the hive and remove debris, dust and pollen. Once the wax glands are functioning, the workers can build honeycombs and use wax to cap cells holding pupae. They store food by packing empty cells with pollen for later use and fan evaporation to preserve honey in cells. Older workers go out and gather nectar, water and pollen for the hive. The workers act as guards and when sensing danger, they produce an alarm pheromone to warn the hive of your presence.

The culmination of our tour was in his kitchen where he gave us samples of the various natural honey to taste and to purchase. The honey was delicious! He also showed us how he removes the honey from the comb once it is ready to market and bottle. We were all in agreement that this tour was extremely interesting and gave us a tremendous understanding of beekeeping. Lunch followed for nine of us at a lovely Thai restaurant close by. Thank you to our new Around and About Chair, Kimberly Helms, for organizing this educational and fun event to learn about protecting our pollinators.



Browse our new Wellington Garden Club Website

Be sure to visit our new website at <http://wellingtongardenclub.org/>. Check out our meetings and Around & About information. There are helpful links on the public pages and on the member's only pages. Click Member Login and "Join" to access Membership Resources. Contact me if there are any questions or concerns. ksiena2000@gmail.com.



AROUND AND ABOUT TRIP – Tuesday, December 13

“Raisin’ Cane” – U. S. Sugar Headquarters, Clewiston

We will be taking a bus trip to Clewiston for a tour “Raisin’ Cane” which includes lunch at no cost to the members and guests attending this outing. You are welcome to invite friends and family to join us. The bus seats 50 people so let’s fill it up.

Get a close-up look at how sugar is made, from field to pantry, during our Raisin’ Cane Tours. Held Monday thru Friday, the public tours provide a behind-the-scenes view of how sugar and oranges are grown, harvested, processed and sent to your local grocery store. Participants learn about the history and development of the area and U.S. Sugar, tour U.S. Sugar’s facilities, and get a sample of our sweetest crop.

“The Raisin’ Cane Tours are a great opportunity to learn about our region and who we are and what we do,” said Jennifer Black, U.S. Sugar’s community relations manager. “We hope our guests leave with a better understanding and sweet appreciation of the hard work that goes into making the sugar found in many of our favorite foods.”

During the tours, participants also visit Southern Gardens Citrus, a subsidiary of U.S. Sugar, and sample its 100 percent, pure Florida orange juice. They learn about other crops grown on the farms, such as corn, green beans and other vegetables, and see Lake Okeechobee, which is world famous for its bass fishing. The day culminates with a free, home-cooked, southern-style lunch at a local restaurant.

COST: FREE

BUS: Viking Bus Line leaves Wellington Community Center Parking Lot located at 12150 Forest Hill Blvd, Wellington 33414 at **8:30 am sharp. Please do not be late.** This bus would like to be guaranteed at least 30 people but can accommodate up to 50. This is a 1-1/2 hour ride so if you wish, please feel free to bring along some snacks and a drink for yourselves. Estimated return home will be around 3:15 to 4:00 pm.

SIGN-UP: At a meeting or contact Kimberly Helms, email KimberlysKreations@icloud.com or phone 561-350-8681.



FLORAL DESIGN STUDY SERIES UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY -- UNPRECEDENTED PRICE

Class Coordinators: Bernice Correra and Jayne Kiesewetter



Two openings are available for the special Floral Design Class series which begins on November 10th. A Certificate will be given to those who complete the class. Susan Hillson and Chris Biscoglio have worked many hours in order to be certified to teach this class. Don't let this opportunity slip through your schedule should you have any interest at all in Floral Design. If you want to sign up, contact Jayne Kiesewetter at 791-0273 for further information. Six basic units will be offered this season, hence six classes:

November 10, 2016, Unit I--Containers, Basic tools, and Vertical Designs.
December 14, 2016, Unit II-- Conditioning plant material, mechanics, and

Triangular Designs.

January 12, 2017, Unit III--Elements and Principles. Compatibility of plant materials with containers, curved designs.

February 16, 2017, Unit IV--Table Settings. Coordinating the design with the table components.

March 16, 2017, Unit V--Use of bases, features and accessories, designs using wood and contrived flowers.

April 20, 2017 Unit VI--Expressive & Interpretive Designs. Conditioning & transporting plant materials to a flower show.

So if you have been hesitating to join Floral Design because you think of yourself as a beginner this is the class for you. Chris and Susan are happy to give these classes to the WGC, hence the low price of **\$65.00 per student** for all six classes: For the first three classes you will be provided with plant material and containers; other basic mechanics such as oasis will be given out at all six classes. Beverage and Snack will be provided for the morning break, so bring your favorite coffee cup along with your lunch.

ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

By Mary Ann Hesser

Since our October WGC meeting was cancelled due to an impending hurricane, Wellington Garden club's adopt-a-street program was held on Tuesday Oct. 11th. Many thanks go out to Paige Griffin, Stormi Bivin, Tom Bivin, Jim Wenham, and Dale Hesser for helping. The Village of Wellington supplied us with orange vests, plastic bags, grabbers, and gloves as well as two signs which we posted indicating that our club was working in that area. In less than an hour we were able to accomplish our task in spite of Matthew!

Next scheduled **date is Tuesday, January 10th at 9AM**. If you can help at this time please indicate that by signing up at our next club meeting. Supplies will again be furnished by the Village. Feel free to bring your own gloves although plastic gloves will be made available. We love to visit together and celebrate friendships as we help the Wellington environment.



*The Members of Districts X, XI and XII of
The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs
In Cooperation with the Florida State Elks Association
Cordially Invite You to Attend
The Dedication of the
BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER
(A Tribute to our Armed Forces)*

*Friday November 18, 2016 at Noon
South Florida National Cemetery
6501 U.S. 441/State Road 7, Lake Worth, FL
(Approx. 2 miles south of Lake Worth Road)*

We urge you to attend this very special dedication, which is being chaired by WGC member and former National Garden Clubs President Barbara May. Funding for the marker was provided by a grant from the Florida State Elks Association.

Some of you may wonder "What is a Blue Star Marker?" The Blue Star Memorial Program, which began in 1944, honors all men and women who serve or have served in the United States Armed Services. About a year after the program began, it was adopted as National Garden Clubs' first nationwide project. Over 3,000 markers have been placed all across the country to date and the program remains one of the most prominent activities of NGC. Today, the program includes Highway Markers, Memorial Markers and By-Way Markers to be used at locations such as National cemeteries, parks, veteran's facilities and gardens. We are truly fortunate to have this marker installed at the South Florida National Cemetery where over 17,000 veterans and their spouses are buried.

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 immotzer@aol.com

NGC KEEPING IN TOUCH August – October 2016

Keeping in Touch is a quarterly newsletter published by National Garden Clubs (NGC). It is interesting and informative. You can also access it online at <http://gardenclub.org/>. Click on login member and scroll to *Keeping in Touch* newsletter. Member Login name is **member**; Password is **flight**. Please remember, NGC no longer is mailing this newsletter to garden club presidents so it will be necessary for you to access the website as mentioned above. If you experience any problem in opening the attachment, please contact Katie Roth at kroth@gardenclub.org Hardcopy sent upon request only.

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP DAY

September 17, 2016

Diane Rice & Phil Macnak, Chairs

Wellington Garden Club Welcomes Youth in 2016 International Coastal Cleanup

Thank you to all the young and young in spirit who participated in the 2016 International Coastal Cleanup at Ocean Ridge Inlet Park and Beach on Saturday, Sept. 17th. We had 40 participants from Spanish River High School in Boca Raton, 12 from the EYC youth group of St. David's in-the-Pines Episcopal Church in Wellington along with about 20 Wellington Garden Club (WGC) members and their families and friends. One lady came back with a folding chair and then went back to the beach to collect two more 5 gallon bucket full of garbage as she explained that this beach is so special you just can't help but go back to pick up more garbage.



This year the students quickly caught on to downloading the App, "Clean Swell" on their smart phones and recorded the garbage data on real time as it was being collected. This gave the Ocean Conservancy even better data as they were able to track where the trash was being collected. And our two WGC members John Siena and Jim Thompson weighed all the garbage collected with a portable weight scale to get the final weight of 132.3 lbs. WOW....that is more than what some people weigh!!!

And then there were those special moments when grandparents and grandchildren walked together to clean the beach and inlet park. WGC member Jim Thompson had brought his granddaughter Lynne Gunnels and WGC member Kathy Schneider had brought her granddaughter Jordan Neltner. It was like passing a baton of conserving this home we called Earth. Of course, it is hard to understand why anyone would want to mess up a pristine beach. Just like last year, our biggest polluter was cigarette butts with plastic pieces coming in as a close second --- though I have to admit that that folding chair was a first in my three years of beach cleanup.

Of course, we cannot say thank you enough for WGC Diane's homemade banana bread for a snack in the morning and for the two WGC cooks Phil Macnak and Tim Hadsell who welcomed the hungry with hot dogs and hamburgers for a nominal donation.

This was truly a day to remember a day of sun and cleanup. And it was only fitting to give Earth's healing aloe vera plants to those individuals who especially helped out.... namely the lady with the rolling chair, the lady who coordinated Spanish Riverside High School and Rachel Green and Jennifer Elmore who headed up the St. David's group. A special thank goes to Kathy Siena for supplying the pots and Beth Stuart for supplying the plants.

We are blessed with this Earth which gives us clean air and water to drink and fish from the sea to eat. Although it was a fun day we in the state of Florida have reason to tremor when it comes to keeping our water in the aquifer clean and available to drink as the [National Park Service has approved](#) seismic testing in Big Cypress National Preserve which is a first step towards hydraulic fracturing or commonly known as fracking in that area. Rather than wonder what you can do ... why not come to the 2016 November 2nd [Florida Fracking Symposium](#) held in Ft. Meyers.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

By Phil Macnak

Update regarding the phosphorus issues in the Everglades Agricultural Area: Critics say the sugarcane growers and vegetable farmers are the cause of the water pollution caused by water releases from this area. This is hardly true! The sources of the pollution, especially to the Lake Worth Lagoon, are from the local residents and businesses bordering the C51 canal. Please contact Phil for more details.

Saint Augustine Garden Club will hold their Annual Tour of Homes on Sunday, December 4, 2016. Ticket sales start on October 1st but sell out quickly every year. Please see attached flyer. Trish Kowalski, Co-Chair, TOH Publicity Committee.

Vintage Thrift Shop will be open during the Mounts Botanical Garden Fall Plant Sale on November 5 and 6, 2016: Donated items are sold to individuals attending the plant sale at discounted prices. The Shop is located in the Pavilion, which is just inside the main gate. We have been receiving some donated items since the last sale. However, many more items are needed!

Please consider donating home, garden, and patio items such as tools, pots, books, pictures, baskets, candles, statuary, decorative home/yard items, and patio/yard furniture. We cannot accept chemicals, fertilizers, paints, or clothes (except garden gloves and aprons). You may also want to consider making a monetary donation to Mounts at this time. Every donation receives a 501(c)(3) Tax Deductible Receipt.

Your donations help support the Garden. It also provides a service to you by providing a place to deposit your unneeded items. The success of our Vintage Shop depends upon continued donations of either new or used items. Donations can be dropped off at the Garden Shop located just inside the main gate. Shop personnel are there to receive your items everyday of the week 10AM to 3:30 PM. For more information, please call [561-233-1763](tel:561-233-1763).

Please inform your fellow society/club members, and friends of the dates of the sale. And, of course, we need your tax-deductible donations of items for the upcoming sale!

If you have any questions, please call or email me. Lynn Yeldell For Mounts Botanical Garden lyeldell@gmail.com - 703-244-6752

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



..... *IN MEMORIAM*

Celebrating the Life and Resurrection of
Bonnie Reynolds Wenham
(January 9, 1949 – July 24, 2016)



Please join Jim Wenham and Family
On Saturday, November 12, 2016
At 10:00 AM at
St. Michael Lutheran Church
1925 Birkdale Drive
Wellington, Florida

WILD WEST HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
Monday, December 5th, 2016
11:00 AM – 2:30 PM
Social Hour 11:00 AM – Luncheon Noon

MAYACOO LAKES COUNTRY CLUB

9697 Mayacoo Club Drive
West Palm Beach



You may **SIGN UP & PAY AT** the November 7th
Wellington Garden Club Meeting

Sign-up sheets will be at the meeting on the long sign-up
tables against the divider

**\$30.00 per person *includes Gratuity &
Valet Parking***

An envelope for your Cash or Checks will be attached to the clip board
Please make check payable to: Wellington Garden Club

MENU SELECTION *Please choose when signing up*

- 1. Cowboy Jack Daniels Marinated Chicken**
 - 2. San Antonio Cedar Plank Rum Salmon**
 - 3. Canyon River Country Pasta**
- Cocktail Service *Cash Bar***

RESERVATIONS CANNOT BE REFUNDED AFTER 11/28/2016

**If you are unable to be at the November meeting, you may mail your checks by
November 26th to:**

**Mary Anne Greely
9012 Pitrezza Drive
Lake Worth, FL 33467-3724**

Suggested Attire: "Dress for the West"

***All those in Western or Wild West Attire will be automatically
entered in our "Dress for the West" Competition!**

NEWS FROM FFGC AND DISTRICT X

By Twig Morris, External Events Liaison

DISTRICT X FALL MEETING REPORT



L-R: Janet Stein, Caren Griffin, Laure Hristov, Kathy Siena, Bobbi Ziegler, Carol Coleman, Kimberly Helms, Twig Morris

Ten members of Wellington Garden Club travelled to Boca Raton a few weeks ago to represent our club at the 2016 District X Fall Meeting. Two members, Caren Griffin and Bobbi Ziegler, were first-time District meeting attendees. We were joined by over 130 District X members representing all of the 16 clubs throughout our District. Early in the meeting there was a touching memorial to deceased members of District X clubs. President Kathy Siena (shown at right) represented WGC and placed a rose in memory of WGC member Bonnie Wenham who died earlier this year.



Later in the meeting, the Executive Officers of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC) told attendees about the various programs of FFGC and National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). They provided details of how clubs can support these activities, such as Wekiva Youth Camp, the SEEK Environmental Conference for high school students, the NGC Schools, and the FFGC President's Project, to name a few. Kathy was asked by District X Director, Donna Berger, to give a President's Report on projects or programs that she felt were best received. She talked about the following important projects: adopting new Revised Articles of Association, creating a new Website, holding the 3rd Annual Tree Planting, 2016 Glorious Gardens Tour, and our Youth Programs. Another highlight was the election of a new District X Director, Lynn Jones of the West Palm Beach Garden Club, who currently serves as Assistant District X Director. Lynn will be officially installed as the new District X Director at the FFGC Convention to be held in April 2017 in Kissimmee.

Then it was time for club members to be recognized for special contributions to their club's youth activities. Tim Hadsell and Janet Stein received recognition and a special pin for their years of dedication to Wynnebrook youth activities at the Elks garden. Congratulations! And Kathy Siena represented our club when it was recognized for awards received by many area youth who participated in the FFGC and NGC youth contests and were sponsored by our club.



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FROM NGC

Many members say they joined our club to learn more about gardening. Here are two wonderful educational opportunities offered in our area; one comes from National Garden Clubs and the other is offered by our own District X. **Sign up now** so you won't be left out. See below for more information and links to registration forms. I highly recommend both of these events based on personal experience. **They are outstanding learning opportunities – you will not be disappointed!**

Environmental Studies School Course II "The Living Earth – Land and Related Issues" is being held on November 14 & 15 at Pine Jog Environmental Center in West Palm Beach at the corner of Jog Road and Summit Ave. **Registration deadline: November 4.** The mission of the Environmental Studies Schools is to teach environmental literacy in order to cherish, protect and conserve the living earth. The course teaches 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.

Log on to districtx.org and click on Educational Opportunities for all the details or [click here](#)
Reimbursement for course fee is available from WGC. **For WGC Reimbursement form posted on the Member Login section of the club's website.** [Click Here](#)

COMING IN JANUARY

THE 61st TROPICAL SHORT COURSE AT MOUNTS BOTANICAL GARDEN

The 61st annual Tropical Short Course "*Tropical Destinations*" presented by District X will be held at Mounts Botanical Garden January 25 & 26, 2017. This event promises to be an exciting and educational two days filled with presentations by top experts in a wide variety of horticulture, landscape and environmental issues. **Early registration is encouraged as your seat assignment will depend on the date your registration was received.** So if you want a good seat up front, **register now!**

For more details and to register: [click here](#). For Registration Form only: [click here](#)

Reimbursement for course fee is available from WGC. **For WGC Reimbursement form posted on the Member Login section of the club's website.** [Click Here](#)

FUN EVENTS AT OTHER NEARBY CLUBS

November 11, 12, 13 – Boca Raton Garden Club is holding its annual Holiday House from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at their club house at 4281 NW 3rd Ave., Boca Raton (Between Yamato and Spanish River). The event features a craft sale, plant sale, bake sale and raffles, including handmade, home-baked and homegrown items for the Holiday season.

November 16 – Boynton Beach Garden Club is holding its annual luncheon and 'Fun with Flowers' workshop at the Boynton Beach Women's Club at 1010 South Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. Evvy Bartley and I and a few other WGC members attended this event last year and had lots of fun. It's a chance to socialize with members from other clubs and learn something about what it means to have 'Fun with Flowers'. All materials are provided. For more details, [Click Here](#).

SAVE THE DATE March 12, 2017

PLANTS GALORE & MORE!

By Stormi Bivin



Why are we talking about this now, you may ask??? As the weather is breaking and you feel like spending more time in your garden, think about starting to propagate your plants for our WGC plant sale on Sunday, March 12th. Just think of how wonderful those plants will look in 6 months! We'll have lovely "member grown" plants to sell that will showcase our talents. If anyone needs black plastic pots to start your plants, just let me know. I have a supply of various sizes to share. Thanks.

NEW!!! ALLAMANDA NEWS ADVERTISING

If you have a business you'd like to advertise in the *Allamanda News* or if you know of any business that might be interested in placing an ad in our club's newsletter, here are the advertising rates, submission deadlines and other details.

AD SIZE	COST PER ISSUE	COST FOR THREE ISSUES 2017
Quarter Pg. (3-1/2W x 5"H)	\$15.00	\$ 40.00
Half Pg. (7"W x 5"H)	\$25.00	\$ 70.00
Full Pg. (7"W x 10"H)	\$40.00	\$115.00

Deadlines for Ads:

December 10 for January/February 2017 issue

February 10 for March/April 2017 issue

April 10 for May/June 2017 issue

Camera-ready ads should be submitted in PDF, JPEG or MS Word via email to:

Twig Morris, Advertising Coordinator Email: twig_morris@hotmail.com

Any questions, call Twig at 561-434-6629 or 201-230-6324

Payment in full required no later than seven (7) days after ad is submitted.

Make check payable to: **Wellington Garden Club**

Mail To: **Twig Morris**

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RECYCLING PROGRAMS

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

Start Saving Labels for Education tags from Campbell's and other products as part of the "Labels for Education Program" helps buy supplies for FFGC Wekiva Youth Camp. Bring labels to WGC meetings.

UPDATED NOTIFICATION

"CAPS OF LOVE"

NOTE: Kimberly Helms, our new Around & About Chair, has graciously offered a plan for WGC to work with Royal Palm School for the donation of our Caps of Love. Her niece attends this school, which serves students with severe physical, cognitive and social disabilities. We are so grateful that she has come to our rescue as so many of us were continuing to save the caps. Once again, please start bringing any collections of caps you have to our meetings, and she will deliver them for us. They will do the sorting, etc.

Wellington Garden Club Meetings

**Our garden club meetings are held at Wellington Community Center
12150 Forest Hill Blvd., Lakeview Room (Ground Floor), Wellington, FL
Guests are always welcome. If you plan to bring a guest please call Doreen Baxter,
Membership Chair, at 561-793-6013 or email doreenspot@comcast.net**

Newsletter

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