

Allamanda News

The Newsletter of the Wellington Garden Club

SEP – OCT 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As your new President, I would like to welcome all of you to the start of a new year in the Wellington Garden Club. I hope I will be able to fulfill your expectations, and with the help of my Board, bring you exciting speakers and events. Because of the Labor Day holiday, our first meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 5, 2017** at the Wellington Community Center, 12150 Forest Hill Boulevard. Last year, we voted to replace our light lunch refreshment with a light breakfast. We will continue with a light breakfast starting at 9:30 AM. The meeting will start at 10:15 AM with the speaker starting at 11:15 AM The new yearbooks will be available at the

first meeting as well as on the website.

We will be discussing the potential of having a Flower Show. We have had them in the past, and they seem to be very popular. Our floral design team is so proud of the accomplishments of those who took the course that they thought it would be exciting to provide an opportunity for them and others to exhibit their skills. We will also be talking about the popular Garden Tour.

Minor changes to the Articles of Association and continuing work on the Standing Rules will need to be addressed. In order to accomplish this, we would like to invite members to participate in a Bylaws Committee to review the Articles again. This committee will identify areas that need to be modified and present the new language to the membership. Prior to voting on any changes, it must be noticed (See Article13) two weeks in advance of the meeting. Hopefully, we can target the vote for a meeting in January or February when most of the members are present.

The Standing Rules are different in that they are merely policies which will be approved by the BOD. I believe these changes are necessary so that when any committee chair passes the torch, there will be policy guidelines to assist in the transition.

The NGC motto for the 2017-2019 term is "Plant America'. I would like to include the FFGC motto "Plant, Bloom and Grow with Us." My hope for all of you is to "Enjoy your club, learn new things and have fun growing your gardens."

Respectfully,

Carol Coleman President - 2017 - 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER 2017

Aug 28	Board Meeting – Wellington Community Center – (9:30 AM)
Sep 5	Garden Club Meeting – Wellington Community Center (9:30 AM)
Sep 5-7	FFGC Fall Board Meeting – Winter Park
(Tues-Thurs)	Days 1-3
Sep 16	Coastal Cleanup & Cookout-Ocean Inlet Park (8:30 AM-1:00 PM)
Sep 25	WGC Board Meeting – Wellington Community Center (9:30 AM)
Sep 29	District X Lunch N' Learn – Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens
Sep 30	4 th Annual Tree Planting ,Wellington Environmental Preserve
5CP 50	(8:30 AM – 11:30 AM)
Oct 2	Garden Club Meeting – Wellington Community Center (9:30 AM)
Oct 3	Adopt-a-Street-Wellington Dog Park (9:00 AM)
Oct 6	District X Fall Meeting, Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens
Oct 19	Around & About – Million Orchid Project at Pine Jog Environmental
	Center (10:00 AM) followed by Marjory Stoneman Douglas
	Everglades Habitat
Oct 22-24	FFSJ Fall Symposium, Hilton Orlando, Altamonte Springs
(Sun-Tues)	Days 1-3
Oct 30	WGC Board Meeting – Wellington Community Center (9:30 AM)

TREASURERS REPORT

Silvia Evans, Treasurer

August 1, 2017

Wellington Garden Club began July 1, 2017 with a checking account balance of \$21,252.05.

Income for the month of July 2017 totaled \$0.

Expenses for the month of July 2017 totaled \$1,240.00 for FFGC Member Dues.

Additionally, for more detailed information, the WGC Profit & Loss vs. Annual Budget Report will be emailed.

Current balance as of July 31, 2017 in the Wellington Garden Club checking account is \$20,012.05.

WGC MEETING – TUESDAY, September 5, 2017

Florida Friendly Landscaping Laurie Albrecht <u>lalbrecht@pbcgov.org</u>



Laurie Albrecht is an Environmental Horticulture agent for the UF/IFAS Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension. She is along a member of the Florida Nursery Growers Association and a member of the Speakers Bureau for Florida Yards.org. This informative Environmental Horticulture verv presentation is about the University of Florida's Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program which emphasizes nine major principles that allow residents create beautiful yards and gardens while to protecting our precious water, preserving natural

resources and saving on costs. Find out how you can have a beautiful landscape that could save you time, energy and money while protecting our future.

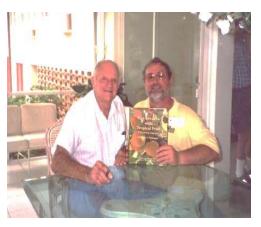
WGC MEETING – Monday, October 2, 2017

History of Tropical Fruits in South Florida Larry Grosser

Iqlychee@aol.com



Grosser, Larry Palm Beach County native and WGC member will presenting be an informative lecture on the fruit trees native to the area and the interesting stories on how such species as citrus, mangoes, other coconuts and



exotics arrived on our shores. Also included will be interesting fruit-related historical stories about some of our local communities such as Wellington and Atlantis and how the big freeze of 1894/95 prompted Henry Flagler to extend his railroad to Miami. Larry is a past president of the Rare Fruit Council, Master Gardener and a longtime member of Mounts Botanical Garden & Fairchild Tropical Garden. He is a retired Environmental Scientist and a history enthusiast who volunteers as a docent with the Historical Society of Palm Beach County.

AROUND & ABOUT – Thursday, October 19, 2017

Million Orchid Project at Pine Jg Environmental Center 6301 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach <u>http://www.pinejog.fau.edu</u> Marjory Stoneman Douglas Everglades Habitat 3491 Flying Cow Ranch Road, Wellington

CARPOOL LOCATIONS: 9:30 AM SHARP PINE JOG TOUR: 10 AM COST: Free

LUNCH: Optional at local restaurant



Learn about the Million Orchid Project at FAU's Pine Jog Environmental Center and the propagation techniques used to gather and cultivate microscopic orchid seeds under fluorescent lights in the state-of-the-art laboratory. The orchids are later transplanted into trees in designated areas. After leaving Pine Jog, we'll travel to the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Everglades Habitat to learn about the orchids from Pine Jog that were transplanted to the WGC native plant garden last summer by Pine Jog staff and Wellington Garden Club volunteers.

ADOPT-A-STREET 2017 - 2018

Mary Ann Hesser, Chair

Hoping everyone had a nice summer and are now ready to help. We will be having our first adopt a street activity on Oct. 3rd for the new garden club 2017-18 year. Last year we had a wonderful turn out of helpers which we are grateful for and hope that it will continue this year as well. The area we take care of is Greenbriar Blvd. from the dog park on Aero Club Dr. to Wellington Trace(about one mile), Working in groups of 2 some will start at the dog park and other groups will start at Wellington Trace. As we walk towards each other and meet "in the middle" it really only equates to ¹/₂ mile for each group. Starting at 9AM we are done by 10 AM.

All materials needed are provided by the village of Wellington although most of us bring our own garden gloves...Village provides plastic gloves(which are one size fits all), orange vests and collection bags to use as well as grabbers for each person.

There will be a sign up sheet at each meeting so that anyone who wants to help can sign up. If you can only do one of the days than sign for that date .. This year our dates are Oct. 3rd 2017....December 5th 2017....February 13th 2018...April 24th 2018.

ONLY FOUR TIMES IN A CLUB YEAR !!!! WORKING ONE (1) HOUR EACH TIME!!! GREAT WAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR CLUB!!!

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9TH CRAFT WORKSHOP

Wine Corks Galore Fire Station 30 (group room) 9610 Stribling Way With Carol Lazzarino and Dee Rolfe \$12.00 per person



Join us for our Wine Corks Galore where we will be creating a floral vase, a set of four cork napkin rings and a holiday ornament for a Christmas Tree or as an ornament to put on a bottle of wine as a holiday gift.

The cost of the class is \$12 per person including the supplies. Please make your checks payable to the Wellington Garden Club and either sign up at the meeting or mail the check to me. Payment must be made no later than October 1st so that we have time to purchase supplies and prep the project. No refunds after supplies are purchased unless you find a substitute or we have a waiting list.

You can sign up at the September meeting, but please bring your check to hold your spot. If you can't make the meeting, you can call me to be on the list with your check in the mail. Class limited to 15.

WANTED CRAFT SUPPLIES FOR OUR WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB PROJECTS

If you are hoarding wine corks, preferably the real wine corks versus the new modern plastic ones, please bring them to the next meeting. We will be using them in the November Garden Art Craft Class.

If you have any silk flowers in good condition, lace or ribbon just looking for a home, we can use those, too.

If you love Talenti ice cream as I do, please save those jars. They are wonderful storage containers for our crafting supplies.

If you can't make the meeting, please give me a call and perhaps we can arrange to pick up your supplies.

Thank you, Carol Lazzarino Cell phone 561-312-2082

Mardi Gras

The May 1, 2017 Spring Luncheon was held at the Wellington National Golf Club. The Mardi Gras theme was chosen by the committee led by Mary Drexler. Featured on the agenda were an awards presentation to two of our club members, scholarship awards to 3 local students, the installation of the 2017-2018 elected officers, a magic act and raffle prizes.







The official Mardi Gras colors were used. **Purple** representing justice, **Gold** representing power and **Green** representing faith.





For more picture, please access this website: https://wellingtongardenclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/2017May1MardiGrasLuncheon.pdf





Magician made a bunny for Carol!

Carol Coleman







One of many raffle winners



Gary Midnight, our magician



Installation of New officers for 2017-2018





John Siena, Karen Clawson (teacher), Sydney Meve, Judith Archbold, Jerome Small, Kathy Siena

Student Scholarship Awards

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY By Lisa Ferrano

Dedication of Belle Glade Habitat House May 2017

This Habitat landscape project is a joint effort as per the MOU agreement between Palm Beach County Native Plant Society, Pine Jog and Wellington Garden Club



The Habitat home before landscaping



Rob Hopper, John Siena (WGC), Kristi Moyer, Lisa Ferrano



Top left: Unloading plants; Top right ribbon cutting with students from Seminole Ridge HS construction program (red shirts) who built the prefab home and Royal Palm Beach HS HVAC students who installed the air conditioning. Bottom center: Bernie Godek, Habitat Director.

PAINT THE ESTATES

An additional Habitat opportunity is available on September 9th & 10th at Kennedy Estates in Jupiter. Called "Paint the Estates", it's an opportunity to help revitalize the Kennedy Estates neighborhood. Landscaping projects also will be included. For more information, call: 561-253-2080

WGC 4th Annual Tree Planting National Public Lands Day (NPLD) September 30, 2017

By Kathy Siena

Wellington Garden Club volunteers are planning a community-wide volunteer participation to help plant native trees and/or shrubs at the Wellington Environmental Preserve on Flying Cow Road this coming Saturday, September 30, 2017 beginning at 8:30 a.m. on what is known nation-wide as National Public Lands Day (NPLD). This is an important event that we would like to see many of our volunteers come out to help. We have volunteers not only from WGC, but also the Boy and Girl Scouts, high school students from the Palm Beach Central High School Environmental Club, and especially the crews from the Village of Wellington.

While water is usually supplied, it is a good idea to bring plenty of your own water supply, as well as sun hats, sunscreen, mosquito spray and closed-toe shoes. The Village crew usually pre-digs the holes for us making our job much easier. Village staff member, Brian Hopper, has been a wonderful support providing the trees and shrubs to plant every year.

The photo below is from last year's 3rd Annual Tree Planting with a great turn-out of more than 50 people. Let's see that number grow. The more volunteers, the quicker the planting is done because we all know it WILL BE HOT!





Wolfgang Oschmann & family. NGC Recycled sculpture winner 5/201

Our youth contest participants ended up the year with almost 175 entries and several winning places. Participating contests were poetry, recycled sculpture, essays, Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl posters. The schools that were involved were Binks Forest El, Pine Jog El, Wynnebrook El, New Horizons El, Palm Springs Middle and Wellington High School. We had winners in almost all the various contest categories. We are proud to say that Wolfgang Oschmann won NGC 2nd place and 1st place by

FFGC, WGC and Deep South for his Recycled Sculpture. The teachers and their students are always very excited at the beginning of the new school year to hear about the contests and what they might be interested in entering. They receive certificates of participation and checks for winning. It is important to teach and educate our youth about our earth, our environment and how to grow a garden. If we don't educate and encourage children in grades K-12, we may have fewer and fewer garden club members when they mature and become adults. We need to pique their interest now.



We want to thank the Florida Forest Rangers for their assistance in presenting the Smokey Bear program to the elementary school students and of course for bringing Smokey to visit the students and give them a high five. The reward for winning students was to be able to spray the big, heavy pumper hose that is on the ranger's fire truck.

An important notice to all club members is that we need a Youth Contest Chair to lead the students and teachers in participating in the youth contests.



August is the time to begin preparation of the contest flyers to send out to the schools. Fall is when the Rangers come to the elementary schools to teach the students about forest fire prevention and environmental awareness.

Equestrian Trails El winning students, Rangers and Smokey

Please contact me if you are interested or have any questions. I will be happy to help you get started. You can also

co-chair with a friend. ksiena2000@gmail.com or 561-371-3388.



Student winner with Kathy Siena, and teacher

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS (FFGC) AWARDS

Once again, Wellington Garden Club brought home numerous awards from the 2017 FFGC Convention in Orlando.

ADULT CLUB AWARDS 1st PLACE

DePalma/Sillik Website Award-#14-To recognize and award outstanding achievement in creation and maintenance of garden club websites. The site must foster the aims, purposes, and goals of FFGC and NGC.

ADULT INDIVIDUAL AWARDS 1st PLACE

Petite Award – Twig Morris - #128-To recognize the most outstanding floral design that has received the Petite Award in a Standard Flower Show during the current year.

UNSOLICITED LANDSCAPE DESIGN AWARD-DISTRICT X 1st PLACE

Lakefield West Subdivision - For plantings at a private facility exemplifying exceptional landscaping.

YOUTH AWARDS – 1st PLACE

NGC Poetry Contest "We Three: Bees, Butterflies and Me" 4th Grade: Jiselys Paulino – Pine Jog Elementary School 9th Grade: Cristina Arena – Wellington High School NGC Youth Sculpture Contest "Keep Our Plant Green" 4th Grade: Gabriella Engman-Equestrian Trails Elementary School 7th Grade: Wolfgang Oschmann-Palm Springs Middle School NGC High School Essay Contest HS-20 "We Need Our Pollinators" 12th Grade: Alexis Peck-Wellington High School

DEEP SOUTH REGION (DSR) AWARDS

YOUTH AWARDS

NGC Poetry Contest

4th Grade, Honorable Mention: Jiselys Paulino – Pine Jog Elementary School 9th Grade, 1st Place: Cristina Arena-Wellington High School

NGC Youth Sculpture Contest

4th Grade, 2nd Place: Gabriella Engman-Equestrian Trails Elementary School 7th Grade, 1st Place: Wolfgang Oschmann-Palm Springs Middle School

NGC High School Essay Contest

12th Grade, Honorable Mention: Alexis Peck-Wellington High School

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB (NGC) AWARDS

NGC Youth Sculpture Contest 7th Grade, 2nd Place: Wolfgang Oschmann

NATIONAL CONSULTANTS DAY

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs

As part of a NGC's new initiative to feature National Consultants Day during National Garden Week, the four Councils of FFGC presented a program at Headquarters on June 7. Titled "Water Water Everywhere, Will there be enough to drink?", the event drew over 50 participants from 7 of our 12 Districts.

Participants began the day with a tour of Leu Gardens led by director Robert Bowden and one of his horticulturists and sponsored by the Gardening Consultants Council. The rains held off and all were able to reconvene at Headquarters for a presentation by Teresa Watkins, author and recognized leader on environmentally-friendly landscapes. Sponsored by the Landscape Design Council, attendees received much valuable information for their own "water-wise" gardening efforts and then were able to purchase many of the plants they had just seen at a plant sale set up by Marge Hendon, FFGC 2nd V.P. and nursery owner.

Following lunch, the Environmental Consultants Council introduced Drew Martin, an NGC Environmental Course instructor and active member of the Sierra club who challenged the group with "Water is a Many Faceted Issue—Where do we go from here?". And to complete the day, all enjoyed the floral design interpretations of Cascade by Betty Moore, Barbara Willey and Margaret Kirkpatrick and sponsored by the Judges Council. Two guests—potential members—attended and the day was not only a big success but hopefully a prototype for these kinds of events around the state.



June 7, 2017 Winter Park WGC members Diane Rice & Barbara Hadsell attended

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

By Djane Rice & Phil Macnak, Environmental Chairs



An Invitation from Barbara & Tim Hadsell

Oleander GC October Event

The Oleander Garden Club is sponsoring a bus tour to the Florida Keys on October 12-13, 2017. Details are below. Space is limited so if you are interested <u>click here</u> for interactive registration form. No refunds after September 21, 2017.



NEWS FROM FFGC AND DISTRICT X

By Kathy Siena, External Events Liaison

DISTRICT X FALL MEETING

Save the date, Friday, October 6, for the District X Fall Meeting to be held at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Garden. This year's District X Fall meeting, titled, "50 Shades of Pink" will feature the newly-installed FFGC Officers who will review the "State of the State" for FFGC programs and projects during the coming year. Don't miss it! <u>Click here</u> for registration form or register and sign up for carpools at the September WGC meeting. **Deadline for registration is September 27.** Reimbursement for the \$25 fee is available from WGC. **WGC Member Education Reimbursement form is posted on the Member Login section of the club's website.**

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FROM NGC

Many members have said they joined our club to learn more about gardening. Here are several wonderful educational opportunities offered in our area by National Garden Clubs. Sign up **now** so you won't be left out. See below for more information and links to registration forms.

Environmental Studies School Course IV "*Water and Related Issues*" is being held on November 13 & 14 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pine Jog Environmental Center in West Palm Beach at the corner of Jog Road and Summit Ave. 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. This course also will include a two-hour educational tour of the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge.

Log on to districtx.org and click on Educational Opportunities for all the details or <u>Click Here</u> Reimbursement for course fee is available from WGC. For WGC Member Education Reimbursement form is posted on the Member Login section of the club's website.



COMING IN JANUARY

THE 62nd TROPICAL SHORT COURSE AT MOUNTS BOTANICAL GARDEN



It's not too early to register for the 62nd annual Tropical Short Course "*Tropical Waters*" presented by District X to be held at Mounts Botanical Garden January 24 & 25, 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. It also is a Tri-Refresher for NGC Consultants and Master Gardeners. 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!** Registrar Bobbi Ziegler says that she's already received several

registration forms from other clubs.

For more details and to register: <u>Click Here</u> Reimbursement for course fee is available from WGC. WGC Member Education Reimbursement form is posted on the Member Login section of the club's website.

NGC KEEPING IN TOUCH www.gardenclub.org

You can now access the NGC newsletter "*Keeping in Touch"* on line. User Name: **member**; Password is **pumpkin**. Please remember, the NGC is no longer mailing this newsletter to garden club presidents so it will be necessary for you to access the website as mentioned above.

Please note that the NGC password on page 37 of the 2017-18 Yearbook is incorrect.

WGC FACEBOOK PAGE AND OUR WEBSITE

By Doreen Baxter

The new Wellington Garden Club website was created last year by John Gonzalez of System Design Wizards located in Port St Lucie. John offered the Club a very reasonable price for creating and updating the site but preferred that someone in the club do most of the heavy work to keep it current.

With the start of Carol Coleman's term as President, I agreed to master the new website. My goal this year is to encourage more members to use this site as their first resource for club information. As you know, the Yearbook starts our year off with a known prescheduled list of activities and events. Then, as the season develops, new activities are added and changes are made. The website, being a dynamic instrument, is most useful when kept up to date. With the help of the club chairpersons, my task is to keep the website current. Please keep me posted on anything new that can be shared with members or the public.

Please send your photos for posting to me or you can post them directly on the Wellington Garden Club Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/Wellington-Garden-Club-150607948306971/

RECYCLING PROGRAMS

UPDATED NOTIFICATION "CAPS OF LOVE

As of August 7, 2017, Kimberly Helms advised us that she will **NO LONGER** be accepting bottle caps for the school as they now require the caps to be presorted in advance. Please do not bring anymore "caps" to our meetings until someone steps forward and is willing to take on this project. Thank you for your past contributions to this worthy cause.



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 Mary Drexler at 561-506-7404 or email at: mkdrexler@comcast.net

<u>Newsletter</u>

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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