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The Newsletter of the Wellington Garden Club

NOV - DEC 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am happy to say we are off to a great start. We have lots of new members and many more looking to join. Some new members have volunteered to take on unfilled positions. All of our members have been stepping up to the plate to offer their time to make this a very active and involved club year.

The first meeting was held at the Wellington Community Center in the same room we had used last year. Because of a generous donation by Mrs. Margaret Jacobs, we were able to provide Dunkin Donuts coffee with all the fixings. Denise Friedlander, our Hospitality Chair, was thrilled at this addition to our light breakfast. Her preparation time was made significantly less since brewing the coffee was eliminated from her committee's tasks.

We got right down to business with a unanimous vote to have a Standard Flower Show in April at the Wellington Green Mall. This will take the place of our Garden Tour, which will move to next year, 2019. Since the Garden Tour has always been our biggest fundraiser, we came up with many great ideas on how to secure funds to meet our responsibility as a 501(c)(3). It was incredible how many ways we came up with to raise funds without dipping into our member's pockets.

This year's Holiday Party on December 4th, 2017 will take place at Mayacoo Lakes Club. Jayne Kiesewetter and I are chairing the luncheon which theme will be "Elegant Holiday". We had so many volunteers for the event that it promises to be an outstanding affair. We voted at our 2nd Club Meeting, to have raffle baskets, which will be handled by Barbara Ricksen. Christine Biscoglio and Linda DeSanti are creating the decorations, which should be amazing.

Our speakers for the first two club meetings were both interesting and informative. The amount of knowledge they shared left you wanting to learn even more. I am looking forward to those speakers listed for the coming months. And our Around and Abouts with our new chair, Terrienne Tuskes, promise to be fun-filled and exciting.

Well, what else can I say? We are starting with a wonderful group of members who are willing to get their hands dirty and to accomplish what I have said, "Enjoy Your Club, Learn and Have Fun in Your Garden".

Respectfully,

Carol Coleman

President - 2017 - 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER 2017

Nov 6	Garden Club Meeting – Wellington Community Center (9:30 AM)
Nov 9	Garden Art Workshop – Fire Station 30 (9:00 AM-1:00 PM)
Nov 13-14 (Mon-Tues)	NGC Environmental Studies, Course IV, Pine Jog Environmental Center (8:00 AM-3:00 PM)
Nov 16	Around & About – Morikami Museum & Japanese Gardens, Delray Beach (11:30 AM lunch on your own at Museum Cafe; 1:00 PM tour)
Nov 27	WGC Board Meeting – Community Center (9:30 AM)
Nov 30	FFGC Awards Submission Deadline
Dec. 2-3	NGC Small Standard Flower Show, Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens
Dec 4	Holiday Luncheon, 35 th Anniversary of WGC (11:00 AM)
Dec 5	Adopt-a-Street-Wellington Dog Park (9:00 AM)

TREASURERS REPORT September 2017 *Silvia Evans, Treasurer*

Wellington Garden Club began September 1, 2017 with a checking account balance of \$16,616.90

Income, since then, totaled \$ 1206.52 primarily from donations, including \$1,000 towards hospitality from a private donor, \$100 in plant raffle earnings and \$56.52 for Hurricane victims, as well as a few garden art registration fees.

Expenses since September 1st were \$2006.27 primarily for the accounting fees (annual accountant's review of the WGC financial records), printing, community gardens, and speaker expenses. In addition, there was a \$1200 Habitat for Humanity /FAU/Pine Jog donation.

Additionally, for more detailed information the WGC profit & loss versus annual budget report will be e-mailed.

Current balance as of September 30, 2017 in the Wellington Garden Club checking account is 15,781.15

AN INVITATION TO GET INVOLVED FOR RESTORTION OF GENE JOYNER'S UNBELIEVABLE ACRES BOTANICAL GARDEN

On Monday, October 2, 2017, Larry Grosser, a member of the WGC and Palm Beach County native presented an informative lecture on the fruit trees native to the area and interesting stories and pictures of how they arrived on our shores along with historical stories about local communities.

After Larry's lecture, he advised us that Gene Joyner's Unbelievable Acres, which we visited last year, was severely devastated by Hurricane Irma this past September. He is enlisting members as well as local residents who would be willing to help put this rain forest back together which will take much love, devoted time and labor for many months. If there is anyone here or someone you know who would like to donate their time and energy in helping Gene restore his botanical garden, he would be more than appreciative. Please contact Larry Grosser for more information at iglychee@aol.com if you would like to get involved.

WGC MEETING – Monday, November 6, 2017
Ikebana, The Art of Japanese Flower Arrangement



Kathy Jones is the Co-President of the Ikenobo Ikebana Society of South Florida. She will be demonstrating the fascinating art of Japanese Flower Arrangement.

In 1988, Kathy was sponsored by the Florida Cultural Education Department to participate in a year-long study program under Atsuko Lefcourte from Kyoto, Japan, who was assigned to create and develop Ikebana chapters in the Greater New York area before moving to Florida. Kathy has served as an officer of the Ikebana South Florida Chapter since 1990 and has hosted the Headmaster from Japan. In 2008, she attended an intensive week-long study tour in Kyoto, Japan and has since organized and participated in several chapter symposiums.



Kathy has achieved Special Teacher Membership status, conducted workshops, programs and demonstrations for sister chapters, Ikebana International, International Orchid Show, garden clubs and other organizations. She currently teaches classes at the Morikami Museum in Delray Beach and Temple Emanu-El of Palm Beach.

AROUND & ABOUT – Thursday, November 16, 2017 Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens

CARPOOL LOCATIONS: Depart at 10:30 AM Sharp
LUNCH: 11:30 AM on your own at the **Morikami Café**
TOUR: 1:00 PM; \$13 TOUR

Contact: Terrienne Tuskes at petmother@aol.com or Phone: 561-346-2617



The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens is a center for Japanese arts and culture. The afternoon begins with lunch on your own at Cornell Café followed by a guided tour of the museum and gardens beginning at 1:00 PM. Embark on a captivating discovery of Japanese culture, art, gardens, food and more. Our guide will take us on a mesmerizing tour of one of America's top Japanese Gardens. Later, stop by the museum store to shop for Japanese and Asian inspired accessories for home and garden.

AROUND & ABOUT – Thursday, October 19, 2017 Recap of Million Orchid Project at Pine Jog Environmental Center

Braving torrential downpours, fifteen WGC members journeyed to Pine Jog Environmental Center to learn about the Million Orchid Project and how microscopic native orchid seeds are grown in the lab. After the seeds are collected in the wild, they are planted in sterile, sealed containers like the one shown below in a growing medium that



simulates the wild fungus nutrients the orchids need to flourish. In about 18 months, the tiny orchids are ready to be transplanted into the wild where their growth will be tracked for the next five years. The ultimate goal of the Million Orchid project is that native orchids will

once again be found in great abundance in the hardwood trees of south Florida, as they were prior to the 20th century. For more photos see: www.wellingtongardenclub.org



Joyce Smith views orchids that were blown from trees during Irma

Due to the inclement weather, the group did not continue to Wellington's Environmental Refuge on Flying Cow Road to see the orchids that have been planted in the WGC Native Plant Garden. This location is open to the public and we hope members will visit this wonderful space on their own to see if they can locate the tiny plants.

ADOPT A STREET UPDATE – 2017 - 2018

Mary Ann Hesser, Chair

The adopt a street program was effected by Hurricane Irma. For reasons of safety, all street related activities were suspended by the Public Works Department of Wellington for Oct. and into Nov. Our normal collection area is Greenbriar Blvd. which was and continues to be the major collection of all debris in Wellington.

We will return to the regular schedule on Dec. 5th with many of our members already signed up. Please consider signing for the February 13th and/or April 24th dates at the next meeting in Nov. or January.

Thank you for your time and effort in helping achieve one of our objectives, to instill a respect for the environment. Any questions, see Mary Ann Hesser, committee chair.

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 November 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.

SECOND REQUEST

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 on November 6th. 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

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

December 4, 2017

Mayacoo Lakes Country Club

9697 Mayacoo Club Drive, West Palm Beach

Co-chairs: Carol Coleman and Jayne Kiesewetter



Our "Holiday Luncheon" will be on Monday, December 4, 2017, at the Mayacoo Lakes Country Club, 9697 Mayacoo Club Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33411. Arrival time is 11:00 a.m. Dress code: "Pretty Holiday" for the ladies and at least long slacks and nice shirt with collar for the gentlemen.

Donations are needed for the Raffle Baskets. Barbara Rickson and Connie Kellner are coordinating this and once you have a collection of items together, please contact Barbara at ricksen3@bellsouth.net. If your items might look more appropriate in a pail or small wooden crate or something other than a basket, then perhaps you could include that in your donation.

Some suggestions for themes could be: Book Basket; Italian Basket; Dog or Cat Basket; Christmas Hostess Basket; Hanukkah Basket; Wine Basket; or Gardener's Basket. Let your imagination guide you. Carol and I want this event to be both elegant and FUN, so come prepared for both.

Seating is limited and a description of your choices for lunch will be forthcoming. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jayne Kiesewetter at 561 791 0273 or at jbinwelly@comcast.net. There will be valet parking.

WEKIVA YOUTH CAMP

Wekiva Open House and Leader Training

By Stormi Bivin



Camp Wekiva is AMAZING!!!! I have been a volunteer at Camp Wekiva twice in the past 3 years and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. In 2015, I raised my hand to do a short stint during Critter Camp and spent 3 days/2 nights, helping with 6-7 year olds. That was my grandson's first time there, as well. What fun!

This past summer, I spent a whole week during Boys' Week and had an amazing time with 3rd & 4th grade boys. They are still really sweet at that

age. I shared a cabin with 3 gals from the Homosassa Garden Club, who were all pals. These gals were terrific, and I now have 3 new friends! (We have communicated several times since being cabin-mates.) It had been many years since I had slept in a cabin in the woods, but knowing the cabins were air conditioned for adult volunteers made it much more appealing. Remember, we are talking about July in the middle of a State Park in central Florida! The kids do not get that same luxury – their cabins do have fans.



Each year, there is a Wekiva **Open House** and **WLT** (Wekiva Leader Training) weekend. This year, the dates are Friday, February 9 through Sunday, February 11. This is a chance for you to attend the campground in Apopka, FL and get a preview of this wonderful youth camp. Friday & Saturday is WLT and Sunday is the Open House. Each year, a number of adult volunteers are needed to help with various activities, such as nature, crafts, etc. It is very rewarding working with the kids. They are adorable. The Staff members who run the camp are committed to making

sure the kids have fun and a good camp experience, but at the same time teach valuable lessons to the youngsters. The campers are taught to respect nature, the environment and each other and a list of rules is posted in each cabin, i.e. Be kind to people; Be kind to nature; Be safe; Be clean; Have fun!.

Every morning there is a ceremony to raise the flag and each evening, the flag is retired, all by formal Color Guard ceremony performed by rotating groups of youngsters. Good manners are expected in the mess hall, songs are sung in a circle and "Smores" are roasted on the campfire. Wekiva ceremonies and traditions continue. Many campers attend for several years and have such great experiences that they wind up being Counselors. The counselors are terrific!

I personally invite and encourage you to attend February's Wekiva Open House and maybe even WLT with me. We need to send more volunteers from Wellington Garden Club. Please feel free to ask me any questions about Wekiva – I'll jump at the chance to share my experiences there in hopes that you will jump on the bandwagon and be a volunteer during summer of 2018! Choose from Boys' Weeks, Girls' Weeks or Co-ed week. For more information about the camp and volunteer opportunities, visit www.wekivayouthcamp.org.



IT'S ALMOST TIME TO REGISTER FOR WEKIVA 2018!!

By Harriet Samuels, Wekiva Chair

You may think summer 2018 is a long way off, but it's not...it's just around the corner for Wekiva Youth Camp registration. Sign up for camp starting **January 1, 2018 at 12:01 a.m.** The sooner, the better, because camp spaces fill up FAST! For any questions, contact Harriet Samuels at 561-715-0950 or email her at hiswpbwh@gmail.com"

ELKS VEGETABLE GARDEN Wynnebrook Jr. Garden Club

CALLING ALL MEMBERS WHO WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GARDENING!



Wynnebrook Jr. Garden club members making vegetable quiche at the Elks kitchen with W.G.C. members assisting



Jr. gardener tending her vegetable crop

WGC members have a wonderful opportunity to learn more about growing vegetables and fruit in south FL in traditional in-the-ground gardening as well as growing with hydroponics and aquaponics at the Elks Loaves and Fishes Garden. And while you are becoming educated you will be assisting our youth to learn as well. The harvested crops feed the young gardeners and the hungry and homeless at several soup kitchens. If you prefer air conditioning and like to supervise our Juniors making a nutritious snack, your help is welcome also. Sign up at the next meeting for a 1 ½ hours on the Wednesday afternoons of your choice. Another group of adults meets at this garden on Tuesday mornings to plant and harvest. A signup sheet will be available for this opportunity.

Questions—Tim Hadsell 561-670-4790 timhadsell@cs.com

WGC 4th Annual Tree Planting
National Public Lands Day (NPLD) Saturday, September 30, 2017
By Kathy Siena, Event Planner and Organizer

Wellington Garden Club volunteers Kathy Siena and Lisa Ferrano organized and planned the 4th annual tree planting community event which took place last Saturday, September 30, 2017 on National Public Lands Day (NPLD). More than 65 volunteers from Wellington Garden Club, local packs from Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts Troops, Palm Beach Central High School and Wellington High School planted 750 native Florida Slash Pine seedlings and about 100 native Cardinal shrubs in the Wellington Environmental Preserve on Flying Cow Road. Village of Wellington Councilwoman, Tanya Siskind, joined in on the volunteer efforts as well. Village of Wellington Landscape/Forestry Operations Supervisor, Brian Hopper, and his staff gave tremendous support by preparing the seedlings that were planted and pre-drilling holes where the seedlings were placed. The thunderstorms held off for the morning, and there was plenty of sunshine and cold water to go around as the volunteers moved along the pathway and through the grounds planting the trees.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help on this important nationally-recognized day when the Village of Wellington community volunteers helped our environment by being earth stewards on that special day. We look forward to planning another big day at the Preserve on Saturday, September 22, 2018 on NPLD day.



Wellington Garden Club's 4th Annual Tree Planting Event on National Public Lands Day with Community Volunteers



Palm Beach Central High School students from the Environmental Society.



WGC Volunteer, Lisa Ferrano, with Wellington High School Students and parent.



Cub Scout Pack Volunteer

Above, right and below: Volunteers hard at work planting the pine seedlings



Shown at right: WGC member and event organizer, Kathy Siena, with Scout parent, Michelle De Armas and Councilwoman, Tanya Siskind





***I Love This Earth of Mine
As I Pray to the Lord***
By Diane Rice

*I Love this Earth of Mine
As I Pray to the Lord,
I love listening to the birds as
They sing so heavenly fine,
I love listening to the frogs as
They croak and claim
Their mate as mine,
And I love watching the squirrels
As the female teases the male
As he sets out to dine*

2.

I Love This Earth of Mine....
*As I Pray to the Lord,
But now I am asking
For forgiveness...
For all the waste that we have Stored.
Asking forgiveness for the
Heat index going up,
And those ice glaciers falling ...As the
world keeps on stalling.*

I Love This Earth of Mine
*As I Pray to the Lord,
Hoping he will forgive me when a
Hurricane comes thru
Hoping he will not wonder long
Why it got so hot
As we did nothing at all to stop
This sad Earthly lot*

I Love this Earth of Mine
*As I pray to the Lord
But now I am wondering
How will we ever get out of
This carbon Emission mess,
How long will it take for each One of us to
confess
That we are part of the problem
When we do not do more with less.*

3.

I love this Earth of Mine...
*As I Pray to the Lord,
And ask him what will it take
To right our wrongs
And admit to the greenhouse gases
That we make,
What will it take?
For others to see that life on Earth
Is at a pivotal stake.
Now that Greenland is thawing and
The sea has increased
Its water uptake*

I Love this Earth of Mine
*As I pray to the Lord
Who now whispers in my ear that
I have to be that messenger today
I have to learn to work with others
In some grassroots sort of way,
And demand that our carbon emissions
Go down with each and
Every passing day
Or this Earth as we know it
Will not be here to stay*

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: [Click Here](#) 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.**

DISTRICT X FALL MEETING

Port St. Lucie Botanical Garden

October 6, 2017

By Twig Morris



After many days of rain, the sun finally came out so all nine of us attending the District X Fall Meeting were able to enjoy the beautiful surroundings at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Garden where the meeting was held. If you're wondering why so many are wearing pink, it's because the theme of the meeting was "50 Shades of Pink". Kudos to Tim Hadsell, photo at left in the back row, for his shocking pink shirt! Other WGC members in the front row are:

L to R, Barbara Zenker, Bobbi Ziegler, Twig Morris, Carol Coleman, Caren Griffin, Kathy Siena, Nan Geiger and Barbara Hadsell.

The guests of honor at the meeting were the 2017-2019 FFGC Officers who were installed at the FFGC Convention last spring. Two of the officers are shown above in the back row: Marge Hendon, 2nd VP, and Al Latina, 1st VP. They presented highlights of new and ongoing FFGC programs and encouraged clubs to participate in the President's Special Project to plant flowering trees throughout the state. A list of recommended flowering trees is on the FFGC web site. If you're planning to plant a tree or two, check out the list first.

Two of our members, Kathy Siena and Barbara Hadsell were on the agenda for the meeting. Kathy, who is Assistant District X Director, (shown here with District X Director Lynn Jones) helped to welcome the meeting attendees and thanked the Rio Lindo Club of Port St. Lucie who hosted the meeting. Barbara (on right in group photo) is District Awards Chairman and National Gardening Studies School Chairman and reported on activities in both those committees.

We all enjoyed meeting new members from other clubs in our District, renewing old acquaintances, browsing in the gift shop, taking a chance on beautiful raffle baskets and purchasing a plant or two to bring home to our gardens. If you've never attended a District meeting, I recommend you try it. It's a chance to hear what's happening around our District and spend a day with enthusiastic gardeners from other areas of our District. The spring meeting will be on Thursday, April 12 at the Pipers Landing Yacht Club in Palm City. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend.



WGC MEMBERS SUPPORT NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF

By Barbara Hadsell

In response to Deep South Region Director Ann McCormick's request, members in September gave a free will offering of \$57 toward restoring gardens in the Houston area that were devastated by Hurricane Harvey. Also, after Hurricane Irma's damage to our state, members responded at the October meeting with donations totaling \$133 for the Deep South Natural Disaster Irma Relief fund. Note that on NGC's Facebook page, garden club members across the nation are being asked to give as much as possible to Penny Pines for reforestation efforts for California. In addition, our Coral Reef Foundation is also in need of funds to help restore damaged reefs along Florida's coastline.

Closer to home, ten of our WGC Master Gardeners have formed a committee to assist in the restoration and possible expansion of Gene Joyner's "Incredible Acres Botanic Gardens" where extensive damage occurred from a twister spawned by Hurricane Irma. We're delighted to report that a grant for \$4,000 has been received from the NGC Natural Disaster Fund to purchase replacement palms and tropical rare fruit trees. In the near future, we plan to ask local WGC-sponsored Jr. Garden Clubs and Scout troops to participate in several plantings culminating with a dedication on January 20, 2018, Florida Arbor Day. Committee members are: Doreen Baxter, Linda DeSanti, Mary Drexler, Larry Grosser, Barbara Hadsell, Ann Hlasnicek, Sandy Sklar, Danese Sloan-Kendall, Barbara Zenker and Bobbi Ziegler. All of our Master Gardeners were educated by Gene with a tour of his botanic gardens.

Subsequently, Gene Joyner still needs help taking debris to the street. He would be most appreciative of your help. He can be reached at 561-686-6687.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

By Djane Rice & Phil Macnak, Environmental Chairs

The Tradition of our Annual International Coastal Beach Cleanup Continues in Spite of Hurricane Irma in 2017



What do you do when you are scheduled for a beach cleanup with no ice or water because of Hurricane Irma? You just postpone it for a couple of weeks like October 7th and be ever so grateful you still have your house intact. Even though we had less than last year's attendance and collection, we still had our Barbeque and lots of fun. Our total number of volunteers were 21, and we collected 43 pounds of trash.

Here we are, trying to engage as many young people as we can by inviting St. David's Church from Wellington and other families only to realize that we adults have left our young people with issues like sea level rising right at their footsteps as shown a few hours later. This water from the inlet side has gone over the sea wall and into our picnic area. It occurs at high tide and serves as a reminder of the effects of global warming. Our hope now is for the next generation to somehow fix this problem, and it all starts by beach cleanups and awareness.



Upcoming Events: Wed. - Nov 8th - Fl Fracking Keynote Speaker from last year – a fabulous speaker – “a must see”. Conservancy of Southwest Florida Building 1495 Smith Preserve Way - Naples, FL 34102 . Time: 5:30 PM – Presentation is 6-7 PM. For info and pre-registration, see link: <https://www.conservancy.org/nature-center/evenings/dr-tony-ingraffea>

SHREDDING EVENT



Save the Date
&
Prepare to Purge Your Sensitive Documents

WGC will be partnering up with Total Shredding, Inc. for our
1st Document Shredding Fundraising Event.

Saturday
January 20, 2018

Location and Time
Village Town Hall/Community Center Parking Area
10 -12 am



Fee as Donation
\$5 per letter-size banker box
\$10 per legal-size banker box

Contact for this event
Kathy Hernicz
561-791-4419
ckhernicz@yahoo.com

**NGC/Environmental Studies, Course IV,
"Water and Related Issues"
Pine Jog Environmental Center
Corner of Jog Road and Summit Ave.
(8:00 AM – 3:00 PM)
By Kathy Siena**

November 13 – 14, 2017

The mission of the Environmental Studies Schools is to teach environmental literacy in order to cherish, protect and conserve the living earth, and appreciation of the natural world. Particular emphasis is presently placed on land conservation, water conservation and air quality. This course will also include a two-hour educational tour of the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge.

Log on to district.org and click on Educational Opportunities for all the details. Reimbursement for course fee is available from WGC. **For WGC Member Education Reimbursement, the form is posted on the Member Login section of the cub's website.**

**RECYCLING EYE GLASSES
By Cass Stryker**

Just a note to advise you that Cass Stryker will be collecting used eye glasses, prescription sun glasses and new contact lens at this time. Please bring them to the November, January, February and March meetings. A box marked "Eyeglasses" will be behind the registration desk where you can kindly drop your contributions.

Glasses will be taken to Lighthouse for the Blind. They will use them for U.S. families, as well as for Third World countries. FYI, this will be Cass's 4th year collecting these items, so I hope we can help her out by gathering up all these dusty old glasses and disposing of them with her at our meetings. If you have any questions, kindly contact me at 561-790-6353 or 561-629-2665 Caslib036@aol.com

**NGC KEEPING IN TOUCH
www.gardenclub.org**

You can now access the NGC newsletter "*Keeping in Touch*" on line. 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 2017-2018 Yearbook is **INCORRECT**.

WEBSITE LOGIN INSTRUCTIONS

By Doreen Baxter

Logging in to your Club's website allows you to view our **Event Calendar** and **Member Resources**. Only 1/3 of our members have logged in, so the majority of our members have not been able to view this information. Since the most valuable and complete information is found on the **Event Calendar**, you might be missing out on some good stuff. Here's a quick instruction on how to get registered.

Go to member login page of Wellington Garden Club

<http://wellingtongardenclub.org/index.php/membership-login/>

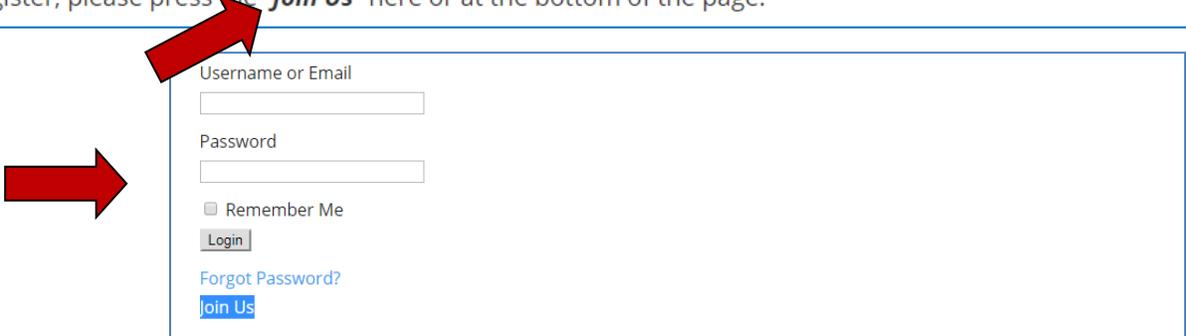
For your initial signup, DO NOT enter a [Username or Email] or a [Password] onto this page. Just click **JOIN US**.

MEMBER LOGIN

Please note that member login is only available to Wellington Garden Club members.

Club members, in order to view confidential material, you must "register" and then you will be able to view the confidential data only available to members. The registration form requires that you create your own **one-word** user name and password.

To register, please press the "**Join Us**" here or at the bottom of the page.



Username or Email

Password

Remember Me

Login

[Forgot Password?](#)

[Join Us](#)

Next you will see this page... Click **JOIN NOW**.

Free Website Membership

For present registered members: You get unlimited access to the Wellington Garden Club membership content

Price: Free (included in your annual dues)



You can register for a Free Membership.

Now fill out the form that follows. Create a **one-word** user name and a **one word** password. **No spaces.**

Note: The user name cannot be edited afterwards. When finished, click on [**Register**] at the bottom.

If you are successful you will see this at the top of the page. Could it be any smaller?



Wellington Garden Club Home About Us About the Club

Registration Successful. Please [Login](#)

FUN WITH FLOWERS



Boynton Beach Garden Club hopes you will join us Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. Open to the public, we invite you to make your own floral arrangement to take home and enjoy.

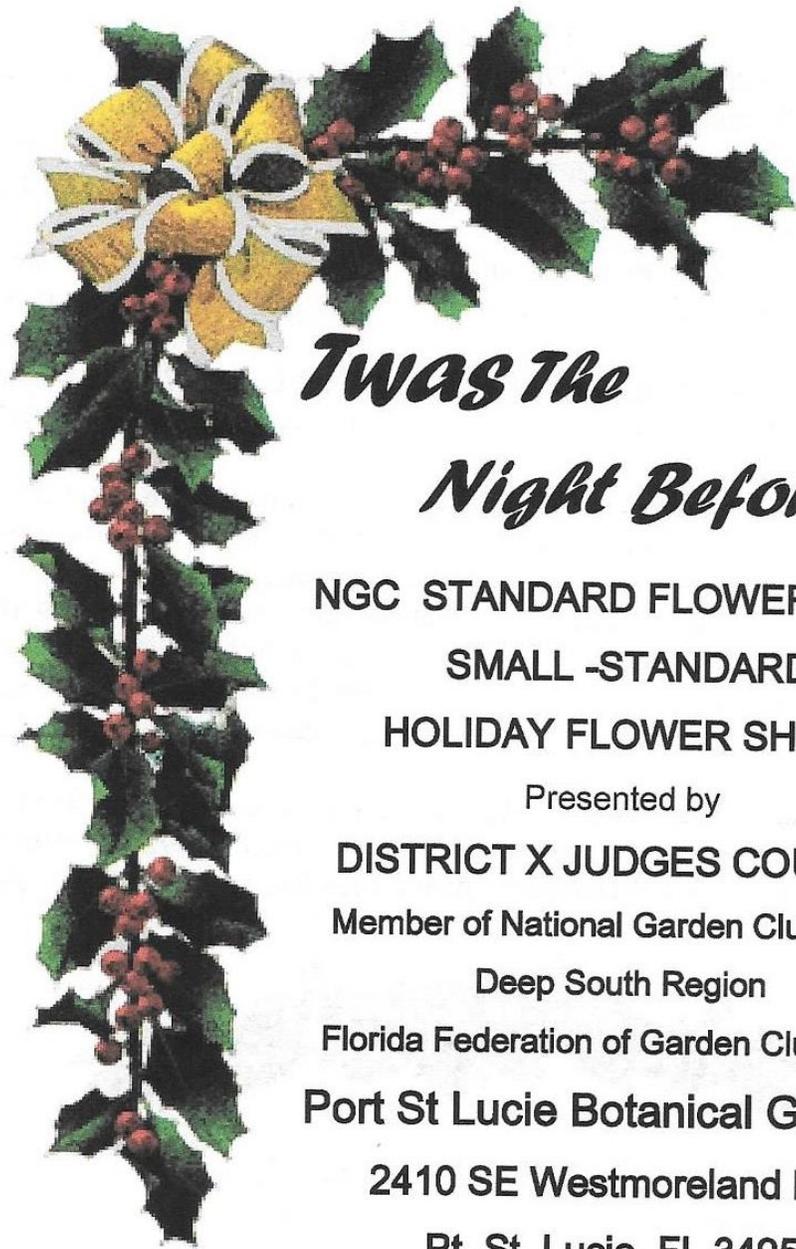
The event takes place at 1010 South Federal Highway, Boynton Beach (the Boynton Woman's Club bldg.), when Cindy Falco, floral designer, will demonstrate making the arrangement to use as a guideline. You will be given the same flowers, including a container to create your own arrangement. Please bring clippers or scissors with you.

After making your arrangement, homemade desserts, coffee and ice tea will be served.

The cost for making your arrangement is \$18.00. If you would like to attend and just watch and have dessert with us, the cost is \$5.00. Reservations are a must, so please call Mary Scheitler at 561-491-8033 or email her at scheitlerm@bellsouth.net. Make your check out to: Boynton Beach Garden Club (or BBGC) and mail it to: Mary Scheitler, 81 Cedar Circle, Boynton Beach, FL 33436. The deadline for payment and reservation is Friday, November 10.

For more information and to register, go to District X website; here is the link: <http://www.districtx.org/upcomingevents.html>

Please join us!



***Twas The
Night Before ...***

**NGC STANDARD FLOWER SHOW
SMALL -STANDARD
HOLIDAY FLOWER SHOW**

Presented by

DISTRICT X JUDGES COUNCIL

Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Deep South Region

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens

2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd.

Pt. St. Lucie, FL 34952

December 2, Saturday 10am - 4pm

December 3, Sunday 12 noon - 4pm

Admission Free

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, Membership Chairman, at 561-506-7404 or email at
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