

## National Garden Week Chairman

National Garden Week is sponsored by National Garden Clubs, Inc. and occurs during the first full week of June each year. The WGC President usually receives an email reminder of the dates from the District X National Garden Week Chairman and should forward the email it to you.

### Duties and Responsibilities

- A few weeks prior to National Garden Week, send an eblast to members advising them of the dates that National Garden Week will be observed and asking for volunteers to help with distribution of plants and/or floral designs to various locations in Wellington.
- In previous years plants/floral designs have been placed in Wellington's Village Hall, Wellington Community Center, Public Works Department, Village Park, Fire Station 30, Wellington Library and various businesses that have supported our fundraising and community outreach activities.
- Download the National Garden Week poster from the NGC website, [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org). This can be displayed with the plants/floral designs that are delivered to local offices and businesses. In addition, small plant tags can be used. Sample attached.
- The website offers several suggestions of ways a club can celebrate this week throughout the club's community. Some of the suggestions take a little advance planning and coordination with other community organizations like the library or summer day camp program.
- A proclamation can be requested from the office of Wellington's Mayor. A sample proclamation is attached. A draft should be prepared by the WGC National Garden Week Chairman and sent to the Mayor's office several months in advance. The Mayor's office will advise the WGC Chairman whether the proclamation will be presented at a Council Meeting or if it will be sent in the mail.
- Be sure to take photos of all the activities taking place prior to and during the week, especially when plants/arrangements are presented to local facilities. Write a brief article about National Garden Week and send it with one or two photos to the local newspapers. See sample attached. This article also can be used on the club's website, Facebook page, in the newsletter that is published in late August and should be sent to the District X National Garden Week Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

Twig Morris, 2017-18 National Garden Week Chairman

**PROCLAMATION OF THE COUNCIL OF WELLINGTON,  
FLORIDA DESIGNATING JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup> THROUGH JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
AS "NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK"  
IN THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON**

*WHEREAS, National Garden Clubs, Inc., has designated the first full week of June as National Garden Week, its purpose being to promote interest in horticulture and further the art of amateur gardening; and*

*WHEREAS, Wellington Garden Club, which began in 1982 and is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc., and has grown to more than one hundred sixty members, meets regularly to promote gardening, participates in civic projects, sponsors youth gardening clubs, and continues to educate members and the public on protecting and conserving natural resources; and*

*WHEREAS, gardening instills in our residents a greater respect for and stewardship of our environment and thereby furnishes a challenging, productive and healthy activity for our citizens, yielding herbs, foliage and flowers that add beauty, fragrance, and nutrition to our lives; and*

*WHEREAS, gardening enables members of garden clubs throughout Florida, across the nation and around the world to make a world of difference in the communities where they reside and work;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of Wellington, Florida hereby proclaims the week of June 3<sup>rd</sup> through June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as "National Garden Week" in the Village of Wellington and does call upon the residents of this community to plant, feed, and nurture their gardens to make this community even more beautiful than before.*

*IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of Wellington, Florida to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.*

**ATTEST:**

**WELLINGTON, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

*Chevelle Nubin, Clerk*

*Anne Gerwig, Mayor*

## **Wellington Garden Club Celebrates National Garden Week** ***By Twig Morris, District X National Garden Week Chairman***

Our club celebrated National Garden Week during the week of June 5-11, 2016, as announced in a proclamation issued by Wellington Mayor Anne Gerwig at the May 24 meeting of the Village Council. The week began with a gathering of club members who created beautiful floral arrangements that were delivered to local municipal offices and other organizations that have supported the Club's activities during the year. Shown at left Evvy Bartley, Deb Russell, Carol Lazzarino, Carol Coleman, Mary Anne Greely, Twig Morris, Kathy Siena and Kimberly Helms.



Mary Anne with campers and their plants

Later that week, club members Mary Anne Greely, Carolyn Lowe and her granddaughter Olivia, Twig Morris and Kathy Siena helped children in Wellington's Village Park Summer Camp Program plant native Firebush seedlings in pots to take home and grow. The seedlings were donated by the Village. The children were especially delighted to learn that when the plants mature they will be a nectar source for butterflies and food for birds. Village staff estimated there were about 75 children in three different groups during the afternoon.



Kathy Siena with campers

The week culminated with a "planting party" at the home of Stormi Bivin when the remaining seedlings were planted in small pots to grow over the summer and be shared with other members when the club meetings resume in the fall.

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