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The Newsletter of the Wellington Garden Club

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2018

President's Message



The Wellington Garden Club is about to begin its 2018-2019 season. We have a lot in store for the coming year—interesting speakers, fun *Around and Abouts* and a once-in-a-lifetime tour of Deeridge Farms Gardens in Wellington, with designs inspired by Frederick Law Olmsted, the father of American Landscape Architecture.

I hope my second year as president provides you with exciting new experiences. Our programs and trips will be educational, interesting and above all, fun. The calendar is packed with information on the dates and times of our events. Please make sure to get your Yearbook and visit our website often to stay informed.

We hope to be able to fund our scholarships, junior gardens, community gardens, SEEK, Wekiva and other worthy recipients. These funds will be provided by some old and some new fundraisers. We will continue

the shredding event, King's Academy programs, fertilizer sales and more.

This will be a busy season and one that will need participation from all members. I ask for your help to make this a successful year for the Wellington Garden Club. You have made my term as president, thus far, more rewarding than I ever expected.

I look forward to bringing you even more interesting and enjoyable experiences this year.

Let's grow and bloom together.

Fondly,

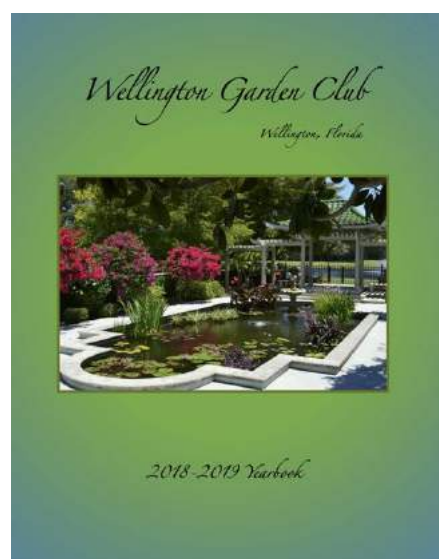
Carol



Calendar of Events—September & October

Sept. 4	Garden Club Meeting—Wellington Community Center, 9:30 AM
Sept. 11–13	FFGC Fall Board Meeting—Days 1-3—Winter Park
Sept. 15	Coastal Clean-up & Cookout—Ocean Inlet Park, 8:00-11:00 AM
Sept. 20	Around & About—Panther Ridge—Wellington
Sept. 22	5 th Annual Tree Planting—Peaceful Waters Sanctuary, 8:30 AM
Sept. 24	WGC Board Meeting—Wellington Community Center, 9:30 AM
Oct. 1	Garden Club Meeting—Wellington Community Center, 9:30 AM
Oct. 12	District X “Lunch ‘n Learn”—Port St. Lucie
Oct. 15	Newsletter Article Deadline
Oct. 18	Around & About—Butterfly World—Coconut Creek
Oct. 24	District X Fall Meeting—Atlantis
Oct. 29	WGC Board Meeting—Wellington Community Center, 9:30 AM

Check out the new Yearbook and our beautiful website



Welcome back, members. After ten months of planning, the 2018-2019 Yearbook is complete. As soon as you get your Yearbook, find your name in the Membership Roster section (pgs. 20-31) and verify that your contact information is correct. As with all documents that go to print, there may be errors. If you find one, please notify Carol Ralph.

The Yearbook is a handy reference but it's static. Once printed, that's it! Any errors found in the Yearbook as well as new member information will be updated and posted as an addendum page found in the “Member Resources” section of the website.

On the other hand, our website is a dynamic, ever-changing, up-to-date reference where both members and non-members have access. I believe the most important part of our website is the calendar. Please learn how to use it so you don't miss out on anything. Have a great year! —Doreen Baxter

<https://wellingtongardenclub.org/index.php/event-calendar/>

Look for it!

**New Members Reception. Late October/early November.
See Carol Ralph for details.**

**Wellington Garden Club Garden Tour
Saturday, April 13, 2018**

WCG MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 4 **Florida's Aquatic Preserve Program** **Featured Speaker: Irene Arpayoglou**



Irene is the Indian River Lagoon Aquatic Preserves (IRLAP) Manager for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. IRLAP manages seven of the state's 41 aquatic preserves; Mosquito Lagoon, Banana River, Indian River Lagoon from Malabar to Vero Beach, Vero Beach to Ft. Pierce and Ft. Pierce to Jupiter Inlet, Loxahatchee River – Lake Worth Creek, and North Fork of the St. Lucie River.

Irene will present a program on the work that her office does, such as shore bird surveys, seagrass monitoring, spoil island management, diamond back terrapin genetic study, exotic species removal, oyster reef monitoring education, outreach, public use, access and more.

Tuesday, October 1 **Creating Habitats for Butterflies & Birds** **Featured Speaker: CJ McCartney**



McCartney is a Master Gardener and vice president of the Palm Beach Native Plant Society. She specializes in creating wildlife areas that attract various pollinators. As a community project, she created a wildlife garden at a beachfront historical site. It was designed and installed with recycled materials, propagated plants and donated items. It won a statewide beautification award.

McCartney continues to learn, speak and write about outdoor living while experimenting with creating habitats that are in harmony with the environment.



Around & About/Fall Preview

Thursday, September 20

Don't miss our first trip of the season to Panther Ridge Conservation Center, located in Wellington.

This may be your

last chance to see these exotic and endangered felines as the center will be moving to Texas in October.



Sign-up/Payment Cut-off: September 11, 2018

Cost: \$25

Tour: 11:00:AM (1 hour)

Lunch: On your own at nearby restaurants

Carpool: Depart 10:15 AM sharp
(Drivers enter through South Rd. gate)



Thursday, October 18, 2018

In October, we will visit the beautiful pollinators at Butterfly World! Adult butterflies are the star attraction in each of the three "open air" aviaries, brimming with tens of thousands of "rain forest flyers". What a way to enjoy nature!

Sign-up/Payment Cutoff: October 8, 2018

Cost & Lunch: \$18.48 includes Deli sandwich

Tour: 10:15 AM

Carpool: Depart at 9:15 AM sharp

Coming in November...

We will be taking the Lilly River Cruise Tour in Port St. Lucie for \$23.00.

There is ONLY room for 34 people, so sign up early at a meeting. Riverlillycruises.com

Carpools depart from:

West – Wellington Community Center
Parking lot

East – IHOP 6708 Forest Hill Blvd.

Contact Terrianne Tuskes

561-346-2617 or email petmother@aol.com



WGC Annual Beach Cleanup & Bar-B-Q

Saturday, September 15



In conjunction with
Keep Palm Beach County
Beautiful International
Coastal Cleanup Day

Place: Ocean Inlet Park
6990 N. Ocean Blvd.
Ocean Ridge, FL 33435

Time: 8:00-11:00 AM at the Inlet park
Carpool from St. David's Church in
Wellington. More info later.

Lunch: Hamburger and hot dog with
watermelon, salad and lemonade.

Reserve your hamburger order for \$8 pp.
Bring your own soda and we will
provide ice and cups.

Sign up at Sept. 4 WGC Meeting



WGC Loaves & Fishes Youth Garden Seedfest

Tuesdays, September 4, 11, 18 & 25

I invite all WGC members to celebrate a "Florida-style spring" by helping us start seedlings and get our Youth Garden ready for the kids who will return on Wednesday afternoons beginning in mid-October. Continental breakfast & liquid refreshments will be served!

Place: Elks Lodge 1352

Address: 6188 Belvedere Rd., WPB
(at the pavilion next to the ball field)

Time: 9-11 AM

Contact: Tim Hadsell: 561-670-4790



Let's Plant Some Trees!

—Kathy Siena

Saturday, September 22, 2018

We planned the 5th Annual WGC Tree Planting to coincide with National Public Lands Day (<https://www.neefusa.org/npld>). We work closely with Brian Hopper, Supervisor of Wellington Forestry Operations, who selects the most needed location and best native trees/shrubs to be planted. This year we will be planting at *Peaceful Waters Sanctuary* in Wellington. Along with WGC volunteers, we invite the Boy and Girl Scouts in the area to join us as well as students and teachers from Wellington High School and Palm Beach Central High School.

No need to sign up in advance—just bring your kids, grandkids and friends and show up early. We do a big group photo before we head out to do the planting. Bring bug spray, sun hats, water, garden gloves and a good strong arm to help plant.

This year, Brian has selected about 500 native firebush, red stopper, myrsine and elderberry shrubs and trees to plant. Usually the holes are pre-dug for us which makes the job a whole lot easier. If we have about 50-60 volunteers, we can finish the job in about an hour and a half.

Place: Peaceful Waters Sanctuary
11676 Pierson Road, Village Park

Time: 8:30 AM Sharp



District X Fall Meeting—The Pollinator Palette

—Kathy Siena, External Events Chair, Assistant District X Director

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Our next District X Fall Meeting will be held at the Atlantis Country Club in Atlantis, Florida. The host club is our District X Director's West Palm Beach Garden Club. The speaker is Molly Sims, Master Gardener and Naturalist who will give a talk on *Butterflies and Other Pollinators*. If you've never met them, this is a good time to meet the FFGC Tour Team.

District Meetings are a lot of fun, have lots of good food, speakers, vendors (bring money or check) and you get to meet members from the other 16 District X Clubs. Come try it out. Member education reimbursement available.

Location: Atlantis Country Club, Atlantis, Florida

Registration: 8:00 AM

Meeting: 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Registration fee: \$38.00.

Deadline to register: October 15

Sign up at our monthly meeting or contact Kathy Siena, ksiena2000@gmail.com.

Crafting Fun with Carol & Dee

This season we will be completing various craft projects that will be used for fundraising at the Wellington Garden Club Tour in April. During the coming months we will have some informal get-togethers to make these items. There will be a sign-up sheet at the September meeting, so please sign up to help to make these items.

Friday November 9, 2018

Join Carol Lazzarino and Dee Rolfe for the Garden Treasures Polymer Clay Jewelry Class, where you will create your very own “garden treasure” necklace, a pair of earrings and, if time permits, some beautiful refrigerator magnets. Choose between three designs.



Date: Friday November 9, 2018, 9:00 AM-12:30PM

Location: Fire Station 30 Group Room

Cost: \$15.00. Make checks payable to the WGC

Sign-up: September and October WGC meetings

If you can't attend the meetings, contact Carol via email and mail your check to: Carol Lazzarino, 2168 Appaloosa Trail, Wellington, FL 33414 561 312-2082 clazzar586@aol.com



P.S. We are always looking for...

Craft paint, Beads, Buttons, Scissors, Ribbons, Lace, Felt, Polymer Clay, Craft Wire, Small Craft Paint Brushes, Needle Nose Pliers, and any other crafty things you might want to part with. Bring them to any of the meetings or call at 561 312-2082 and I will pick them up.
—Carol Lazzarino

Holiday Luncheon



Date: Monday, December 3, 2018

Theme: Magical and Mystical Holiday Affair

Location: Wellington National Golf Club, Wellington, FL

Details to come.

We are looking for large baskets or containers to hold raffle items. Bring them to the monthly meeting or contact: Barbara Rickson: 561-312-5959.

Attention crafters: We're looking for you!

Contact: Cass Stryker, 561-790-6353 or 561-629-2665

SUMMER

HIGHLIGHTS

WGC Donates Trees to Habitat Homes

Last July, WGC members Lisa Ferrano and Linda DeSanti and Linda's grandson, Brent, at right, helped with landscaping at two Habitat Homes in West Palm Beach. Both homes were built entirely by women as part of Habitat's *Women Build* program. The landscaping included two Bahama Strongbark trees donated by WGC and planted in honor of the NGC Flower Show judges who judged the entries in WGC's Flower Show last April.



Oleander Garden Club of the Palm Beaches donated two planters (left), filled with pollinator-friendly native wild flowers. Pine Jog Environmental Education Center personnel created a native tree and shrub landscape plan and supervised/participated in the landscaping of both properties using money from a special grant obtained by the Pine Jog EEC.

On Saturday, August 11, 2018 following the dedication and blessing ceremonies, two very excited, happy families moved into their new Habitat homes. The homeowners also received hose reels and hoses donated by NGC, FFGC and Ames Tools. Barbara Hadsell coordinated the donations. Many thanks to all who participated.



Brandy Jordan and her daughter, Destiny, in front of the tree planted by Lisa, Linda and Brent. Their home is shown above.



The Augustine family in front of their home shown above.

Another Amazing Week at Camp Wekiva

—Stormi Bivin



Off to Apopka, FL once again for the last week of June to have fun with 100 or so boys in Wekiwa Springs State Park! I spent the week helping Miss “Birdie” (and other volunteers) with nature education for these 3rd to 8th graders.

We had Fun, Fun, Fun learning about ant lions, butterflies and pollinators. We went on nature hikes had scavenger hunts and played lots of nature-themed games. My grandson, Anthony, attended that week also and had a great time. This was his 3rd time attending Camp Wekiva and he’s already talking about next year!



Camp Wekiva Registration

Our Wekiva campers had a wonderful experience. Hopefully they will be able to come to one of our regular meetings to tell us personally about their time at camp. They will also be asked to write a short article for our newsletter. Let's look forward to the 2019 camping season.

Registration: January 2, 2019 at 8 PM.

For more information contact:
Harriet Samuels, Wekiva Camp Chair
561-715-0950 or hiswpbwh@gmail.com





Binks Forest Elementary School —Twig Morris

Members of Binks Forest Elementary School Garden Club proudly display the award certificate received from the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs in recognition of the Butterfly Sanctuary they created on school grounds. Wellington Garden Club members assisted the students and provided funding for the garden. Shown in the back row, left to right: Kathy Schneider, Wellington Garden Club; Michella Levy, Binks Forest Principal; Starla Davis, Binks Forest teacher and Binks Garden Club adviser; and Karen Berard, Binks Forest Assistant Principal.



College Scholarships —John Siena, Chair

The 2018 College Scholarship Awards were presented to the recipients at our May Spring Luncheon at Mayacoo Lakes Country Club. Once again, we had an outstanding field of budding young leaders from which to choose. The awardees were these exceptional students: **Chloe Lacouture** will enter University of Florida as an Agricultural Engineering major. **Julie Cesta** will study Environmental Science and Public Policy at University of Florida. **Derek Howell** will study Environmental Science at Palm Beach State College.

These students are deserving recipients of the generous scholarships that Wellington Garden Club has historically offered. We thank the members of our club, the educators that mentor these students and the committee for all the time and treasure that make this program possible.





■ **Community Garden at the Boys & Girls Club in Wellington**—John & Kathy Siena, Co-Chairs

It was a very hot summer, but the Community Garden at the Boys & Girls Club didn't miss a beat. After time in the garden they enjoyed indoor learning activities which gives the young farmers some time to rest and learn under air conditioning. We will be starting the 2018 -2019 growing season in September, implementing lessons learned from the past two years. For example, John's love for indeterminant tomato plants will be replaced with more manageable determinant varieties.

This garden exemplifies community spirit. We appreciate all the help we received from Brian Hopper, Supervisor of Wellington Forestry Operations and the Village of Wellington which provided the organic mulch the team spread on the beds to help put them to sleep. We also appreciate the help and support Jessica Merrill of the Young Professionals of Wellington brought to the garden. The committee team is an amazing group of volunteers who love gardening and the kids. We welcome volunteers even if you can only offer occasional help. Gardening day is Tuesdays 3:30-5:30 PM. For more information, contact either Kathy or John Siena.



Boys and Girls Garden Club members display their hard-working hands- May 2018.

Our Youth Gardens

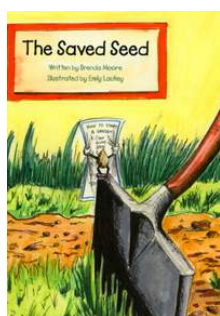
—Kathy Siena-Chair

Welcome back to a new club season. As the new Youth Garden Chair, I am happy to report that WGC is sponsoring the following youth gardens along with these WGC liaisons/leaders: Kathy Schneider, Binks Forest Elementary; Kathy Siena, Girls Scout Troop 22222; Lisa Ferrano, Palm Beach Central High School; Twig Morris, Pine Jog Elementary (WPB); Roxanne Henry, Wellington HS and Tim Hadsell/Janet Stein, leaders, Wynnebrook Elementary (WPB). Once the groups get up and running, I will update you on their progress throughout the club year.

Roxanne Henry shared an update on a massive cleanup of the gardens and landscaping at Wellington High School. More than 125 students, parents, and faculty cleaned, mulched and trimmed the areas that we have been helping them with for the past six to eight years. The funds that WGC budgeted for the high school were used to purchase eight beautiful 25-gallon Christmas palms (*Adonidia merrillii*) which the students planted.



Barbara Hadsell, Parliamentarian and garden volunteer, described the Wynnebrook Junior Garden Club. “This afterschool program, comprised of approximately 15 4th and 5th graders, teaches children to plant and harvest organically-grown vegetables that feed the hungry and the homeless. The juniors also prepare a nutritious snack in the air-conditioned Elks kitchen and they take home some of the harvest for their own families. Volunteers are welcome to help in the garden and in the kitchen. We will be meeting on Wednesday afternoons at 2:45 in the Loaves & Fishes Garden beginning in mid-October.” The garden is located at 6188 Belvedere Rd at the WPB Elks Lodge just east of Jog Rd. WGC Garden Leader: Tim Hadsell: 561-670-4790; Kitchen Leader: Janet Stein: 561-684-2135.



Giving back to our community by teaching children about gardening is one of our missions as a non-profit, charitable organization. With that in mind, WGC plans to donate the NGC children's book, *The Saved Seed*, to Pine Jog and Binks Forest Elementary Schools. We also hope to donate a copy to Wynnebrook Elementary in the future. Our future lies within our youth.

“Nurture our gardens, ourselves, and our leaders of tomorrow”

Please send comments or questions to: Kathy Siena, ksienazoo@gmail.com.

National Garden Week

—Twig Morris

In late May, Wellington Mayor, Anne Gerwig, issued a proclamation to Wellington Garden Club declaring the week of June 3-9, 2018 as National Garden Week. Our club celebrated the week by presenting plants and floral arrangements to Wellington's municipal offices, library, and various businesses that support our club and community. The club also presented the NGC children's book, *The Saved Seed* to the library to encourage our youth to explore the joys of gardening.



Left: Barbara Bednarck, Reference Librarian and Margaret Barry Branch Manager, Wellington Library
Right: Carol Coleman, WGC President, presents an orchid to Susan of the Wellington Town Hall staff

The Show Must Go On!

King's Academy Performing
Arts Center 2018-19 season

—Stormi Bivin



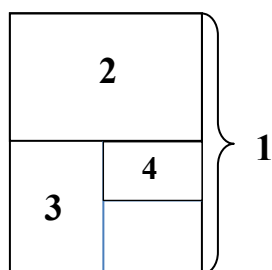
Last year, WGC began offering group event tickets for several performances at The King's Academy Performing Arts Center. We had a great time. The new theater is state-of-the-art. There isn't a bad seat in the house. And this year, we plan to do it again. We have organized a group event for the matinee performance of Tony Award winning Disney's *Newsies*, The Broadway Musical, on Saturday October 20th, at 1 PM. The best part? When we purchase 25 or more tickets for that performance, the event will become a small fundraiser—\$5 from each ticket purchased comes back to WGC. To find out more, visit www.tkafinearts.net

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Guests are welcome. If you plan to bring a guest please call Mary Drexler, Membership Chair, at 561-506-7404 or email mkdrexler@comcast.net

Newsletter

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Newsletter Editor Tina Richter

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