

A Once in a Lifetime Garden Tour

On **Saturday, April 13, 2019**, the Wellington Garden Club is hosting a Garden Tour at the Deeridge Farms Gardens in Wellington, Florida. This will be the first time these magnificent gardens have been open to the general public to view.

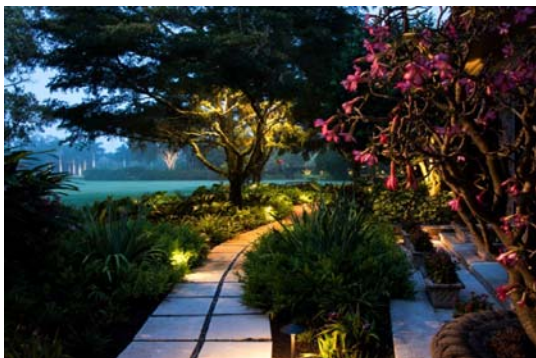
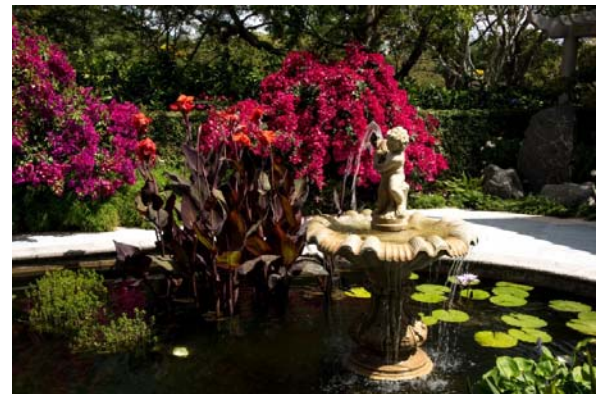
To fully appreciate the gardens, you must know a little of the history of this magical place. Deeridge Farms Gardens is owned by Jeremy and Margaret Jacobs, who's first home in East Aurora, New York, has gardens that were designed by Frederick Law Olmsted.

He was a man of passionate vision and drive. He defined and named the profession of landscape architecture and designed America's most beloved parks and landscapes of the past century—New York's Central Park, Brooklyn's Prospect Park, the U.S. Capitol grounds, the Biltmore Estate, and many others. He was a pivotal figure in the movement to create and preserve natural parks such as Yosemite, Yellowstone, and Niagara Falls. Today, there is a resurgence of interest in Olmsted's work and legacy in both the United States and Europe.



On a personal note, Margaret explains, "I feel fortunate to have lived 42 years on this spectacular Olmsted property. This daily exposure to Olmsted's signature design features has been a gift. It gave me a

desire to incorporate his distinct features in our Florida property. I even blatantly replicated his lily pond design in our Florida home, and now it is my favorite place to photograph." There are many additional Olmsted details the Jacobses have incorporated into their Florida home's garden design - the long and winding driveway with a constant opening upon a new grassy view, hiding the house until the end when it suddenly appears; the defining space for specific activities; the bridge; and, of course, the lily pond. With time comes growth, and the gardens have definitely improved with age.



To say these gardens are a wonder is an understatement. The majesty of each garden design reveals itself as you move along the garden pathway. It's a hidden gem so very few have had the privilege to experience. Whether you come by car, plane, boat, or train, just get there. This is a *one day* event so you don't want to miss your chance to see these secret gardens!!!!

For more event information, go to

www.wellingtongardenclub.org and click on Garden Tour. Since 1982, Wellington Garden Club, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization,

has been an active part of the community, the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and National Garden Clubs, Inc. The net proceeds from the 2019 Garden Tour will help fund the club's junior garden clubs, college scholarships, community beautification projects, Habitat for Humanity landscaping, and other civic outreach activities.