



Allamanda News

The Newsletter of the Wellington Garden Club

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2018

President's Message

As I am recovering from an unexpected accident, I am thankful for all the help and well wishes from our wonderful Garden Club members. I am not used to sitting still and everyone has stepped up to the plate to keep our club activities on track.

We are well under way for the Garden Tour and tickets are already selling on the website. You can help sell tickets by simply linking the website's Garden Tour page to your Facebook page. I also Need everyone's help finding event sponsors and soliciting ads for the garden tour booklet. Contributions from local businesses will go far in supporting this, our biggest fundraiser. We are also planning to repeat two past successful fundraisers —the shredding event and theater tickets.

Carol Ralph planned the new member reception at the end of October. Amy Schwed graciously volunteered to host the event. New members learned how our 501(c)(3) organization benefits our community and how they can participate in club activities. An NGC video was shown to explain how the Wellington Garden Club fits into the District, Regional and National organizations.

Members of clubs from across the State of Florida gather in the fall and spring to share their interests in gardening. The FFGC fall meeting was held on October 24th. There were many educational presentations and a variety of vendors to enjoy. Hope to see you all soon.

Carol





Upcoming WGC Meeting Speakers

Monday, November 5

Creating a Holiday Centerpiece with Begonias
Featured Speaker: Patrick Dempsey

Patrick Dempsey is a past president of the Begonia Society of the Palm Beaches, a branch of the American Begonia Society. Last April he showed WGC members how to landscape with begonias. Now he's back, to show us how to create holiday centerpieces with Begonias.



Monday, January 7

Home Irrigation & Ways to Conserve Water
Featured Speaker: Dr. Kimberly Anne Moore

Dr. Kimberly Anne Moore is a professor of Environmental Horticulture at the University of Florida's Research and Education Center in Fort Lauderdale. Her research focuses on nutritional management of greenhouse crops, using alternative substrates and reclaimed waste water. Her presentation to the WGC will focus on home irrigation and ways individual homeowners can conserve water.

Calendar of Events for November, December & January

Nov. 4-6	FFGC 2018 Florida Fall Symposium
Nov. 5	Garden Club Meeting—Wellington Community Center, 9:30 AM
Nov. 9	Garden Art Workshop—Fire Station 30, 9:00 AM
Nov. 11	Native Plant Garden Tour—9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Nov. 15	Around & About—Little River Lilly Cruise, Port St. Lucie 1 PM
Nov. 26	WCG Board Meeting—Wellington Community Center, 9:30 AM
Nov. 30	FFGC Awards Submission Deadline
Dec. 3	Holiday Luncheon
Dec. 4	Adopt-A-Street
Dec. 6	Around & About—Bonnet House, Ft. Lauderdale, 11:00 AM
Dec. 15	Newsletter Articles Deadline
Jan. 7	Garden Club Meeting—Wellington Community Center, 9:30 AM
Jan. 17	Around & About—Fairchild Botanical Garden 11:00 AM
Jan 18	Florida Arbor Day
Jan. 23-24	63 rd Annual Tropical Short Course, 8:30 AM
Jan. 28	WGC Board Meeting – Wellington Community Center, 9:30 AM

Don't miss out... Join us on these fun *Around&Abouts*

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Bonnet House, 900 Birch Rd. Ft. Lauderdale

Built in 1920 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Bonnet House Museum & Gardens is nestled on 35 waterfront acres of a native barrier island ecosystem. The main house is filled with the art and personal treasures of the Birch/Bartlett families. The gardens feature one of the finest orchid collections in the continental U.S. As you walk the grounds where ancient Tequesta Indians once roamed, you'll see wading birds as well as manatees.

Sign-up/Payment Cutoff: November 20, 2018

Cost: \$20.00

Tour: 11:00 AM (2-hour tour)

Lunch: On your own

Carpool: Depart at 9:30 AM sharp

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd. Coral Gables

Dr. David Fairchild (1869-1954) was one of the most famous plant explorers in history. An educator and a renowned scientist, he traveled the world in search of useful plants. In 1984, the garden became a member of the Center for Plant Conservation, which is involved in the preservation of endangered U.S. flora. Since Hurricane Andrew in 1992, plant collecting efforts have intensified both to restore the garden's collections and to save endangered plants throughout the tropics.

Sign-up/Payment Cutoff: January 7, 2019

Cost: \$37.26, includes lunch

Tour: 11:00 AM

Carpool: Depart 9:00 AM sharp



Little River Lilly Cruise is FULL!

On Thursday November 15th, the carpool departs at 9:30 AM sharp, if stopping for lunch on your own and at 11:30 AM sharp if driving directly to destination.

Carpools always 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



Continue Your Education ... Take the Tropical Short Course



January 23-24, 2019 8:00 AM-3:00 PM

The 63rd Annual Tropical Short Course, *Tropical Journey* is two-day event, that is not to be missed. This year it will be held at a new venue, the beautiful Embassy Suites by Hilton in Palm Beach Gardens. There will be new speakers sharing ideas and giving presentations on the environment, gardening, landscaping and floral design. There will also be many great raffles and vendors at the hotel so you won't go home empty handed.

Registration Deadline: January 11, 2019 —The earlier you register, the better your seating

Cost: \$75 for both days, includes breakfast and lunch

Forms and flyers: Available at districtx.org. or go to the link on the WGC website

Contact: Kathy Siena, ksiena2000@gmail.com

Crafting with Carol & Dee

Garden Treasures

Flower Pot Spoons Wind Chime

Join us for a wonderful new craft class and learn how to create your own wind chime for personal use or as a gift. The theme for the class is garden treasures. This whimsical hand painted wind chime will be fun to make and it will sing a special song when the wind blows. It's a great conversation piece, so come join us and make music.

Date: Monday February 11, 2019, 9:00 AM-1:00PM

Location: Fire Station 30, Group Room

Cost: \$12.00. Make checks payable to the WGC

Sign-up: November and January WGC meetings

If you can't attend the meetings, contact Carol at

clazzar586@aol.com or 561 312-2082

Mail check to: Carol Lazzarino,

2168 Appaloosa Trail, Wellington, FL 33414



Theater Performances at TKA Are Going Strong—plan now!

41 WGC members with friends and family attended the first production of the season at The King's Academy on Saturday, October 20th. We enjoyed a matinee of *Disney's Newsies* and a good time was had by all. We're looking forward to the 2019 productions, so mark your calendars now for *Titanic* on Saturday, March 9th and *Miss Saigon* on Saturday, May 4th.



A Magical and Mystical Holiday Affair



*Wellington Garden Club Holiday Luncheon
Monday, December 3, 2018
Wellington National Golf Club,
400 Binks Forest Drive, Wellington*

Festivities begin at 11:00AM.

Holiday dress, or wear something Mystical and Magical

Special Holiday Cocktails await at the cash bar

Consult with the Mystics... See Sara from "Glittering Gypsies" for fairy hair

Enjoy the Super Raffle

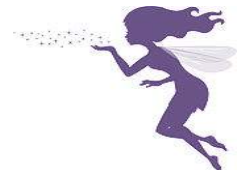
You could win theater tickets, attractions, dining experiences, nail spa certificates, hair style certificate, a round of golf for four... and more!



RSVP with \$35 payment to: Joan Kaplan, 9245 Via Grande West, Wellington, FL 33411

*Please write lunch choice on your check—Herb Stuffed Chicken Kiev,
Salmon with Dill Beurre Blanc or Vegetarian Lasagna – Gluten Free.*

You may experience a real-life fairy or angel!!!



You still have time to contribute raffle items or baskets for the Holiday Luncheon

Donations Needed for the Super Raffle Gift Baskets:



Golf Basket

Golf Balls	Tees
Golf Towel	Dry Mark Pen
Ball Marker	Repair Tool
Snacks	Golf Ball Picker-upper
Putting Cup	First Aid Kit



Gift Wrap Basket

Birthday	Anniversary
Wedding	New Baby
Christmas	Fancy Tissue Paper
Tape	Thank You Cards
Bows	Folding Gift Boxes
Invitations	Birthday/Anniversary Book

Hint: Gift cards and chocolates are always a hit and can be placed in any basket.

For questions and donations, contact: Barbara Ricksen, 561-312-5959; Stormi Bivin, 561-352-0129

New Member Reception October 26, 2018

—Carol Ralph, Mentor Chair

Our New WGC members enjoyed several presentations and said stated they learned much about the club. In fact, some of the members that have been with Wellington Garden Club for much longer stated they learned something new also! The array of food and drink was absolutely delicious. The next New Member Reception will be held in Feb/March of 2019 and I hope to schedule it in the to allow the new members who work an opportunity to attend. Go the [PHOTO GALLERY](#) page of the website to see more.



New Member Reception hosted by Amy Schwed and Carol Ralph

The Main Event

Wellington Garden Club 2019 Garden Tour Tickets
by Doreen Baxter

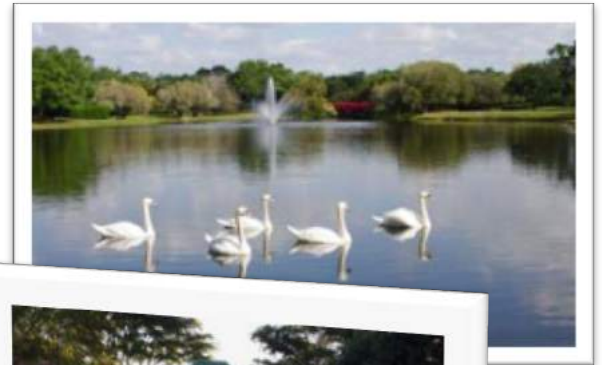


The main event of the WGC club season is our garden tour on April 13th at Deeridge Farm in Wellington. Everything you need to know about the tour is on our website. Just click on the 'Garden Tour' tab.

The web address is:

<https://wellingtongardenclub.org/index.php/garden-tour/>

I encourage you to read the article: About Deeridge Farms Gardens. This 68-acre garden has never been open to the public before. You can help sell tickets by sharing this page with your friends and linking it to your Facebook page and any blog where you are a member. This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime event. Tickets are available online. Please contact Joan Kaplan or Jayne Kiesewetter for check and cash purchases.





Citizen's Action Agenda

Report on The Everglades Foundation Symposium

September 22, 2018—Diane Rice

This year the Everglades Foundation Symposium theme was *A Citizen's Action Agenda*. The key topic was how to develop a comprehensive water policy to protect all of Florida, including Florida's marine life. John Marshall Everglades Symposium was held on September 22nd.

A little history: We learned that before the Hurricane of 1928 much of Florida was marshland. Water naturally flowed south to the Florida Everglades, known as *the river of grass*. After the catastrophic hurricane, Florida's citizens pushed their leaders for a safety net. The result: Lake Okeechobee was diked and water was regularly pumped out of some marshes. Today, instead of water slowly percolating south towards Florida Everglades, much of it is directed east and west, picking up pollution and causing the estuaries and coastal ocean areas to become clogged with algae blooms and red tide, which in turn provides toxic air and waterways full of dead fish.

The scientific data was both interesting and scary. Dr. Larry Bond, a professor from the University of Miami, has studied what happens to the brains of dolphins who swim in these toxic waters. He found, through autopsies, that the dolphins accumulated a type of tangled protein similar to the tangled protein found in the autopsies of ALS patients! Other data shows an increase in hospitalizations for respiratory issues, COPD and asthma when algae blooms and red tide occur. This is why we need to respond with good Florida environmental policies and laws. Our goal is to effect change so that we do not have these toxic outbursts.

This is no time to sit back. Your state is waiting for you to be part of the solution. Participate with the Everglades Foundation or contribute to Captains for Clean Water. You can even get a Facebook page to speak out.



The easiest way to get involved is by answering garden club environmental alerts when they are sent our District X environmentalists, Jackie Host and Inger Jones. You will be asked to call or email our local and state representatives when the state legislature is in session, to vote for good environmental laws. If you are not on this alert list you need to let your garden club president know. Please choose one or two of these initiatives and stick with it.

The health and life of Floridians depend on all of us doing what we can to make sure there will be clean water for our children and grandchildren.



SeazShore.org Banner

Wellington Garden Club Teams Up with *SeazShore Alliance* at Our Annual Beach Cleanup—Diane Rice

This year it was a privilege to work with SeazShore Alliance in the International Coastal Cleanup. 90 volunteers helped collect more than 100 pounds of trash. Other organizations represented were St. David's EYC, Wellington HS, Palm Beach Central HS, Park Vista HS, Atlantic HS, South Tech and Boca High Schools.



Volunteers at the barbecue after the beach cleanup

I would like to thank both Sea to Shore Alliance and Sea Angels for each dedicating a crew to clean this beautiful Ocean Ridge Inlet and Beach once a month. Even more impressive, they all use recyclable buckets, recyclable cotton gloves and bring a water cooler to refill water bottles.



I am dedicating this article to Sea to Shore Alliance and Sea Angels as well as the parents and grandparents who bring their children to these beach cleanups, thereby passing the torch to the next generation to care for our beaches and the marine life beyond the beach. For more on these two remarkable organizations, please visit seazshore.org and SeaAngels.org.



It Was a Beautiful Day...and We Planted Some Trees!

5th Annual Tree Planting—Kathy Siena, Event Organizer

Peaceful Waters Sanctuary was busy on the morning of September 22, as WGC members and many volunteers planted 500 various native trees and shrubs along the pathways. Thanks to Brian Hopper, Supervisor of the Wellington Forestry Operations who had pre-dug the holes, we were able to get the job done in about one hour!

Enthusiastic volunteers included the Boy and Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, High School students and teachers as well as members of the Village Council, St. Peters Church, our District X Director, Lynn Jones and WGC members.

This was the Club's 5th Annual Tree Planting event. For the last four years, we planted native trees and shrubs such as Florida Cypress and Mahogany, along the walkways and waterline at the Wellington Environmental Preserve on Flying Cow Road.

We planned this wonderful community-wide event to coincide with National Public Lands Day (NPLD), which is celebrating 25 years of planting and growing resources around our nation. Wellington Garden Club is nationally registered each year on the National Public Lands Day website by our member and participant, Lisa Ferrano.

The National Environmental Education Foundation which created NPLD Day is focused on the restoration of our natural resources. The Village of Wellington is committed to this goal, continuously adding native plantings to the environment. In fact, a Proclamation of the event was presented to WGC and read by Vice-Mayor Drahos.

Wellington Garden Club is honored to be able to give back to our Village in this way as a show of our thanks for a beautiful community to live in. See you next year!



5th Annual Tree Planting at Peaceful Waters Sanctuary



News from Wynnebrook Junior Garden Club

—Barbara Hadsell, NGC & FFGC Gardening Schools Chairman

Wynnebrook Junior Garden Club, sponsored by the WGC, began its weekly meetings on October 17. The club is comprised of approximately 15 fourth and fifth graders enrolled in the aftercare program at the school.



Rebecca Bolivar, Barbara Hadsell, Nancy Cinieri & Janet Stein

Community partners include the Elks, members of Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, and St. Georges Churches as well as Master Gardeners and WGC volunteers.

We would love to see more WGC members help on Wednesdays with the gardens and assist Janet and Barbara as they create healthy snacks in the air-conditioned kitchen.

Tim Hadsell, who supervises the gardens would like to invite WGC members to come out on Tuesday mornings to help plant, transplant and eventually harvest.

Each Wednesday afternoon, they walk from the school to the Loaves & Fishes Community Garden at the Elks WPB Lodge on Belvedere Road. There they garden and cook from 2:45 until 4 pm. The garden features hydroponic, aquaponics and traditional gardening.

The Loaves & Fishes Community Garden provides fresh vegetables for soup kitchens that feed the hungry and homeless as well as the Junior Gardeners.



Caren Griffin, Kate Kouba & Junior Gardeners

Many thanks to Hugette Damas, Dee Rolfe and her husband who joined WGC just last month for helping out earlier this month.

For more information, email Janet Stein jrstein@bellsouth.net or Tim Hadsell timhadsell@cs.com

WGC Youth Gardens

—Kathy Siena

Wellington Garden Club sponsors and supports six youth gardens with the help of our own volunteers. We started the Youth Gardens club year with an organizational meeting at Kathy's home on August 29, 2018 to discuss how to start a school garden, how to register a garden, budget needs, duties of WGC liaisons/leaders, Junior and Youth award opportunities applications as well as what the duties of the school garden leaders are.

Binks Forest Kathy Schneider has been in contact with Starla Davis, the school's Junior Garden Leader. They have created a plan for the school year, registered with FFGC and purchased materials. *Rocky's Ace Hardware* on Wellington Trace donated 28 bags of much needed soil and 28 bags of mulch to continue to improve the garden. Smokey Bear and the Florida Forest Rangers visited with 200 kindergarteners and first graders on October 16.

Wynnebrook Elementary Janet Stein reported that the leaders began meeting with Wynnebrook Jr. Garden Club on October 17. And Smokey Bear paid them a visit on October 24.



Smokey Bear & Florida Forest Rangers



Kathy Schneider, WGC Liason, Binks Forest Elementary



Girl Scout Troop 222222 prepared their plan, budget needs and registration form to submit for FFGC. They are working very hard in cleaning up their native plant butterfly garden. The girls and their parents volunteered at our September tree planting and are always a great support for that event.

Palm Beach Central High School Lisa Ferrano is working with the school leader for the garden. The students and the teachers volunteered at the September tree planting event.

Pine Jog Elementary Twig Morris is in close contact with the school leader who is doing a super job with all the kids and their junior garden. They presented their plans, budget needs and registration.

Contact: Kathy Siena, ksiena2000@gmail.com.

WGC Bulletin Board

Treasurer's Report—Danese Sloan-Kendall

Income for September totaled \$1,628.50, primarily from membership dues, Around & Abouts and garden art. Expenses totaled \$4,237.43 to include the holiday luncheon deposit, management expenses and fundraising. Balance as of September 30, 2018 in the Wellington Garden Club checking account is \$14,416.57. For more detailed information, review the WGC profit & loss versus annual budget report.



Wekiva Campers & Parents:

Begin preparing for the 2019 season now. Camper registration begins January 2. For further information contact: Harriet Samuels, WGC Wekiva Camp Chair, 561-715-0950 hiswpbwh@aol.com

The State Wildflower license plate gets a new look

Each time a State Wildflower specialty plate is purchased or renewed, \$15 is raised for wildflowers, wildlife and wild places. Since 1999, the State Wildflower plate has raised \$4.2 million. Don't Wait. Order your plate today:

Go to <https://flawildflowers.wufoo.com/forms/order-your-plate>



Turn your garden into a butterfly habitat

It's easy when you plant florida natives. The FFGC has just released their updated list of Florida Native shrubs and trees for our district.

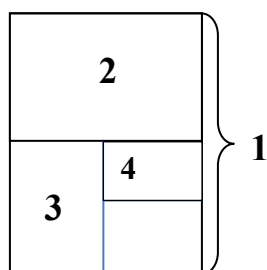
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Wellington Garden Club Meetings

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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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