

Wellington Garden Club

Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2018

Wellington Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 10:16 by First Vice President Jan Seagrave, in President Carol Coleman's absence.

*A quorum was established.

*The meeting minutes from September 4, 2018 were unanimously approved. Sandy Sklar was asked to review and edit the minutes for today's meeting.

OFFICERS REPORTS

*First Vice President Jan Seagrave reminded the members of the Oct. 24th District meeting. We presently have five (5) voting delegates.

*Treasurer Danese Sloan-Kendall gave an updated Treasurer's report.

*Corresponding Secretary Mary Drexler reported that the Club had received a thank you note from the Wellington Library for flowers given in June for National Garden Week. A get well card was sent to Carol Coleman.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Newsletter-Tina Richter reminded us that articles and photos are due no later than October 15, 2018.

*Website-Doreen Baxter thanked Christine Biscoglio for her beautiful flyer designs and the work she does for the WGC. The Garden Tour page of the website has been improved and now we can sell tickets online using Paypal; it generates tickets for the purchaser.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Winter Luncheon-Cass Stryker Our luncheon will take place on December 3, 2018 at Wellington National Golf Club, formerly known as Binks. Beautiful baskets and other items will be raffled off. There will be no Toys for Tots this year. Members not signed up at today's meeting should mail their checks.

*Youth Gardens-Kathy Schneider in Kathy Siena's absence gave an update on accomplishments. Organizers of the six youth garden clubs held a meeting at the home of Kathy Siena. Rocky's /Ace Hardware was recognized for their donations of soil and mulch. Smokey is coming to visit Kindergarteners & First Graders.

*Membership-Mary Drexler introduced four (4) new members and "shell plants" were presented as the clubs welcome gift. To date we have 144 members. Guests were also welcomed.

- *Mentoring and New Member Reception-Carol Ralph thanked our volunteers for their hard work and advised the new member reception will be held at Amy Schwed's house on Oct. 26th.
- *Youth Activities-Barbara Hadsell talked about Wynnebrook Jr. Garden Club and explained what they do. Volunteers are needed to help out in the kitchen and with the kids.
- *Around and About- Terrienne Tuskes explained that the up-coming "River Lilly Cruise" on Thursday, Nov. 15 is sold out. A waiting list has been started. Other upcoming activities were mentioned including Butterfly World this month, Bonnet House on Dec. 6 and Fairchild Gardens in Miami on Jan. 17. Participants were reminded to chip in for gas for their drivers; however, a bus will be rented to drive to Fairchild. Please consider bringing your spouse or a friend as the bus must be filled in order to make it economically feasible to rent.
- *Floral Design and Horticulture-Kimberly Helms spoke about how to create and care for a desert rose bonsai and offered guidance on soil for succulents. Kimberly also asked if the members would be interested in this kind of class during the second half of the season. The members were in favor of the idea.
- *Wekiva Youth Camp-Jan Seagrave read a report from Harriet Samuels in her absence. Harriet would like to invite campers and their parents to come to the January meeting.
- *Native Plant Garden Tour Symposium- Will be held on Nov. 4, 5, 6th 2018 at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott.
- *Environmental Chair Report – Diane Rice reported on the Ocean cleanup and Barbara Hadsell provided information about a workshop held during the Everglades Symposium.
- *Awards – Twig Morris informed members that there are 18 awards for which the Club can apply, each with its own deadline. Barbara Hadsell and Twig are applying for awards that recognize volunteers who have contributed greatly to the Club.
- *Garden Art – Carol Lazzarino announced that her class is full and there is a waiting list.
- *Garden Tour – Carol Ralph gave a Garden Tour update. Page Griffin encouraged everyone with Facebook to link with the WGC Tour Site. Twig Morris requested that Garden Club shirts be put on the Directors' meeting agenda. She also requested that committee chairs be posted on the website to facilitate volunteering by members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *District X Fall Meeting October 24 at the Atlantis Country Club – Members were encouraged to take advantage of the meeting since the location is so close.
- *Tropical Short Course – Registration is ongoing with 70 people signed up already. There is a signup form on our website. The event will be held at the Embassy Suites on PGA Blvd. and I-95 this year.
- *Symposium and Native Plant Garden Tour – Twig Morris encouraged everyone to participate in the FFGC 2018 Florida Fall Symposium Nov. 4 – 6 at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott. She also mentioned that the Native Plant Garden Tour is Sunday, Nov. 11.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by: Francine Strauss, for Maria Wolfe Recording Secretary

WGC Youth Garden Committee Chair Report-K Siena

Members Meeting

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Good morning. Wellington Garden Club sponsors and supports six youth gardens with the help of our own volunteers. We started out 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, Jr and youth award opportunities and applications and what the duties of the school garden leaders are.

Binks Forest-Kathy Schneider has been in contact with the school Jr garden leader and teacher, Starla Davis. They have created their plans, registered with FFGC and purchased materials needed. 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 will visit the kids this Thurs, Oct 11.

GS Troop 222222 is preparing 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 the tree planting last Saturday and are always a great support for that event.

PBCHS-Lisa Ferrano is working with the school leader for the garden. The students and the teacher volunteered at the tree planting event as well.

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

Wynnebrook Ele-Janet Stein reported that the leaders will start meeting with Wynnebrook Jr. Garden Club on October 17. Smokey Bear will be visiting the school on October 24.

Thank you.

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The following is a status report on FFGC/NGC Awards as of September 23 from Twig Morris

Barbara Hadsell and I have identified 18 FFGC/NGC awards that qualify for submission.

- Seven of those awards are related to our Tropical Heatwave Flower Show
- Three are related to the club's work with Youth
- Three are related to various programs the club has completed during the past year
- Three are related to individual member's achievements
- Two are related to social media
- Emails have been sent to the appropriate club members asking them to complete the award applications.
- The deadline for most awards is November 30.
- The Flower Show Schedule award was submitted last week.
- Some of the youth awards are not due until January 30.

Wellington Garden Club District X Announcements

Kathy Siena-External Events Liaison

Members Meeting Oct 9, 2018

The **FFGC District X Fall Meeting** “The Pollinator Palette” is Wednesday, Oct 24 hosted by West Palm Beach Garden Club. The meeting will take place at the Atlantis Country Club in Atlantis, FL. Everyone is invited to attend the district meeting and can meet club members from the other 16 clubs in our district. The FFCG Tour Team will also be joining us for the day. The speaker is Molly Sims and will talk about “Butterflies and Other Pollinators”. Registration information, directions and flyer is available on the district x website at districtx.org. Cost is \$38.00. Registration deadline is Oct 15. Please let Kathy Siena know when you register and plan to attend so we can count how many delegates we have and to carpool if anyone is interested.

The **63rd Annual Tropical Short Course**, “Tropical Journey” two-day event, is coming this January 23-24, 2019 and will take place at a beautiful, new venue, Embassy Suites by Hilton in Palm Beach Gardens. There will be new speakers sharing their ideas and giving presentations on the environment, gardening, landscaping and floral design. There will also lots of great raffles and vendors at the hotel.

Bobbi-this is where you can add your comments about registration. Finally, please tell them the price for the two-day event with breakfast and lunch served on both days is \$75. Registration forms and information are available on the district x website at districtx.org. If you have any questions, please talk to Kathy Siena or me. Thank you.

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Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

District X

63rd Annual Tropical Short Course

“Tropical Journey”

Embassy Suites by Hilton

4350 PGA Boulevard

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410

January 23-24, 2019



Tropical Short Course is an annual two-day educational event sponsored by FFGC and District X. The course presents dynamic and interesting speakers on the environment, gardening, landscape and floral design and will be held at a beautiful, new hotel location. There will be lots of great raffles and vendors on site. Enjoy the indoor gardens and swans.

See the registration form on the FFGC and District X websites
for more details on cost, hotel reservations and directions.

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REGISTRATION FORM

FFGC DISTRICT X ~ 63rd ANNUAL TROPICAL SHORT COURSE

Tropical Journey

January 23 & 24, 2019

Embassy Suites by Hilton -

Palm Beach Gardens

4350 PGA Boulevard,

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410

FFGC Rate \$195/night Dec. 15th (Call 561-622-1000) **Code TSC**

Print Name: _____

Garden Club: _____ District: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ EMail: _____

____ \$75 Complete Two-Day Course, FFGC /NGC Members *(add \$25 for Late Registration)*

____ \$85 Complete Two-Day Course, No FFGC/NGC Affiliation *(add \$25 for Late Registration)*

____ \$60 Wednesday Only - FFGC Member *(add \$30 for Late Registration)*

____ \$65 Wednesday Only - No FFGC Affiliation *(add \$30 for Late Registration)*

____ \$60 Thursday Only - FFGC Member *(add \$30 for Late Registration)*

____ \$65 Thursday Only - No FFGC Affiliation *(add \$30 for Late Registration)*

Late Registration postmarked after Friday, January 11, 2019 ~ NO REFUNDS after Jan 18th, 2019

Continental Breakfast and Deli Lunch Buffet included with each day of registration.

NUMBERED SEATING BY DATE OF REGISTRATION. ~ NO WALK INS accepted

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \$_____ Checks Payable to: FFGC - District X

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION. ONE FORM PER PERSON.

Mail Form and Check to TSC Registrar: Bobbi Ziegler

8837 Via Brilliante, Wellington, FL 33411-6529

From the South: I-95 Exit 79B, Under I-95, then U-Turn at Military Trail Traffic Light, Hotel on Right

From the North: I-95 Exit 79, Right on PGA Blvd, U-Turn at Military Trail Traffic Light, Hotel on Right

Here's the brief announcement I will make about the Symposium on Nov. 4-6, 2016 by Twig Morris

Q: What is Symposium?

A: It's a series of educational lectures and demonstrations about floral design and horticulture.

Q: When and where will it be held?

A: November 4-6, 2018 (Sunday evening through Tuesday afternoon), at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott. The dates are in our Yearbook calendar of events.

Q: Who can attend?

A: Anyone who's interested and that includes all flower show judges and garden club members.

Q: What does it cost?

A: \$50.00 for each day. You can go to one or all days. Sunday's program includes a dinner. The other two days include lunch. All three days include demonstrations by top notch floral designers and horticulturists.

Q: Why should I go?

A: To learn. Sunday night's program is especially interesting because it focuses on the new Botanical Arts Division. Our flower show included some of the Artistic Crafts sections and Photography. However, there are more Artistic Crafts sections and a wide range of new exhibits in Botanical Horticulture and Botanical Design.

Q: How do I get more information and register?

A: You can check the District X website at districtx.org, under Upcoming Events or talk to me after the meeting. I have a few registration forms and details of the Botanical Arts presentation.