

WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB
Meeting Minutes
Community Center, Wellington FL
November 5, 2018

I. Call To Order

- A. Meeting called to order at 10:20 AM by President Carol Coleman
- B. Quorum established
- C. The Membership was asked to silence their cell phones.
- D. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

II. Officer's Reports

- A. President Carol Coleman has asked Dee Rolfe and Janet Stein to review the minutes of this meeting for edits.
- B. WGC pins available - \$5.00
- C. Chamber of Commerce – new member meeting orientation Nov 14 at 8:00am. Visit the Chamber website www.WellingtonChamber.com to register and determine location of meeting.
- D. Carol Coleman read motions and policies approved by BOD at 10/29/2018 meeting. See Agenda for this meeting for these motions and policies.
- E. Recording Secretary - Motion was made by Deb Russell to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2018 general membership meeting. Doreen Baxter seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- F. Treasurer: Danese Sloan-Kendall gave the Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2018. A copy of this report is available on the WGC website.
 - 1. Danese Sloan-Kendall read the guidelines for Membership Reimbursement and reminded everyone to submit their forms to Evvy Bartley.
 - 2. Danese also brought in free 2019 calendars for anyone who is need of one.
 - 3. The PayPal and Ticket Tailor relationship was explained to the membership and its advantages for use in the upcoming April Garden Tour.
- G. 1st VP – Jan Seagrave congratulated Carol Coleman on her election as the President of District X.
- H. Corresponding Secretary – Mary Drexler reported that she had sent get well cards to Beverley Ginn and Beverly Lichtenstein on behalf of the WGC. Mary also read a note received from SEEK thanking WGC for our generous support on behalf of environmental education.

III. Standing Committee Reports

- A. Articles of Association – A meeting will be held at the Wellington Library on Nov 14 from 9:30 – 11:30 to discuss any revisions to the Articles of Association. A revision committee comprised of Jan Seagrave, Chair, Stormi Bivin, Maria Wolfe, Kathy Siena, Carol Coleman, Doreen Baxter, and Barbara Hadsell, Parliamentarian has been established; however, all are encouraged to attend.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Holiday Luncheon: Cass Stryker announced that the Mystical and Magical Holiday Affair Luncheon will be held on Monday, December 3, 2018 at the Wellington

- National Golf Club (formerly known as Binks Forest). Deadline to purchase tickets is November 19 2018. Mail your check to Joan Kaplan and mention your entrée choice. Young Singers of the Palm Beaches will entertain us. You will be able to have Fairy Hair added to your hair. Best of all....a Super Raffle (\$3,000) is planned so bring your cash.
- B. Shred-It Fundraiser: On Saturday, February 16 from 9:00 – 12:00, you will be able to bring your confidential paperwork and have it shredded right in front of you. The cost is \$5.00 for an 8x10 box and \$10.00 for an 11x14 box. It will be held in the parking lot of SunTrust on Forest Hill Blvd. Please save your paperwork and bring it on that day. All monies received will benefit the scholarship fund and the gardens supported by Wellington Garden Club.
 - C. Fertilizer Fundraiser is 365 time release and will be available in February 2019. 2 lb bags will be sold at the meeting and at the Garden Tour.
 - D. Fundraising at TKA: Stormi reported on the great time everyone had attending the musical “Newsies” at TKA. Upcoming shows will be Titanic on March 9, 2019 and Miss Saigon on May 4, 2019. WGC makes \$5.00 on each ticket.
 - E. Membership: Mary Drexler announced the guests and new member, Beulah Leslie. Beulah was given an apple snail shell filled with a succulent. Membership now at 141.
 - F. Community Garden: Report available on the website. Planting should begin in approx. two weeks once the fire ants are eradicated.
 - G. Garden Tour: Report available on the website. Allowing vendors, Golf carts are \$350 per cart. Publicity is being handled by Claire Falik and she reported that she is sending letter to Districts X, XI, and XII. The Jacob family is providing programs. The tour will last 1 hour. Paige Griffin asked for Drone Footage of the garden. Flyers are available for each member to solicit attendees.
 - H. District X meeting: Kathy Siena reported on the meeting held on October 24, 2018. Report available on the website.
 - I. Horticultural Moment: Terrienne Tuskes shared growing information on Staghorn Ferns. She brought in a “pup” from the huge staghorn she has growing in her yard. The plant was donated to the WGC for the member nametag raffle. Carol Lazzarino displayed her umbrella that she won a blue ribbon in the Tropical Heat Wave Flower Show held by WGC in April 2018. Carol shared how she wove palm fronds to create an attractive border and used dried status and baby’s breath to decorate the umbrella.
 - J. Tropical Short Course: If you are interested in learning about gardening, the Tropical Short Course is an educational and fun program being held in Palm Beach Gardens January 23-24, 2019. Registration flyer is available on the WGC website and the FFGC website. The cost for two days is \$75.00
 - K. Around & Abouts: Terrienne Tuskes mentioned that the November 15, River Lilly cruise is booked. Bonnet House in Ft. Lauderdale is December 6, and Fairchild Gardens in Miami is January 17. A bus is being provided for this trip. Encourage a friend to join you.

- L. Cork Collections: FFGC has mentioned that WGC may be able to earn money by turning in wine corks to Whole Foods. More research is needed.
- M. Garden Art: Carol Lazzarino invited members to sign up for the Garden Treasurer Polymer clay Jewelry Class on Friday, November 9, 2018 where you will have a chance to create a necklace, a pair of earrings. Cost is \$15.00 & Sign-up is required.
- V. Unfinished Business
 - A. All members will be receiving emails from District X, FFGC, Deep South and NGC so that you can keep up to date on happenings occurring locally, statewide, and nationally.
 - B. New Yearbook editor – Rebecca Bolivar
 - C. Polo Shirts – Helga Mesmer will be the new polo shirt coordinator. Kathy Siena wants to thank Chris Tiner for all her hard work in embroidering the WGC logo on all our shirts. A thank you note has been sent.
- VI. Announcements
 - A. Oleander is hosting the spring District X meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at Benvenutos Restaurant in Boynton Beach. This will be Carol Coleman’s first meeting as District X Director.
 - B. Patrick Dempsey was the speaker on “How To Create a Holiday Centerpiece using Begonias”

Meeting adjourned at 11:25

Maria Wolfe, Recording Secretary
Please visit WGC.org for attachments and more information on items mentioned in these minutes.

Shredding Event

What: Shred-It Event – a fundraiser that enables the Western communities to bring boxes of papers that need to be shredded to a local spot and watch it be shredded in front of you.

Cost: \$5.00 for an 8x10, \$ for an 11x14

Where: SunTrust parking lot on the corner of Forest Hill Blvd and Wellington Trace

When: Saturday, February 16, 2019 SAVE THE DATE, Tell your friends, and save all your year-end info that needs to be shredded.

Why: These monies will fund the scholarships, gardens, Wekiva camperships, and all of the beneficiaries of the Wellington Garden Club projects.

2019 TKA Performances

42 of us went to see the theatre production of “Newsies” at The King’s Academy on October 20th. What a fabulous show in a first class theatre venue! Mark your calendars for two 2019 spring productions:

Titanic – Saturday March 9th, 1 pm

Miss Saigon – Saturday, May 4th, 1 pm

If you have never been to a performance at The King’s Academy state-of-the-art theatre, you should not miss these spring productions. They are very professionally produced with very reasonable ticket prices. If we reserve 25 or more tickets as a group event, we pay the same box office price and WGC receives \$5/ticket. It’s a WIN – WIN!

Community Garden at the Boys & Girls Club

November 5, 2018

Last Spring I reported that we were having Fire Ant problems at the Community Garden at the Boys & Girls Club. We sort of had them under control but Fire Ants are one of the vilest and persistent creatures in Gods creation...we lost the battle over the summer, the ants won, however:

- We are getting a lot of help from the Village via Brian Hopper
 - Brian will have the fire ants under control in two weeks or so
 - The Village will remove the weeds
 - Brian is looking around for something to put down to make a pathway down the center of each of the four beds. This will give us somewhat smaller beds but easier access for weeding and harvesting.
 - The existing composting container will be removed
- We will be getting a vegetation container for our weeds; then can wheel it out for collection. Not exactly sure how this will work in practice but it's worth a try.
- We will need more top soil, probably.
- Will fertilize all the beds at the same time prior to planting
- The Young Professionals of Wellington are still committed to financially supporting the community garden they established. Will have more to say to them when the ants are gone.
- My target is to have plants in just before or just after Thanksgiving.

It has been a struggle with the ants. I will be looking for a way to keep them out after we get rid of them.

We can use help. The core team of Deb Russell, Lisa Ferrano, Sandy Sklar, Ann Finch, Jim Thompson, Maria Wolfe, Petra Russel, Barbara Rickson, Kathy Siena, and I need your help and you are the primary source. Please see me or anyone on the core team for info...they are a great group of people.

John Siena

Chair Community Garden

Wellington Garden Club District X Announcements

Kathy Siena-External Events Liaison

Members Meeting Nov 5, 2018

The **FFGC District X Fall Meeting** took place on Wednesday, Oct 24 at the Atlantis Country Club in Atlantis, FL and was hosted by West Palm Beach Garden Club. There were more than 100 registered guests and I am very happy to report that about 10 of our WGC members attended and supported our District X meeting in this way. We had a wonderful day starting out with breakfast then shopping at the various vendors. Then the business meeting took place followed by a great luncheon. We elected our new Distr X Dir, Carol Coleman. The FFCG Tour Team shared good information about FFCG and encouraged us to attend FFCG convention on April 6-10 in St Augustine. We learned some new and interesting facts from the featured speaker, Molly Sims, who talked about “Butterflies and Other Pollinators”. The next District X Spring Meeting will be on April 25, 2019 which you will hear more about during our announcements. Don't miss this opportunity to attend a district meeting.

The **63rd Annual Tropical Short Course**, “Tropical Journey” two-day event, will be held January 23-24, 2019. We are very excited to tell you that the event will take place at a beautiful, new venue, the 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 be lots of great raffles and vendors at the hotel.

The price for the two-day event with breakfast and lunch served on both days is \$75. IF you can only attend one day, that is fine too. Registration forms, detailed speaker information and hotel information, should you like to stay overnight, are available on the District X website at districtx.org. Flyers and reg forms are at the sign-up tables. If you have any questions, please contact me or Bobbi Ziegler about registration questions. Thank you.

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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Botanical Arts

Carol Lazzarino

I am doing a short talk on botanical Arts and showing my umbrella that took first place at the WGC flower show.

Habitat for Humanity Landscaping

WGC will pay for a native tree to be planted in each new H4H landscape. Here is the letter received from the Exec Director, Bernie Godek. And a big thank to Lisa Ferrano and Linda DeSanti who have chaired this committee for many years.

Barbara – I think the program that you proposed is a great idea. I will ask Kelvin Castillo to reach out to you and provide you with the information that you need. My personal thanks to you and the Wellington Garden Club for your continued support.

Best Regards,

Bernie

Barbara Hadsell, WGC H4H Landscape Chair