



Allamanda News

The Newsletter of the Wellington Garden Club

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019



President's Message

As 2019 begins, I would like to thank Cass Stryker and her committee for making our holiday luncheon one of the best ever. The decorations, raffle items, food and centerpieces were superb as was the wonderful staff at the Wellington National Golf Club. Having attended more than a dozen Wellington Garden Club luncheons, I cannot recall ever having so many people attend.

Now we must get our priorities in order for the new year. Our huge fundraiser, The Garden Tour at Deeridge Farms, is scheduled for April 13th. We need all club members to take a role, no matter how small. Please see Carol Ralph to sign up for areas that still need volunteers. Several other fundraisers are planned, including the paper-shredding event, The King's Academy theater outings and garden art workshops with Carol Lazzarino and Dee Rolfe. Details inside.

The FFGC/ District X 63rd Annual Tropical Short Course will take place January 23-24 at the Embassy Suites in Palm Beach Gardens. I'm pleased that this event has also attracted a larger than expected group. Don't miss this fabulous two-day course! In addition, Terrianne Tuskes has planned a wonderful series of *Around & Abouts* and Caren Griffin has booked some great speakers for our monthly meetings.

Please let Harriet Samuels know if you have campers interested in Wekiva Youth Camps. See the article on page 8 for specifics plus information about the open house for Wekiva Leadership Training in Apopka on February 8-10. SEEK is accepting candidates for that wonderful experience. See Lisa Ferrano for details. Also coming up are Florida Arbor Day, Adopt-a-Street, the District X Spring Meeting, Earth Day, The FFGC Convention, and National Garden Week.

Finally, I want to congratulate Twig Morris on accomplishing her goal of becoming a Flower Show Judge and Carol Lazzarino on becoming a Master Gardener. When you see them, be sure to let them know how proud we are of their accomplishments.

May all your dreams come true.

Carol





Upcoming WGC Meeting Speakers

The Wellington Garden Club meets on the first Monday of the month at 9:30 AM at the Wellington Community Center. Join us for the Meet & Greet at 9:30 AM. Coffee and treats will be served. The business meeting begins at 10:15 followed by a presentation from a great roster of speakers.



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.



Monday, February 4

What's in Your Salad? Is it Fruit, Vegetable or What?

Featured Speaker: Sydelle Dombrowsky

Sydelle Dombrowsky is a certified Master Gardener and Master Naturalist from Green Cay Wetlands & Nature Center in Boynton Beach. A sought-after lecturer at Mounts Botanical Garden, she has done wonderful past presentations for the WGC on vultures and dragonflies. Her presentations are entertaining as well as educational.

Calendar of Events for January & February

Jan. 2	WGC Board Meeting—Wellington Community Center, 9:30 AM
Jan. 2	Wekiva Registration Begins—8:00 PM
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—Palm Beach Gardens, 8:30 AM
Jan. 28	WGC Board Meeting—Wellington Community Center, 9:30 AM
Feb. 4	Garden Club Meeting—Wellington Community Center, 9:30 AM
Feb. 5	Adopt-A-Street
Feb. 8–9	Wekiva Volunteer Training—Apopka
Feb. 10	Wekiva Youth Camp Open House, Apopka, 11:30 AM
Feb. 11	Garden Art Workshop—Fire Station 30, 9:30 AM
Feb. 15	Newsletter Article Deadline
Feb. 16	Shredding Fundraiser—10:00 AM
Feb. 21	Around & About—You Farm—Loxahatchee, 11:00 AM
Feb 25	WGC Board Meeting—Wellington Community Center, 9:30 AM

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

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road Coral Gables

Dr. David Fairchild (1869-1954) was one of the most famous plant explorers in history. Today the garden, which is a member of the Center for Plant Conservation, is involved in the preservation of endangered U.S. flora. Since Hurricane Andrew in 1992, plant collecting efforts have intensified to restore the garden's collections and to save endangered tropical plants.



Sign-up/Pay Cutoff: January 7, 2019

Tour: 11:00 AM

Cost: \$37.26, includes lunch

Carpool: Depart 9:00 AM sharp

Note: If enough people sign up, we can rent a bus for \$25/pp. Total cost: \$63.00 including lunch. Contact Terrianne Tuskes, 561-346-2617 or email petmother@aol.com

Thursday, January 17, 2019 YOU FARM, 16651 Rembrandt Road, Loxahatchee

You Farm was established in 2015 as a concept farm where YOU come to grow your own fruits and vegetables. Our vision was to utilize much of the unused common areas in South Florida and create communal garden plots that each family would be responsible to maintain. As so much of our land is being developed, we are left with fewer farms, poor food quality and high food cost. The average gated community in South Florida has just two to three acres of unused and underutilized land prime for food production.



Sign-up/Pay Cutoff: February 7, 2019

Cost: \$10.00, includes lunch

Tour: 11:00 AM (1 to 2 hours, including lunch)

Carpool: Depart 10:15 AM sharp

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



Have You Registered to Take the “Tropical Journey?”

FFGC/District X

63rd Tropical Short Course

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

Time is getting closer for our upcoming event at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Palm Beach Gardens. The Tropical Short Course is organized with the garden club member in mind. There will be new speakers sharing ideas 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. Have you registered yet?

Registration Deadline: January 11, 2019

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: ksienazooo@gmail.com



Crafting with Carol & Dee

Garden Treasures is full, but you can put your name on the Waiting List!

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 561 312-2082 or clazzar586@aol.com
Mail check to: Carol Lazzarino, 2168 Appaloosa Trail, Wellington, FL 33414

WGC Continues into 2019 with Theater Outings at The King's Academy—Bring your Friends & save the dates! —Stormi Bivin

If you haven't gotten in on the **fun** of one of our group outings to The King's Academy beautiful performing arts auditorium, **you don't know what you've been missing!** We have the opportunity to purchase group event tickets **before** they go on sale to the general public. That means we get our pick of the best seats available and if we purchase 25 or more tickets, **WGC derives \$5.00 from each ticket sold**, so it's an easy-peasy fundraiser! Invite your family and friends, too. Ticket prices are the same as those available at the box office.

These students will wow you and there isn't a bad seat in the house—I promise! What a great way to see a wonderful theatre performance and also support your Club. Here's some info to whet your appetite....



Saturday, March 9th, 1:00 pm matinee TITANIC, The Musical

The sinking of the Titanic in the early hours of April 15, 1912, remains the quintessential disaster of the twentieth century. A total of 1,517 souls—men, women and children—lost their lives (only 711 survived). The fact that the finest, largest, strongest ship in the world—called, in fact, the “unsinkable” ship—should have been lost during its maiden voyage is so incredible that, had it not actually happened, no author would have dared to contrive it. And you know the rest of the story.

Tickets are available now and will need to be purchased by Monday, January 7, 2019. Click here for more info and the order form. <https://wellingtongardenclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Titanic.pdf>



Saturday, April 6th, 1:00 pm matinee MISS SAIGON

Miss Saigon is a musical by Claude-Michel Schonberg and Alain Boublil, with lyrics by Boublil and Richard Maltby, Jr. It is based on Giacomo Puccini's opera Madame Butterfly and tells the tragic tale of a doomed romance involving an Asian woman abandoned by an American. The setting is relocated to 1970s Saigon during the Vietnam War, and Madame Butterfly's story of marriage between an American lieutenant and a geisha is replaced by a romance between a U.S. GI and a South

Vietnamese girl.

The musical premiered at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, London, on September 20, 1989, and closed on October 30, 1999 after 4,092 performances. It then opened on Broadway at the Broadway Theatre on April 11, 1991, and subsequently played in many other cities and embarked on tours.

Consult your calendar, check the dates and pencil Them in.

Look for future WGC correspondence about Miss Saigon and other upcoming performances. If you have any questions, contact Stormi at (561) 753-3315 or sbivin@aol.com



News from Wynnebrook Junior Garden Club

WGC members Janet Stein and Tim Hadsell help Junior Gardeners plant vegetable seedlings in the square foot garden raised beds in the courtyard at Wynnebrook Elementary.



WGC volunteers are encouraged to help each Wednesday afternoon at the school or at the Elks Loaves and Fishes garden. For more information, contact:

Janet Stein, jrstein@bellsouth.net
Tim Hadsell, timhadsell@cs.com



Wynnebrook Junior Gardeners decorated flowerpots of nasturtiums they grew from seed. The students are taking them home as gifts to their families for the holidays.

Wekiva Open House & Leadership Training Weekend, February 8-10

—Stormi Bivin



Wekiva *Open House* and Wekiva Leadership Training (*WLT*) weekend is coming in early February. This event is being held **Friday, February 8 (1 pm) - Sunday, February 10 (11 am)**. Please join garden club friends from around Florida for a weekend with nature nestled under the longleaf pines within the peace and beauty of Wekiwa Springs State Park in Apopka, FL. It's an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with summer volunteer opportunities at Wekiva Youth Camp. Adult volunteers serve as Program Leaders and role models as the campers enjoy nature study, crafts, nature photography, and more. I have been a volunteer at Wekiva Youth Camp three times and have thoroughly enjoyed the experiences—twice helping with crafts and once with nature study. I encourage you to give it a try and would be happy to answer any questions you may have about this amazing camp experience. Please feel free to call me at (561) 753-3315 or email me at sbivin@aol.com

For more information about the camp and volunteer opportunities, visit:

<http://www.wekivayouthcamp.org/> In the *Additional Information* block, click on 2019 Wekiva Leadership Training and/or 2019 Open House.



The registration form is available there, along with everything you need to know about attending that weekend.

**Registration for 2019 Camp is open
as of January 2nd at 8:00**

HURRY! Don't let your youngster be closed out due to camp week you select being full!! Wellington Garden Club offers \$200.00 to a number of campers on a first-come basis.

Contact Harriet Samuels for information re: camperships.
hiswpbwh@gmail.com



Wellington Garden Club
Holiday Luncheon
December 3, 2018

Mystrical



Ricki Pollacchi, Evvy Bartley, Dee Rolfe



**Andra Karp, Adele Rubin, Connie
Kilgore, Dora Bellomo**



Fairy-in-Chief, Mary Drexler



& Magical



Natalie & Jerry Steinmetz



The Raffle Girls



Adrianne Bendich, Gwen Marcus, Jan Hoyt



Leighan Rinker & a Fairy



Pamela Jacobson



Phil Biscogio, Harvey Kaplan

A Great time was had by all!

To see all the pictures, go to the Photo Gallery on the WGC website.

District X Environment Chair Speaks About the LNG Plant in Florida—Diane Rice

Who would believe that when the US Congress passed laws to allow US liquified natural gas (LNG) production with a stipulation that it is not be produced or transported in densely populated areas, that we would find one such facility in the Miami area— namely, the Hialeah Rail Yard. According to District X Environment Chairman, Diane Rice FL LNG production by the Hialeah Rail Yard and shipping to Barbados has been permitted See the DOE October 2017 monthly shipping report, page 9, at: http://regulateflng.com/Hialeah_Rail_Yard_1_files/Oct_2017_DOE.pdf

What is Liquified Natural Gas?

When natural gas is cooled to minus 260 degrees Fahrenheit it becomes a liquid and condenses to 1/600th of the space it occupied as a gas. It is then put in cryogenic thermal containers and transported by road, rail and ship to its final destination. Occupying 1/600th of the space means LNG is 600 times more powerful than natural gas and should there be an LNG accident it would be more devastating.

This is what LNG accidents looks like.



Accra, Ghana, 2017



Plymouth, WA 2014

The problem: In Florida, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has disclaimed congressional jurisdictional authority over the siting, construction, operation and maintenance of inland LNG export facilities. Developers are constructing LNG facilities on small parcels of with virtually no Federal oversight or transparency.

For example, American LNG Marketing is producing LNG on a 12-acre site in the Hialeah Rail Yard in Miami and transporting it over roads and by Florida East Coast Railroad, subsidiary of Grupo Mexico, between the LNG Facility and the ports of Miami and Everglades.

What we can do now? I cannot over-emphasize the seriousness of an LNG accident and its inherent liability. But there is still time to come up with a solution. WWALS Watershed Coalition (a 501-c3 and at wwals.net) has made it their mission to charge on with the fight that FERC should be regulating FL in matters of LNG production and transportation as per US law.

And as Floridians and as members of the Wellington Garden Club, we should strive to help them with some of the costs. I am open to a fundraiser, such as having a dinner presentation and selling raffle tickets in hopes of raising a thousand dollars or more. Or perhaps each garden club in our area could donate \$100 or more. I'm open to all ideas. Please email me at Diane@pbccleanup.info or call (561-513-9881) and join me and others in caring and wanting to be part of the solution.

For more info about the LNG plant at the Hialeah Rail Yard, visit regulateFLng.com
To learn more about WWALS Watershed Coalition go to wwals.net and put LNG in their search bar. If you care to contribute directly, please send a check to WWALS Watershed Coalition, P.O. Box 88 - Hahira, GA 31632 and put FL LNG in the memo section of your check.



Here comes the judge!



In November 2018, Twig Morris successfully completed the requirements to become an NGC Accredited Flower Show Judge. It was the end of a journey that began in November 2014, when she learned that Flower Show Judges School was being held in Port St. Lucie and that Barbara May from our Wellington club would be one of the instructors. "It sounded like a great opportunity to improve my knowledge of horticulture and floral design. It proved to be all that and so much more." During that time Twig successfully completed four courses in flower show school, was a student judge at five flower shows, won the required blue ribbons in horticulture and design, wrote a flower show schedule, chaired the Wellington Garden Club's 2018 Flower Show, and took the final handbook exam on October 25, 2018. In November she learned she had passed the exam and is now an NGC Accredited Flower Show Judge!

Carol Lazzarino, our newest Master Gardener



FALL 2018 MASTER GARDENER CLASS

The Palm Beach County Master Gardener volunteer program is open to all Palm Beach County residents who have an interest in gardening and are willing to help the cooperative extension by sharing their gardening knowledge and skills with others in our community. The Master Gardener volunteer training program is a 16-week commitment. Classes are held at the Palm Beach Cooperative Extension located at the Mounts Botanical Garden.

*Oleander Garden Club
of the
Palm Beaches
Invites You and Your Friends*

Garden Salad Luncheon & Fundraiser
Silent Auction, 50/50, Door Prizes
Thursday, February 21, 2019 from 11:15-2:15 pm
Pine Jog Environmental Education Center
6301 Summit Boulevard, West Palm Beach
Doors Open at 11:15 & Lunch Served at 12:00 Noon
\$25.00 per person

*Featured Performance
Mace Graham*

*Organist and music director at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
Featured entertainer at the Sailfish and Beach Clubs*

Presents

"Love is a Rose"

Repertory of songs and anecdotes about flowers and gardens

Proceeds Benefit Our Work in the Community

Junior Gardener Program in partnership with Elks Lodge #1352

Wekiva Youth Camp (Grades 3-8)

Green Schools Recognition Program

For Additional Information Call Pat Welch (561) 271-0709

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We ask that you please RSVP by February 1st. Please cut off this portion and mail along with payment to:

Ruth Clarke
3434 Amalfi Drive
West Palm Beach, FL 33417-1035

Name _____
Address _____
Contact Phone Number _____ E-Mail _____
Amount Enclosed _____ (Checks payable to Oleander Garden Club of the Palm Beaches)
____ I am paying for myself
____ I am paying for myself and the following individuals

____ I will be attending with others from (name of garden club, church group, etc.)

____ I wish to sit with the following individuals: _____

Wellington Garden Club Treasurer's Report—Danese Sloan-Kendall

December

- Income—\$6,236.00 primarily from floral design and Holiday Luncheon income
- Expenses—\$3,198.40, *Around & About* deposits and Holiday Luncheon expenses
 - Profit from Luncheon Auction—\$3,313.57
- Checking Account Balance—\$13,673.57 as of December 26, 2018

For more information, review the WGC profit & loss versus annual-budget-to date report, available on the WGC website

Calling all Volunteers—We need you!
The Garden Tour at Deeridge Farm
April 13, 2019

We especially need members to sell tickets to achieve our \$20,000 Goal!
Contact Ticket Sales Co-Chairs Joan Kaplan or Jayne Kieseewetter
Sign up at the January meeting or contact Carol Ralph at:
caroltaylorralph@gmail.com

FERTILIZER ORDER



Manufactured by Nutricote and marketed as Dynamite by Home Depot, this product is a 360-day time-release fertilizer. The company has been awarded the Gulf Guardian Award from the EPA Gulf of Mexico Program Partnership for its low impact on the environment. It may be applied to all trees, shrubs and flowering plants. Home Depot sells this fertilizer in 2 lb. bottles @ \$4.50 per lb. You can get it for \$1.50/lb. with the 50 lb. bag!

\$75 per 50 lb. bag
13-5-11 with micronutrients

- Sign-up sheet will be available at January and February meetings.
- Check payable to WGC must accompany order.
- Delivery mid-February.
- Bags will be available for pickup at the Elks Lodge, 6188 Belvedere Rd, West Palm Beach
- You may split a bag with another but only one person will be responsible for pick up and bag splitting.

Contact: Barbara Hadsell: 635-8809 barbarahadsell@cs.com

Wellington Garden Club
"A Once In A Lifetime Tour of Deerfield Farms Gardens"
April 13, 2019



Dear Members,

As you know, the 2019 Garden Tour is our biggest fundraiser, providing funds for Wekiva camperships, college scholarships, Habitat for Humanity landscape projects, junior garden club activities and various community beautification projects. Please help us meet our fundraising goal by becoming a sponsor of the 2019 Garden Tour. Just complete this form and send it to Jan Seagrave with your check, as indicated on the form. Thank you for your support. It is very much appreciated.

Carol Coleman
Garden Tour Chair

Carol Ralph
Garden Tour Co-Chair

Indicate Your Levels of Philanthropic Sponsorship

<input type="checkbox"/> Royal Poinciana	\$ 1000.00 and above*
<input type="checkbox"/> Allamanda	\$ 600.00 to 999.99*
<input type="checkbox"/> Bougainvillea	\$ 250.00 to 599.99*
<input type="checkbox"/> Orchid	\$ 100.00 to 249.99*
<input type="checkbox"/> Beauty Berry	\$ 50.00 to 99.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Hibiscus	\$ 25.00 to 49.99

*Sponsorships of \$600.00 or more will receive 1 complimentary tour ticket.

Name for Recognition _____

Address _____

_____ City _____ State/Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Check# _____ Date _____

Deadline for inclusion in program booklet is Monday, March 11, 2019

Mail to:
Wellington Garden Club
C/O Jan Seagrave
659 Spinnaker Court
Wellington 33414-4927

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Wellington Garden Club Meetings

The Garden Club meets on the first Monday of the month at the Wellington Community Center, 12150 Forest Hill Blvd., Wellington FL in the Lakeview Room on the ground floor.

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

The *Allamanda News* is published five times a year. Please send news, photos, tips & advertising to Tina Richter at: tinaj.richter@gmail.com

Deadline for March-April, Issue: Feb. 15
Newsletter Editor Tina Richter

Wellington Garden Club Officers

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