

Wellington Garden Club Shines at FFGC Convention

Wellington was in the spotlight at the 93rd FFGC Convention held April 7-9 in St. Augustine. The excitement began when the FFGC award winners were announced. Wellington captured six awards in District X for a wide variety of projects in 2018 including the year's best flower show, year's best horticulture programs and Carol Ralph won an individual award for her amazing bromeliad entered in the flower show. The youth were recognized with an award for the Girl Scout Arbor Day project and Isabella Elstein of Wellington High School won the national poetry contest sponsored by National Garden Clubs. Last, but not least, a certificate was awarded to the club for 2,192 trees planted in Wellington in 2018.



The culmination of the convention occurred on Tuesday evening when Carol Coleman was installed as Director, District X along with other new District Directors representing the 11 districts throughout the state. Carol will now be responsible for overseeing the activities of the 17 clubs in five counties in District X. We are so proud of our former president and wish her every success in her next adventure as District X Director. We extend our sincere congratulations and hope her new duties will still permit her to attend our monthly WGC meetings.

It was a complete surprise to Barbara Hadsell when she was outgoing FFGC president Claudia Bates who presented her Certificate of Distinguished Service to an FFGC president. To stunned and overwhelmed is an understatement! Claudia certificate was being presented in grateful appreciation of achievement, guidance and loyal service during Claudia's FFGC president. Congratulations, Barbara, for this well-



called to the stage by with a special say Barbara was noted that the Barbara's outstanding two-year tenure as deserved recognition.



Another member in the spotlight at the convention was Susan Hillson who was installed as Director, District X Flower Show Judges Council. It was also announced she will be the FFGC Flower Show Schools Chairman for the next two years. With her impressive credentials as an NGC Accredited Life Flower Show Judge and blue ribbon exhibitor in numerous flower shows, we can say with assurance that District X Flower Show Judges Council is in good hands. We are so fortunate to have her as a member of our club.