



# Allamanda News

*The Newsletter of the Wellington Garden Club*

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2019

## *Welcome Back...*

...to the Wellington Garden Club.  
We have a full range of exciting opportunities  
for you to enjoy—everything from speakers, plant raffles  
and field trips to a Petite Flower Show and more.

Committee members are needed so I encourage each and  
every one of you to join an activity. Check our website  
often for updates and additional information.  
And please help out by volunteering.

I am honored to be part of this wonderful club and  
am looking forward to serving for the next two years.



Jan Seagrave  
—President, 2019—2021

# Save the Dates!

## WGC Club Meetings and Speakers

**September 3, Native Plants in our Gardens**—Susan Lerner, Director of Horticulture, Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach

Susan Lerner manages Pan's Garden, Earl E.T. Smith Park and the grounds of the Preservation Foundation. She is a Florida Master Gardener, Secretary of the Backyard Beekeepers Association, past president of the Palm Beach County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society and the Palm Beach Chapter of the Rare Fruit Council International. Her half-acre yard in West Palm Beach is planted with hundreds of Florida natives.



**October 7, Managing Garden Pests**—Lance S. Osbourne, Ph.D Entomology, University of Florida

As a professor of Entomology at UF, Dr. Osborne spends half of his time doing research and the balance in teaching, administration and extension. His work includes managing whiteflies, mites and other destructive pests through biological intervention, reducing the need for traditional pesticides. His experience and advice for pest control in our gardens will be invaluable.



## Calendar of Events

September 3	9:30 AM	Garden Club Meeting	Wellington Community Center
September 11-12	All Day	FFGC Fall Board Meeting	Winter Park
September 17-19	All Day	NGC Fall Board Meeting	St. Louis, MO
September 19	11:00 AM	Around & About—Port St. Lucie Botanical Garden	Port St. Lucie
September 21	8–11:00 AM	Annual Beach Cleanup	John MacArthur State Park
September 26	8:30-2:30	District X Lunch and Learn	Palm City
September 28	8:30 AM	6th Annual Tree Planting	Wellington Environmental Preserve, Flying Cow Road
October 2	9:30 AM	WGC Board Meeting	Wellington Community Center
October 7	9:30 AM	Garden Club Meeting	Wellington Community Center
October 8	9:00 AM	Adopt-a-Street	Wellington Dog Park
October 17	All Day	District X Fall Meeting	Vero Beach
October 24	11:00 AM	Around & About—Pan's Garden	Palm Beach
October 27-29	All Day	FFGC Fall Symposium	Winter Park
October 30	9:30 AM	WGC Board Meeting	Wellington Community Center



# Around & Abouts



## **September 19, 2019 Port St. Lucie Botanical Garden**

The Port St. Lucie Botanical Garden boasts a lake with a fountain, convenient paved paths, beautiful gardens, a pavilion and a gift shop. The 12.87 acres, south of the garden's access road, are maintained as undisturbed Florida wetlands, subject only to the removal of exotics and maintenance of an eventual walking trail.

**Tour:** 11:00 AM **Cost:** Donation **Carpools:** Depart 9:15 sharp  
**Lunch:** On our own (restaurants within walking distance)

**Sign-up Deadline: September 12**



## **October 24, 2019 Pan's Garden, Palm Beach**

Established in 1994 by the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach, Pan's Garden takes its name from the bronze statue of Pan of Rohil-lion that graces the garden's entrance pool. Designed by Frederick MacMonnies in 1890, the statue depicts Pan, the ancient god of shep-herds, in idealized human form. The half-acre garden features over 300 species of native trees, shrubs, grasses and wild flowers, many of which are endangered.

**Tour:** 10:15 AM **Cost:** \$7.00  
**Lunch:** On our own

**Sign-up Deadline: October 10**

**Around & About Carpools:**  
**West—Wellington Community**  
**Center Parking Lot**  
**East— Behind IHOP 6708 Forest Hill Blvd.**

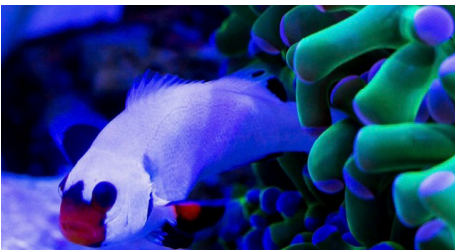
# Sign up Today



## **District X Fall Meeting**

**October 17, 2019**  
**Place: Sea Oaks Beach Club, Vero Beach**  
**Deadline for registration: October 3**

The theme of the District X meeting is *Sea Escape*. The program, hosted by the Garden Club of Indian River County, will feature guest speakers from Indian River Land Trust and Florida Atlantic University's Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute. They will cover topics relevant to our area including environmental issues, conservation and sustainable landscaping with native plants. There will be vendors, themed raffle prizes and 50/50. FFGC Officers Travel Team will be in attendance. For information and to register go to [www.districtx.org](http://www.districtx.org) under Upcoming Events.



# Volunteers Needed...

## Community Garden at the Boys and Girls Club of Wellington—John & Kathy Siena, Co-chairs



Garden Team and the Kids

It's time to get the Community Garden at the Boys and Girls Club ready for fall planting. Education is our primary focus. We show the kids how to grow food, from soil preparation to harvest. At the end, they take vegetables home for their families to enjoy.

The Young Professionals of Wellington will again sponsor the garden with funds and weekend help. WGC has also committed to funding. Now we need YOU, WGC members, to commit as well. Questions? Bring them to the WGC meeting on September 3.

**Gardening Day: Tuesdays**  
**Time: 3:30 to 5:00 PM, weather permitting**  
**Place: 1080 Wellington Trace**  
**Contact: John Siena at 561-797-8818 or [jcsiena@gmail.com](mailto:jcsiena@gmail.com)**

## Help Us Plant Some Trees

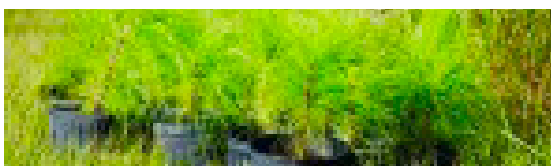
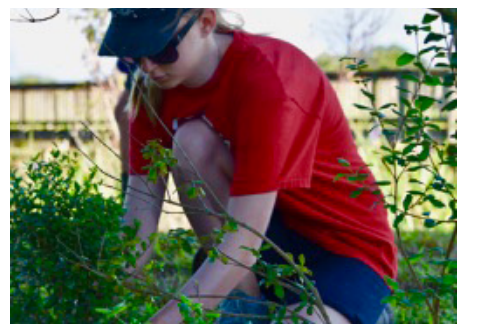
—Kathy Siena, Organizer

Wellington Garden Club is planning the 6th annual Tree Planting on National Public Lands Day. This event is an effort giving back to our wonderful community, the Village of Wellington. WGC volunteers will be joined by the Boy and Girl Scouts, the local high school environmental clubs, Village Council members, the Young Professionals of Wellington, our local churches and other community groups.

Village staff member, Brian Hopper, has been working with vendors for months to select just the right native plants. He also selected where they will be planted. This year, we return to Section 24, Wellington Environmental Preserve on Flying Cow Road to plant Florida native slash pine seedlings (*pinus elliottii*).

If you have never participated, please come out to this fun event to help us all. Bring water, hat, sunscreen, gloves and tools. The job is usually done in 1-2 hours—fast, with all our volunteer help.

**Date: Saturday, September 28, 2019**  
**Time: 8:30 AM**  
**Place: Wellington Environmental Preserve, Flying Cow Rd.**  
**Contact: Kathy Siena at [ksiena2000@gmail.com](mailto:ksiena2000@gmail.com)**



Slash pine seedlings ready to plant



## Wellington Garden Club Annual Beach Cleanup

in conjunction with  
*Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful*  
*International Coastal Cleanup Day*

**Date: Saturday, September 21, 2019**

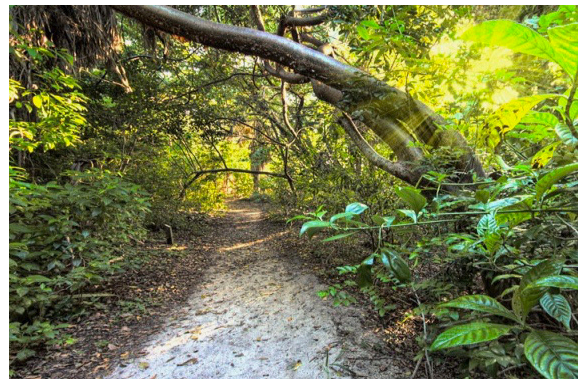
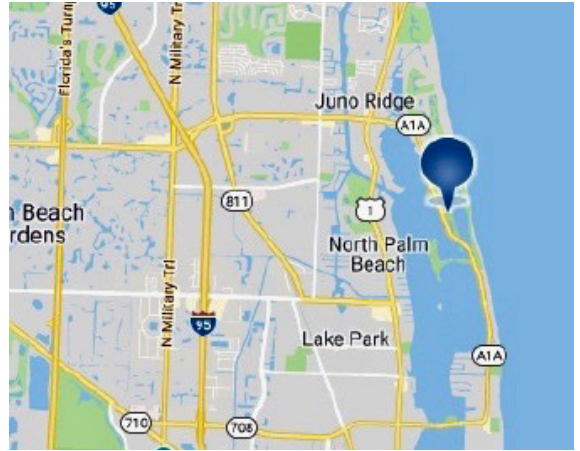
**Time: 8 AM to 1 PM at the park**

**Place: John MacArthur State Park**  
**10900 Jack Nicklaus Dr.**  
**(PGA Blvd. becomes Jack Nicklaus Dr.)**  
**North Palm Beach, FL 33408**

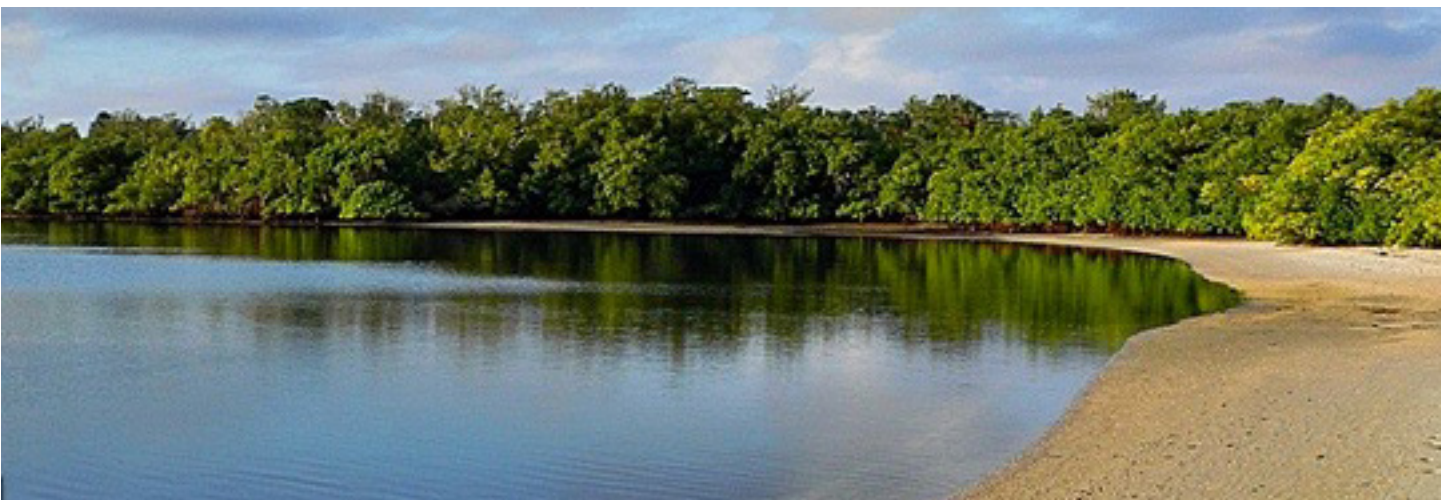
It takes 45-60 minutes to get to MacArthur Park from Wellington. Plan to arrive as close to 8:00 AM, as it gets hot. Water and banana bread will be free. Lunch is cold marinated grilled chicken or egg with salad greens and fruit with homemade honey dressing provided by Phil and Diane. Meals made in advance for \$5/pp. Limited Coke, Diet Coke and Lemonade available. Cups with ice, free for those who bring their own drink. Carpool from St. David's Church in Wellington with youth group. WGC carpool TBD.

Tell the attendant that you are here for beach cleanup and admission is free. Drive to a parking lot near the welcome center. Hand in registration form, pick up a souvenir T-shirt (while supplies last) and walk the delightful bridge to the beach.

For more information contact Diane Rice:  
561-798-6548 or [Diane@pbccleanup.info](mailto:Diane@pbccleanup.info)



# We Want YOU!



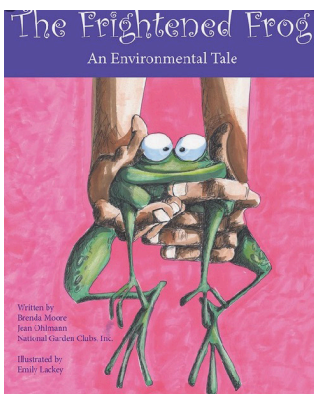
Have some fun after the Cleanup—Boat rentals are available at \$15 per hour...Or take a hike.



# Summer Happenings

## National Garden Week, June 2–8, 2019 —Twig Morris

**Monday, June 3** Fifteen WGC members created and delivered floral bouquets to various municipal offices and businesses in Wellington which support our club.

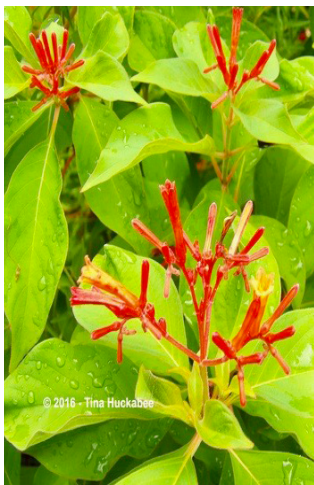


An NGC publication

Also on Monday, a floral arrangement and the NGC book *The Frightened Frog* were presented to the Wellington Branch library by National Garden Week Chairman, Twig Morris. To help celebrate the week, the Library organized a display of garden-related books, some of which have been donated to the Library by Wellington Garden Club.



Summer Bouquets



Firebush

**Wednesday, June 5** – Club members, together with Village Park staff, helped kids ages 5-12 in the Wellington Summer Camp program plant Firebush seedlings in pots to take home and grow in their yards. Members told the kids that firebush plants are an important food source for birds, butterflies and bees. Over 100 kids attended the afternoon sessions and learned about the importance of this plant and the wildlife it attracts. This activity was lots of fun for the kids, club members and Village Park staff. Many thanks to Mary Anne Greely, Adele Rubin and Janet Stein who participated in this project.

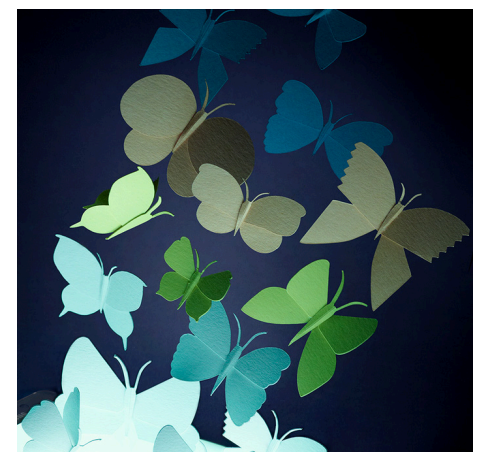


Campers select firebush seedlings



Laurie Albrecht

**Saturday, June 8** – The week concluded with a free, educational program, *Gardening for Butterflies with Native Plants*, presented by Laurie Albrecht, Palm Beach County Environmental Horticulture Agent. There were over 40 attendees and all received vouchers to obtain native plants from local nurseries.



## An Evening With the Turtles

—Maria Wolfe



L to R: Jackie Anderson, Park Ranger Ruth Rhodes, Shirley Horn, Maria Wolfe, Diane Rice, Park Assistant, Christine Henry, Roxanne Henry

One of the items on my bucket list was to witness a loggerhead sea turtle laying her eggs. Thanks to Diane Rice, Environmental Chair, this item has now been checked off my list. Diane organized two groups of Wellington Garden Club members and friends to participate in the turtle sightings led by MacArthur State Park Rangers.

As we entered the park, Diane and I were greeted by Park Ranger, Ruth Rhodes. She told us that she had received a scholarship from the WGC six years ago, which enabled her to go back to school as a single mom. She changed her career path and is now a full-time park ranger employed by the State of Florida.

With that happy news, we began the expedition. Rain ponchos were necessary because of the weeks of rain that Palm Beach County had been experiencing. As we approached the beach, a wind picked up and I was grateful for the protection of the park. We were told to wait on the wooden deck while three experienced spotters scouted the beach for female loggerheads that would possibly make their way on shore. To our surprise, the first turtle that came on shore was a “Green Turtle,” which is highly endangered and easily spooked. We were prohibited from witnessing her egg-laying.

After two hours and almost running out of time, one of the spotters radioed in that a female loggerhead had come ashore. Our group was truly fortunate to witness the majesty of a female, weighing an estimated 200 pounds, make her way on shore at 10:15 PM and lay approximately 100 eggs.

Because these female turtles enter a trance-like state, we were able to get close. With instructions from the park rangers, we knelt behind her and watched as her huge flippers carved out a hole for her eggs and cover them up when she was done. But that wasn't even the most amazing sight that night. After using her body weight to pat down the sand on top of her future young, she then began to make circles in the sand to camouflage her nest against predators. Once this task was completed, she turned and headed toward the surf. Slowly, but with determination, she made her way into the water and then, as if to say goodbye, she raised her head towards us before disappearing into the ocean.



Without a doubt, I will never forget this night and am so grateful that I was able to witness an event that was both educational and miraculous.

*“It was magical.”*



# Kids Corner

—Kathy Siena, Chair, Youth Gardens

Thank you, Wellington Garden Club for supporting our Youth Gardens.

This year's budget includes funding for youth gardens at Binks Forest Elementary, Girl Scout Troop 22222, Palm Beach Central High School, Pine Jog Elementary School, Wellington High School, and Wynnebrook Elementary School. Each garden should be registered as an FFGC garden to allow them to apply for awards during the school year. We thank our liaisons/leaders for continuing their great work with the youth and teachers at these schools.



Roxanne Henry & garden cleanup teams



Student cleanup crews working at Wellington High School



## Wellington High School Update

The Wellington High School was busy on a recent Saturday. **Roxanne Henry** reported that student gardeners trimmed, cleaned, mulched and performed key landscape maintenance tasks so that the school grounds would look their best on the first day of school.

Roxanne said, "The plantings done back in May are doing great. They are easy to care for and we will plant more around the school soon to take advantage of all this rain! For the coming school year, we have decided to plant more palm trees or something similar with the funds WGC gives to the gardens and the school."

## Wynnebrook Update

"The schedule of events at Wynnebrook Elementary is already underway." **Barbara Hadsell** reported. On August 20, Al Salopek presented his program on honeybees called BEE Understanding to 100 of the Wynnebrook Junior Garden Club members and their fellow students in the School's cafeteria. On Thursday, September 19, at 3:00 PM, Smokey Bear and the Forest Rangers will give their annual program including the Smokey Bear Poster contest information to all 180 students including, of course, our Wynnebrook Juniors.

For more information and to volunteer, contact Barbara Hadsell: 561-635-8809 or [barbarahadsell@cs.com](mailto:barbarahadsell@cs.com)



# Theater Lovers...



## Looking Forward to a New Season of TKA Theatre for WGC Members

—By Stormi Bivin

The 2019-2020 season marks the 50th anniversary of The King's Academy Theatre Company productions. Once again, WGC will have the opportunity to attend some of the company's nationally acclaimed shows.

The Company will take you to Paris with Disney's *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. This beautiful story with an opulent score from Stephen Schwartz will bring to life the glorious Cathedral of Notre Dame. We'll be offering tickets for the Saturday, November 9 matinee performance at 1:00 PM.

Then, a compelling twist with the fascinating production of *Jekyll and Hyde* featuring some of the best music written by composer, Frank Wildhorn. This musical thriller set in London will be a technical work of art as the Company brings this classic tale from Robert Louis Stevenson to life on stage. We'll be offering tickets for the Saturday, February 1 matinee performance at 1:00 PM.

Next you are invited to the ball as the Company produces Rogers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*. Audiences will experience all the magic of this glorious fairy tale as this classic love story is told. We'll be offering tickets for the Saturday, March 7 matinee performance at 1:00 PM.

The TKA Theatre Company will end its 50th Anniversary Celebratory Season with Broadway's longest running show, Andrew Lloyd Webber's, *The Phantom of the Opera*. This musical masterpiece will come to life in full spectacle with incredible special effects, powerful singing and inspiring story-telling. We'll be offering tickets for the Saturday, April 25 matinee performance at 1:00 PM.

Well before the tickets go on sale to the general public, we will make advance group ticket purchases to secure great seats. These outings are FUN, and also a fund raiser. If we purchase 25 or more tickets, WGC derives \$5.00 from each ticket sold, so invite your family and friends. Ticket prices are the same as from the box office. It's a great way to see wonderful theatre performances and support your Club.

# ...Save The Dates!

# Bulletin Board

Did you know .....

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Please welcome your garden  
club friend and licensed agent  
Diane Rice in making  
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Office: 561-798-6548  
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Beat the rush of Medicare Open  
Enrollment Oct. 15–Dec. 7th and call now

## Crafting with Carol & Dee

**Date:** November 6, 2019

**Time:** 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

**Place:** Fire Station 30,  
9610 Stribling Way

### Mother Nature's Bouquet Wall-hanger

It's craft time again. Come join us in making a beautiful and unique wall-hanger. The bouquet is made from all natural materials such as pine cones, palms, grasses and coconuts etc.



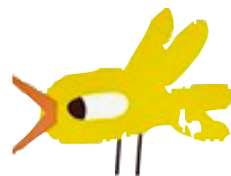
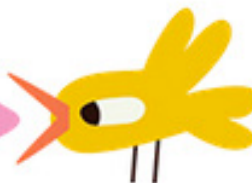
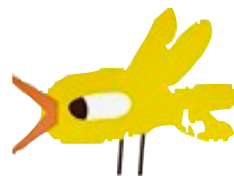
Sign up at the September meeting. The cost is \$10.00 all inclusive. In order to confirm your spot, we need a check payable to the Wellington Garden Club. Last year our classes had a waiting list so payment guarantees you a spot at time of sign up. Contact Carol Lazzarino [clazzar586@aol.com](mailto:clazzar586@aol.com)

Dear Hattie,

I just wanted to say thank you to the Garden Club of Wellington for sending the two girls, Alexia and Arabella, to Camp Wekiva this past summer. They really enjoyed their time and can't wait until next year!! Alexia even wants to try to be a counselor next year. She is studying to be a pediatrician and really enjoys helping him children.

thank  
you

Angelina





# Never Stop Learning

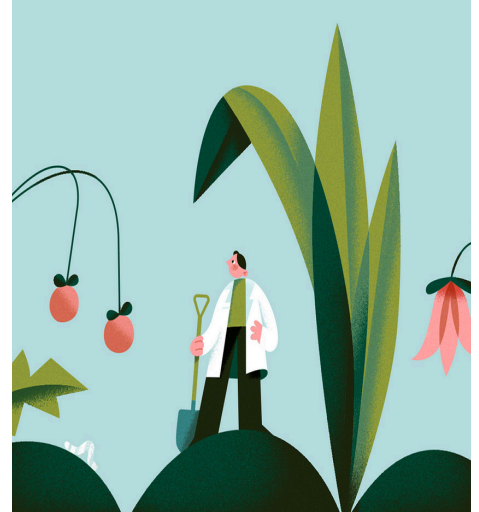
## NGC Gardening School Comes to District X

**Date: November 21–22, 2019**

**Event: NGC's Gardening School Course #1 Plant America**

**Place: Mounts Botanical Garden, West Palm Beach**

The NGC Gardening Courses are designed to provide educational information to those especially interested in gardening, horticulture and related subjects. The School consists of four courses, each scheduled for two days of instruction, followed by a general examination, which is open book/open notes, multiple choice. Courses cover all aspects of growing, from understanding soil structure to pruning techniques, plant identification, and more. Topics covered include basic botany, soils, growing annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, fruits and vegetables, lawns, pests and diseases of plants, plant classification, and selected subjects of interest to south Floridians including native plants and invasives.



### Create your own *inspirational garden* by attending

Additional topics and areas of interest that will be covered are Reconciliation Ecology—the science of inventing, establishing and maintaining new habitats in places where people live, work, and play—creating backyard habitats to help endangered species such as pollinators and amphibians.

For more information, contact Michelle Maguire at 772-485-3279 or email [mouthmom@yahoo.com](mailto:mouthmom@yahoo.com)

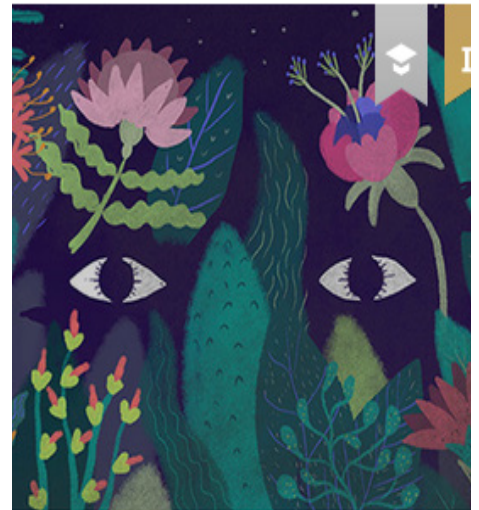


**Date: January 22–23, 2020**

**Event FFGC District X's 64th Annual Tropical Short Course**

**Place: Mounts Botanical Garden, West Palm Beach**

*Tropical Adventures* is an NGC TriRefresher. The program will include topics about landscape design, horticulture and the environment. There will be guided walks through Mounts Botanical Garden at lunch time and floral designs presented in the afternoon. Come, adventure with our speakers, demonstrations and vendors who will educate, entertain and enlighten you. Registration open to all garden club members, friends and family. For more information, contact Barbara Hadsell, Chairman at 561-635-8809 or [barbarahadsell@cs.com](mailto:barbarahadsell@cs.com)



To register go to [www.districtx.org/educational opportunities](http://www.districtx.org/educational%20opportunities)



## Kudos to the Yearbook Team!

Here's a first look at our 2019-2020 Yearbook. We want to thank everyone who submitted a photo for the front cover. Making the selection was not easy as we had so many beautiful photos from which to choose.

Our final choice was submitted by **Joan Kaplan**. **Maria Wolfe** submitted the photo for the inside front cover, and the inside and outside back covers were photographed by **Christine Biscoglio**.

The rest of the Yearbook was a true collaborative effort with **Carol Ralph** at the helm. We think you will love the Yearbook as much as we do!

Please take a moment to find your name in the Membership Roster and verify that your contact information is correct. If you find an error, notify Carol Ralph so that we can update it and post an addendum. The Yearbook is a valuable quick reference tool, so please remember to bring it to all of the Membership meetings.

**Carol Ralph** has also been working hard on our Website, which contains a wealth of information

for you to peruse. As the year progresses the Website will become more current than our Yearbook. Use it to reference changes that will undoubtedly occur. Carol will update the site regularly as new information comes in. Pick up your copy at the Membership meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2019...and enjoy!—Jan

# The Wellington Garden Club

The Wellington Garden Club is a member of NGC, FFGC, DSR District X. The 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 contact: Alison Albury, Membership Chair at (H) 561-372-5952, (C) 315-681-8867 or email kaalbury@gmail.com



## Allamanda News

The WGC newsletter, is published five times a year. Please send all news, photos, tips and articles to Newsletter Editor: Tina Richter tinaj.richter@gmail.com. Deadline for November Issue: October 15

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