



# Alamanda News

The Newsletter of Wellington Garden Club

January/February 2020

Happy New Year



Dear Members,

I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone for making 2019 such a remarkable year for our club. We had a successful Garden Tour, a calendar filled with activities and we ended on a high note with a super holiday luncheon. Bobbi Ziegler and Barbara Zenker did a wonderful job putting it all together. And the Toys for Tots program was a complete success. Your contributions brought gifts many less fortunate children.

The *Around & Abouts* have all been planned for the rest of the Garden Club year. Unfortunately, Terrienne Tuskes cannot finish out the year as Chairman so we need someone to step up and oversee the trips. If you can help, please let me know. Our schedule for the rest of the year is packed. We have a paper shredding event, our fertilizer sale and of course the NGC Petite Flower Show, *It's a Small World*.



I look forward to seeing you next year.

Jan Seagrave,  
President

# Calendar of Events

January 6	9:30 AM	Garden Club Meeting	Wellington Community Center
January 8-9	All Day	FFGC Board Meeting	Winter Park FL
January 11	10:30-12:30 1:00-3:00 PM	Petite Floral Design Workshop Petite Botanical Arts Workshop	360 Studio, Wellington Green Mall
January 15	11:00 AM	Around & About—PBIEC	3400 Equestrian Dr., Wellington
January 17	All Day	Florida Arbor Day	
January 22-23	9:30 AM	Tropical Short Course	Mounts Botanical Garden
January 25	1:00-3:00 PM	Petite Botanical Arts Workshop	360 Studio, Wellington Green Mall
January 29	9:30 AM	WGC Board Meeting	Wellington Community Center
February 3	9:30 AM	Garden Club Meeting	Wellington Community Center
February 4	9:30 AM	Adopt-A-Street	Wellington Dog Park
February 15	10:30 AM	Petite Floral Design Workshop	360 Studio, Wellington Green Mall
February 20	12:00 Noon	Around & About—Loggerhead Marine Life Center	Juno Beach
February 22	10:00 AM– 12:00 Noon	Shredding Event	Wellington Community Center Parking Area
February 24-25	8:30 AM - 3:30 PM	NGC Gardening School	Mounts Botanical Garden
February 26	9:30 AM	WGC Board Meeting	Wellington Community Center
February 29 March 1	All Day	FGC Petite Flower Show	Wellington Green Mall

## Don't miss our January and February meetings!



### January 6—Casey Palmer, Community Outreach Coordinator at Loggerhead Marinelife Center

Originally from Bowie, Maryland, Casey studied Biological Sciences at Towson University. In her career, her primary focus has been conservation and education in both inland, coastal and marine environments. Casey has also worked with the National Park Service and the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center.

### February 3—Jason McCobb, Gardening with Farmer Jay

“Farmer Jay” is a prominent garden farmer in our area. He built a sustainable garden at The Breakers Hotel and repurposed over 3,000 lbs. of vegetable waste to grow specialty salads, herbs and micro greens on a half acre plot. Jay has also developed a children’s program called Farmer Jay’s Jr. Sprouts, which teaches kids the lost art of sustainable agriculture. He and his wife have recently turned Farmer Jay’s Jr. Sprouts into a non-profit organization.



# Around & Abouts ... & More

**NEW DATE! JANUARY 15th**

**Palm Beach International Equestrian Center  
3400 Equestrian Club Drive, Wellington**

The Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC) is considered the most prestigious equestrian sporting venues in America. Our tour of the facility will cover the horses, show rings, scoring and everything equestrian. Find out why the courses are designed the way they are and how to tell the difference between the different courses/rings. You will see the farrier and learn the difference between types of horse shoes and why they are used. After the tour we will have a buffet lunch which will include a fish, meat, starch, vegetable and desert.

**Cost:** \$30.00 lunch included **Tour:** 10:30 AM **Car Pools:** Depart 10:00 AM  
**We need a 20 person minimum, so sign up at the January 6th meeting.**



**February 20  
Loggerhead Marineline Center  
14200 U.S. Highway 1  
Juno Beach, FL**

Enjoy a private guided tour of the Loggerhead Marineline Center and get an up close look at our outdoor sea turtle hospital. You will learn about each patient and your questions will be answered. At the facility they also do rehabilitation and research.

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

**Cost:** \$12.00 **Tour:** 12:00 Noon (1 hour) **Carpools:** Depart 10:45 AM  
**Lunch:** on our own (restaurants are within walking distance)  
**Payment due at sign-up—January 6 and February 3 meetings**



**WEKIVA NEWS  
HURRY HURRY HURRY**

**Registration  
for Summer 2020  
begins in January  
For campership information  
and/or questions  
call Harriet at 561-715-0950**

**We had a great time at Pan's Garden on October 24th**





# Save These February Dates...

## Crafting with Carol & Dee



Let's make polymer clay heart pendants

**Thursday, February 6**  
**9:00 AM-1:00 PM**  
**Fire Station 30**  
**9610 Stribling Way**

Just in time for Valentines Day, let's make these lovely heart pendants! We will explore a new polymer clay technique so it will be different from last year's class and I'll take you through it step by step. Limited to 15 people. **Cost:** \$15.00 all inclusive **Sign-up:** January 6th meeting. A check is required at sign-up to hold your spot, so bring your checkbook or mail your check to: Carol Lazzarino, 2168 Appaloosa Trail, Wellington, Florida 33414

**If you can't arrive at 9:00 AM sharp, please do not sign up.**

**WGC crafters  
show off their  
Natures Bouquet  
Wall Hangers  
on November 6, 2019**



## Come to our 3rd Annual WGC Shredding Event



**Saturday February 22**  
**Wellington Municipality Complex**  
**12300 Forest Hill Blvd.**  
**Wellington, FL 33414**  
**10:00 AM to Noon**

**\$5 donation** for each box equal to or less than  
letter-sized dimensions: 15" L x 12" D x 10" H  
**\$10 donation** for each legal-size box/container  
measuring 24" L x 15" D x 10" H

**Cash or Check Only**

**Contact:** Kathy Hernicz, 561-791-4419 [ckhernicz@yahoo.com](mailto:ckhernicz@yahoo.com)

# It's a Small World



## An NGC Petite Flower Show

February 29, 10:00 AM-7:00 PM-March 1, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

### Flower Show News

It's time to get ready for our 2020 NGC Petite Flower Show. It's going to be a whimsical, colorful, creative show based on a theme inspired by the exquisite dollhouses created by our own Carol Coleman, some of which will be on view during the show.

**It's a Small World** will feature petite designs and horticulture that is dwarf or naturally small as well as Botanical Arts and whimsical creations from our Youth.

**The moment is NOW** to start grooming your horticulture, plant your dish gardens, cultivate your collections and/or tap into your creative talents and enter a small floral design, botanical arts creation or photography exhibit.

**Advance registration is required for all Divisions.** The flower show schedule containing all details is now on our club's website along with with registration forms for Horticulture, Design, Botanical Arts and Photography Divisions.

Click Here: <https://wellingtongardenclub.org/2020-ngc-petite-flower-show/>

**We need Volunteers** In addition to your floral designs and/or horticulture, we need volunteers to make this show a success. We need helpers to place horticulture prior to the show, greeters on the days of the show, raffle helpers, clerks on the day of judging and we need your financial support by becoming a sponsor (details at January meeting). If one of the Flower Show Committee Chairs contacts you, please say...

**"Yes, I'll be glad to help!"**

### Flower Show Botanical Arts Workshops

Workshops on petite design are already underway, but it's not too late to register for the workshops on Botanical Arts, Artistic Crafts and Horticulture.

Sessions will be held on Saturday, January 11 and 25 from 1-3 PM  
in the 360 Studio at the Mall at Wellington Green.

The final session is on February 15, in the 360 Studio from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM.  
It will be combined with the Petite Design Workshop and will be an opportunity to fine-tune your designs or botanical arts creations prior to the show.

The fee is \$15.00 payable to Wellington Garden Club.  
Mail your check to Carol Lazzarino,  
2168 Appaloosa Trail, Wellington 33414.

**Questions?** Contact Chris Biscoglio: [2us@comcast.net](mailto:2us@comcast.net)



Two great examples of petite floral design





# Inspiration ...

## Wellington Garden Club dedicates Blue Star Memorial Marker on Veterans Day

On Monday, November 11, 2019, Wellington Garden Club dedicated its first Blue Star Memorial Marker at Veterans Park as a part of the Veterans Day Ceremony sponsored by the American Legion and the Village of Wellington.

This project began as a “hope” from past president, Carol Coleman, and was brought to fruition by Maria Wolfe, 1st Vice President with the full support of Jan Seagrave, President, the Board of Directors and WGC members.



The Village of Wellington invited the WGC to march in the annual Veterans Day Memorial Parade that began at the 9/11 Memorial on Forest Hill Blvd. Close to 50 members, along with spouses, parents, and grandchildren walked in the the parade behind the Wellington Garden Club banner carried by Dan Prevost and Jim Wolfe. Waving flags and hands, the enthusiasm was contagious among the bystanders and WGC members walking the two blocks to Veterans Park.



Marc Seagrave, Jan Seagrave & Maria Wolfe

The American Legion invited Jan Seagrave and Maria Wolfe to be the Honorary Speakers for the ceremony. Jan introduced her son, Sargeant Major Marc S. Seagrave, U.S. Army, retired, who served from 1983-2005 in Grenada, Operations in Central America, Desert Storm, Bosnia, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. His words to us were inspiring and hit home.



Maria Wolfe then addressed the audience with information on the history of the Blue Star Memorial Marker, the mission and purpose of the Wellington Garden Club, and poignant words about never forgetting the importance of our Armed Forces, Past...Present...Future.





WGC members enjoying the beautiful dining room at International Polo Club on December 2, 2019

## ... & Celebration!



### **Holiday Luncheon December 2, 2019**

The Wellington Garden Club ushered in the holidays with a festive luncheon at the International Polo Club, a very beautiful venue overlooking the polo grounds. We had three full boxes of toys for our two guest Marines to bring to the “Toys for Tots” program.

To all the volunteers who helped with the raffle baskets, brought “Toys for Tots”, assembled the floral center pieces, made the adorable napkin rings, did the calligraphy for the place cards, and led the sing along...we are forever grateful.



The Two BZs  
Barbara & Bobbi





## Community Garden at the Boys and Girls Club of Wellington

—John & Kathy Siena, Co-Chairs

We are in another growing season at the Community Garden at the Boys and Girls Club. The challenges of vegetable gardening in south Florida are many. We have generally poor soil which we are enriching with Alaska fish fertilizer, worm casing tea, and other organic commercial fertilizers such as granular blood meal. Sounds yummy. The plants certainly love it.

Our ongoing war with fire ants is going well. After weeks of digging them out and spreading OMRI approved bait we currently have no active colonies in the garden...but they are lurking just outside of the fence!

The boys and girls are always so happy to see us come to the garden on Tuesdays so that they can come and learn more about gardening and being good earth stewards. The kids' indoor seed planting activity has proven to be a good experience about seed germination. They were able to place their sprouted bean, radish and pea seeds in the garden beds, which are growing very nicely. They are learning about drip irrigation and are excited about pollinators in the butterfly garden.

We have a new rototiller that turns the soil faster, easier, and better than doing it by hand. We planted tomatoes, varieties of peppers, varieties of eggplants, Brussels sprouts, broccoli, cabbage, bush beans, peas, radishes, and herbs. We also have beautiful, new wooden signs for each bed that our volunteer Jim Thompson made. A native plant pollinator garden is re-established and is doing very well.

The Young Professionals of Wellington continue to sponsor the garden and join in some of the heavy work that we need to do. Come to visit, but especially, come and help us. We need more hands and caring volunteers. Our team welcomes you!

The Community Garden is behind the Boys and Girls Club of Wellington, on Wellington Trace. Tuesdays, 3:30-5:30 PM.



Can't wait to eat these papayas!





## Youth Garden Clubs

—Kathy Siena, Chairman

It is always great to share the latest news on the activities of our Youth Garden Clubs. Most of them are already in full and forward motion with butterfly gardens and vegetable gardens. The most recent activity is with Palm Beach Central High School. Our WGC liaison, Lisa Ferrano, made great progress with the school leaders on their plans to develop a new Butterfly Garden and clean out and place plants in the retention pond in front of the school. Lisa, John Siena and I met with the school leader, Kerry and her students in the Environmental Society and Garden Club to discuss plans in detail and to visit each site that they will be working on.

If anyone is interested in visiting any of the school gardens or has any questions about them, I am sure the WGC liaisons would be happy to accommodate. Just contact them as they are listed in our Yearbook Directory. Thank you, WGC, for supporting our youth gardens and thank you volunteers for working with our youth and teaching them how to be great earth stewards. You can't lose when you work with our kids. They could be our garden club members of the future.

## Take your garden to a whole new level



You can go from this ...



... to this!

### Florikan Fertilizer (13-5-11) with micronutrients

- Sign up at the January and February meetings
  - \$75.00 per 50 lb. bag—You may split a bag with another but only one person will be responsible for pick-up and bag splitting.
  - Check payable to WGC MUST accompany order
  - Delivery mid-February
  - Pick up at: Lisa Ferrano's house  
83 Westbury Close, Wellington, Florida 33414
- Contact: Jan Seagrave at 793-1697 or [jflygirl@bellsouth.net](mailto:jflygirl@bellsouth.net)

#### What is it?

Florikan is a 360-day, 3-stage time release fertilizer. Home Depot and Amazon sell two pound bottles for \$8.97 each. You can get it for \$1.50/lb with the 50 lb. bag.

# Bulletin Board

## Treasurer's Report —Danese Sloan-Kendall

Income since November 1, 2019 totaled \$6,137.49, primarily from plant raffle, fundraising, floral design and Holiday Luncheon. Expenses totaled \$5,338.19, primarily for fundraising, management & general, Coral Reef and Holiday luncheon. Current balance as of December 28, 2019 in the WGC checking account is \$36,652.84. For more information see the WGC profit & loss versus annual budget to date report.

## An Enchanted Brunch Saturday, February 22

TKA is offering brunch in the theater lobby with Cinderella, Prince Charming and the princesses! Two seatings—9 AM and Noon. Tickets go on sale January 11th at 9 AM. To order tickets, go to [www.tkafinearts.net](http://www.tkafinearts.net).

**No group order is being done for this event. You must order tickets individually.**



## Wellington Garden Club Plant Sale Saturday, April 4

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Wellington Community Center  
Amphitheatre

For more information or to volunteer,  
Contact Carol Ralph, Chair, tel: 561-557-5156  
email: [caroltaylorralph@gmail.com](mailto:caroltaylorralph@gmail.com)

## Reminder from the Corresponding Secretary

Dear friends,

Please report your concerns and joys to me so that I can recognize them with a note. — Kate Kouba  
[ktkouba@yahoo.com](mailto:ktkouba@yahoo.com)

**CONGRATS**

**So Sorry!**

thank you

Get well soon



## A visit to the United States Botanic Garden —Carol Ralph

These are just a few of the photos I took during my trip to Washington DC in late June 2019, to visit the U.S. Botanic Garden. It was a very hot day and the traffic was horrendous, but seeing the Garden was well worth it. I will let the pictures do the talking...



How beautiful is this?

Established by the U.S. Congress in 1820, the U.S. Botanic Garden is one of the oldest botanic gardens in North America. Since 1934, it has been administered through the Architect of the Capitol.



The Garden has been recognized and accredited by the American Alliance of Museums.

It is truly a beautiful place to see. If you are able to go, plan to spend four to six hours going through the Conservatory and the gardens surrounding it.

## *Favorite Places*



*Do you have a favorite place?  
Send me a photo to share  
with the group.  
[tinaj.richter@gmail.com](mailto:tinaj.richter@gmail.com)*



# Wellington Garden Club

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](mailto:kaalbury@gmail.com)



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## Alamanda News

The WGC Newsletter is published five times a year. Please send news, photos, tips and articles to the Newsletter Editor: Tina Richter [tinaj.richter@gmail.com](mailto:tinaj.richter@gmail.com).  
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## Wellington Garden Club Officers

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