



# Alamanda News

*The Newsletter of the Wellington Garden Club*

**November-December 2019**

Dear Members,

Fall is approaching, finally, and the Garden Club has a lot of activities coming up. Please check your calendar and the website often so you don't miss out on anything.

On Veterans Day, Monday, November 11, 2019, we will recognize our veterans with a Blue Star Memorial dedication—a special event for us and I hope you will come out for it.

I want to thank everyone who brought refreshments to our last meeting. The food was wonderful and I have received many positive comments. And the decorations were a real plus. We had the cutest apple worm and an awesome carved pumpkin. A special thank you goes out to Maxine Fisher, our Hospitality Chairman.

Warning! Our website needs your help. Please change your password as another level of security. And make it strong with letters, characters, and numbers.

Finally, we have a date change for our Plant Sale so please mark your calendars. The new date is Saturday March 28, 2020 at Scott's Place. Remove the May 2, 2020 date.

Our Winter Luncheon is set for December 2. Sign up at our next meeting on November 4. It's going to be a lot of fun so you won't want to miss it.



Jan Seagrave,  
President



# Calendar of Events

November 4	9:30 AM	Garden Club Meeting	Wellington Community Center
November 7	9 AM–1PM	Garden Art Workshop—Mother Nature's Bouquet	Fire Station 30, 9610 Stribling Way, Wellington
November 9	1:00 PM	Hunchback of Notre Dame	The Kings Academy Fine Arts Auditorium, West Palm Beach
November 11	8:30 AM	Blue Star Memorial Marker	Veteran's Park 11848 Forest Hill Blvd., Wellington
November 14	11:00 AM	Around & About—McCarthy's Wildlife	Loxahatchee
November 16	10:30-12:30 PM	Petite Floral Design Workshop	360 Studio, Wellington Green Mall
November 21-22	9:30 AM	District X NGC Gardening School	Mounts Botanical Garden
November 25	9:30 AM	WGC Board meeting	Wellington Community Center
December 2	11:00 AM	Holiday Luncheon	International Polo Club
December 3	9:00 AM	Adopt-a-Street	Wellington Dog Park
December 7	10:30-12:30 PM	Petite Floral Design Workshop	360 Studio, Wellington Green Mall
December 7	1-3:00 PM	Petite Botanical Arts Workshop	360 Studio, Wellington Green Mall
December 13	10:30 AM	Around & About—Norton Museum	West Palm Beach
December 30	9:30 AM	WGC Board Meeting	Wellington Community Center
January 6, 2020	9:30 AM	Garden Club Meeting	Wellington Community Center



## November 4th Meeting—Don't miss it!

**Designs Found in a Doll House**—Barbara May, NGC Accredited Master Judge and Flower Show School Instructor

We are in for a treat! A consortium of talented designers, whose biographies are not possible to include in this limited space, have agreed to share their creative expertise at our November 4th meeting. We will learn what to use for miniature floral designs, the art of how and where to place the components, and where they are appropriate to display. This is going to be an exciting learning experience.



## Wow, What a pumpkin!

Those who attended the October meeting were greeted at the welcoming table by this impressive pumpkin, beautifully carved by Stephanie Ricotta, and photographed by Paige Griffin.



Carol Coleman's amazing doll house interiors. Wouldn't you love to live there?





## Blue Star Memorial Marker

November 11, 2019

Our Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication is on Veterans Day, Monday, November 11, 2019. The Blue Star Memorial Marker is *A tribute to all who have served in the Armed Forces and have defended the United States of America.*

Meet us at the 9/11 Memorial, in front of the Village of Wellington Hall, for the parade that begins at 8:15 AM. The program begins at 8:30 AM with the dedication of the Blue Star Memorial Marker and Veterans Day Celebration at Veterans Park (corner of South Shore and Forest Hill Blvd.) Please wear your Wellington Garden Club shirt.



## Around & Abouts

November 14, 2019

**McCarthy's Wildlife Sanctuary,  
12943 61st Street North, West Palm Beach**



McCarthy's Wildlife Sanctuary is home to over 200 animals. Eight lush acres of endangered wildlife surrounded by a botanical garden situated in the palmetto and pine trees of West Palm Beach. You will be able to get close-up experiences with many animals and closer than you can get at any zoo. You will have the opportunity to hold multiple/different animals. Come with us and enjoy the wildlife.

**Tour:** 11:30 AM **Cost:** \$35.00 **Carpools:** Depart 10:00 sharp  
**Lunch:** On our own **Contact:** Terrianne Tuskes 561-346-2617  
or [petmother@aol.com](mailto:petmother@aol.com)



**December 13, 2019  
Norton Museum of Art,  
1450 S. Dixie Highway,  
West Palm Beach**

The Museum's permanent collection now consists of more than 7,600 works in five curatorial departments: European, American, Chinese, Contemporary and Photography. Since 1954, many distinguished additions have been

made thanks to the endowment Mr. Norton created for the purchase of works of art. They include masterpieces such as Stuart Davis's New York Mural, which was acquired in 1964, and Jackson Pollock's Night Mist, acquired in 1971. In 2011, the Norton launched Recognition of Art by Women (RAW), an annual exhibition series that celebrates the contributions of living female painters and sculptors with solo exhibitions. **Sign-up Deadline with Payment: December 2**

**Tour:** 10:00 AM **Cost:** \$15.00

**Carpools:** Depart 9:00 sharp

**Lunch:** On our own

**Contact:** Terrianne Tuskes  
561-346-2617 or [petmother@aol.com](mailto:petmother@aol.com)

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

## See you there!



# *We Planted 2,500 Trees...*

Our recent annual tree planting was one of the biggest since the beginning of this event six years ago. It occurred on Saturday, September 28, which is recognized as National Public Lands Day. It was a beautiful, sunny day and we were thrilled to have a superb turnout of close to 90 volunteers which included our WGC members, scouts and their parents and family and church friends. Even my son, Todd, who lives in Bangkok, joined us to help plant the seedlings.

Village of Wellington Forestry Supervisor, Brian Hopper, specially selected the various native seedlings and the planting area.

After meeting in the parking lot for our photo shoot and greetings, the volunteers drove out to the site in the Wellington Environmental Preserve by caravan.

We planted 2,200 native Florida Slash Pines (*Pinus elliotti* var. *densa*), 200 red cedars (*Juniperus virginiana*), and 100 Chapman Oak (*Quercus chapmanii*) seedlings in a couple of hours.

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped make this tree planting event a great success. Mark your calendars now for next year's 7th Annual Tree Planting on National Public Lands Day, Saturday, September 26, 2020.



Our fabulous WGC volunteers



Kathy Siena, event organizer with son, Todd who was visiting from Bangkok



Boy Scout Troop 125 volunteer planting pine seedling



Red cedar trees ready for planting



Florida South Slash Pine



Chapman Oak



Our wonderful volunteers included WGC members, scouts and their parents and families and church friends



## Wellington Garden Club teams up with Estonians and St. David's Episcopal Church for International Coastal Cleanup at John D. MacArthur Beach State Park

Beach Cleanup happened with a bang when Wellington Garden Club (WGC) members Sandy Sklar, Maria Wolfe and Diane Rice met up with an Estonia group on September 21, 2019 at John D. MacArthur Beach State Park. The Estonians showed us their flag and invited us to join them in their quest to fight pollution. Marie and Sandy picked up more than 1,100 plastic pieces and Carol Krenkel picked up over eight pounds. On the other side of the beach and pictured below is WGC member Roxanne Henry and her daughter Christine who together picked up 10 pounds. Ann Cavaleri and Philip Macnak, also from WGC were there to assist.



John D. MacArthur Beach State Park preserves the subtropical coastal heritage that once covered South Florida



Family participation



Estonians, Sandy Sklar & Maria Wolfe



Our youngest volunteers



Jonathon & Jenifer Elmore



Diane Rice



Roxanne & Christine Henry

At a time when natural areas along South Florida's coast are almost nonexistent, John D. MacArthur Beach State Park stands out as *an island in time*.

This is the same beach where Wellington Garden Club members met last June to watch loggerhead turtles lay their eggs. It was there that we met Ranger Ruth Rhodes, who thanked me on behalf of the WGC for her college scholarship money her dream to become a park ranger at this beach become a reality.

A special thank you goes out to Jenifer Elmore from St. David's Episcopal Church who arranged the participation of the youth group and their families. They have been our partners for five years. This year they collected more than 30 pounds of trash.

Thanks to all who participated.

# *We cleaned the beach...*

# We made a difference!

## District X Speaks Out at Wellington Council Meeting on Saving Wellington Preserves

— Diane Rice

Kudos to District X President Carol Coleman and Environmental Chair Diane Rice who spoke out against rezoning the Wellington Preserves in the Wellington Green Mall at the Village of Wellington (VOW) Council Meeting on Monday, October 7, 2019. And a special thank you to Wellington Garden Club attendees and family members, Linda DeSanti, Lisa Ferrano, Ann Finch, Roxanne, Christine and David Henry, Twig Morris and her daughter Chrissy Wood, Ellen Rawlings, Deborah Russell, Marilyn Walvoord and President Jan Seagrave. The developer withdrew his application, indicating that he wanted to include another document when he resubmits.

According to *The New York Times*, in the last 50 years the number of birds in the United States and Canada have declined by 3 billion. Thus the 32 acres now deeded “Preserves” are crucial to our birds’ very existence. These preserves also provide nature’s own air conditioning through transpiration in the leaves of the trees—welcome relief, given that the US National Research Council in June 2006 announced the Earth is the hottest it has been in the last 400 years.

As part of the discussion, Diane Rice submitted an article to *The Palm Beach Post* and *The Town Crier*. Parts of it were published in both newspapers. The submission centered around ten year old Elbridge Gale Elementary student, Skyler Peterson, who with his class of 25, wrote letters to The Village of Wellington asking them to vote no on rezoning and save the Wellington Preserves for the birds, the trees and for future generations.

The question is not whether global warming is real, as evidenced by the daily flooding of Miami (shown below) but whether we are willing to rally together as the third largest volunteer organization in Florida to make a difference. Show your support by responding to Inger Jones and Pat Carver Environmental Alerts sent by your club President. The latest is a request to sign a petition against changing EPA regulations, deadline October 15. Please make sure you are getting these alerts.



Carol Coleman and Diane Rice



Skyler Peterson



Protesters VOW Council Meeting on October 7



Daily flooding in Miami





# It's a Small World



## An NGC Petite Flower Show

The Wellington Garden Club will host an NGC Petite Flower Show at the Wellington Green Mall on February 28-March 1, 2020. Want to enter? Here are some preliminary pointers plus dates for workshops that will help you understand how to prepare your entries.

### Floral Design Workshops

The floral designs for this flower show are petite, ranging in size from 3 to 12 inches in height, width, and depth. Petite designs can be replicas of standard design types and may be traditional or creative. We will review:

- Principles and elements of design, emphasizing proportion & scale
  - Each design type covered in the schedule
- Opportunity to practice the designs you choose to enter
  - Tips for choosing small containers, naturally small plant material, cutting large plant material plus other components you can add to your design.

#### Floral Design Workshops

- Saturday 11/16/19 • Saturday 12/7/19
  - Saturday 1/11/20 • Saturday 2/15/20
- 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Cost: \$20 for 4 sessions

### Botanical Arts Workshops

Two classes dedicated to sharing basic techniques needed for the Botanical Arts Horticulture and Artistic Crafts sections of our NGC Petite Flower Show.

Learn how to create the various Botanical Arts designs you can enter in the flower show.

#### Botanical Arts Horticulture & Artistic Crafts Workshops

- Saturday 12/7/19, Getting Started
  - Saturday 1/11/20, Work on Techniques
  - Saturday 2/15/20 Review designs for Flower Show
- 1:00-3:00 PM Cost: \$15.00 for 3 sessions

Location: The Mall at Wellington Green, 360 Studio, 10300 W. Forest Hill Blvd.,  
Seating is limited. Sign up at the Club meeting on November 4  
or send a check made out to Wellington Garden Club to:  
Carol Lazzarino, 2168 Appaloosa Trail, Wellington, FL 33414

### Dwarf Horticulture... What's That?

There is an increased interest in dwarf, miniature and small plants. They are useful in combination plantings such as troughs, terrariums, planters and dish gardens. Rock gardens often need small alpine type plants to compliment their scale. Those who live in condos or apartments also find use for dwarf, miniature and small plants that, out of necessity, must be small in size.

If you see the following names as a part of the signage or tag, it is likely that the plant will be dwarf, miniature or small in growth habit:

- Humilis - dwarf
- Microphylla - with very small leaves
- Micrantha - with very small flowers
- Minima - the smallest
- Minor - small
- Nana - dwarf
- Pumila - small, dwarf

Next time you go plant shopping, remember...

## Think Small

# One-on-One with Kate Kouba



Kate Kouba in gardening mode

“On most mornings, you’ll find me and my husband Bill Donnelly doing what we love...taking care of the Native Garden at the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Preserve on Flying Cow Road in Wellington.

“In 2012, Lisa Ferrano and students from Palm Beach Central High School started the garden as a school project. In 2015 I decided the garden needed some TLC. After weeding and prepping we added a lingun vitae tree and many other natives. In 2016 we planted butterfly bushes, blanket flowers and golden rod. After the park district put in the watering system the garden really took off.

Often it’s just Bill and me turning on the water and then taking an early morning walk in the preserve. Other days I call in my team of helpers to weed and plant.”



Keeping the salvia company—Annmarie Banchy, Bill Donnelly, Kate Kouba, Marie Wolfe & Lisa Ferrano



Early morning in the garden



The orchids we planted last year are really taking off





## ***A visit to Thuya Garden***

—Barbara Rickson

On my recent vacation to Maine, I stopped at Thuya Garden. The garden is actually on Mount Desert Island, in the town of Northeast Harbor.

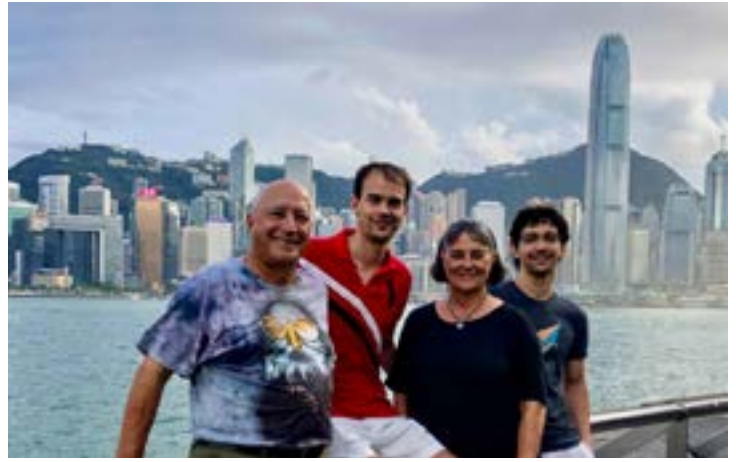


Thuya Garden was built in 1956 with plants obtained from Beatrix Farrand's Reef Point Garden in Bar Harbor. It is a semi-formal herbaceous garden in the style of English landscape designer Gertrude Jekyll. The garden is comprised of approximately 50% perennials and 50% annuals.

The most beautiful flowers were the Dahlia's, in white, yellow and pink, which we are unable to grow successfully here in Florida.



My husband and I spent about two hours wandering the grounds, looking at the different flowers and watching hummingbirds flitter from one flower to the other. It was perfect.



John, Todd, Kathy and Adam with the Hong Kong skyline in the background



Grand Palace in Bangkok



Kathy under a banyan tree

In May, Kathy and John Siena traveled to Asia to visit their sons John Jr., Todd and Adam, who live in Bangkok, all in the same apartment building. "We also visited Hong Kong, which we love the most of all cities in Asia."

## ***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)***

### **Gardening Tip**

from Carol Lazzarino

**Mix together:**

- 1 Gallon of vinegar**
- 2 Cups of epsom salt**
- 1/4 Cup of Dawn dish soap**

**Spray everywhere you have weeds.**

**"It's a great alternative to Roundup.  
I use it all the time."**



# Bulletin Board

## Treasurer's Report

—Danese Sloan-Kendall

Income since August 31, totaled \$2,776, primarily from membership dues, plant raffle and The King's Academy fund-raising. Expenses since August 28, 2019 totaled \$2,501, primarily for general management expenses, The King's Academy fundraising and storage fees. Balance as of September 30, 2019 in the Wellington Garden Club checking account is \$36,909.30. For more detailed information, please review the WGC profit & loss vs. annual budget to date report.

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## 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)

So Sorry!

thank  
you



CONGRATS

Get well soon





# See you in 2020

**January 22-23, 2020**

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

*Tropical Adventures* is an NGC Tri-Refresher. 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. 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)

## **Winter/Spring, 2020 Schedule**

### **The King's Academy Productions**

Mark your calendar for the following Saturday 1:00 PM matinee performances. 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.



### **Jekyll & Hyde, The Musical**

Saturday - February 1, 2020  
Order By WGC Meeting on  
Monday, November 4th



### **Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella**

Saturday - March 7, 2020  
Order By WGC Meeting on  
Monday, December 2nd



### **The Phantom of the Opera**

Saturday - April 25, 2020  
Order By WGC Meeting on  
Monday, February 3rd  
It's a great way to see wonderful theatre performances and support your Club.  
Contact Stormi Bivin (561) 753-3315 or [sbivin@aol.com](mailto:sbivin@aol.com)

**Saturday February 22, 2020**

### **An Enchanted Brunch**

TKA is offering something special for the little princess in your life. An *Enchanted Brunch* is happening on Saturday, February 22nd in the theatre lobby, where you will have brunch with the princesses and meet Cinderella and Prince Charming! There are two seatings available—9 AM and Noon. Tickets go on sale to the public on January 11th at 9 AM. You can find out more about this event and order tickets through their website, [www.tkafinearts.net](http://www.tkafinearts.net). **No group order is being done for this event. You must order tickets individually.**



## **Experience the Wonder of Wekiva at Wekiva Volunteer Training**

Want to know more about this wonderful overnight camp and the campgrounds located in beautiful Wekiwa Springs State Park? Thinking about volunteering this summer (2020) at Camp Wekiva Youth Camp?

Then you'll want to sign up for Wekiva Volunteer Training (WVT), scheduled for Friday, February 7 through Sunday, February 9.

Then sign up for WVT or plan to attend the Open House on Sunday, February 9 from 11:30 am to 1 pm and check out the facility.

Four WGC members have already registered to experience a WVT weekend in February, nestled under the longleaf pines with nature all around. Let's fill up another cabin! Always looking for volunteers to work with these wonderful campers during the summer and experience the "Wonder of Wekiva".

For more information the WGC website, click on About the Club and then click on Civic Projects. Or contact Stormi Bivin at (561) 753-3315, [sbivin@aol.com](mailto:sbivin@aol.com)

# Let's Celebrate

**WGC Holiday Luncheon  
The International Polo Club  
Monday, Dec. 2, 2019 at 11 AM.**

**This year our luncheon will be held at The International Polo Club. This is new venue for us and it is quite gorgeous. We have selected a lovely menu and all we ask is that you get a little gussied up and bring a *Toys For Tots* unwrapped gift.**

## **The Menu**

**Select from three Entrée Choices:**

**\* Grilled Chicken Bruschetta: Grilled Chicken Breast, Blistered Tomatoes, Fresh Basil, Garlic, Balsamic Glaze**

**\* Pan Seared Salmon Filet: Tomato Caper Relish, Lemon Butter Sauce**

**\*Vegetarian Option: Vegetarian Lasagna, Portabella Mushroom, Zucchini, Yellow Squash, Eggplant, Roasted Peppers, Grilled Onion, Marinara Sauce, Ricotta and Mozzarella Cheese  
Includes Clubhouse Salad & Fresh Artisan Bread**

**Desert & Coffee station**

**\$36**

**Bring your check for \$36.00 made payable to WGC and sign up at the November 4th meeting or send your check to Bobbi Ziegler, 8837 Via Brilliante, Wellington, FL 33411**

**Don't forget to write your lunch choice— chicken, fish or veggie— on your check**

**And don't forget to bring an unwrapped toy!**

**Bobbi Ziegler and Barbara Zenker, Co-Chairs**

# 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](mailto:kaalbury@gmail.com)



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## *Allamanda News*

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

## *Wellington Garden Club Officers*

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