



Alamanda News

The Newsletter of Wellington Garden Club April 2020

Around & About ...Our Gardens

Suddenly, as our world has grown smaller, it's the perfect moment to focus on our home gardens. President, Jan Seagrave, sent this beautiful photo of her orchid in full bloom. She writes, *"Enjoying being outside and watching my orchids bloom. There is beauty in nature in these trying times."*

If you're inspired by your these gardens and would like to contribute, please send me your thoughts, poetry, book reviews and photos. I will happily put together another issue.

—Tina Richter, Editor
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Let's take a virtual garden tour

Bobbi Ziegler discovered these incredible designs

Inspired by the ancient and traditional Japanese art of flower arrangement, Ikebana, Montreal-based artist and photographer Raku Inoue creates colorful portraits of insects and other animals using flowers, twigs, leaves, and stems from his garden. Here's some inspiration for our next design projects! To get the full impact of these amazing creations go to t's the perfect art exhibit to visit right now at reikancreations.com



...And Thank you!

I will be forever grateful for love shown by all of you after the loss of my beloved Ron. How can I thank only one of you when in fact we are a family?

The most important part of this group is not the fund-raising or teaching school kids that a tomato doesn't just appear in Publix. It's us being together as a group that is so vital to our own sense of "being" and having all of you as a happy, healthy and supportive part of my life. I have said many times that I am never leaving this "Village" of Wellington and I really do mean it!

*I love you all,
Bobbi*

*The butterflies love
Roxanne Henry's garden...*



My Zebras getting ready to go to sleep.



...& so do the bees!



More from Roxanne



My Christmas orchid



Mmmm... A guava right off the tree!



This amazing bush puts on a show in December and January.

Welcome to Mary Anne Greely's poolside garden

Jerry and I love gardening, and because of the current stay-at-home, we feel more caught up outside then ever. Our blooming plants are especially rewarding this time of year.



Did you win a prize at the Flower Show?
Send me a selfie with your winning entry:
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*In the horticulture division of "It's a Small World", my Rabbit's Foot Fern (*Davallia fejeensis*) won a blue ribbon. It was entered in Div. I, Sect. B, Class #5)*

Carolyn Love's Secret Garden

*So calm and peaceful! Since I can't leave the house,
I escape to a comfy chair here and relax in the beauty
of nature with the butterflies and song birds.*



My orchids and bromeliads are loving spring.



*Danese Sloan Kendall's cassia tree bloomed last week
and her trumpet plant is putting on a show as well.*



A painted bunting stopped at Kathleen Perioff's birdbath one morning!



A beautiful day in Alison Albury's garden
Just went around my garden and snapped a few photos...



Such a fun time for orchids!



My fern, Nephrolepis "Susie Wong"



Begonia "Arabian Sunset"



Begonia Odorata Alba



Aechmea Bromeliad (a hybrid of "Patricia")



*I also grow my parsley
in a hanging pot!*

Small World, Gigantic Success



I want to send a thousand thank yous to everyone who participated in our Petite Flower Show. Your talents and many volunteer hours helped to make it a big success. The judges loved it, the public loved it and everyone was enchanted by the doll houses and petite exhibits. Once again, Wellington Garden Club members came together and produced a spectacular event that will set the bar high for future flower shows.

Special credit goes to Christine Biscoglio and her staging team who worked countless hours to create the amazing features that made this show unique. And we are deeply indebted to Carol Coleman who created and loaned the doll houses that were an essential part of this show. Also, to the Committee Chairs and all the members for your invaluable contributions.

Last, but certainly not least, many, many thanks to Carol Lazzarino my Co-Chair who kept me on track, coordinated the raffle and speakers and handled many of the details that almost slipped through the cracks.

Gratefully, Twig





An added bonus...

Our show was evaluated by a team of three flower show judges who gave us a score that was nearly perfect, which means we're eligible to apply for special FFGC and NGC awards for this show! Hopefully, we will win it again like we did in 2019. Stay tuned. Results will not be announced until the spring of 2021. Keep your fingers crossed.....



John & Kathy Siena wrap up a successful season at the Community Garden at the Boys & Girls Club of Wellington

The Community Garden got off to a great start in October 2019. We did lots of cleaning up, weeding, planting and finally harvesting. The kids and the team put in lots of hard work to make the garden what it is today. The Young Professionals of Wellington area were a great support to our garden, both financially and physically helping in the garden.

Then COVID-19 hit, and the garden is no longer available for the community to work in. Even though the garden is outdoors, we want to maintain our important social distance as recommended for the safety of the kids and the volunteers. I guess it will get taken over by lots of weeds and some harvest may go to waste, but this too will soon pass, and the garden will be open again for "business". But I am sure the team will be waiting anxiously to get in there and do some big cleanup as soon as we get the "all-clear" sign from the Village of Wellington.

One of the exciting events prior to the shutdown, was the kid's participation and recognition in the Petite Flower Show at the Mall. We had several entries of the seed ornaments and miniature gardens. The kids did an outstanding job along with the help and guidance of our garden team members, Lisa, Ann and Kathy Schneider. The kids were honored at the Boys and Girls Club with the assistance of Director, Kenda Peterson and STEM teacher Jamie Sahagian who also entered an education poster exhibit on Pollinators. They were so happy to receive this recognition by everyone attending the event. It is always good to reward and recognize our youth for their hard work and participation.

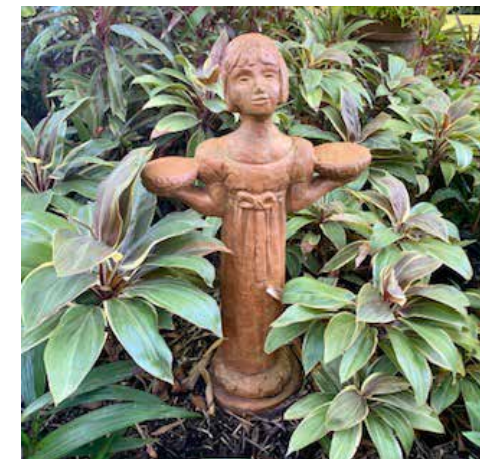
Thank you, WGC members, for your continued support of the Community Garden. We look forward to a new season in the Fall.



A garden walk with Stormi

*My dear Wellington Garden Club members and friends,
There truly are no words to express how much I appreciate all of you!
The outpouring of support and friendship over the past few months since my
husband, Tom, passed away is absolutely amazing. Without all of my dear, dear
garen club friends calling to "just say bello" and to "check in," it would have
been a much darker time. Thank you for caring, for your kindness and mostly
for your gifts of friendship. You have truly touched my heart in a way
I cannot convey. I am forever grateful.*

With much love, Stormi



Beautiful Door Designs by Kathy Siena

Our church, Saint Peters Methodist, asked its members to create designs to place on their doors or in their windows since we can't see them at church. I made the palm for Palm Sunday, which is remembrance of Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The second photo is my design for Easter Sunday when we celebrate the Resurrection, thus the decorated cross with ribbon and flowers.



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:

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