

Wellington Garden Club
Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 2, 2020 – Zoom Meeting

- I. **Called to Order at 9:45am – Jan Seagrave**
 - A. Established a quorum.
 - B. Silenced all cell phones.
 - C. Club Members who will approve the minutes of this meeting are Caren Griffin and Alison Albury.

- II. **Officer Reports**
 - A. **President's Report**
 1. Jan Seagrave reviewed with members about the need to have a quorum to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and do business for the club. Jan will make phone calls to members who weren't able to attend to see if she can help them become familiar with zoom.
 2. The Winter Luncheon was discussed. There is a question as to whether we will have this luncheon. An informal poll was taken and most members are not interested in a formal luncheon. Jan stated it is possible to have an informal luncheon at Wellington National Golf Club. More info to come.
 3. We would like to have an informal Around & About to the gardens to which WGC provides assistance; namely, The Community Gardens at the Wellington Boys & Girls Club, The Girl Scouts 22222 Butterfly Garden at the Dog Park, and the Butterfly garden at MSD at the Wellington Preserve. John Siena will try to get us a date. We will advise all members when this can be organized.
 4. Jan Seagrave thanked Tina Richter for the Newsletter. She is doing such a beautiful job.
 - B. **Recording Secretary –**
 1. Approval of minutes of 9/14/20. Twig moved that wording under item 1 – Yearbook be changed to read "We have to go to print by Nov. 1 in order to submit the Yearbook for an award." from "as required by FFGC." Alison Albury seconded. No further amendments were suggested. Minutes as amended were approved.
 2. Approval of minutes of 10/5/20. Twig amended Page 3, Item C – Change second sentence to read: The Wellington Garden Club will host the Tropical Short Course in 2022. Carol Coleman seconded the motion. The minutes as amended were approved.
 - C. **First Vice President –** Maria Wolfe advised the members of the next Around & About which is Tuesday, November 10, at the White Trail Social and Garden Club. We will tour the gardens & nursery, attend a rose workshop, followed by picnic lunch. The cost

First Vice President (cont.) is \$35.00. It is an outdoor event with appropriate social distancing. You can carpool if you wish. The East & West carpool locations are available. We must have your check in hand by 11/6/2020 because White Trail Social and Garden Club needs to know how many people are going in order to prepare the luncheon. The event will start at the Gardens at 10:00 am and will last approximately 2 hours.

D. **Second Vice President** – John Siena - Reported on the speaker for today's meeting; namely, Fred Sklar, He will talk on the subject of Everglades Restoration.

E. **Treasurer's Report** – Danes Sloan-Kendall – Treasurer's Report is dated October 20, 2020 and the P&L is dated 10/27/2020 – see attached. Danese asked if she was supposed to send a check to the speaker at the District X meeting. Carol Coleman responded she had just mailed the check from FFGC to her for \$100.00. WGC is to give the speaker \$200.00 as a donation to the Institute of Regional Conservation.

F. **Corresponding Secretary** – Kate Kouba – No Report

III. **Standing Committee Reports** – No Report

IV. **Special Committee Reports** – No Report

A. **Garden Tour** – Carol Coleman – The Garden Tour will be Saturday, April 17. The name is "Gardens of Distinction". Chrystine Tauber will be co-chair. We have 3 home gardens already and Carol is working on a 4th garden. Carol Ralph and I are going to work on a flyer today. Twig Morris asked about the budget for the garden tour. Budget is approximately \$1000. We are planning on a gift to each one of the houses on the tour and we will want to provide refreshments. There was discussion between Twig and Carol about the budget. They will work on the budget. See attached report.

B. **Youth Gardens** - Kathy Siena – See attached report.

C. **Community Garden** – John Siena – See attached report.

V. **Horticultural Moment** – Twig Morris – Twig gave a presentation by sharing on Zoom. It involved creating a Thanksgiving turkey centerpiece. See attached presentation.

VI. **Unfinished Business**

A. **Woodsy Owl Program** – Kathy Schneider – See attached report. Contest is open only to Children who live in Florida, The contest is through the FL Forestry. Kathy Siena advised it is a national contest sanctioned by National Garden Clubs and has to be sponsored by National Gardens Clubs registered in their state. Go to gardenclub.org, click on Youth Activities, Youth Contest. Info is there.

VII. **New Business** – None

VIII. **Announcements**

A. Jan Seagrave - she still has Opportunity Drawing Tickets for sale.

- B. Jan Seagrave announced the Mounts Botanical Gardens Plantapalooza Sale this weekend.
 - C. Stormi Bivin asked members to start propagating plants for the Plant Sale in March.
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 10:51 am.
- X. John Siena introduced our guest speaker – Dr. Fred Sklar. Information on Fred can be found on the WGC Website.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ralph
Recording Secretary

October 20 , 2020

Wellington Garden Club
Treasurer's Report

Income, there has been no income since September 1, 2020 .

Expenses since September 1, 2020 totaled approximately \$389.60, for National Garden Club Disaster Fund, memorials and storage.

Current balance as of October 20, 2020 in the Wellington Garden Club checking account is \$31,334.45

Additionally, for more detailed information please review the WGC profit & loss versus annual budget to date report.

Danese Sloan-Kendall
Treasurer

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

June 1 through October 27, 2020

	Jun 1 - O...	Budget	\$ Over B...	% of Bud...
Income				
4000 · INCOME				
4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing				
4101 · Boutique Items	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
4103 · Fertilizer	36.00	2,500.00	-2,464.00	1.4%
4106 · Plant Raffle Meetings	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.0%
4110 · Misc	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total 4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing	36.00	3,100.00	-3,064.00	1.2%
4200 · Membership Dues				
	0.00	6,300.00	-6,300.00	0.0%
4300 · Program Services Revenue				
4301 · Awards & Grants				
4301.1 · Awards	125.00	50.00	75.00	250.0%
4301.2 · Grants	100.00	250.00	-150.00	40.0%
Total 4301 · Awards & Grants	225.00	300.00	-75.00	75.0%
4302 · Donations & Memorials				
4302.1 · Donations Other	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 4302 · Donations & Memorials	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0%
4305 · Newsletter Advertising				
	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total 4300 · Program Services Revenue	325.00	500.00	-175.00	65.0%
4400 · Special Events				
4401 · Around & Abouts				
	20.00	0.00	20.00	100.0%
4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income				
4402.1 · Member meals Holiday Luncheon	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.0%
4402.2 · Other Holiday Luncheon Income	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
Total 4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income	0.00	3,750.00	-3,750.00	0.0%
4403 · Spring Luncheon Income				
4403.1 · Member meals Spring Luncheon	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.0%
4403.2 · Other Income Spring Luncheon	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
Total 4403 · Spring Luncheon Income	0.00	3,750.00	-3,750.00	0.0%
Total 4400 · Special Events	20.00	7,500.00	-7,480.00	0.3%
Total 4000 · INCOME	381.00	17,400.00	-17,019.00	2.2%
Total Income	381.00	17,400.00	-17,019.00	2.2%
Gross Profit	381.00	17,400.00	-17,019.00	2.2%
Expense				
6500 · EXPENSE				
6501 · Inventory fundraising expenses				
6504 · Fertilizer	0.00	2,375.00	-2,375.00	0.0%
6507 · Plants Meetings	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
Total 6501 · Inventory fundraising expenses	0.00	2,425.00	-2,425.00	0.0%
6700 · Management & General				
6701 · Chamber Dues (Wellington)	125.00	125.00	0.00	100.0%
6702 · Correspondence	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
6703 · Discretionary	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
6704 · Historian	0.00	25.00	-25.00	0.0%
6705 · Insurance	577.50	700.00	-122.50	82.5%
6706 · Membership	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6707 · Newsletter	93.71	350.00	-256.29	26.8%
6709 · President's Expense	0.00	800.00	-800.00	0.0%
6711 · Treasurer & Accountant	285.00	400.00	-115.00	71.3%
6712 · Website	264.18	350.00	-85.82	75.5%
6713 · Yearbook	0.00	850.00	-850.00	0.0%
6717 · Miscellaneous				

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 June 1 through October 27, 2020

	Jun 1 - O...	Budget	\$ Over B...	% of Bud...
6717 b · Storage	179.75	479.40	-299.65	37.5%
6717 · Miscellaneous - Other	13.99	0.00	13.99	100.0%
Total 6717 · Miscellaneous	193.74	479.40	-285.66	40.4%
Total 6700 · Management & General	1,539.13	4,729.40	-3,190.27	32.5%
6800 · Program Services				
6802 · Award & Grants	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6803 · Member Education	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
6804 · FFGC & District Dues				
6804.1 · Dues FFGC	0.00	1,680.00	-1,680.00	0.0%
6804.2 · Dues District X	0.00	70.00	-70.00	0.0%
Total 6804 · FFGC & District Dues	0.00	1,750.00	-1,750.00	0.0%
6805 · FFGC Convention Ad	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6806 · Honorary Awards	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
6807 · Floral Design	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6807b · Garden Art	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6808 · Habitat Landscaping	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
6809 · Youth Activities	0.00	1,700.00	-1,700.00	0.0%
6810 · Meeting Programs/Speakers	0.00	600.00	-600.00	0.0%
6812 · Memorials and Donations	50.00	150.00	-100.00	33.3%
6813 · Mounts Membership	0.00	125.00	-125.00	0.0%
6814 · College Scholarships	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
6815 · SEEK Capital Fund	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
6816 · SEEK Scholarship	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%
6817 · Sunshine Fund	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
6818 · Wekiva Camperships	0.00	1,470.00	-1,470.00	0.0%
6819 · Wekiva Capital Fund	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
6820 · Wekiva LIT Program	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
6827 · Earth Day	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6829 · National Garden Week	521.37	200.00	321.37	260.7%
6830 · NGC Disaster Fund	100.00	50.00	50.00	200.0%
6831 · Environmental Education	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
6836 · Wellington Preserve Landscaping	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
6837 · Community Garden	0.00	450.00	-450.00	0.0%
Total 6800 · Program Services	671.37	19,395.00	-18,723.63	3.5%
6900 · Special Events Direct Expense				
6901 · Around &ABOUTS	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6904 · Holiday Luncheon				
6911 · Holiday luncheon Other expense	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
6913 · Member Meals	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.0%
Total 6904 · Holiday Luncheon	0.00	3,800.00	-3,800.00	0.0%
6905 · Hospitality	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
6908 · Spring Luncheon				
6909 · Spring luncheon Other expense	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
6912 · Guest meals	0.00	210.00	-210.00	0.0%
6914 · Member Meals	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.0%
Total 6908 · Spring Luncheon	0.00	4,010.00	-4,010.00	0.0%
Total 6900 · Special Events Direct Expense	0.00	8,210.00	-8,210.00	0.0%
Total 6500 · EXPENSE	2,210.50	34,759.40	-32,548.90	6.4%
Total Expense	2,210.50	34,759.40	-32,548.90	6.4%
Net Income	-1,829.50	-17,359.40	15,529.90	10.5%

Community Garden at the Wellington Boys & Girls Club – Co-Chair Report (Nov 2020 General Meeting)

COVID-19 is becoming tiresome, but it has had a real effect on just about everything, the community garden as well...however we have done a lot of work in preparing and maintaining.

- We maintained the butterfly garden
- We lost the papaya tree, but the banana tree is doing well
- We have a new bench complements of you, the Wellington Garden Club
- We built a new potting bench with a sink planned for it.
- We planted tomatoes, beans, kale, radishes, garlic, basil, thyme, carrots
- Most importantly, we had the kids last week! It was great for both the kids and our volunteer team. They love the garden and are eager to learn about the plants, the bugs, the fertilizer, the irrigation, but not so much the hard work involved...seeing the results of hard garden work requires patience, which they are learning also.

We are complying with all relevant precautions, State, county, and Boys & Girls Club.

John C Siena

Second VP Report (Nov 2020 General Meeting)

We have a great speaker today in Fred Sklar! COVID-19 has created chaos in our speaker schedule forcing us to adjust month by month. In December we have no general meeting scheduled, so no speaker either. Whether or not we can meet in person will determine how we handle the speaker for January's meeting. We will keep you informed by email, our website, and our Face Book page.

John C Siena

Garden Tour Report for November 2, 2020

The date for the 2021 garden tour will be Saturday April 17, 2021. The name of the tour will be Gardens of Distinction. Christine Tauber will be my co-chair. At this time, we have four locations. These gardens have already received awards from the Village of Wellington and are at the homes of three of our members, Uma Bhati, Petra Russell and Kay Brown. The fourth house was recommended by Kay Brown and it is in her neighborhood and is owned by Glen and Julia Silva.

I will be talking with Carol Ralph regarding a flyer. At this time the budget is \$1,000.00. However, I will be looking at the past tours to get a more accurate amount for income and expenses. The cost of the tour will be \$25.00 per person.

Respectfully,

Carol Coleman

WGC General Members Meeting Nov 2, 2020

Youth Garden Clubs Report-Kathy Siena, Chairman

Because schools are getting back into session, our youth garden club interest is slowly beginning to come alive since the March 2020 shutdown of schools and gardens. Some schools still do not allow volunteers inside the school grounds. The good thing about school gardens is that we can meet with the teachers and students outside to work on their gardens, as needed. They often work quite well on their own with our general advice and expertise as experienced gardeners-some in vegetable gardens and others in butterfly/native plant gardens. Unfortunately, one of our longtime and helpful youth garden liaisons, Roxanne Henry, has had to temporarily resign from any help with the school youth gardens, specifically Wellington High School and our newest addition, New Horizons. We thank her for all her years of service and teaching to the kids and hope she can return soon.

This brings me to the next school to talk to you about. Lisa Ferrano has kindly stepped up to help assist me and the school leaders at New Horizons Ele with their future butterfly garden. We are planning organizational meetings for the coming week. If you are interested in being the school liaison, please be sure to talk to me.

We have a new idea to propose regarding the butterfly garden near the dog park that the girl scouts have been managing for many years. Because of their school commitments, they are in dire need of more help with the garden. Lisa Ferrano is suggesting that we ask our members to help the kids with clean up at their butterfly garden on the same dates as the Adopt-A-Street occurs which is about four times a year. This is a perfect opportunity for new members to join in the work and fun while supporting our youth. More info to follow.

Thank you, WGC members for your continued support of the youth garden clubs.

Today I'm going to demonstrate how to make a novelty arrangement for Thanksgiving. **Please note this is not** a creative design that one might enter in a flower show.

It's more like "Fun with Flowers" and it shows how to take \$8.00 worth of chrysanthemums from the supermarket, a few floral supplies from a craft store, and some greens from my yard to make something cute for Thanksgiving.

This fun little novelty arrangement is from a book called "The Frugal Florist" by John Klingel that I bought when the garden club visited his business in West Palm Beach exactly 11 years ago today. I know because he autographed it for me and dated it – 11/2/09!

Sadly, the business is long gone, but you can still purchase the book online at Amazon. The Frugal Florist text takes inexpensive supermarket flowers and shows you how to put together a lovely bouquet step by step with illustrations. The author explains principles of design and use of color and shows how to make everything from a floral birthday cake to a holiday wreath. The photography is excellent and the directions are clear and easy to follow. Here's a sample of the instructions and pictures from the "Happy Thanksgiving" arrangement. **Show pages from the book and describe.**

This is a list of the supplies I used:

- 1/3 block of floral foam known as Oasis - **SHOW**
- Clear floral tape to anchor the Oasis - **SHOW**
- Wooden skewers from Publix - **SHOW**
- Floral pics with wire – **SHOW**
- Two bunches of chrysanthemums from Publix
- One yellow squash from Publix
- Several Petra croton leaves and ferns from my garden
- Red pipe cleaners (shown in the book) or felt (used on my turkey)

Here are a few photos of what I did to create my own arrangement.

PHOTO 1: Start with a low container and 1/3 block of floral foam. I anchored it well using clear floral tape.

The next step is to add the plant material. I bought two types of chrysanthemums: one was a single blossom on a very long stem, the other type had multiple blossoms on a single stem. **SHOW FLOWERS.**

First, I removed all the leaves. Next I cut the stems to about a 4" length. **SHOW CUT FLOWERS.**

Next, insert the stems into the oasis until you have a nice rounded shape. **SHOW PHOTO 2.** Remember, when you're working with floral foam, once you insert the flower into the foam, try not to re-position it. Too many holes will make the foam unstable and you may have to start all over again. Also, it's helpful to have a small turntable since the arrangement will be viewed from all sides.

Then I wired floral pics onto the croton leaves because the stems were very short and hard to insert into the Oasis. **HOLD UP WIRED CROTON LEAF.**

Then I added the croton leaves and ferns to create the tail feathers and wings.

And finally I decorated the squash with eyes made from carpet tacks from my husband's collection of miscellaneous handyman items, and a red wattle cut from a 39 cent piece of felt from Michaels.

And here's the end result:

SHOW PHOTO 3

SHOW PHOTO 4 – Here's the one shown in the book.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE! ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?



The Frugal Florist™

Do-it-Yourself
Flowers
on a Budget

John Klingel AIFD
with Susan Baker

Chapter 22 - "Happy Thanksgiving—Turkey Bouquet"

Gobble! Gobble! No sweating over a hot oven with this "turkey." Here we have a turkey-shaped arrangement that will bring a fun and festive feeling to the table. Creating a novelty design with flowers is as easy as paint-by-numbers, and you can have one or many adorning your table at the holiday dinner. Many of the "ingredients" are right there in your local grocery store—how easy is that?! With these long-lasting flowers, you can create your "turkey" centerpiece several days in advance and enjoy it all through the holiday.

Use one-third block of floral foam in a low tray or cut to fit the container snugly inside. Trim and place the flower heads side-by-side to create a round ball or body of the turkey. To make your turkey bigger, simply add more flowers. You can use mixed-colored mums or roses for a fun look. For the head, use a yellow squash, securing it into the foam with a flower stem or wood pick, and pin two beads or capers for eyes. Cut a piece of red felt or use red pipe cleaners for the turkey's wattle, and pin it to the yellow squash. To fashion a tail, use a piece of palm, fern, or feathers. The turkey can be placed in a low basket or shallow bowl.

Design Tip

Add extra feathers, flowers, or green fern on the sides for wings.

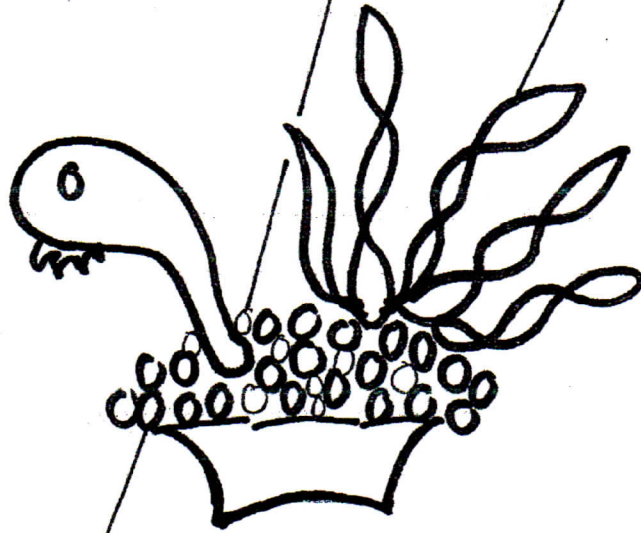


Floral recipe:

Budget:

***“Happy Thanksgiving—
Turkey Bouquet”***

- 2 bunches bronze spray mums (round)
- 1 palm leaf or 5 pieces of fern
- 1 yellow squash
- block floral foam cut to fit container
- 1 low dish or tray



Premium:

- 24 orange or fall colored roses fully opened (round)
- 1 palm leaf or 5 pieces of fern
- 1 yellow squash
- block floral foam cut to fit container
- 1 low dish or tray



Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

text of demonstration and two motions

4 messages

Twig Morris <twig_morris@hotmail.com>
To: Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>
Cc: Janet Seagrave <jflygirl@bellsouth.net>

Mon, Nov 2, 2020 at 12:19 PM

The text for my demo is attached. Also the PDF of pages from The Frugal Florist.
The motions I made were:


Minutes of September 14, 2020 - President's report item #1 - Yearbook: Change sixth sentence to read: We have to go to print by Nov. 1 in order to submit the Yearbook for an award. *- ALISON ALBURY SECONDED*

Minutes of October 5, 2020 - Page 3, Item C - Change second sentence to read: The Wellington Garden Club will host the Tropical Short Course in 2022.

Twig

2 attachments

 **floral demo for WGC 11.2.20.docx**
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 **Thanksgiving - Frugal Florist.pdf**
1151K

Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>
To: Twig Morris <twig_morris@hotmail.com>

Mon, Nov 2, 2020 at 12:21 PM

Thank you, Twig.

Carol
[Quoted text hidden]

Twig Morris <twig_morris@hotmail.com>

Mon, Nov 2, 2020 at 12:48 PM

To: Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Thanks so much for all your coaching, even if I did mess it up a bit. However, everyone was very patient and didn't seem to mind.

Twig

From: Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 12:21 PM
To: Twig Morris <twig_morris@hotmail.com>
Subject: Re: text of demonstration and two motions

[Quoted text hidden]

Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>
To: Twig Morris <twig_morris@hotmail.com>

Mon, Nov 2, 2020 at 12:50 PM

You're welcome. I thought you were great! Thank you for sharing,

Carol

[Quoted text hidden]

I have contacted all the involved schools, Bink's Forest, New Horizons, and Pine Jog. Kathy#1 is working on Boys' and Girls Club, and the Girl Scouts.

I have spoken with the Florida Department of Forestry, and FFGC. The Woodsy character would like to come to the schools, as in the past, but not permitted inside schools at this juncture.

There in lies our problem: we are not allowed in the schools either. I have order posters, awards, stickers and materials, but at this time, have gotten no response from the schools.

Of course it is our prayer that things will open up in time to enter our talented students, but, as in most everything this year, it is "Up in the air" !!

This is Woodsy's 50th birthday: so we would all like to "GIVE A HOOT"

NOVEMBER

- Nov 2, *Mon* Garden Club Meeting-Zoom (9:30AM)
- Nov 5, *Thurs* • Garden Art Workshop-Cancelled (9:00AM-1:00PM)
- Nov 5-6, *Thurs* NGC Environmental School-Course 4, Zoom (Thurs-Fri)
- Nov 10, *Tues.* White Trail Social & Garden Club, Jupiter Fl
- Nov 9-10, *Mon* NGC Gardening School, Course 3, Cancelled (Mon-Tues)
- Nov 19-20 *Thurs* NGC Environmental School-Course 1, Zoom (Thurs-Fri)
- Nov 24, *Tues* WGC Board Meeting-TBA (9:30AM)
- Nov 26, *Thurs* Most adult awards are due—FFGC Headquarters