

**Wellington Garden Club**  
**Members' Meeting Minutes**  
**Wellington Community Center**  
**September 13, 2021**

- I. Maria Wolfe welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the season.
  - a. a quorum was established
  - b. a reminder to silence all cell phones was given
  - c. we all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance
  
- II. Mary Barbara Alexander introduced our guest speaker, Olivia Collins, from the CLEO Institute, who spoke about "The Climate Crisis, a Race We Can Win". Olivia coordinated her very interesting speech with a PowerPoint presentation
  
- III. Executive Committee Reports
  - A. President - Maria Wolfe
    1. Our two new members-at-large, Linda Messina and Huguette Damas were introduced. They will be everyone's representatives, as needed.
    2. Our October 4, 2021 meeting's theme is "Bring a Friend" month. There will be two raffle prizes awarded, one to the winning member and one for the winning guest. Additionally, our speaker that month will talk about Coral Restoration and Rehabilitation.
    3. The garden tip for this month was a clever way to get children involved in gardening. Get an ice cream cone, fill it with soil, add plant seeds, and plant the entire cone! (No, it won't grow ice cream!)
    4. The Penny Pines donation basket was passed around.
    5. A sheet was passed around to record any new trees that had been planted, with a reminder to keep a monthly record of any new trees you plant. We will submit the count for an award next spring.
    6. Our club now has new business cards. Take 2 or more with you, and the next time you are in a plant nursery and hear someone say, "I wish I knew ..." about a plant, give them one of the cards and tell them to scan the QR (quick response) code at the upper right of the card to find the answer. You can add your name and phone on the back and invite them to a WGC meeting. Maria Wolfe's contact information is on the front.
    7. Thanks were given to Rocky's Ace Hardware for their donation of seed packets and Bill Butler, the manager.

8. Our first Sip 'n Stroll will be Friday, September 17, 2021 at Mary Barbara Alexander's equestrian home from 4-6PM. Bring an appetizer and a drink and stroll around the grounds. Be sure to sign up for it. Spouses are welcome.
- B. Recording Secretary - Carol Ralph, the last recording secretary, presented minutes from the April 5, 2021 and May 3, 2021 meetings for approval. Barbara Zenker made the motion to approve the April 5<sup>th</sup> minutes and John Siena seconded it. It was unanimously approved. Bobbi Ziegler made the motion to approve the May 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes and Mary Ann Greely seconded it. It, too, was unanimously approved.
- C. Corresponding Secretary - Joan Kaplan shared Thank You notes from Christy Linky of Camp Wekiva for a \$500 check we sent. Marge Hendon, from Blue Star Memorial, thanked us for all our help. Diane Rice sent thanks for the gift and members coming to Phil's celebration of life and Joan mentioned that Jim Thompson's father had died.
- D. Treasurer's report - Danese Sloan-Kendall shared many items that had been filed, renewed, sent and paid. Total income since June 1<sup>st</sup> is \$582.50. Total expenses since June 1<sup>st</sup> were \$1,644.77. The balance in the checking account is \$25,275.17. Additionally, Danese handed in a Profit and Loss sheet.

#### IV. Committee Chair Reports

- E. Membership - Alison Albury - introduced new members, Robin Hammer, Grace Monaco and Steven and Christine Wood. They were presented with shell plants made by Kimberly Helms and membership pins. Additionally, Alison welcomed guests to the meeting: Ronnie Levay, Renee Lempert, Julie Unger, Gina Melandez, Selina Wong, Mike Smith, Lorna Hayes, Gina Armstrong, Sandra and David Samore, Eddie Aialles, and Ron Rifenberg. Alison introduced the members of her committee and also said that new members need mentors to show them around. Dora Bellamo, Kathy and John Siena, Barbara Zenker and Huguette Damas all volunteered to be mentors. We were reminded to pick up membership booklets.
- F. Adopt-A-Street  
Kay Brown invited people to volunteer on October 5, 2021 to meet at the dog park in Greenbriar, by the Aero Club. The Public Works Department of Wellington will give vests, "pick-up" sticks and gloves for this work.

- There will be a sign-up sheet with schedules - days and times, for about 5 days to do the work. Each date will take about 1 hour of work, 9-10AM.
- G. Around and Abouts - Carol Ralph spoke about this Thursday, September 16th's trip to the Morikami Museum at 10AM. It will feature an unguided tour of the museum, its exhibits and gardens. The café is open. You need to sign up now. The October trip will be to the Florida Oceanographic Institute in Stuart, FL. This trip still needs a chairperson. Maria Wolfe and Carol Ralph have made the arrangements but they need help with the money portion. Please volunteer for just one month, since we do not have an Around and About Chairperson.
  - H. Horticultural Moment - Linda DeSanti did a wonderful floral demonstration and shared the variety of items that could be used in design. She said to try different things to see what works and what does not work. A key point - "less is more".
  - I. Earth Steward Award - Twig Morris, the Awards Chairperson, surprised Kathy Siena with an Earth Steward award in recognition of her work for the past seven years to organize and promote planting thousands of trees at the annual tree planting event, and also to recognize her ongoing work with the youth garden clubs. Twig also told us that the WGC had won an Award from the National Garden Clubs for its Petite Flower show held in February 2020. Additionally, the club's newsletter, Allamanda News, won the state award for best newsletter for a club our size and a certificate of Merit from National Garden Clubs.
  - J. Holiday luncheon - was not discussed today.
  - K. Butterfly Garden - Kate Kouba gave a small slide presentation
  - L. Environment - Diane Rice spoke about a beach clean-up at the John MacArthur Park on September 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-11:00. You might need to be masked. Meet at St. David's Church at 7:45AM to car pool. Diane suggested wearing sunglasses and a big brimmed hat, and bring your own snacks. Please sign up.
  - M. WGC Annual Tree Planting - Kathy Siena said that will take place on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30AM. It will be at the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Preserve. There have been 5 tree plantings there already. It is hoped that 1,000 pines will be planted in pre-dug holes. Everyone will meet at the south gate, then caravan to the site. Come at 8:15 if you would like to be part of the photo op. Bring gloves, sunscreen and hats. She also reminded everyone to keep records of trees planted (the number and the locations) at your home, church, clubs, schools, by your HOA, etc. Certificates are awarded to the top 10 clubs. Get the

information to Kathy by March 5, 2022. Include both the botanical name and the common name.

- N. Youth Garden Clubs - Kathy Siena stated that Polo Park Middle School is a new member in the Youth Garden Clubs, joining the other schools that are already active in the youth gardens program with their butterfly and vegetable gardens. She also thanked Lisa Ferrara, Kathy Schneider and Bobbi Ziegler for all their help.
- V. Fundraisers
  - O. Maria Wolfe told about the next shredding event at the Wellington Village Hall on Saturday, February 19, 2022. Maria said we needed a volunteer to organize and run it and Barbara Zenker rose to the occasion!
- VI. Name Tag Raffle - Stormi Bivin donated a plant, won by Kay Brown. Dee Rolfe donated a plaque, won by Carol Richardson and Kathy Siena won the demo vase made by Linda DeSanti during her Floral arranging demonstration. Additionally, the plant raffle raised \$109.
- VII. The meeting adjourned at 11:57 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Schwed  
Recording Secretary

Motion Form

Who is making this motion?

Bamba Zenker (Print Name)

Who seconded this motion?

John Sienna (Print Name)

Write detailed motion:

Approve April<sup>5<sup>th</sup></sup> Meeting Minutes  
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Motion Form

Who is making this motion?

Bobbi Ziegler (Print Name)

Who seconded this motion?

Maeve Ann Greeley (Print Name)

Write detailed motion:

Approved Minutes of  
MAY<sup>3<sup>rd</sup></sup> Meeting  
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WGC meeting Sept 13<sup>th</sup>  
Corresponding Secretary Report  
Juan Kaplan

mail read:

- ① Thank you note  
from Marge Hendon FFGC  
president.  
Subject: Blue Star memorial  
ceremony.
- ② Thank you note from Christy  
Hinke wekiua chair person.  
Subject - WGC \$500. donation  
to Camp Wekiua
- ③ Thank you note from Diane Rice  
for the thoughtful gifts from  
the WGC after the passing  
of her husband Phil Macraik

Announced the passing of Jim  
Thompson's father.

Danese  
Sloan Kendall

Wellington Garden Club Treasurer Report  
August 25, 2021

The Garden Club 2021-2022 year began June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Since that date the following items have been completed:

- June 1<sup>st</sup> renewals were sent to FFGC
- All previous year accounting was reviewed by CPA
- IRS form 990 was filed
- Florida department of Agriculture 501 (c3) report was filed
- Garden Club insurance was renewed
- Wellington Chamber dues were paid
- Website fee to System Design Wizards was paid

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**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
 June through September 2021

09/09/21

Cash Basis

	Jun - Sep...	Budget	\$ Over B...	% of Bud...
<b>Income</b>				
<b>4000 · INCOME</b>				
<b>4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing</b>				
4101 · Boutique Items	56.00	100.00	-44.00	56.0%
4103 · Fertilizer	35.00			
4106 · Plant Raffle Meetings	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
4110 · Misc	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
<b>Total 4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing</b>	<b>91.00</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>-309.00</b>	<b>22.8%</b>
<b>4200 · Membership Dues</b>	<b>837.50</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>	<b>-3,662.50</b>	<b>18.6%</b>
<b>4300 · Program Services Revenue</b>				
<b>4301 · Awards &amp; Grants</b>				
4301.1 · Awards	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
4301.2 · Grants	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
<b>Total 4301 · Awards &amp; Grants</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>-300.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>4302 · Donations &amp; Memorials</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-100.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>4305 · Newsletter Advertising</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-100.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total 4300 · Program Services Revenue</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>-500.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>4400 · Special Events</b>				
<b>4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income</b>				
4402.1 · Member meals Holiday Lunche...	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.0%
4402.2 · Other Holiday Luncheon Income	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
<b>Total 4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,750.00</b>	<b>-3,750.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>4403 · Spring Luncheon Income</b>				
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%
<b>Total 4403 · Spring Luncheon Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,750.00</b>	<b>-3,750.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total 4400 · Special Events</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,500.00</b>	<b>-7,500.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total 4000 · INCOME</b>	<b>928.50</b>	<b>12,900.00</b>	<b>-11,971.50</b>	<b>7.2%</b>
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<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>928.50</b>	<b>12,900.00</b>	<b>-11,971.50</b>	<b>7.2%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>6500 · EXPENSE</b>				
<b>6501 · Inventory fundraising expenses</b>				
6507 · Plants Meetings	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
<b>Total 6501 · Inventory fundraising expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>-50.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>6700 · Management &amp; General</b>				
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	250.00	-250.00	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	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
6708 · Postage	12.96			
6709 · President's Expense	0.00	800.00	-800.00	0.0%
6710 · Printing Expense	55.00			
6711 · Treasurer & Accountant	260.00	400.00	-140.00	65.0%
6712 · Website	267.98	350.00	-82.02	76.6%
6713 · Yearbook	0.00	800.00	-800.00	0.0%
<b>6717 · Miscellaneous</b>				
6717 b · Storage	113.85	479.40	-365.55	23.7%
<b>Total 6717 · Miscellaneous</b>	<b>113.85</b>	<b>479.40</b>	<b>-365.55</b>	<b>23.7%</b>



## Sept. 13, 2021 – Report from Membership Committee

### 1. Membership Committee this year will be:

Alison Albury, chair  
Kathy Hernicz, Data Manager  
Sharon Millette, Members table  
Karin Testin, Members tags  
Kim Helms, New member gifts  
Joyce Smith, Penny Pines & tags baskets

### 2. Please welcome our newest members, some of whom were introduced via zoom last Spring. Please come forward if you are here as we have gifts for you;

Robin Hammer

Grace Monaco

Steven & Christine Wood - *Twig is Mentor*

Maria to present the pins; Kim Helms to present the shell gift.

### 2. Guests today include

Ronnie Levay (Robin Hammer) w/ Kathy Hernicz, mentor

*Renie*  
~~Rene~~ *Lampert (Maria)*

*Ron Refinberg*  
*Julie Unger (Maria - Tina Richter as Mentor)*

*Eddie Aicko*  
*Gina Melendez (Maria's neighbor)*

*Lorna Hayes*  
*Mike Smith*

*Sandra & David Samore*  
*Selma Wong*

### 3. Last Year's YEARBOOK is available at the Membership Table. If you did not collect yours and you would like your copy, please pick your copy (has your name) and sign your book out on the sheet provided. New Yearbooks will be out soon.

Respectfully submitted,

*4. We need mentors to help with new members!  
Please can I have 3 volunteers?*

from Alison Albury

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to  
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✓ Ronnie Levay (Robin Hammer) w/ Kathy Hernicz, mentor  
✓ Renee Lampert (Maria)  
✓ Julie Unger (Maria) Tina Richter asked to Mentor  
✓ Gina Melandez (Maria's neighbor)  
✓ Sandra + David Samore - Lorna Hayes  
Ron Rifenberg - John Gino Armstrong  
Eddie Aizles

### 3. This Year's YEARBOOK is available at the Membership Table. Please pick your copy (has your name) and sign your book out on the sheet provided.

4. We desperately need 'mentors' to help with new members. This is an easy job; you are assigned a new member and introduce them to the activities of the club, such as plant raffle, around-and-about, etc. and let them know you will be there to answer questions that arise. Take them under your wing, so to speak, to help them get acclimated into our club. I need 4 volunteers! Pleassssse!!

### 5. Any other membership committee business:

Barbara Zenker  
Kathy Sierra  
Huguette Dames  
John Sierra

Respectfully submitted, Alison Albury

Subject: Wellington Garden Club  
Date of Event: September 13, 2021  
Time of Event: 9:30-  
Place of Event: Wellington, Florida

Report: Adopt-a-Street Community Project  
Presentee: Co-Chair: Kay W. Brown

The report consisted of introduction of the Adopt-a-Street project, times and places of scheduled events, signup sheets, and contact numbers for project co-chairs Kay Brown and Jim Thompson were also made available for Garden Club members.  
Items used for the cleanup project were on display for members to view.



Kate Kouba

Butterfly Garden

At

Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Preserve

HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE VISITED THE MS PRESERVE ON FLYING COW ROAD? THE PRESERVE OFFERS MILES OF BIKING, WALKING, BOARDWALKS AND A DESTINATION TOWER.

WGC SPONSORS A NATIVE BUTTERFLY GARDEN AT THE PRESERVE

IF YOU LOVE BEING OUTSIDE WITH A GREAT GROUP IN A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN WORKING AND LEARNING ABOUT NATIVE PLANTS AND WEEDS THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU.

PLEASE JOIN US AND VOLUNTEER AA FEW HOURS A MONTH

WE WILL BE MEETING Wednesday, SEPT 22ND AT 8:30 .

SIGN UP IS ON THE GREETING AREA TABLE SO COME BY AND SIGN UP. PLEASE JOIN US

# Environmental Report - September 13, 2021

## By Diane Rice

We are having our annual Beach Cleanup to be held at Jonh MacArthur State Park from 830 AM to 1130 AM. To get there you will need to get on PGA Blvd and go all the way East. PGA Blvd turns into Jack Nicklaus Drive and hence the address is 10900 Jack Nicklaus Drive, North Palm Beach, FL 33408. Please signup and let us know if you need a ride. Car pool will be at St. David's Church --- and the Wellington Garden Club will be leaving at 745 AM in order to get to the beach at 830 AM. St. David's Youth Group will most likely be leaving a little later.

Please make sure you tell the entry attendant that you are with the beach cleanup so that you and the folks in the car will come in for free. As expected, you will be signing a waiver that the beach is not responsible if you should get hurt or ill.

The Wellington Garden club will be providing a glass of Mango juice to begin our outing. Water will also be provided at the beach. Make sure you wear sun screen and wear a wide brim hat and sun glasses. You might want to bring a little something to eat as the park sells only a few snacks - including ice cream.

Wellington Garden Club  
General Members Meeting  
September 13, 2021  
7<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Planting Report  
Kathy Siena, Event Planner

The Wellington Environmental Preserve at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Everglades Habitat (Section 24) is a 365-acre rainwater storage area with nature trails and learning centers. We are proud to say that we have had five tree plantings there. One year, we had a planting at Peaceful Waters Sanctuary. In 2020, we were required to cancel our 7<sup>th</sup> annual tree planting at the Preserve because of COVID restrictions. We are happy to report that the tree planting will be held on National Public Lands Day on Saturday, September 25, 2021, starting promptly at 8:30 AM. We hope to plant over 1000 native Florida Slash Pine seedlings in pre-dug holes. This is a community-wide event held with assistance from the Village of Wellington. We invite our garden club members, family, friends, scouts, high school students and anyone else in the Village of Wellington community who would like to join in the planting. Water and shade tents will be available. I suggest you bring gloves and a small trowel. Hat, sunscreen, and water are recommended as well. We should be able to accomplish the planting in about 2 hours or less, especially if we get lots of volunteers to come out. Come early if you want to be in the photo shoot at the beginning of our event. Park at the south gate parking lot (not the main one where the restrooms are). I hope to see lots of WGC members and friends on this important day.

Tree Planting Record  
March 1, 2021-February 28, 2022  
Deadline to submit info: March 5, 2022

As the tree count person, it is again time for me to remind you to keep a record of the trees you plant in your yards, churches, clubs, HOA, school grounds, parks, other. I need the common and botanical name, location of the trees planted and how many. Certificates will be presented to the top ten clubs planting the most trees and reporting plantings. The presentation will be at the April FFGC Convention. This report must be submitted to me by March 5, 2022. There is also a log sheet for you to submit your info at each members meeting.

Please email your information to me at [ksiena2000@gmail.com](mailto:ksiena2000@gmail.com). My contact details are in the yearbook. Thank you for your attention to these reports.

Wellington Garden Club  
September 13, 2021  
General Members Meeting Report  
Youth Garden Clubs Chairman  
Kathy Siena

Good morning, Garden Club Members and Friends. Welcome to a new garden club year. I am happy to say that we support and advise the following youth garden clubs: Scout Pack 125 which manages the Butterfly/Native Plant Garden near the Tree Park, Pine Jog Elementary, New Horizons Elementary, Wellington High School and Palm Beach Central High School. Our newest addition is Polo Park Middle School. Would the following people please stand and be recognized? Our very import volunteer garden liaisons: Lisa Ferrano, Kathy Schneider, Bobbi Ziegler, and me. The liaisons work directly with the school leaders to offer any advice and help they can.

WGC approved a \$1600 budget for the youth gardens. We are thankful that we can continue to work with our youth outdoors and teach them how to grow butterfly gardens and vegetable gardens. We are also encouraging them how to appreciate our earth to become caring earth stewards.

Please let me know if you have any questions or interest in working with our youth. Thank you, WGC members for your critical and continued support of our youth. They may one day become our future gardeners.