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The Newsletter of the Wellington Garden Club September 2021

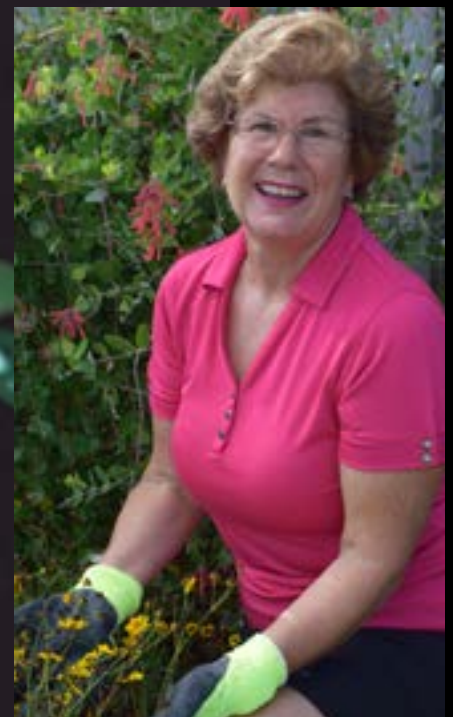
Here's to a successful new year!

I am so excited to begin this journey with you. The next two years promise to be exciting, educational and fun. The projects planned for WGC during my term will give all of us an opportunity to work together while meeting new friends and enhancing our relationships, our gardens and each other.

Please join me on Monday, September 13, 2021 at Wellington Community Center for our first Garden Club meeting of the year.

I look forward to seeing you in person!

Maria Wolfe
President



Welcome Back, & Save These Dates!

September WGC Club Meeting

Join us on **Monday, September 13th** at the Wellington Community Center for our first in-person meeting in 18 months! In order to make our meetings more efficient, coffee service, beginning at 9:30 AM will be followed by our guest presentation at 10:15 sharp. The business meeting will begin after that. **Masks are required.**

We will have sign up sheets for our September activities plus a plant raffle, so bring your babies so they can find new homes.

Also, come and say “hi” to our new Members-at-Large, **Linda Messina and Hugette Damas.**

Our September presentation will be:

The Climate Crisis, a Race We Can Win

by Olivia Collins, Senior Director of Programs at the CLEO Institute. Born and raised in rural Canada, she settled in Miami in 2017. She has over 15 years of experience in the environmental field, from natural building to corporate social responsibility to grassroots community development. The CLEO Institute is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-partisan organization exclusively dedicated to climate crisis education and advocacy.

You're invited to our very first *Sip n' Stroll*

Come help us start a new WGC tradition.

Friday September 17th from 4-6 PM, Mary Barbara Alexander will open her beautiful home to all of us. Just bring a bottle of your favorite beverage and an appetizer.

Spouses are welcome. It should be fun.

Contact Mary at: mbas@verizon.net



Thursday, September 16th Morakami Japanese Garden Delray Beach Carpool: 9:15 AM or meet at 10AM at the Garden \$15 or \$13 for Seniors

Our first ***Around & About*** will be at Morikami. The visit will include the exhibit, *Painting Enlightenment: Experiencing Wisdom and Compassion through Art and Science*, by Japanese scientist and artist Iwasaki Tsuneo and a tour of the Gardens. Both the exhibit and garden tour will be self-guided. The cafe will be open. Please let me know if you are interested in having lunch at the café.

Sign up at the WGC club meeting or contact Carol Ralph: caroltaylorralph@gmail.com. or call 740-243-8843, 561-557-5156

Saturday, September 18th Annual Beach Clean-up John McArthur State Park, 8:30 AM to Noon

Saturday September 25th—Tree Planting Wellington Preserve on Flying Cow Road 8:30 AM Sharp

Last year, we cancelled the 7th annual tree planting at the Wellington Preserve because of COVID restrictions. Happily, this year's event will be held on **National Public Lands Day**, Saturday, September 25, 2021, starting promptly at 8:30 AM.

We hope to plant over 1,000 native Florida Slash Pine seedlings in pre-dug holes at the Preserve. Water and shade tents will be available. Bring your own gloves and small trowel. Hat, sunscreen, and water are recommended as well. We should be able to accomplish the planting in about two hours or less if we get a good volunteer turnout. I hope to see lots of WGC members and friends on this important day.



6th Annual Tree Planting, 2019

***Come early
if you want to be in
the photo shoot at the
beginning of our event.***

Remembering those who served

The Wellington Garden Club's commitment to our community was evident on Monday, May 31 when a Gold Star Memorial Marker was dedicated at the Village of Wellington Veterans Park during the Memorial Day ceremonies. The tribute line on the Gold Star Families Memorial Marker reads:

A tribute to Gold Star Families whose loved ones paid the ultimate price defending the United States of America.

FFGC President Marjorie Hendon was present to dedicate the marker. Former NGC President, Barbara May, and former District X President and Wellington Garden Club President, Carol Coleman, unveiled the Gold Star Memorial Marker. Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Joseph Abruzzo, gave the keynote address. Adriana Siena, granddaughter of Kathy and John Siena sang the National Anthem. Thanks to Lt. Col. Charles and Kathy Hernicz, US Army, Retired, for their generous donation towards this Marker. Many Wellington Garden Club members were there to show their patriotism and witness the unveiling.



Lt Col. Charles and Kathy Hernicz with Maria Wolfe and Jan Seagrave



Maria Wolfe with FFGC President Marge Hendon and former WGC President Jan Seagrave



WGC members with Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller of Palm Beach County, Joseph Abruzzo



Maria Wolfe and Joseph Abruzzo

In Memoriam



Phil Macnak, WGC Member. Condolences can be sent to Diane Rice, 14909 Horseshoe Trace, Wellington, FL 33414

Al Latina, FFGC President, 2019-2021.
Celebration of Life Sunday, October 3, 2021 1:00-3:00 PM
Woodmont Park, 407 Woodmont Ave., Temple Terrace, FL 33617

Please wear a hat and floral shirt. It would have made Al smile.

Tree Planting Record

March 1, 2021-February 28, 2022

Deadline to submit info: March 5, 2022

As the tree count person, I'm counting on 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.

Please email your information to me at ksiena2000@gmail.com. My name and address are in the yearbook. There will be a log sheet for you to submit your info at each members meeting.

From our own Beautiful Gardens



Zinnias from Mary Barbara Alexander's backyard



We know where to find Carol Lazzarino



These rain loving spider lillies love Kathleen Perinoff



Jan Warshauer enjoys her Hydrangeas all summer in Monmouth NJ

Come join us at the Preserve!—Kate Kouba

Does anyone have a weed eater we can borrow occasionally for weeding the butterfly garden at the Marjorie Stoneman Preserve???



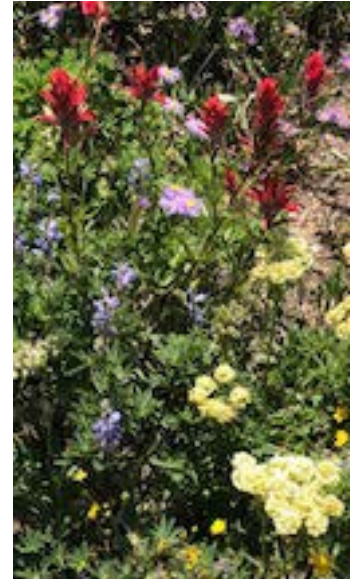
WGC and the Village of Wellington maintain a native butterfly garden at the Marjorie Stoneman Preserve off of Flying Cow Road. Come walk and bike along the paths. Or join our happy group of regular volunteers. It is a beautiful experience.

**Contact Kate Kouba
ktkouba@yahoo.com**

Westward Ho!



Kate Kouba and Carol Ralph spent their summer vacations out west. Carol sent photos from Devil's Tower in Wyoming and Mt. Rushmore, while Kate and Bill hiked through Keystone, Vail, Breckenridge and Silverthorn in Colorado.



Here we go again!

—John Siena, Co-chair,
Community Garden at the Boys & Girls Club

Winter is prime time to grow veggies in south Florida and the kids and I are getting prepared for the season. Last year was a great success despite COVID. The WGC team, the kids, the Young Professionals of Wellington, the Village of Wellington, and the staff at the B&G Club performed flawlessly!

Several of the original children returned to visit the garden and they were at least a foot taller!



**If you are interested
in helping grow both
kids and plants,
please contact
John Siena
561.797.8818**



Raising Monarch Butterflies

—Chrissy Wood

A few months ago I saw a “Butterfly House” on a Facebook post. I was intrigued because it looked like a way to safely house Monarch caterpillars so they don’t get eaten by frogs and lizards before they have a chance to mature. So I bought one. It’s called RestCloud Butterfly Habitat and is sold on Amazon.

I started back in June with just a few milkweed plants and I’ve expanded to 15 plants that I can rotate into my butterfly house. To date, I’ve raised 31 monarch butterflies and currently have one more in chrysalis and a few more caterpillars munching on my milkweed. The back garden of our townhouse is only about 25 x 25, but it’s full of Zebra Longwings, Gulf Fritillaries and White Peacock butterflies. Some of my butterfly-friendly plants are Florida natives like firebush, purple passion flower and blanket flower.



Youth Garden Clubs

—Kathy Siena, Chair

WGC approved a \$1,600 budget for youth gardens going into the next garden club year. Our group supports and advises the following youth garden clubs: Scout Pack 125 which manages the Butterfly/Native Plant Garden near the Tree and Shrub area, Pine Jog Elementary, New Horizons Elementary, Wellington High School and Palm Beach Central High School. We were asked to help and advise Polo Park Middle School students with their new butterfly garden.

Our liaisons are Lisa Ferrano, Kathy Schneider, Bobbi Ziegler, and me. The liaisons work directly with the school staff advising and offering any help they can. The chairman works with the liaisons and any new youth garden interest we hear about.

If you would like to work with our youth contact Kathy at ksienaz000@gmail.com



Here to Help Garden & Safety Tips from Cass Stryker

If you get bitten by an ant, bee or other insect, here is an old formula that helps to pull out the poisons and relieves itching.

Flower of Sulphur – Sold on Amazon and sometimes carried at Schaffer Drugs, (Humco Brand).
Cream of Tartar
Apple Cider Vinegar

In small glass (like a shot glass) measure equal amounts of Sulphur and Cream of Tartar. Add enough Apple Cider Vinegar to make a paste. Apply over the affected area. Repeat several times the first day until swelling/itching ceases.

- To help preserve the blade of your garden tools, recommend you clean the blade after every use with “Mr. Clean Magic Eraser”. Cut a small piece off and keep it with your tools, once done, they will be ready to use the next time, minus the dried gunk.
- To avoid losing your garden pruners and other tools purchase one with a brightly colored handle, That way they’re easy to spot and won’t end up in your vegetation bin.

**Prune your Garden at every chance
and you will always see new Growth!**

National Garden Club Week

Every year during the first week of June, Wellington Garden Club joins with garden clubs across the country to celebrate National Garden Week, a project of National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC).



Twig Morris, Mayor Gerwig, Maria Wolfe

On Monday, June 6, WGC members created floral arrangements that were distributed to Wellington's municipal offices, fire stations and hospitals. The club also received a proclamation from the Wellington Village Council and Mayor Anne Gerwig declaring the week of June 6-12, 2021 as National Garden Week.

A special highlight this year was the planting of four Pond Cypress trees (*Taxodium ascendens*) on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 in the Wellington Environmental Preserve, as part of another NGC project, Plant America. Mayor Anne Gerwig joined Club members at the tree planting ceremony which was dedicated to the memory of four members who passed away during the past year.

—Twig Morris, Chairman
WGC National Garden Week

“We are grateful for the support our Club receives from the Village of Wellington. We are delighted we can show our appreciation in this way.”



Club Members ready to deliver bouquets



Mary Kastner with Lt. Jenn Kleiner and Justin Pineda of Station 20



Kathy Siena delivers a bouquet to Wellington's Public Works Department



Lisa Ferrano and Mayor Gerwig help plant a tree



Commemorative tree plaque



Garden Art and Crafts With Dee Rolfe and Carol Lazzarino

Lighted Bottle Cottage

This sweet cottage is made from a wine bottle, modpodge pictures and a little bit of painting with a special light inside that shows through the windows. It is not a challenging project, but we will have fun as always.

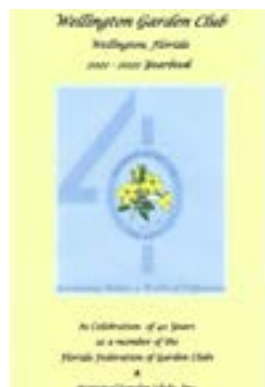
Wednesday, November 3

Wellington Community Center, Everglades Room, 12150 Forest Hills Blvd.
9:30AM \$10.00

Sign up at the September or October meeting and make out your check to Wellington Garden Club.

Notable News

2021-2022 Yearbook
Pick up your copy at the membership meeting on September 13. **Thanks to Carol Ralph for a job well done.**



Our Flower show is 1st in the Nation!

It was announced in the June issue of the newsletter that the club's NGC Petite Standard Flower Show, "It's a Small World" received a first place FFGC award for the best petite flower show in Florida.

During the summer I was notified that the flower show also won the NGC award for the best NGC Petite Flower Show. Our club was the only club in the entire U.S. to win this award!

Congratulations to everyone in Wellington Garden Club who worked so hard to make this show a success!



Total Home Review Expo Saturday, August 21, 2021

The Village of Wellington hosted its first *Total Home Review Expo* on Saturday, August 21 at the Wellington Community Center. Attendees received information on VOW's approved paint colors, requirements for hedges and other helpful topics.

WGC had a booth where attendees could learn how to join our club. WGC donated a succulent garden, created by Kim Helms, to the raffle prizes. In addition, WGC gave away aloe plants to all attendees.

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: (H) 561-372-5952, (C) 315-681-8867 or email kaalbury@gmail.com



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