

**Wellington Garden Club
Board of Directors Meeting
November 15, 2021, 9:30 AM
Live 360 Studio**

Attendees: Carol Coleman, Huguette Damas, Linda DeSanti, Lisa Ferrano, Kathy Hood, Linda Messina, Carol Ralph, Dee Rolfe, Amy Schwed, John Siena, Kathy Siena, Maria Wolfe

Absentees: JoAnn Akins, Alison Albury, Mary Barbara Alexander, Tina Richter Becker, Stormi Bivin, Kay Brown, Maxine Fisher, Larry Grosser, Kathy Hernicz, Joan Kaplan, Kate Kouba, Carol Lazzarino, Twig Morris, Diane Rice, Jan Seagrave, Danese Sloan-Kendall, Cass Stryker, Christine Tauber, Jim Thompson

I. Call to Order

- A. A quorum was established.
- B. Cell phones were silenced.

II. Officers Reports

A. President's Report

1. Lifesaver Award of goat's milk hand cream was given to everyone, as everyone was so helpful to Maria Wolfe. A basket was passed around so we could each pick the scent we liked.
2. Attendance at the Nov.1, 2021 meeting included 69 members and 3 guests for a total of 72 people.
3. Maria Wolfe has 50/50 raffle tickets for the State Convention, available for \$5 each.
4. Kimberly Helms is willing to teach Bonsai classes once or twice a month during January, February and April, 2022 at her home. The classes would include Jade, Juniper, Bougainvillea and Desert Rose plants, as well as pots, dirt and wiring, for a cost of \$25 - \$30. Members interested will only need to bring gloves and trimmers. These classes will be offered to the members to see if there is interest, with 15 people as a maximum.
5. The next BOD meeting will be **Wednesday**, January 5, 2022 at 9:30 AM in the Live 360 Studio. Note that the day of the meeting has been changed from Monday to Wednesday.

B. Recording Secretary, Amy Schwed, asked for the Minutes of the October 27, 2021 BOD meeting to be approved. There were no additions or corrections and they were unanimously approved.

C. Treasurer, Danese Sloan-Kendall had no report.

D. 1st Vice President -

1. The Florida Sugar Cane Tour on December 16, 2021 was described by Maria Wolfe, as well as the requirements that those attending will need to sign in on-line. We will leave the Community Center at 7:45AM by bus and return at 4:00PM, with lunch currently scheduled to be a buffet at the Clewiston Country Club. We have been told that only 24 people may attend.

2. Carol Ralph told us about the Gratitude Garden Farm Tour, with Joseph Chammas on Thursday, January 13, 2022 in Loxahatchee Groves. This is a free tour of his gardens. Mr. Chammas is our speaker at the January 10, 2022 members meeting as well. In our yearbook, and on-line, it states that his garden is in Hollywood, Florida. This is an error. He is in Loxahatchee Groves. Lunch at the Kocomo Grille will follow.

E. 2nd Vice President Mary Barbara Alexander was not in attendance but we were told that the WGC Membership program on January 10, 2022 would be Joseph Chammas, talking about his Gratitude Garden Farm.

III. Standing Committee Reports

No presentations.

IV. Special Committee Reports

A. Holiday Luncheon - Linda DeSanti showed and discussed two different, possible paddles that could be used to bid on items at the luncheon's 45 minute to 1 hour live auction at the Wanderer's Club on Monday, December 6, 2021. The larger of the paddles would require more money than is currently in her budget for the luncheon. People who successfully bid on an item can pay for it with cash, check or credit cards. However, the cash bar at the Wanderer's Club only takes credit cards! She was also told that we would have to pay a rental fee of \$100 to use their portable microphone and speaker. Carol Coleman said she would be willing to donate the \$100 for the rental. John Siena made a motion to allocate \$200 for the WGC to purchase its own microphone and speaker and Lisa Ferrano seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously. Dee Rolfe said she would be able to make the large auction paddles. Costs for the holiday luncheon seem to be up in every area this year, so John Siena made a motion to move the current budget of \$300 up to \$500 - for this year only. Linda Ferrano seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Linda DeSanti showed a small paddle that has been used in the past at auctions and Carol Ralph said she could do that type. It was also noted that we currently have 96 members signed up for the luncheon.

B. Garden Tour - Carol Coleman told us that the gardens selected for the Gardens of Distinction Tour on April 2, 2022 were at the homes of Uma Bhatti, Petra Russell, Gary and Amy Swendenberg, Linda Umla and Viv Munden, Todd

Flettrich and Anne Hlasnicek, Carol's committee members also visited the garden of Susan Lerner, but decided it was too far away from the other gardens to include in this year's tour. However, Ms. Lerner offered to let us visit as a club in 2022. Carol discussed the need for ads and sponsors. Carol Ralph will be helping to create the forms so that Carol Coleman can create a budget for the tour. Carol Coleman will get the budget to Maria Wolfe before the January 5, 2022 meeting. The two Carols will also create flyers for the FFGC and NGC websites. This flyer can be used when we go out to get ads and sponsors. Carol will have a form to hand out at the January 2022 meeting. At Petra Russell's house, there will be plant sales and a crafts table with items for sale. Dee Rolfe will chair the committee that creates the offerings. Dee believes we should not have a million different things and we should keep it simple. She will interface with Carol Coleman on this. Carol Coleman plans to get the name of the printer we used for the yearbook from Carol Ralph in order to get prices for printing the tour book and selling ads for it. The printing cost will help determine the proposed graduated costs of placing ads of different sizes and locations in the book.

Unfortunately, Carol Coleman will no longer be able to attend BOD meetings since we will now be meeting on Wednesdays and Carol has a prior commitment for Wednesdays. She will try to get Chrystine Tauber to attend in her place and give reports. If this does not work out, Carol will create a report before the meeting to be shared at the meeting.

Ticket sales will primarily be done on-line or through Event Bright. Some businesses, such as Whole Foods, will let us sell the ads to them directly. We can also post information on Facebook, The Town Crier, the Palm Beach Post and the FFGC website. The ticket cost will be \$25 in advance and \$35 at the site, the day of the tour. We should all see if we can get friends in the WGC who want to help in any way - such as getting ads of different sizes at different prices or sponsors for the booklet.

V. New Business

Maria Wolfe noted that the Veterans Day parade was a success. Linda De Santi, wearing a Wekiva visor in the WGC tent was visited by a former 5th grade Wekiva camper. This former camper now has grandchildren and she would love to have these grandchildren attend Camp Wekiva. It was felt that these grandchildren should go, via a WGC scholarship.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Schwed, Recording Secretary

Garden tour report for Monday 11/15/21

The members of the selection committee are as follows: Twig, Joan, Carol R, Carol C, Bobbi and Chris T. We visited 8 houses and selected 6.

Houses selected were:

1. Uma Bhatti
2. Petra Russell
3. Gary and Amy Swendenberg
4. Linda Umla and Viv Munden
5. Todd Flettrich
6. Anne Hlasnicek

We did see Susan Lerner's garden of native trees and plants but decided it was too far away from the other houses. She has offered to let us visit as a club and maybe invite other clubs at a date in the new year. That will be a real treat.

I also discussed the need for ads and sponsors. Carol R will be helping with the forms so I can provide a budget for the tour. We will be creating a flyer for the websites (FFGC and NGC) which we will also use for ads in local newspapers. The flyer will also help when we go out to get ads and sponsors. Tickets will be sold primarily on the website. I am encouraging members to become sponsors and we will have a form to hand out at the January meeting.

We will have a plant sale at and a craft table at Petra's house. Dee has offered to be the chair of that committee. I will also assist.

Carol R will give me the name of the printer we used for the yearbook and I will get prices from them so we can start selling ads and get a tentative price for the tour book.

I will not be able to attend future board meetings as they are on Wednesdays. Hopefully, I can get Chris to come to the meetings to give the report. I will create a report before the meeting if she is unable to attend.

Submitted by Carol Coleman, Garden chair co-chair

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Agenda
Board of Directors meeting
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- I. Call to Order
 - A. Establish a quorum
 - B. Silence all cell phones

- II. Officer Reports
 - A. President's Report:**
 - 1. Lifesaver Award
 - 2. Attendance – 11/1/2021 We had 69 members, 3 guests for a total of 72!
 - 3. 50/50 Raffle Tickets – 40 Tickets at \$5.00 each
 - 4. Bonsai Classes with Kimberly Helms
 - 5. Next BOD meeting is Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 9:30am
 - B. Recording Secretary - Amy Schwed: Minutes of October 27, 2021 BOD meeting. Any additions or corrections?**
 - C. Treasurer – Danese Sloan-Kendall: No report**
 - D. 1st Vice President –**
 - 1. Florida Sugar Cane Tour on December 16, 2021: 24 guests maximum, leave 7:45am, return 4:00. Lunch is subject to change, but right now it is scheduled to be a lunch buffet at Clewiston Country Club.
 - 2. Gratitude Garden tour on Thursday, January 13, 2022
 - E. 2nd Vice President – Mary Barbara Alexander: Program on January 10, 2022**

- III. Standing Committee Reports

- IV. Special Committee Reports
 - A. *Holiday Luncheon – Linda DeSanti, Chair – Monday December 6, 2021 at Wanderer's Club*
 - B. Garden Tour – Carol Coleman – Saturday, April 2, 2022

- V. New Business

- VI. Adjourn

Bonsai Classes with Kimberly Helms

Kimberly Helms has offered to hold Bonsai classes at her home. Here are some of the particulars:

1. Types of Classes:
 - Bougainvillea Bonsai
 - Jade Bonsai
 - Juniper Bonsai
 - Desert Rose Bonsai
2. Includes pot, dirt/soil, plant, wiring
3. Frequency: 1-2 times a month
4. Dates: January, February, April
5. 15 people max
6. Cost: \$25 or \$30 a month
7. Member would only bring trimmers, gloves

Monday Nov 15th

Linda DeSanti

I would like to propose the board purchase a microphone. It has been discussed before. The Wanderers club wants \$100 for the use of one.

I would also like an increase in the budget of \$150, ~~it~~ being the 40 anniversary. We will ~~have gifts~~ ^{have something} for the past ~~past~~ presidents ~~with a plant~~ that attend and I would like to get fans made that would serve double duty as our bidding paddles (extras could be sold at the Garden Tour?) That would also be the members that attend their favor to keep still working on getting that price down lower. Some plants will be purchased along with donations we are getting. All money will be recouped from the auction (not as much profit)

* The CASH BAR is credit card only *
And SODA & TEA ARE complimentary but self serve from the Bar, there will be signage & send email out ahead of time

→ The Auction will be the entertainment and paddles favors

Linda DeSanti

We can accept cash, ck. & credit card for payment and there will be at least 4 cashiers to check out people