

**Wellington Garden Club
Members' Meeting
Wellington Community Center
November 1, 2021**

I. Maria Wolfe welcomed everyone.

- a. A quorum was established.
- b. Everyone was asked to silence their cell phones.
- c. We all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

II. Speaker Presentation - Mary Barbara Alexander introduced Steve Henry, Deputy Project leader at the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. Mr. Henry provided us with a very interesting and informative virtual tour of the Refuge.

III. Executive Committee Reports

A. President - Maria Wolfe

1. A hospitality sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers to sign up for the January 10, 2022 meeting breakfast treats.
2. The Coral Reef Restoration donation container was passed around.
3. The Tree Planting Record sheet was passed around for members to fill in. Please keep track of any tree planting you do.
4. Maria Wolfe shared her Garden Tip of the Month. Take hand cream, rub it all over your nails, cuticles and under your nails BEFORE you start gardening, for protection. Vaseline also works well.
5. The WGC is invited to walk in the Veteran's Day Parade by the Village of Wellington on Thursday, November 11, 2021. The parade is to honor all our veterans. Walkers need to be at Village Hall at 7:45AM and the parade will start at 8:15AM. If you don't care to walk, you can man the tent the village is providing for us and speak with visitors. Be sure to wear your WGC shirt. Talk to Maria Wolfe at the end of this meeting if your spouse is a veteran.
6. Sip 'n Stroll will be hosted by Anne Hlasnicek on Friday, November 5, 2021 from 4-6 PM. Bring an appetizer to share and the beverage of your choice. Sign up if you plan to go.
7. 50/50 raffle tickets are available from the FFGC for \$5. They will be sold all over Florida. You can win a sizable amount! See Maria Wolfe at the end of the meeting if you would like to purchase one.
8. The Tropical Short Course presented by the FFGC will be held January 19-20, 2022 at the Greenacres Community Center in Greenacres, Florida.

Information can be found on the back page of the yearbook. There will be excellent speakers, such as Doug Tolimy, who is a nationally known speaker and author, as well as our own Larry Grosser. There will be floral design classes and many vendors. The cost for both days is \$70. If you wish to attend for just one day, that is an available choice. The WGC has funds to provide a 50% refund to any members who attend. Information and forms to register can be found on the FFGC website. The course runs from 9AM to 3PM and lunch is included.

B. Recording Secretary, Amy Schwed, needs the minutes of the October 4, 2021 members meeting approved. Everyone was asked if there were any additions or corrections and Kathy Siena gave a correction. She noted that she had shown her own Power Point presentation at the meeting, not the Village of Wellington's Power Point presentation. Bobbi Ziegler then made the motion to accept the minutes as amended and Kathy Holtz seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Corresponding Secretary, Joan Kaplan, read a thank you note from FORCE BLUE, for the \$300 donation we sent to them. She shared a thank you note from Jan Seagrave to the BOD for having been given Life Membership in the WGC.

D. Treasurer, Danese Sloan-Kendall, shared her October report, which is attached. She noted that we had sent another \$200 donation from our members to FORCE BLUE.

IV. Committee Chair Reports

E. Membership - Sharon Millette welcomed and introduced new members: Anita Schatz, Selma Wang, Mark and Marianne Forrest, Margaret and John Tamsberg, Kristina Westrup and Libby Dolsen. Margaret Tamsberg will be our member data management person! Maria Wolfe presented them with membership pins and Kimberly Helms gave them each a shell succulent. Then our two guests, Hildi Wanklyn and Fred Quan were welcomed. Hilda is a past member of the WGC and was one of the original members when the club was founded.

F. Around & About is scheduled for Thursday, November 18, 2021 at the garden of Bob and Kathy Rose in Boynton Beach. Unfortunately, their gardener pruned all their rose bushes this week, so they will not be in bloom when we go. Fortunately, the rest of their garden is beautiful. Lunch will be at the Clubhouse at Palm Beach Polo Club. The next Around & About will be the rescheduled Florida Sugar Cane Tour, which will be on Thursday, December 16, 2021. The bus will pick us up at 7:30AM and we should return at 4PM. Lunch is included in this tour and will be at the Clewiston Country Club. There is no charge for any of this, plus we are limited to just 24 people.

G. Horticultural Moment - Twig Morris spoke about raising Monarch butterflies in a butterfly tent cage. Once the Monarchs laid their eggs on the scarlet milkweed plants, she moved the plants into the butterfly cage so the emerging caterpillars would be safe. She had to buy more milkweed plants, because as the caterpillars grew, they ate more and more leaves! Twig raised and released over 15 butterflies and her daughter released more than 30 butterflies. Next year, Twig hopes to find native host plants to attract the Monarchs and she had a list of them for anyone interested.

H. Holiday luncheon - Linda DeSanti spoke about the upcoming luncheon on Monday, December 6, 2021 and said everything was moving along smoothly. She reminded everyone that there were 3 choices of entrees at a cost of \$36; there would be someone doing fairy hair and to be sure and bring money for the live auction. Paige Griffin spoke about Toys for Tots donations. The gifts should be unwrapped and new. Everyone bringing a gift will get a raffle ticket and someone will win a prize. The hardest group to get gifts for are boys and girls ages 10-14. She recommended age-appropriate jewelry, nail sets or brushes for the girls and board games, caps or wallets for the boys. She then went on to talk about Guardians on Honor Flights. The next one will be departing PBI Airport on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at 6AM for Washington, D.C. and returning at 7:00PM at the AB Concourse with veterans. Paige then told us that at patriotic parades we should wear red, white and blue and **should not shake hands**.

I. Camp Wekiva - Jan Seagrave told us Wekiva is a residential camp for children grades 3-8 and it is sponsored by FFGC. Its goal is for the children to be instilled with the love of nature and conservation. Camp Wekiva's motto is "Campers today, environmental leaders tomorrow". There are six 1 week sessions in June and July, offering many activities. The sessions begin June 19-25, 2022 and finish July 24-30, 2022. Last year, the WGC sponsored 6 kids and Jan would like us to be able to sponsor more this year. The camper fee is paid by the WGC for each child. Parents are to pay \$40 in registration fees. Please let her know if you have any kids to recommend (your grandkids, neighborhood kids, etc.) If you volunteer as an adult to help, there are activities for you as well.

V. Fundraisers

J. Garden Tour - Carol Coleman spoke about the "Gardens of Distinction Tour" that will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2022. Her committee has 4 gardens already and they are looking for 3 more. If you have an exceptional garden or know someone who does, please tell Carol Coleman about it. Additionally, Carol passed out 3 sign-up sheets looking for volunteers to help in different ways for this tour, such as publicity and getting ads or sponsors. Another way to help is with

boutique and plant sales. Or, be a greeter, do ticket sales or assist with refreshments. Many volunteer helpers are needed!

VI. Next Month's Event - Our 40th Anniversary and Holiday Luncheon at Wanderer's Club at 11:00AM. Additionally, JoAnn Akins noted that we had gotten \$89 today at the plant donations.

VII. Name tag raffle - Dee Rolfe donated a plaque, won by Mary Barbara Alexander. Stormi Bivin donated a Life Saver plant, won by Carol Lazzarino. Lisa Ferrano won a box of home made cookies that had been donated.

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 12:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Schwed

Wellington Garden Club
Members' Meeting
Wellington Community Center
November 1, 2021 @ 9:30am

New
Dee

**PLEASE USE THE REFRESHMENT TIME TO SIGN UP FOR AROUND & ABOUTS, VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES,
AND VISIT THE PLANT TABLE FOR RAFFLES**

I. Welcome – Maria Wolfe

- a. Establish a quorum
- b. Silence all cell phones
- c. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Speaker Presentation – Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge - Mary Barbara Alexander to introduce

III. Executive Committee Reports

A. President - Maria Wolfe

1. Hospitality - We are passing around a signup sheet for January 10. Please volunteer! It is a treat.
2. Coral Reef Restoration - Donation container to be passed
3. Tree Planting Record – Sheet being passed members can fill in.
4. Garden Tip of the Month -
5. Veteran's Day – The WGC is invited to walk in the parade. Meet at Village Hall at 7:45am. Wear your WGC shirt. We also will have a tent. Any volunteers to be in the tent to speak with visitors?
6. Sip 'n Stroll – hosted by Anne Hlasnicek on Friday, November 5 from 4:00pm – 6:00pm Bring an appetizer to share and your favorite adult beverage. Sign up at table
7. 50/50 Raffle Tickets available from FFGC. See Maria Wolfe at the end of the meeting.
8. Tropical Short Course – January 19-20, 2022 - Display Powerpoint page

B. Recording Secretary – Amy Schwed - Minutes of previous meeting October 4, 2021 to be approved.

C. Corresponding Secretary – Joan Kaplan to read thank you from Force Blue

D. Treasurer's Report – Danese Sloan-Kendall

IV. Committee Chair Reports

E. Membership – Sharon Millette to introduce our new member and guests.

**F. Around & Abouts – Thursday, November 18 -Rose Garden of Bob & Kathy Rose Page 17 in yearbook. Followed by lunch at the Clubhouse at Palm Beach Polo
Thursday, December 16 – Florida Sugar Cane Tour – Lunch at Clewiston Country Club**

G. Horticultural Moment – Twig Morris - Butterflies

H. Holiday Luncheon – Linda DeSanti and Paige Griffin

1. \$36.00 – Choice of 3 entrees
2. Toys for Tots donation

I. Camp Wekiva – Jan Seagrave

V. Fundraisers

J. Garden Tour – Carol Coleman – “Gardens of Distinction” Saturday, April 2, 2022

VI. Next Month's Event – 40th Anniversary Luncheon at Wanderer's Club 11:30am

VII. Name Tag Raffle – Thank you to Dee Rolfe and Stormi Bivin

VIII Adjoin

October, 2021

Wellington Garden Club
Treasurer Report

Income this month was \$1,074.00, from meeting plant raffle, membership dues, Force Blue donations and around and about.

Total expenses this month were \$1,598.95, for around & about, program speaker, donation to Force Blue, deposit on Holiday Luncheon and storage.

Balance in checking account is \$23,658.09

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

Danese Sloan Kendall
Treasurer

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 June 1 through October 20, 2021

	Jun 1 - O...	Budget	\$ Over B...	% of Bud...
Income				
4000 · INCOME				
4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing				
4101 · Boutique Items	96.00	100.00	-4.00	96.0%
4103 · Fertilizer	35.00	0.00	35.00	100.0%
4106 · Plant Raffle Meetings	171.00	200.00	-29.00	85.5%
4110 · Misc	14.78	100.00	-85.22	14.8%
Total 4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing	316.78	400.00	-83.22	79.2%
4200 · Membership Dues	1,301.50	4,500.00	-3,198.50	28.9%
4300 · Program Services Revenue				
4301 · Awards & Grants				
4301.1 · Awards	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
4301.2 · Grants	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
Total 4301 · Awards & Grants	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
4302 · Donations & Memorials	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
4305 · Newsletter Advertising	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
4309 · Penny Pines	83.75	0.00	83.75	100.0%
4313 · Coral Reef	187.00	0.00	187.00	100.0%
Total 4300 · Program Services Revenue	270.75	500.00	-229.25	54.2%
4400 · Special Events				
4401 · Around & Abouts				
4401 · Around & Abouts	703.00	0.00	703.00	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	703.00	7,500.00	-6,797.00	9.4%
Total 4000 · INCOME	2,592.03	12,900.00	-10,307.97	20.1%
Total Income	2,592.03	12,900.00	-10,307.97	20.1%
Gross Profit	2,592.03	12,900.00	-10,307.97	20.1%
Expense				
6500 · EXPENSE				
6501 · Inventory fundraising expenses				
6507 · Plants Meetings	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
Total 6501 · Inventory fundraising expenses	0.00	50.00	-50.00	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	28.32	250.00	-221.68	11.3%
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	24.00	300.00	-276.00	8.0%
6708 · Postage	12.96	0.00	12.96	100.0%
6709 · President's Expense	57.07	800.00	-742.93	7.1%
6710 · Printing Expense	55.00	0.00	55.00	100.0%
6711 · Treasurer & Accountant	260.00	400.00	-140.00	65.0%
6712 · Website	267.98	350.00	-82.02	76.6%
6713 · Yearbook	570.86	800.00	-229.14	71.4%
6717 · Miscellaneous				

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 June 1 through October 20, 2021

	Jun 1 - O...	Budget	\$ Over B...	% of Bud...
6717 b · Storage	191.75	479.40	-287.65	40.0%
Total 6717 · Miscellaneous	191.75	479.40	-287.65	40.0%
Total 6700 · Management & General	2,170.44	4,379.40	-2,208.96	49.6%
6800 · Program Services				
6802 · Award & Grants	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0%
6803 · Member Education	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
6804 · FFGC & District Dues				
6804.1 · Dues FFGC	222.00	1,200.00	-978.00	18.5%
6804.2 · Dues District X	51.50	50.00	1.50	103.0%
Total 6804 · FFGC & District Dues	273.50	1,250.00	-976.50	21.9%
6805 · FFGC Convention Ad	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6806 · Honorary Awards	630.78	1,600.00	-969.22	39.4%
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	1,600.00	-1,600.00	0.0%
6810 · Meeting Programs/Speakers	400.00	600.00	-200.00	66.7%
6811 · Meeting/Trade Out	57.44	0.00	57.44	100.0%
6812 · Memorials and Donations	35.00	150.00	-115.00	23.3%
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	201.22	200.00	1.22	100.6%
6830 · NGC Disaster Fund	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
6831 · Environmental Education	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
6834 · Coral Reef Restoration	200.00	0.00	200.00	100.0%
6836 · Wellington Preserve Landscaping	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
6837 · Community Garden	0.00	450.00	-450.00	0.0%
Total 6800 · Program Services	1,897.94	18,445.00	-16,547.06	10.3%
6900 · Special Events Direct Expense				
6901 · Around & Abouts	703.00	100.00	603.00	703.0%
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%
6904 · Holiday Luncheon - Other	500.00	0.00	500.00	100.0%
Total 6904 · Holiday Luncheon	500.00	3,800.00	-3,300.00	13.2%
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	1,203.00	8,210.00	-7,007.00	14.7%
Total 6500 · EXPENSE	5,271.38	31,084.40	-25,813.02	17.0%
Total Expense	5,271.38	31,084.40	-25,813.02	17.0%
Net Income	<u>-2,679.35</u>	<u>-18,184.40</u>	<u>15,505.05</u>	<u>14.7%</u>

Twig Morris



RAISING MONARCHS IN A SAFE HOME

I loved to raise Monarchs when I was a kid. I made my own little caterpillar home in a shoe box with a cheesecloth top. I found the caterpillars on a giant milkweed plant (*Calotropis gigantea*) that was in a neighbor's yard, carefully removed the caterpillars and the leaves on which they were feeding, and took them home to my shoe box caterpillar house. I gathered fresh leaves every day after school, watched as they grew and formed their chrysalises, and released them when they turned into butterflies.

Here in Florida, I purchased scarlet milkweed (*Asclepias curassavica*) for the Monarchs, and became frustrated by seeing caterpillars, but never seeing their chrysalises or watching butterflies emerge. A little research told me my caterpillars were likely being eaten by lizards, toads, and birds. Oh my!

During my research I read an article about raising monarchs in a butterfly cage. I mentioned it to my daughter, who was also seeing caterpillars on her milkweed plants but few chrysalises. A little while later she bought one for me as a birthday surprise, plus a few milkweed plants that I kept in pots in my yard until the Monarchs found them and laid eggs. Then I moved the plants into the cage. I soon had to buy more scarlet milkweed because as the caterpillars grew, they stripped the original plants bare! So I was kept busy rotating plants in and out of the cage.

The cage, called RestCloud®, measures about 17' square and 30" tall when fully open. It's made of nylon mesh on three sides and clear plastic on one side with a fabric bottom panel and a mesh top. One side zips open so you can water the milkweed plants and release the butterflies when they're ready. It's collapsible for easy storage and can be reused. Directions and hints for raising butterflies are included.

During the summer my daughter had great success and released over 30 monarchs. I didn't release as many, but did release over 15 butterflies. I learned that windy days can cause the cage and plants to fall over. The solution to windy conditions is to put the plants in a heavy pot that will anchor the cage.

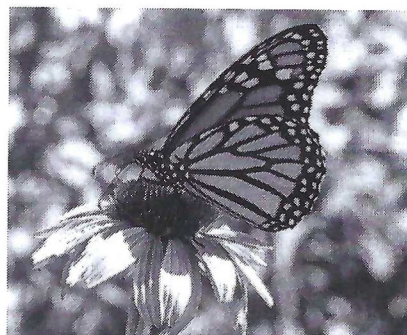
My plants were all scarlet milkweed (*Asclepias curassavica*) which is a non-native butterfly plant. In the future I will purchase native plants to attract the Monarchs and other species of butterflies. A list of native and non-native host plants for the caterpillars and nectar plants for the butterflies is on the following page.

I hope you have fun raising Monarchs!

More information about raising Monarchs can be found at: <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/UW311> where this list was found.

NATIVE LARVAL HOST PLANTS FOR MONARCHS IN SOUTH FLORIDA

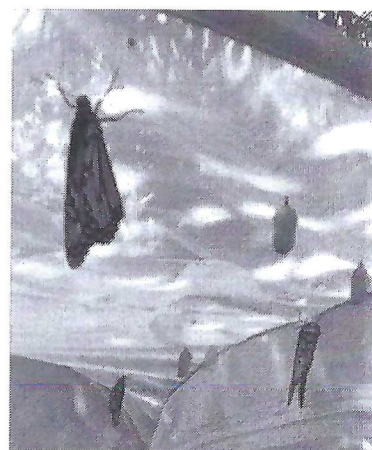
Curtiss' milkweed (*Asclepias curtisii*)
Swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)
Fewflower milkweed (*Asclepias lanceolata*)
Longleaf milkweed (*Asclepias longifolia*)
Savannah milkweed (*Asclepias pedicellata*)
Butterflyweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
Whorled milkweed (*Asclepias verticillata*)
Green antelopehorn (*Asclepias viridis*)
White vine (*Sarcostemma clausum*)



Monarch on purple coneflower

NATIVE NECTAR PLANTS FOR MONARCHS IN SOUTH FLORIDA

Mist flower (*Conoclinium coelestinum*)
Cat's tongue (*Melanthera nivea*)
False blazing star (*Carphephorus corymbosus*)
Flat-topped golden rod (*Euthamia caroliniana*)
Yellow top (*Flaveria linearis*)
Goldenrod (*Solidago fistulosa*, *odora* var. *chapmanii*, *sempervirens* or *stricta*)
Spanish needles (*Bidens alba* or *bipinnata*)
Blazing star (*Liatris garberi*, *gracilis*, or *chapmanii*)
Climbing aster (*Symphotrichum carolinianum*)
Hempvine (*Mikania cordifolia*)
Scorpiontail (*Heliotropium angiospermum*)
Crownbeard (*Verbesina virginica*)



Butterflies and chrysalises in the cage

NON-NATIVE HOST PLANTS

Asclepias curassavica Scarlet Milkweed
Calotropis gigantea Giant Milkweed (purple or white flowers)
Calotropis procera Apple of Sodom (purple or white flowers)

NON-NATIVE NECTAR PLANTS

Pentas
Zinnias
Marigolds
Mexican Sunflowers
Purple Coneflowers
Many other annuals

MAKE SURE QUORUM IS PRESENT: _____ members

1. I am happy to introduce several new members to our club. When I call your name, please come forward to receive the WGC pin and a small gift.(and if time permits, tell a little about yourself.)

ANITA SCHANTZ

SELMA WANG

MARK & MARIANNE FORREST

LIBBY DOLSEN

MARGARET & JOHN TAMSBERG

KRISTINA
WEST RUP

2. introduce guests. Please give us all a high wave when I call your name.

HILDI WANKLYN

FRED QUAN

3. Don't forget to e/mail me with your guest's name before the meeting so we can have a guest tag made out for them. (AA to keep the original guest registration.)

4. All original members' applications should be noted on my list. Then send the membership application and check to the Data Manager for recording of information. (Data Mgr. should then forward the check to the Treasurer.)

5. Information about each new member should be forwarded to Carol Ralph by the Data Manager..