

**Wellington Garden Club
Minutes of Membership
Meeting September 12, 2022
Wellington Community Center**

- I.
 - a. A quorum was established.
 - b. All cell phones were silenced.
 - c. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- II. Our speaker, Sammy Hadi from NOAA, was introduced by Mary Barbara Alexander. His topic was "Forecasting the Weather in South Florida: How Do They Do It?"

- III. **Executive Committee Reports**
 - A. Maria Wolfe, President
 1. Maria advised that our next meeting, October 3, is "Bring a Friend" month. There will be raffle prizes for club members and guests.
 2. Maria asked members to be sure and take business cards to distribute to potential members.
 3. Maria reviewed information regarding the Fall District X Meeting, which is Friday, October 21. It will be held at the Wanderer's Club. The title is "A Tribute to American Heroes. There are great raffle prizes. There is also a 50/50 raffle. There will be FFGC Officers present. Force Blue will make a presentation. The cost is \$50.00. Because this is an educational event, members have the opportunity to request reimbursement of 50% through WGC's Member Education Expense Reimbursement program. Maria introduced Marianne Forrest as the registrar for this meeting and ask members to see Marianne to sign up.
 4. Our Members At Large members, Linda Messina and Huguette Damas, passed around the signup sheet for the food donations for the October 3, 2022 members meeting.
 5. The Penny Pines donation basket was passed around by Linda Messina and Huguette Damas.
 6. Maria advised members to take the seed packets donated by Rocky's Ace Hardware and thanked Bill Butler, Manager for the donation.
 7. Maria announced the Sip 'n Stroll on Friday, September 16, 2022 at the home of Carol Ralph.
 8. Maria announced the WAS/WGC Holiday Gift Festival which is Wednesday, November 16. We will be selling native Milkweed. There will be vendors from both the Wellington Art Society and Wellington Garden Club. We will need volunteers. More information will be forthcoming.
 9. We have been invited to participate in the Acreage Library Garden Expo on Saturday, October 1 from 10:00am – 12:00pm. Volunteers are needed.
 - B. The minutes of Member meetings of April 4, 2022 and May 2, 2022 were approved as mailed.
 - C. Joan Kaplan, Corresponding Secretary, read a thank you card from Twig Morris and Chrissy Wood, and from Christy Linke, Wekiva Youth Camp Chairman.
 - D. Danese Sloan Kendall reported Treasurer's activity from June 2022 through July 31, 2022. See attached reports.

IV. Committee Chair Reports

- E. Alison Albury, Membership Chair, introduced new members and guests at today's meeting. See the list on the attached report.
- F. Around & About on Thursday, September 22 to the PBC History Museum – Margaret Tamsberg gave a description of what we can expect to see at the Museum. We will meet at E.R. Bradley's for lunch. Members were reminded to sign up. Maria also mentioned the Around & About for October 13, which is at White Fences.
- G. Horticultural Moment – John Tamsberg – John gave a very interesting presentation about pruning, including deaths and injuries caused by the use of improper tools. If the pruning job requires going above the ground, use a professional. Do not hire a person that shows up looking for work. Those individuals generally don't have insurance. Communicate clearly with the professionals that are doing the work to insure the trees are pruned to your specifications. Consider the position of the tree in relation to your home and other structures on your property. See attached for full presentation.
- H. The Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Butterfly Garden – Kate Kouba has advised that she can no longer chair the maintenance of this garden. We are looking for someone to continue in that position.
- I. Environmental - Maria introduced Chris Tiner and Diane Rice who spoke about the Coastal Cleanup. The Cleanup will be at McArthur Park on Saturday, September 17, at 8:00am. Chris gave Diane a beautiful picture in thanks for her environmental work.
- J. Flower Show -Twig Morris advised that the Flower Show will be a horticultural flower show on Saturday, April 22, 2022 Earth Day. Twig asked for a vote of the club members to hold this flower show. Bobbi Ziegler made a motion to support the WGC having a horticultural flower show on Saturday, April 22. Donna Baxter seconded the motion. Motion carried. Twig asked for suggestions for a title for the flower show.
- K. Kathy Schneider read the report submitted by Kathy Siena: 1) Tree Count Report 2) 8th Annual Tree Planting at the Wellington Environmental Preserve Report 3) Youth Garden Clubs Report 4) Facebook Report – See attached report for details.
- L. Bonsai/Succulent Class – Kimberly Helms Reviewed the classes which she holds at her home.
- M. Maria advised members to look at the inside cover of their new yearbook to see the flyer for the Plant Sale which will be held at the Wellington Community Center on Earth Day, April 22, 2022.
- N. Maria introduced Donna Baxter who read the Boys & Girls Club Community Garden submitted by John Siena – see attached report for details.
- O. Save the date – WGC will have a Shredding Event on Saturday, February 4, 2023 @ Village Hall.

VI New Business.

- P. Paige Griffin announced an Honor Flight this Saturday at PBI airport at 7:20pm

VII Name Tag Raffle – there are 5 drawings today. Karin Teston, Barbara Zenker, Chris Tiner, Jayne Kiesewetter, and Maxine Fisher received the raffle prizes.

VIII Adjourned at 11:57am

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Ralph
1st Vice President

Wellington Garden Club Members Meeting

September 12, 2022

Reports on Tree Count, Tree Planting, Youth Gardens, Facebook by Kathy Siena

Tree Count Report

The FFGC Trees and Reforestation Chairman reported for 2021-2022 that FFGC garden clubs collectively reported that almost 500,00 trees were planted in the state of Florida. Every year I ask our members to submit to me a list of trees planted for the year. I am happy to say that Wellington Garden Club members planted almost 1,100 trees. There were more than twenty-five varieties of trees planted at residences, Village of Wellington parks and the Wellington Environmental Preserve. A certificate of recognition for second place in the top ten clubs in FFGC was given to Wellington Garden Club at the FFGC Spring Convention and presented at our Spring luncheon last May. Our members should be proud of their efforts for every tree that is planted. A new Tree Planting Record is available today for members to complete. Deadline to submit new plantings is March 2023. Start planning and planting now. You still have lots of time.

8th Annual Tree Planting at the Wellington Environmental Preserve Report

This leads me to the next report. Our 8th Annual Tree Planting will occur on Saturday, September 24, 2022, starting promptly at 8:30 AM at the Wellington Preserve-rain or shine. I hope that each of you will join us and bring along your friends and family members for this community-wide event. You will not regret it. It is an amazing event to be part of to help teach our youth to be great earth stewards. This is a family-friendly event. More details to follow in a member email blast.

Youth Garden Clubs Report

Wellington Garden Club sponsors and financially supports two elementary Jr gardens, two middle school gardens and two high school gardens. The youth gardens are usually managed by the teachers and parents at the various schools. WGC would like to thank our liaison volunteers, Lisa, Bobbi, and John for assisting each garden where needed by the schools. They sometimes meet with the leaders on campus and get their hands in the gardens, or sometimes simply offer advice according to the garden needs.

Send me an email if you would like to be involved with our youth to help them learn how to grow gardens and to be good stewards of our earth.

Facebook Report

Finally, I would like to inform our new members that WGC has a Facebook page which has a lot of good, important information. You can easily find our page through Google search for "Wellington Garden Club Facebook," hit "like" and follow us. Thank you.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR SEPT. 12, 2022:

I am happy to introduce several new members to our club. Please come forward to receive your pin, gift and yearbook from our President:

--Patty Cooke; 561-351-6064; 620 Cypress Crossing, Wellington 33414-6370; pcooke620@att.net (new)

--Patricia Hoar; 860-302-0567; 5582 St Armands Way, Westlake 33470-2210; mamahor@yahoo.com; (new) sponsor: Stormi Bivin

Returning:

--Susan Polacek; 561-727-9021; 12286 Old Country Rd N, Wellington 33414-4864; travelsmp@msn.com; seasonal address: 2525 S Shore Dr #22C, Milwaukee, WI 53207

--Beth Stewart; 561-791-1239 (home); 561-309-7434 (cell); 2616 Fawn Dr, Loxahatchee 33470-2535; stew2616@bellsouth.net

--Chris Tiner; 561-596-7723; 14858 Horseshoe Tr, Wellington 33414-4032; ctiner@mac.com; neighbor of Diane Rice

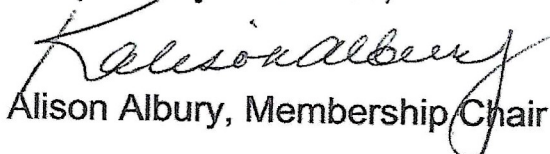
--James Wenham; 315-882-7906; 10169 Prato St, Wellington 33414-4392; hammerx48@me.com

Guests for this meeting were:

Candice Cavaleri (friend of Ann Cavaleri)
Tina and Joseph Andrews (guest of Stormi)
Terry Duran (guest of Stormi)
Sam Mallika (heard about us from a friend)
Kim Nguyen (heard about us from facebook)
Dee Ann Miller (guest of Paige Griffin)
Edie Keating (heard about us from a friend)
Sharon Schwartz
Laure Hristor (former member)

Alison is to remind members to see Paige for photo AND to please be sure to return your name tag before you leave!

Respectfully submitted,


Alison Albury, Membership Chair

Garden at the Boys & Girls Club

Our club and the Young Professionals of Wellington have sponsored the garden at the Boys and Girls Club of Wellington since 2016. Our Club has done most of the work and I am personally grateful for the dedication of the team that scratched in the dirt and taught the kids that vegetables didn't grow at Publix. It was and is rewarding, well spent time. As I reflect over the past six years I wonder, "are going to do it AGAIN this year?" **YES!** but we can use, no **MUST** have your help. We work in the garden with the kids once a week on Tuesday, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM or so. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the adjacent room. Please volunteer...put your name on the sheet! You don't have to come every week, but I am sure once you do come you will see why we are doing it again! We are growing our children in that garden, and it is a wonderful harvest!

Thank you, Bill, for reading this!



Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Horticultural Presentation about Pruning

3 messages

Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 21, 2022 at 3:30 PM

To: WGC Margaret Tamsberg <tamsberg@bellsouth.net>

Hi John,

Do you have notes that you used during your presentation? If so, please email them to me. It will help with preparation of the minutes of the meeting.

Thanks much.

Carol Ralph, 1st VP
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Thu, Sep 22, 2022 at 5:28 PM

To: Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Here they are:

Pruning Garden Club 09/12/2022

What can I say about pruning in 3 minutes? Not much!

On the average two to four people die each month trimming trees often one of them is a nonprofessional. Another four to six are injured and require medical help or hospitalization. Tree trimming is one of the most dangerous professions. It is a job for a professional.

If it requires you to leave the ground, do not do it. Hire a professional.

If it requires you to reach higher than 10 feet above the ground think twice.

Avoid the guy with a pick-up knocking on your door asking if you need your trees trimmed. They have no insurance. When they become a statistic, you get to pay the medical bills. They know as much about tree trimming as you know about wiring the electrical panel in your house.

For the most part trees tend to take care of themselves. Remember 80 years ago Wellington was a pine forest/cypress swamp. There was no arborist out here taking care of the trees.

Before you hire an arborist consider what your goals are.

1. Pathologically the problems are dead, diseased, or dying. They are the only must dos.
2. Next comes interference with something. Roots lifting sidewalks, branches contacting the structure, sign or vista obstruction or branch conflicts with other branches (very unusual). Those fall into the should dos.
3. Everything else is usually an aesthetic choice. Those fall into the may dos.

Before the arborist starts cutting your trees both of you need to have a common understanding of what the tree will look like when they are finished.

For a mature tree there is very little you can in the way of hurricane trimming. It all should have been started when the tree was young. If you are starting with a mature tree a Tree Risk Assessment needs to be done. It boils down to how much risk you are willing to accept.

Garden tip for month is a question? What fronds do I cut from my palm tree?

Answer: only the brown ones (dead).

Reason: Green fronds are producing sugars for the palm to live. When you cut the resources, you put the tree on a starvation diet. You get 'pencil of the trunk'.

Dear Wellington Garden Club,

I thank you so much for your cards, phone calls, fund-raising and especially for the big donation these started in Helen's memory.

Your love and support makes the world go round and my family - It is often said that E=MC² means "Next Friends God created" and your constant are!!

Love, Terry and Cheryl

Dear Members of the Wellington G.C.

THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROUS DONATION OF 2000 - For the BMW. It can always be used in so many ways. Camp is always in need of some repairs.

Thank you for remembering WELKINA in your donations

CAMPERS TODAY

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS TOMORROW

WELKINA YOUTH CAMP CHAIRMAN