

**Wellington Garden Club**  
**Minutes of BOD Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at 9:30 AM**  
**Wellington Community Center**

Attendees: JoAnn Akins, Alison Albury, Mary Barbara Alexander, Evelyn Bartley, Stormi Bivin, Linda DeSanti, Lisa Ferrano, Kathy Hood, Joan Kaplan, Danese Sloan-Kendall, Carol Lazzarino, Linda Messina, Twig Morris, Carol Ralph, Tina Richter, Dee Rolf, Jan Seagrave, Kathy Siena, Cass Stryker, Maria Wolfe, Bobbi Ziegler

Absentees: Kay Brown, Huguette Damas, Larry Grosser, Kate Kouba, Diane Rice, Amy Schwed, John Siena, Jim Thompson

- I. Meeting was called order at 9:34 AM
  - A. A quorum as established.
  - B. Maria Wolfe asked members to silence all cell phones.
- II. Officer Reports
  - A. **President's Report**
    1. Lifesaver Awards – Maria Wolfe gave three Lifesaver Awards. 1) Carol Ralph for her work done on the new Yearbook and 2) Stormi Bivin and Tina Richter for their work as proofing and editing of the Yearbook.
    2. Maria also advised members to pick up their yearbook and sign the sheet showing that they have done this.
    3. Maria advised that she, Sylvia Evans, and Danese Sloan-Kendall have arranged for Wellington Garden Club to be a charity to which we can all contribute through our purchases from Amazon Smile. She explained how to set up the account on Amazon Smile so that with each purchase a percentage will be applied to the WGC account.
    4. Our first Sip “n Stroll will be a Carol Ralph’s home and gardens on Friday, September 16, 2022.
    5. Maria Wolfe advised that the Acreage Public Library has invited us to participate in the Acreage Library Garden Expo on Saturday, October 1, 2022 10:00AM to 12:00 Noon. Larry Grosser will have Epidendrum Radicans to give to attendees and will also be demonstrating on how easy it is to have a vegetable garden. Maria asked for volunteers to man the WGC table. We will include new member applications at the table.
    6. Debbie Liquorie, Manager of the Wellington Community Center, asked Maria if WGC would like to join with the Wellington Art Society to hold a joint event and fundraiser. This will be the Holiday Gift Festival on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 from 10:00am – 2:00pm. This will be a showcase of artists, gardeners, and floral designers and include plant sales. WGC will take 10% of the sales of the vendors that we invite to join us at this event. We will need volunteers to help day of setup, organizing and cleanup. This will be in the room where we hold our membership meetings.
    7. Maria advised that the Boynton Beach Garden Club is holding an event, “Fall into Fashion” on November 9, 2022 at noon with a cost of \$45.00 that includes lunch. Maria asked that we support our sister club and attend this event.
  - B. **Recording Secretary** – Maria asked if there were in additions or corrections to the Minutes of the BOD Meeting of April 27, 2022. Storm Bivin advised that on Page 3, Item 3-5. The Unsolicited Landscape Award should read “for a private residence”, not “home garden”, was won by Petra Russell. There were no other corrections. The minutes stand approved as amended.
  - C. **Treasurer** – Danese Sloan-Kendall gave her report, copy attached.

- D. **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** – Carol Ralph reported that our first Around & About will be to the Richard and Pat Johnson Palm Beach County History Museum on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 10:00AM. Lunch will follow at E.R. Bradley’s Saloon on Clematis Street, WPB, FL. The signup sheet is available now and will be available at the membership meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022. The fee is \$5.00.
- E. **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – Mary Barbara Alexander – Our first speaker is Sammy Hadi from NOAA regarding “Forecasting the Weather in South Florida, How Do They Do It?”

### III. Standing Committee Reports

- A. Maria Wolfe announced that we have a **new Hospitality Chair, Shereè Biafore**. Maria passed around a signup sheet for the BOD to donate a food item for our first membership meeting.
- B. Saturday, September 17, 2022, is our **Annual Beach Cleanup at MacArthur Park**. Signup will be at the membership meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022. Maria passed around a signup sheet for members of the BOD that may be interested.
- C&D. **Kathy Siena** reported on the **Tree Count Report** and on the **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Planting at the Wellington Environmental Preserve report**, copy attached.
- E. Maria announced that Kate Kouba has resigned as chair of Care of the Butterfly Garden at the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Preserve. Maria thanked Kate and Bill Kouba for their efforts for the past many years of cleanup and organizing cleanups of the Butterfly Garden.
- F. **Flower Show** – Twig Morris announced that we are hoping to have a horticultural only flower show in conjunction with the Earth Day Event on Saturday, April 22, 2023. The judges will have a zoom planning meeting on Friday, September 2, 2022. A botanical arts flower show will be considered.

### IV. Special Committee Reports

- A. **Fall District X Meeting** – Friday, October 21, 2022.
  1. Maria announced that you are now able to go to our website and complete the interactive registration form. You can then mail it to Marianne Forest. Maria also reminded members that the \$50.00 is eligible for the 50% educational reimbursement given by WGC.
  2. Raffle – Bobbie Ziegler advised that the public that we appealed to has been very generous with their donations, as have many of our own members. Plans are made to have the raffle items pulled together and ready for the meeting.
  3. A 50/50 Raffle Chair is needed. One member suggested Gwen Marcus.
  4. Centerpieces – Linda DeSanti reported that we are going to have individual centerpieces for attendees to take home. She is still working on ordering all of the items needed.
  5. Maria reported that Paige Griffin wouldl arrange a Color Guard. Adriana Siena will sing the National Anthem.
  6. Cass Stryker advised that she has 9 vendors lined up.
- B. **Winter and Spring Luncheon** – Locations – Maria advised how difficult it has been to find a location to hold these events. Venues are now charging a room fee and the cost of meals have gone up substantially. Maria has talked with Debbie Liquori about having the luncheon in the ballroom at the Community Center. That has not been decided. We need out of the box thinking. Several BOD members made suggestions. Maria asked the members to do the legwork with the venue they suggested and report back to her.
- C. **Special Fund Raisers:**
  - a) **The Shredding Event** is February 4, 2023, 10:00 – 12:00 Noon. We need volunteers. It will be in front of Village Hall.
  - b) **Fertilizer/Coir Update** – Jan Seagrave reported that the prices that she has found and that the cost for the Florikan has gone up and is not cost effective at this

time. A suggestion was made to talk with Oleander Garden Club and see if we could place an order to the vendor with Oleander GC which would allow for a better purchase price and make the per bag cost more palatable. We also discussed Coconut Coir. The public would have to be educated to just what this is and what the advantages are. See Jan's report attached. **c) TKA** – Stormi Bivin distributed the schedule from TKA for the upcoming season. She has chosen The Musical Ruth in January, The Music Man in March and Annie in April. **d) Plant Sale** – Carol Ralph reported that the Plant Sale will be in conjunction with the VOW Earth Day Celebration. We will be setting up in the grassy area just before you walk onto the promenade. We will have a table set up for children's garden crafts and will be selling member-grown plants, a combination of nurseries as vendors and on-consignment nurseries.

**Maria Wolfe** announced the first membership meeting will be Monday, September 12, 2022

V. New Business –

- A. Lisa Ferrano suggested that we clean up the area at the base of the memorial cypress trees that we have planted at the Wellington Preserve and find a native groundcover for under the trees. This would be done before we have our Around and About in January.
- B. Twig Morris thanked everyone for those who reached out to her in various ways and for all of the cards.
- C. Alison Albury advised she plans to assign as mentor the club member who sponsors a new member.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 11:29AM

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ralph  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Wellington Garden Club Board Meeting

August 31, 2022

Kathy Siena, Chairman

Tree Count Report

As board members, you know that 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 planted almost 1,100 trees in the Village of Wellington from March 1, 2021, to February 28, 2022. There were more than twenty-five varieties of trees planted at residences, Village of Wellington parks and the Wellington Environmental Preserve. With the help of over ninety volunteers, we planted about 1,000 South Florida Native Slash Pine Trees at the Preserve to help beautify the Village.

A certificate of recognition to Wellington Garden Club for second place of the top ten clubs in the entire state of Florida will be presented at a members meeting.

8<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Planting at the Wellington Environmental Preserve

It is important for our board members to be aware of and hopefully attend our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Planting. It will occur on Saturday, September 24, 2022, starting promptly at 8:30 AM at the Wellington Preserve- rain or shine. You are welcome to bring along your friends and family members for this community-wide event. More details to follow in a member email blast.



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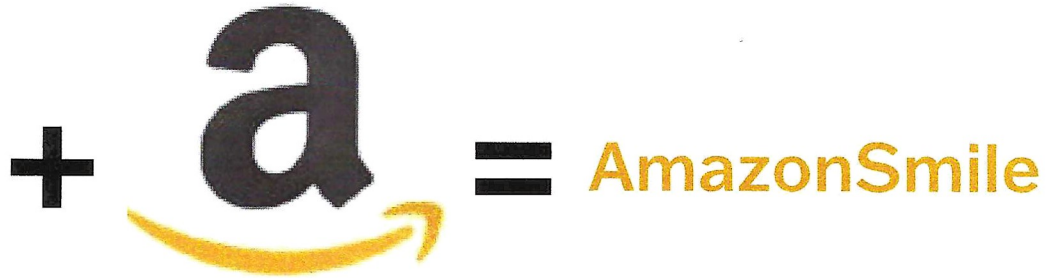
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Tickets will go on sale six weeks prior to first show. Purchase your tickets on our website at [TKAFineArts.net](http://TKAFineArts.net)

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1. Open the Amazon Shopping app
2. Navigate to the main menu (=)
3. Tap on Settings and then select "**AmazonSmile**"

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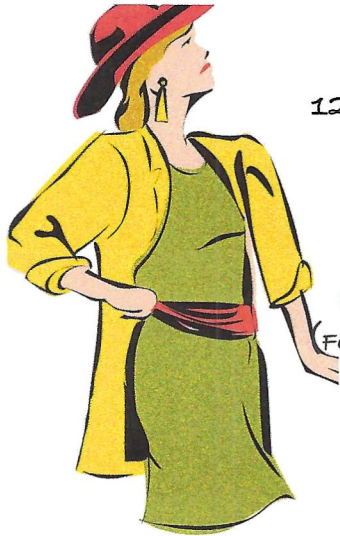
# Boynton Beach Garden Club

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## Fall Into Fashion

Noon Wednesday, November 9



Westchester Country Club

12250 Westchester Club Dr, Boynton Beach, FL 33437

\$45

FASHIONS FROM 4 LOCAL SHOPPES  
(FOR MORE INFO, GO TO BOYNTON BEACH GARDEN CLUB.ORG)

RAFFLE BASKETS

50/50 RAFFLE

VENDORS



FOR LUNCH CHOOSE FROM:

Par Three Platter

Tuna, chicken & egg salad served with a house salad and your choice of dressing

Oriental Salmon Salad

Grilled salmon, mandarin oranges and toasted almonds served on a bed of mixed greens with oriental vegetables

Fuji Apple Salad

A spring salad mix with apple chips, red onions, diced tomato, blue cheese chopped with walnuts and grilled chicken with your choice of dressing

FOR DESSERT CHOOSE FROM:

Raspberry Sorbet with fresh seasonal berries or Brownie with ice cream

FOR RESERVATIONS, call Kathy Menninger 516-849-3415 or email  
Kathleenmenninger@gmail.com RSVP by Tuesday, October 25

We are a non-profit 501(c)3 organization and all profits from this event go to community charities.

Coir, also called coconut fiber, is a natural fiber extracted from the outer husk of the coconut. Coco coir is an organic compound that adds to absorbency, water retention and drainage of potting soil. It is a great addition to garden soil. Use coir on its own to sprout seeds, propagate plants and provide support to root structures. Coco coir is inert, meaning there are no nutrients in the fiber. Coco coir is one of the most effective growing media for water retention. It can absorb up to ten times its weight in water. The roots of your plants will never dehydrate. However, since coir is inert, meaning it does not have any nutrients you will need to add nutrients to your water.

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1. Put the bricks in a large container. It will expand 5-7 times once hydrated.
2. Cover the brick with warm water. Bricks can be bought in different weights. Rule of thumb: add 4-5 gallons per brick.
3. Allow water to absorb for at least 15 minutes
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Consistency

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