

Wellington Garden Club  
Members' Meeting  
Wellington Community Center  
October 3, 2022 @9:30am

I. Maria Wolfe welcomed everyone.

- a. A quorum was established
- b. All cell phones were silenced
- c. We stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

II. Mary Barbara Alexander introduced the speakers, Kent Anderson and Patrina Anderson, who helped create Project Paradise. Kent is a filmmaker and he shared a film he had done for Project Paradise called "The Water State: How Florida Issues Permits for Pumping Water is Broken" which was very interesting. They then answered questions from the audience.

III. Executive Committee Reports

A. President - Maria Wolfe

1. Maria told us about the Fall District X Meeting on Friday, October 21, 2022 to be held at the Wanderers Club in Wellington. The cost is \$50 which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Garden Club members are eligible for a 50% reimbursement from the WGC. There will be a presentation by Force Blue. We can sign up today or online at [WellingtonGardenClub.org](http://WellingtonGardenClub.org). The deadline to sign up is October 7, 2022. There will be amazing vendors there with many interesting items. Additionally, there will be fabulous raffle prizes. We will have a 50/50 raffle which costs only \$1 for a ticket - and you don't need to be present to win. Plus, there will be a large variety of plants for sale.

B. Sheree Biafore, our new hospitality chairperson, thanked everyone who brought food to share today and invited people to sign up to bring food for November's meeting.

C. The Coral Reef Restoration donation container was passed around.

D. The NGC will be offering Course 1 of Gardening School, "Learning How to Garden", on Monday, November 14, 2022 and Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at Mounts Botanical Gardens. The cost is \$73.00 but you will be eligible for a 50% reimbursement from the WGC. They will be

covering basic botany, soils, outdoor flowers and plant propagating. Forms to sign up are online at DistrictX.org under the “Upcoming Events” tab.

E. The joint Wellington Art Society and Wellington Garden Club combined Holiday Gift Festival will be held at the Wellington Community Center on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 from 10am to 2pm. There will be an array of wonderful items for your shopping pleasure, such as an orchid vendor, dog accessories, beautiful wooden bowls, rose bushes, Chinese brush painting art, Dee Rolfe’s art work, native milkweed plants and plenty of member home-grown plants! The profits from this holiday festival will go toward our scholarship fund. Volunteers are needed to sign up to work 2 hour shifts, to help out, walk around and talk to people.

F. Recording Secretary, Amy Schwed, asked for approval of the minutes from the September 13, 2022 meeting. There were 2 corrections suggested: Item IV- F - The Around & About is scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup>, not the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Item IV - J -3<sup>rd</sup> line, needs the word “show” after ...this flower “show”. The minutes were approved as corrected.

G. Danese Sloan-Kendall gave the Treasurer’s Report. See attached.

Mary Barbara Alexander mentioned that the WGC had donated \$200 to Project Paradise (today’s speaker) as there was no speaker fee.

#### IV. Committee Chair Reports

H. Alison Albury introduced 7 guests attending today’s meeting. She then presented today’s 6 new members: Carol Dima, Beverley Burke, Kim Nguyen, Tina Andrews, Candice Cavaleri and Elliot Dombroff. They each received their yearbook, member pin and a succulent plant made by Kimberly Helms.

I. Jim Thompson spoke about the Adopt-A-Street meeting on October 4, 2022 from 9-10am, starting from the Dog Park on Greenbriar Blvd, inviting anyone interested to join him. Please sign up.

J. Carol Ralph shared information on upcoming Around & Abouts. The first one is to White Trails Equestrian Center on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 10am. There will be a tour and many lovely flowering trees to see. Kate Kouba made reservations for lunch at Wellington National Garden Club for everyone. Carol Ralph asked if anyone was not going to join the group for lunch to please call her, one week in advance so she can change the number attending. The second trip is to Unbelievable Acres Botanic Gardens on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 10am. It was advised that no one should

wear sandals or open toe shoes on this trip. The group will go to Papichulos for lunch after the tour. Linda DeSanti and Sandy Sklar will be presenting “Potting Begonias” and serving lunch at Linda’s house on Thursday, November 7, 2022. Linda asked those attending to bring small pots and trays with them if they have any.

K. Carol Lazzarino will be doing a garden art class on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at the Wellington Community Center in the Everglades room, beginning at 9am. Everyone will be making a lovely holiday decoration.

L. Ronnie Levay presented a horticultural creative design demonstration. She gave us the characteristics of creative design which conform to the Principles of Design. Her design had three components: the container, plastic and water lilies and was absolutely stunning! She shared information about creative design from the National Garden Club Handbook.

M. Our holiday luncheon will be held on Monday, December 5, 2022 at Madison Green Country Club. Maria Wolfe can use help selling tickets and with decorations. Please contact her if you can help.

N. Twig Morris spoke about the Wellington Garden Club having a NGC Horticulture Specialty Show in conjunction with the Village of Wellington Earth Day Celebration. It will be held Saturday, April 22, 2023 at the Wellington Community Center from 10am to 4pm. Its titled “Earth Day... Every Day” with the underlying theme of saving the environment. Carol Ralph will be coordinating our plant sale outside, offering some plants that are featured in the flower show. Susan Hillson is writing the schedule, grouping horticulture into its environmental benefits, such as: “plants that clean the air”, “native plants” or “edible plants”. WGC members will be surveyed as to what plants they have growing in their yards or homes. Any one who is willing to help will be gratefully accepted! Please sign up!

## V. Fundraisers

O. Stormi Bivin spoke about the TKA Theatre at Kings Academy. The WGC will be offering three shows in 2023 in conjunction with Kings Academy. They are all matinees, at 1pm. The first is **Ruth, The Musical**, shown on Saturday, January 28, 2023. Ticket orders will have a November 21, 2022 deadline. The second is **The Music Man**, shown on Saturday, March 18, 2023. The deadline for purchasing tickets for this show will be in January (TBA). The third show is **Annie JR**, performed April 29, 2023.

Ticket order will have a February deadline. Stormi reminded us that the ticket prices are the same for us as everyone else pays (between \$32 and \$47), but the WGC gets \$5 for each ticket we buy (as long as more than 25 tickets are purchased) and we always get excellent seats because they are selected weeks before the show goes on sale to the general public! Carol Ralph will send out information to everyone the end of October.

P. Maria Wolfe suggested that we register with AmazonSmile and choose the Wellington Garden Club to be our charity of choice.

#### VI. New Business

Q. Stormi Bivin said that we have 11 new members from Westlake.

R. Diane Rice told us that the storm clean-up on the beach was very successful.

VII. The Name Tag Raffle winners were Kristi Floyd, Deb Russell and Kathy Perinoff who were all delighted with the gifts donated by Dee Rolfe and Stormi Bivin.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Schwed, Recording Secretary