

Wellington Garden Club
Members' Meeting
Wellington Community Center
February 6, 2023 @9:30am

I. Welcome by Maria Wolfe

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

II. Maria Wolfe introduced and welcomed Michelle Maguire, the District X Director for FFGC.

III. Mary Barbara Alexander introduced Jana Milbocker, our guest speaker, who would be talking about the "Enchanted Gardens of Florida". Additionally, Jana is the author of *The Garden Tourist's Florida - Enchanted Gardens*.

IV. Committee Chair Report

A. Horticultural Moment. Stormi Bivin and Petra Russell gave us information on how to groom our plants for entry into the "**Earth Day, Every Day**", a **NGC Horticulture Specialty Flower Show**. The rules for entries and the categories will be emailed to everyone this week. The schedule sets out the rules and is the "bible" for the show. The entries will be judged anonymously. Stormi and Petra gave basic information on the horticultural categories for the flower show and showed examples for each of the categories. They will be holding classes to teach how and what you can enter in each category. These classes will be on Friday, March 10, 2023 and Tuesday, April 4, 2023 from 10:00am to 11:30am. Plants that are being entered will be brought to our old meeting room at the Wellington Community Center on Friday, April 21, 2023. All plants entered must have been in your possession for at least 3 months prior to the show.

V. Executive Committee Reports

A. President Maria Wolfe

1. Sheree Biafore, the hospitality chairperson, was thanked for today's goodies, as were all the people who brought the delicious food. There is a sign up sheet for anyone willing to bring food to next month's meeting on Monday, March 6, 2023.

2. The donation container for the Florida Oceanographic Society's Seagrass Restoration program was passed around. Maria Wolfe gave the reason for the addition of this charitable recipient.

3. The Articles of Amendment Change information was emailed to everyone on Monday, January 23, 2023. As noted, the FFGC has changed the due date that they collect dues to an earlier date, which necessitated our need to collect our dues earlier. The membership voted unanimously to pass the Amendment.

4. The nominating committee for next year's Board of Directors were introduced: Joyce Smith, chairperson, Kate Kouba, Jayne Kiesewetter and Carol Coleman.

5. The next Sip 'n Stroll will be at Alison Albury's house on Friday, February 17, 2023 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Please bring an appetizer to share and whatever you'd like to sip on.

6. The FFGC convention will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 and Thursday, April 20, 2023 in Kissimmee, Florida. Since this is an educational event, attendees are eligible for a 50% reimbursement of the registration fees.

7. The NGC Gardening School will be offering Course 2 on February 9 and 10, 2023 at Mounts Botanical Garden. Forms are available for registering at DistrictX.org under the "Upcoming Events" tab. The fees for this are also eligible for a 50% reimbursement.

8. There will be an Environmental Studies Class available via Zoom On April 11 and 12, 2023.

9. Master Gardener Training is available at Mounts Botanical Garden. Visit Mounts.org for details.

10. AmazonSmile is being discontinued on February 20, 2023.

B. Recording Secretary, Amy Schwed, asked for approval of minutes from the January 9, 2023 meeting. There were no corrections or additions, so they were unanimously approved.

VI. Committee Chair Reports

C. Alison Albury, Membership chairperson, introduced 8 guests and 3 new members. The new members received their member booklets, pins and a small gift.

D. Carol Ralph spoke about the next Around & About on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at the Manatee Lagoon. We are limited to 25 people for the Docent tour and we were asked to contribute \$5.00 each for a tip for the docent. Lunch will follow at the Rafiti Tiki Bar for those interested. On Thursday, March 16, 2023, we will have an Equestrian Lunch Tour at the Equestrian Center. The tour starts at 10:00am. There will be vendors available and lunch is included. The cost is \$45.00 and there will be carpooling.

E. There will be a clean up at the Butterfly Garden at the Wellington Environment Preserve at the MSD Everglades Habitat led by Kimberly Helms. This will occur on Thursday, February 23, 2023 and should take about 1 hour. Bring clippers and gloves.

F. The Shredding Event on Saturday, February 4, 2023 made over \$1,000! Many volunteers helped.

G. The Adopt A Street clean up will take place on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 9:00am at Greenbriar Park. Please sign up if you'd like to help.

VII. Fundraisers

H. Stormi Bivin spoke about The Kings Academy show, "Annie Jr." that will be presented there on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at a 1:00pm matinee. All seats for this show are \$27.00 and the cast is all younger grade students. If you would like to attend, please get your checks to Stormi by February, 20, 2023 and write on the check where you would like to be seated.

I. Carol Ralph spoke about what else will be happening at the

Plant Sale on Saturday, April 22, 2023. She met with Selma Wang and Gigi Bard to discuss crafts for children, such as making a bird feeder with pipe cleaners and Cheerios. and a clear plastic cup planter they will decorate and plant a seed in. Carol needs help setting up the work tables and the placement of items.

J. We made \$132.00 at today's plant raffle.

VIII. New Business

K. Kathy Siena presented a resolution to petition the Birkdale Natural Wetlands to change the zoning from community use to a protected environmental preserve in perpetuity. Additionally, she asked everyone to add any trees they've planted within the last year to the tree count report.

L. Diane Rice talked about a tentative midnight turtle walk on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, to watch loggerhead turtles lay eggs at MacArthur Park. The cost of tickets will likely be about \$18.00. There will be sign up sheets at the March and April membership meetings.

IX. The Name Tag Raffles were won by Deb Russell, who won a Sansevieria plant donated by Stormi Bivin, Evvy Bartley won a plaque donated by Dee Rolfe and Denise Frelander won a trinket box also donated by Dee Rolfe.

X. The meeting was adjourned at 12:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Schwed, Recording Secretary

Environmental Notes for Feb 6, 2023

by Diane Rice

Due to popular demand, I am making tentative arrangements for a midnight turtle walk.

Date: Tuesday, June 6th (2 days after full moon on June 6th - 91% visibility)

Price: Checks only - addressed to Wellington Garden Club.

In 2018 the turtle walk price was \$12 per ticket. So we are going to guess the price will be \$16 per ticket.

If MacArthur Park decides to hold it, then I will make the ticket purchases in May, 2023 on the first day when the web site goes up. If you are interested but, want to go on a different date then please indicate that on the sign up sheet and I will email you the first day tickets will be sold so you can make the purchase.

Today, March and April there will be a sign up sheet along with the envelope for checks only. No cash - just in case the MacArthur Park does not have the turtle walk then I can tear up the checks. You will be given a phone call or email stating whether we are going or not.

And of course, we will enjoy mango juice and Diane's homemade banana bread on the night of the event.

January 31, 2023

Wellington Garden Club
Treasurer Report

Income since January 1st was \$2,570.87, primarily from Around & About, Kings Academy events, WGC plant raffle and membership dues.

Total expenses since January 1st were \$4,371.92 primarily for Kings Academy events & Wekiva camperships.

Balance in checking account is \$28,889.92.

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

Danese Sloan Kendall
Treasurer

Horticultural Moment – Earth Day... Every Day

WGC Meeting Feb. 6, 2023

Petra Russell & Stormi Bivin

- SHOW.... “The Schedule” – The Law of the Show. It outlines types of plants to enter, container size and weight maximums, etc.
- Experienced or not, you can do this! After attending the show, you’ll say....oh, I didn’t realize that!
- Easy, look at your own plants. Look where they may fit in the Schedule. “Any other worthy Specimen” category
- Must own plant as of 1/23
- SHOW examples of plants – mention a few grooming tips
- Workshop dates – Dates & locations TBD. **OR** March 10th 10:00 – 11:30, April 4th 10:00 – 11:30. Learn how to:
 - groom your plants for the show
 - how to fill out the entry card
 - choose your container
- Registration form, Entry Card, state deadlines - SHOW
- Cite Carol Ralph experience from 2018 show – *Fireball* bromeliad hanging plant - **she won Grower’s Choice Award, Horticultural Excellence and First Place in that Section/Class.**
- Registration forms are already on our website. They will also be sent out this week in an eblast.
- We have entry cards today – see me or Petra to get some

**Report on the status of the Plant Sale
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I met with Gigi Bard and Selma Wang to discuss ideas of what crafts we will offer to the children. One will be a bird feeder using pipe cleaners and cheerios; another will be a rigid sheet of foam (various colors) where the children can glue beans to make a design; the third will be a clear plastic cup on which they can draw a design with markers and plant a seed. Gigi and Selma will chair this committee and will be asking for club members to volunteer to man the table for a 2 or 3 hour shift.

Huguette Damas will be working with me when I work with the participating gardens to choose plants, etc.

Other committees where I will ask for members to volunteer chairing are:

- 1) Obtaining and setting up tables the day of. At this time, I am not sure whether we need to set up on Friday, or if everything can be done Saturday Morning because of the later start time.
- 2) I will need assistance the day of to organize the placement of the plants.
- 3) I will manage collection of all sales, but I will need an assistant.
- 4) I will arrange to pull all the supplies that we need from the storage area.
- 5) We will need a volunteer to manage collection and placement of the member grown plants.

Holiday Gift Boutique

I have been in touch with Susan Mosely of the Wellington Art Society and they would like to do this again this year. We are changing the day to Saturday. We have requested Saturday, December 2, from 11:00am to 3:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ralph
Plant Sale Chair

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 June 1, 2022 through February 2, 2023

	Jun 1, '2...	Budget	\$ Over B...	% of Bud...
Income				
4000 · INCOME				
4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing				
4101 · Boutique Items	75.00	100.00	-25.00	75.0%
4106 · Plant Raffle Meetings	380.00	500.00	-120.00	76.0%
4110 · Misc	94.88	100.00	-5.12	94.9%
4112 · Wellington Day Event				
4113 · Raffle	152.50	0.00	152.50	100.0%
4114 · Plants	888.00	0.00	888.00	100.0%
4112 · Wellington Day Event - Other	578.67	0.00	578.67	100.0%
Total 4112 · Wellington Day Event	1,619.17	0.00	1,619.17	100.0%
Total 4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing	2,169.05	700.00	1,469.05	309.9%
4200 · Membership Dues	1,395.00	4,950.00	-3,555.00	28.2%
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				
4310 · Designated Donations Youth	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.0%
4302 · Donations & Memorials - Other	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total 4302 · Donations & Memorials	1,000.00	100.00	900.00	1,000.0%
4305 · Newsletter Advertising	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
4308b · Garden Art	134.00	0.00	134.00	100.0%
4309 · Penny Pines	231.15	0.00	231.15	100.0%
4313 · Coral Reef	229.37	0.00	229.37	100.0%
Total 4300 · Program Services Revenue	1,594.52	500.00	1,094.52	318.9%
4400 · Special Events				
4401 · Around & Abouts	1,205.80	0.00	1,205.80	100.0%
4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income				
4402.1 · Member meals Holiday Luncheon	4,430.00	3,500.00	930.00	126.6%
4402.2 · Other Holiday Luncheon Income	1,454.73	250.00	1,204.73	581.9%
Total 4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income	5,884.73	3,750.00	2,134.73	156.9%
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	7,090.53	7,500.00	-409.47	94.5%
4409 · Fundraising				
4409 b · Fundrasing other	4,621.00	0.00	4,621.00	100.0%
Total 4409 · Fundraising	4,621.00	0.00	4,621.00	100.0%
4700 · District X Meeting				
4701 · Meals	4,705.00	5,000.00	-295.00	94.1%
4702 · Speaker	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.0%
4703 · Raffle	1,106.00	1,100.00	6.00	100.5%
4704 · Garden Art	505.27	400.00	105.27	126.3%
4706 · Vendors	149.00	200.00	-51.00	74.5%
4708 · Sunset Social	245.00	0.00	245.00	100.0%
Total 4700 · District X Meeting	6,810.27	6,700.00	110.27	101.6%
Total 4000 · INCOME	23,680.37	20,350.00	3,330.37	116.4%
Total Income	23,680.37	20,350.00	3,330.37	116.4%

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
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	Jun 1, '2...	Budget	\$ Over B...	% of Bud...
Gross Profit	23,680.37	20,350.00	3,330.37	116.4%
Expense				
6500 · EXPENSE				
6501 · Inventory fundraising expenses				
6502 · Boutique & Logo Items	324.28	0.00	324.28	100.0%
6507 · Plants Meetings	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
6511 · Wellington Day Event				
6513 · Plants	350.00	0.00	350.00	100.0%
Total 6511 · Wellington Day Event	350.00	0.00	350.00	100.0%
Total 6501 · Inventory fundraising expenses	674.28	50.00	624.28	1,348.6%
6599 · Fundraising expenses				
6599 b · Fundraising Other	4,006.00	0.00	4,006.00	100.0%
Total 6599 · Fundraising expenses	4,006.00	0.00	4,006.00	100.0%
6700 · Management & General				
6701 · Chamber Dues (Wellington)	125.00	125.00	0.00	100.0%
6702 · Correspondence	70.92	50.00	20.92	141.8%
6703 · Discretionary	40.00	250.00	-210.00	16.0%
6704 · Historian	0.00	25.00	-25.00	0.0%
6705 · Insurance	577.50	700.00	-122.50	82.5%
6706 · Membership				
6706b · New member reception	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
6706 · Membership - Other	61.21	100.00	-38.79	61.2%
Total 6706 · Membership	61.21	250.00	-188.79	24.5%
6707 · Newsletter	105.98	300.00	-194.02	35.3%
6708 · Postage	35.60	0.00	35.60	100.0%
6709 · President's Expense	140.79	800.00	-659.21	17.6%
6711 · Treasurer & Accountant	411.92	400.00	11.92	103.0%
6712 · Website	277.97	350.00	-72.03	79.4%
6713 · Yearbook	769.86	800.00	-30.14	96.2%
6714 · Bank fees	108.00	0.00	108.00	100.0%
6717 · Miscellaneous				
6717 b · Storage	311.60	479.50	-167.90	65.0%
Total 6717 · Miscellaneous	311.60	479.50	-167.90	65.0%
Total 6700 · Management & General	3,036.35	4,529.50	-1,493.15	67.0%
6800 · Program Services				
6802 · Award & Grants	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6803 · Member Education	432.50	2,000.00	-1,567.50	21.6%
6804 · FFGC & District Dues				
6804.1 · Dues FFGC	350.00	1,320.00	-970.00	26.5%
6804.2 · Dues District X	14.50	55.00	-40.50	26.4%
Total 6804 · FFGC & District Dues	364.50	1,375.00	-1,010.50	26.5%
6805 · FFGC Convention Ad	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6806 · Honorary Awards	0.00	600.00	-600.00	0.0%
6807 · Floral Design	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6807b · Garden Art	123.66	100.00	23.66	123.7%
6808 · Habitat	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	600.00	1,000.00	-400.00	60.0%
6812 · Memorials and Donations	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
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	100.00	150.00	-50.00	66.7%
6818 · Wekiva Camperships	1,200.00	1,470.00	-270.00	81.6%

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6819 · Wekiva Capital Fund	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
6820 · Wekiva LIT Program	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
6826 · Penny Pines	272.00	0.00	272.00	100.0%
6827 · Earth Day	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6829 · National Garden Week	111.86	200.00	-88.14	55.9%
6830 · NGC Disaster Fund	100.00	50.00	50.00	200.0%
6831 · Environmental Education	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
6836 · Wellington Preserve Landscaping	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
6837 · Community Garden	0.00	450.00	-450.00	0.0%
6800 · Program Services - Other	-750.00	0.00	-750.00	100.0%
Total 6800 · Program Services	2,554.52	17,670.00	-15,115.48	14.5%
6900 · Special Events Direct Expense				
6901 · Around & Abouts	1,300.30	100.00	1,200.30	1,300.3%
6904 · Holiday Luncheon				
6911 · Holiday luncheon Other expense	827.84	300.00	527.84	275.9%
6913 · Member Meals	3,840.00	3,500.00	340.00	109.7%
Total 6904 · Holiday Luncheon	4,667.84	3,800.00	867.84	122.8%
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	175.00	-175.00	0.0%
6914 · Member Meals	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.0%
Total 6908 · Spring Luncheon	0.00	3,975.00	-3,975.00	0.0%
Total 6900 · Special Events Direct Expense	5,968.14	8,175.00	-2,206.86	73.0%
6910 · Flowershow	31.02	0.00	31.02	100.0%
8000 · District X Meeting				
8001 · Meals	4,851.88	5,000.00	-148.12	97.0%
8102 · Speaker	300.00	300.00	0.00	100.0%
8104 · Program Printing	176.00	150.00	26.00	117.3%
8105 · Centerpieces	469.21	330.00	139.21	142.2%
8106 · Misc	625.95	240.00	385.95	260.8%
8107 · Name badges	31.80	20.00	11.80	159.0%
8108 · Raffle	57.79	0.00	57.79	100.0%
Total 8000 · District X Meeting	6,512.63	6,040.00	472.63	107.8%
Total 6500 · EXPENSE	22,782.94	36,464.50	-13,681.56	62.5%
Total Expense	22,782.94	36,464.50	-13,681.56	62.5%
Net Income	897.43	-16,114.50	17,011.93	-5.6%

Wellington Garden Club

Members Meeting February 6, 2023

Resolution to Petition Birkdale Natural Wetlands Report-Kathy Siena

Landscape Superintendent for the Village of Wellington, Will Gurney, was our main speaker at the last January members meeting. He shared with us how the Village uses native plants in the public landscape in our town. He also discussed the importance of adding canopy trees wherever possible and their positive impact on our environment. He specifically talked about the natural wetlands in Wellington. Later in the month, as a follow up to his discussion on the wetlands, many of our members and friends enjoyed an interesting and informative visit to the beautiful, natural, and protected Wellington Environmental Preserve on Flying Cow Road. This is where we have planted more than 6,000 Florida native trees over the past 9 years on National Public Lands Day. The second area we visited is Wellington's hidden gem and natural wetland located on Birkdale Road between the library and Rotary Park. Arborist and master naturalist, Will informed us that this special wetlands area contains some of old Florida growth and is one of the last remaining natural wetlands in our village. However, it is our understanding that the area is currently zoned for community use and is not protected from possible development. We would like to make a resolution to petition the Village of Wellington to change the zoning to an environmental preserve forever. The following is a suggested draft of the resolution:

"Wellington Garden Club, by acclamation of its members, resolves to submit this petition to the Village of Wellington to change the zoning of the natural wetland on Birkdale Road located between the Wellington Library and Rotary Park, it being the last natural wetland of any size in the Village of Wellington, from community use to a protected environmental preserve in perpetuity."

I presented this resolution to petition at the board meeting last Wednesday. A motion was made to approve this action and to move forward with our petition for rezoning. The members unanimously approved it. We look forward to further support from the members of Wellington Garden Club. We are at the very early stages of this action and will continue to keep our members informed and updated of the progress. I will approach the Village of Wellington staff in the near future to determine the best direction for us to take with this plan of action.

Are there any comments or questions regarding this petition? Thank you for your attention to this very important matter to help protect our beautiful Village not only for our generation but for future generations. Thank you.

Tree Count Report

Please be sure to add any trees you have planted within the last year to the tree count report. The report is located on one of the sign up sheet tables. You have until the next March 6 members meeting to purchase new trees or add ones already planted for this years count. We will submit our total count to FFGC to be tallied with all the other garden clubs in the state who are participating in this tree count.