



Allamanda News

The Newsletter of the Wellington Garden Club May, 2023

The sky's the limit

Dear Friends,

*With this newsletter we end the Garden Club year.
And what a year it's been. We won many FFGC awards,
held a successful plant sale, welcomed new members
to our fold and in the process
we have had lots of fun.*

*I hope you are looking forward to the coming year
as much as I am. Thank you so much
for your confidence in me.*

*With your help,
the sky's the limit!*



*Carol Ralph
President*

Spring Luncheon, 2023

—Photos by Paige Griffin May 1, 2023



Wellington National Golf Club, May 1, 2023



Table-hopping Maria Wolfe

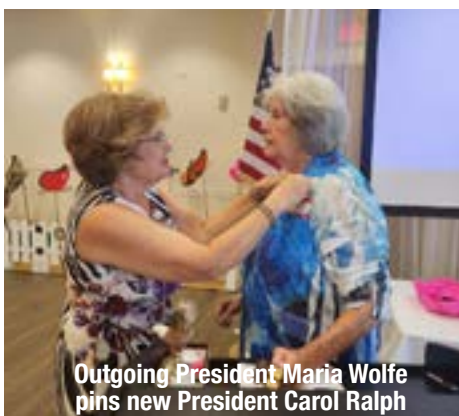


Original napkin rings by Dee Rolf and beautiful flowers on every table

Installation of new Executive Officers



L- R: Kristi Westrup, 2nd Vice President; Marianne Forrest, Assistant Treasurer; Danese Sloan-Kendall, Treasurer; Carol Coleman, standing in for Recording Secretary, Cynthia Gardner; Jan Seagrave, Corresponding Secretary; Petra Russell, 1st Vice President and Carol Ralph, in-coming President



Outgoing President Maria Wolfe pins new President Carol Ralph



The President's Bell



Karin Teston gave this yummy succulent arrangement by Kimberly Helms to Carol

So proud of our FFGC Award Winners!



Winners from L-R: Paige Griffin Photography; Christine Biscoglio Bromeliad; Twig Morris Ester Broche Educational Exhibit; Tina Richter, Newsletter; Maria Wolfe, Leadership; Carol Ralph, Yearbook; John Siena, Community Gardens; Carol Coleman, Garden Tour; and Kathy Siena, Trees. In addition, the Yearbook won 2nd place, Deep South Garden Clubs



Maria Wolfe was installed as District X Director and accepted the President's Nell Coe Award for WGC from FFGC President, Marge Hendon at the FFGC Convention on April 20, 2023

WGC awards scholarships to five students

On May 1st, 2023, the Wellington Garden Club awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to local high school and college students majoring in fields related to horticulture, botany and environmental studies. Recipients were Peter Sumell, Shovik Saha, Logan Shishkowsky, Samantha Anthony, and Sabrina Jacques.

“The Scholarship Awards are the single most important civic contribution Wellington Garden Club makes to the community.”

—John Siena, Chairman



2023 Scholarship Recipient
Samantha Anthony



2023 Scholarship Recipient
Sabrina Jacques



John Siena with Peter Sumell, Shovik Saha, and Logan Shishkowsky

John Siena Awarded Earth Steward

The Earth Steward Award Recognizes an individual's work as an earth steward over the last several years.



John Siena with Carol Ralph, Kathy Siena and Maria Wolfe



Samantha, Ender, and Raul receiving the Unsolicited Garden Award submitted by Bobbi Ziegler

New Member Reception & Luncheon

—Photos by Carol Lazzarino, Paige Griffin March 29, 2023

On Wednesday, March 29, 2023 17 new members of the Wellington Garden Club were treated to a luncheon provided by the Board of Directors of the WGC. In addition to the delicious treats, President Maria Wolfe shared information about the value of each member in the Wellington Garden Club and introduced District X, Florida Federation of Garden Club, and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

The 17 new members who attended were: Linda Cangero, Sandra Clarke, Patricia Cronon, Janet Jones, Sylvia Kelemen, Connie Kellner, Linda Mackin, Lee McVeigh, Kim Nguyen, Bonnie Olie, Christine Ott, Carolee Samuels, Peggy Tonna, Katherine Wagner-Reiss, Jackie Wheelock, Tara Hunter, Sera Peat. We welcome them!



Jan & Amy welcomed new members



New member Pat Cronon introducing herself as new member Sera Peat looks on.



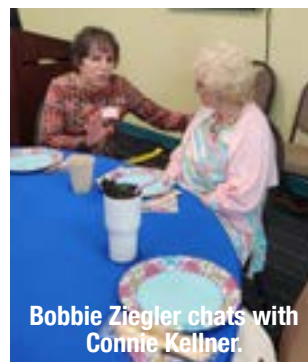
Each new member received a Gerber Daisy as a gift.



New members Bonnie Olie and Sylvia Keleman chatting with Membership Chair Alison Albury



“Every member of WGC is part of a huge network of individuals that promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility.”
—Maria Wolfe



Bobbie Ziegler chats with Connie Kellner.



L-R: Christine Ott, Carolee Samuels, Pat Cronan, Linda Cangero

Sip n Stroll

—Photos by Carol Lazzarino March 10, 2023

Here are a few pictures from the Sip 'n Stroll at the home of Gigi Bard. There was a friendly check-in complete with name tags...Irish coffee with crystal sugar and green and white foam...

We toasted marshmallows over the fire pit. We raffled a \$100 gift certificate and celebrated Tom Roman's birthday with a cake and candles!



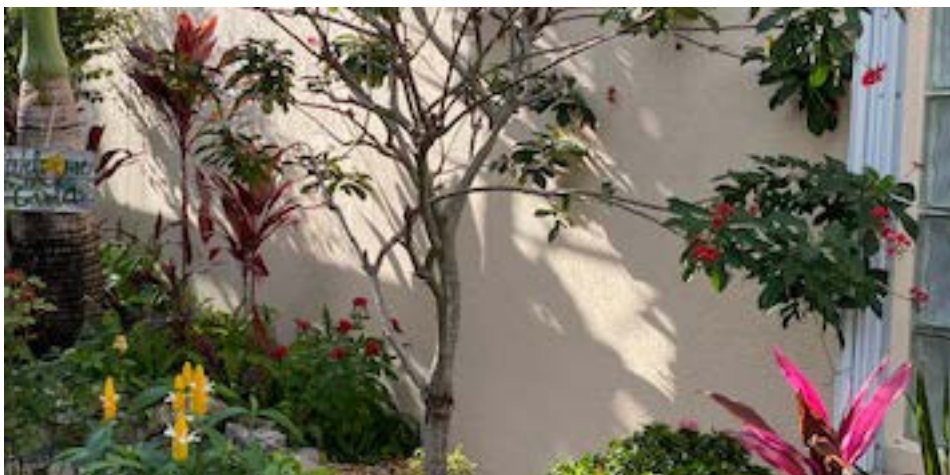
Super hostess, Gigi Bard



Best welcoming with name tags



Toasting marshmallows over the fire pit...



...And plenty of adult beverages! 5



Wellington Garden Club celebrates
—April 22, 2023



Guest of honor



Master Gardeners Carol Lazzarino, Uma Bhatti and Larry Grosser



Frankie Fioretti, GiGi Bard, Selma Wang at the Kid's Table



Diane Rice, Environmental Chair,
advertising Beach Clean-up Day



Larry Grosser at the Earth Day Booth



Work, work work!



WGC Plant Sale

—Carol Ralph April 22, 2023

The Plant Sale was a super success, netting the Club \$1,478! Thanks to all the club members who pitched in and helped, and those who attended and made purchases. Your suggestions for the placement of the plants added greatly to the beauty of the area.

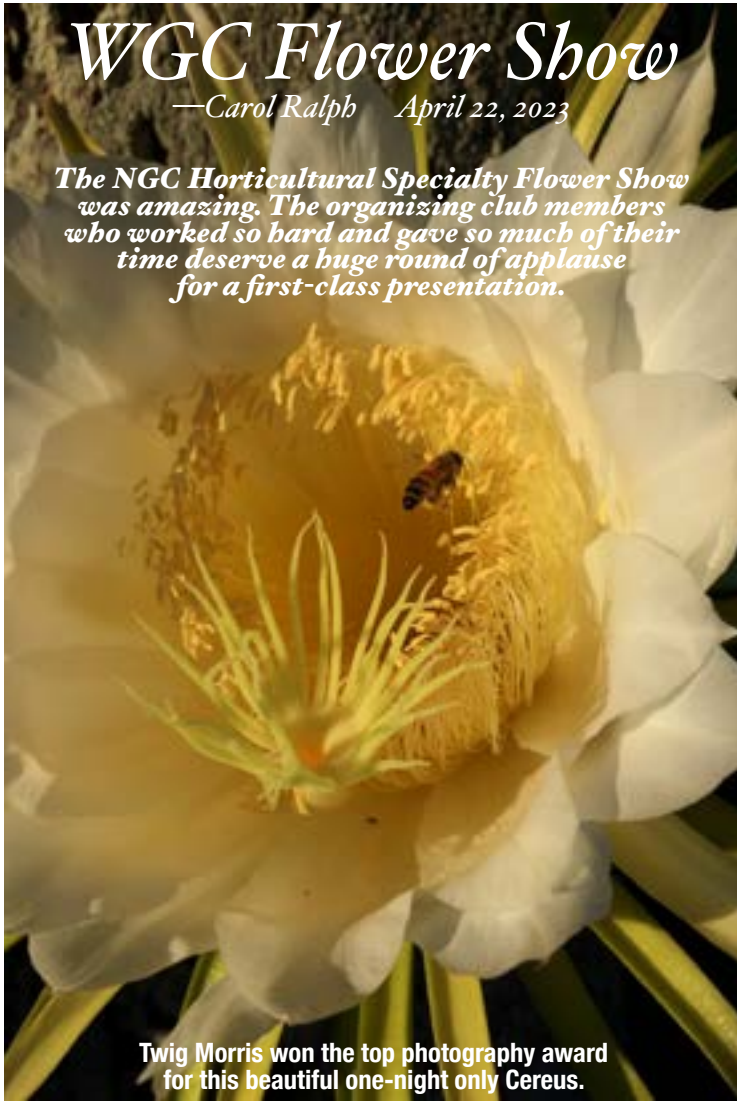


Our happy shoppers had tons of choices.

WGC Flower Show

—Carol Ralph April 22, 2023

The NGC Horticultural Specialty Flower Show was amazing. The organizing club members who worked so hard and gave so much of their time deserve a huge round of applause for a first-class presentation.



Twig Morris won the top photography award for this beautiful one-night only Cereus.

Susan Hillson with her award-winning succulent garden.

“Best of all, my parents won too!”



Natalie and Jerry Steinmetz with their winning entries. 7

*Our kids knocked it out of the park
at the WGC Flower Show*



Earth Day Every Day
2023 Flower Show Kids Poster



Boys & Girls Club
2023 Flower Show Participants



Chairman John Siena surveys
the kids entries



Look at all those ribbons!

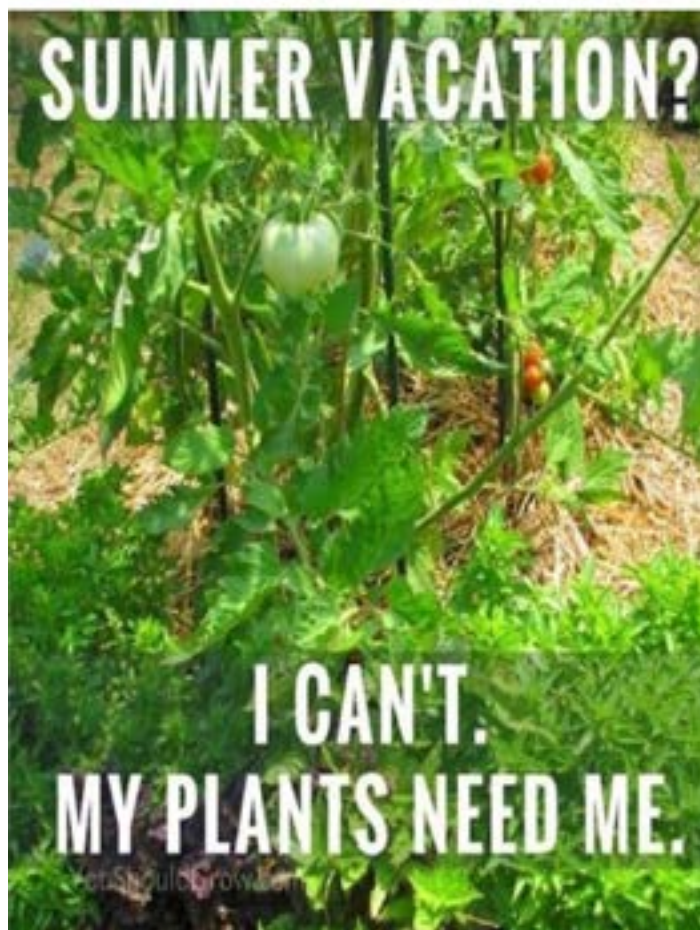


Top Youth Award,
Ground Grown—Vishaala



Top Youth Award,
Container Grown—Calise

Have a great Summer!



The Village of Wellington has extended an invitation to Wellington Garden Club to be a part of the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29, 2023. The parade begins at 8:15 am and will go from the 9/11 Memorial, in front of Village Hall, to the Veterans Park at the corner of Forest Hill Blvd. and South Shore. It is a short walk, but very exciting because the Scottish bagpipers and other groups will be walking with us. Won't you please bring your spouse, children, grandchildren and walk with us? Arrive at 7:45 am to line up and meet in front of Village Hall. Wear your Wellington Garden Club shirt.

Wellington Garden Club

Wellington Garden Club is a member of NGC, FFGC, DSR, District X. The club meets on the first Monday of the month at the Wellington Community Center, 12150 Forest Hill Blvd., Wellington, FL in the Grand Ballroom on the 2nd floor. Guests are welcome. If you plan to bring a guest, please contact: Alison Albury, Membership Chair: (H) 561-372-5952, (C) 315-681-8867 or email kaalbury@gmail.com

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