

# *Wellington Garden Club*

*Wellington, Florida*

*2023-2024 Yearbook*



*Member of*  
*National Garden Clubs, Inc.,*  
*Deep South Garden Clubs,*  
*Florida Federation of Garden Clubs,*  
*and District X*

*Wellington Garden Club*  
*presents*  
*An Exclusive Tour of Wellington*  
*Equestrian Estates*

Save the date ~ April 6, 2024



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A unique tour of several Wellington Equestrian Estates, including lush gardens and high-end stables. More details to come on our website, [www.wellingtongardenclub.org](http://www.wellingtongardenclub.org).

Founded 1981



Federated 1982

## **2023-2024 Yearbook**

### **Mission**

To further the education of the members and the public in the fields of gardening, horticulture, botany, floral design, landscape design, environmental awareness through the conservation of natural resources, civic beautification, nature studies, and to instill in our youth the love of gardening and the respect and protection of the environment.

### **Motto**

Gardening Makes a World of Difference

### **Logo Flower**

Allamanda *Allamanda cathartica*

### **Member of:**

National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.  
District X  
Mounts Botanical Garden  
Wellington Chamber of Commerce

### **Membership: 146**

### **Meets the first Monday of each month,**

September through May at 9:30 AM  
Wellington Community Center  
12150 Forest Hill Blvd.  
Wellington, Florida 33414

[www.wellingtongardenclub.org](http://www.wellingtongardenclub.org)

Email: [info@wellingtongardenclub.org](mailto:info@wellingtongardenclub.org)

Wellington Garden Club is a 501 (c)(3) organization. WGC is open to all regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.

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## President's Message

Welcome to the 2023-2024 Wellington Garden Club season! Our Second Vice President and Around & About Chairs have worked diligently to pack this season with excellent speakers, and Around & Abouts. Our fellow members have agreed to open their homes for relaxing Sunset Socials. We must not forget our youth gardens, community garden, and tree planting events.

We are planning some new events this year - a Lunch & Learn with the Wellington Historical Society to be held at the Polo Club in Wellington on Wednesday, March 13. We are collaborating again with the Wellington Art Society for a Holiday Gift Boutique on Saturday, December 2, 2023. WGC members will sell crafts, art, and plants as we invite the public to purchase items for the Holidays. We will also sponsor a table at the Annual "Tea Talk" held on Friday, March 8, by the Village of Wellington. This will be so much fun!

The Village of Wellington has graciously invited the Wellington Garden Club to hold a plant sale in conjunction with Earth Day again this year. What a compliment to our Club! Save the date: Saturday, April 20, 2024.

Please peruse this Yearbook and mark the dates of all events of interest in your calendars. You will not want to miss any of them.

I look forward to working side by side with all of you.

*Carol*

Carol Ralph  
President

"Education is Key to Saving the Environment"

# WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB 2023-2024

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### OFFICERS

President	Carol Ralph
First Vice President	Petra Russell
Second Vice President	Kristi Westrup
Treasurer	Danese Sloan-Kendall
Assistant Treasurer	Marianne Forrest
Recording Secretary	Cynthia Gardner
Corresponding Secretary	Jan Seagrave
Parliamentarian	John Siena
Former President <i>ex-officio</i>	Maria Wolfe

### COMMITTEES/CHAIRS BY GROUP

#### CIVIC/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Adopt-a-Street	Dale Barnhart & Jim Thompson
Community Gardens	John & Kathy Siena
Wildflower Meadow	Lisa Ferrano
Earth Day	Larry Grosser
Habitat for Humanity	Lisa Ferrano
National Garden Week	Linda DeSanti
Garden Tour	Carol Coleman
Plant Sale	Huguette Damas & Carol Ralph

#### COMMUNICATION

External Events Liaison	Maria Wolfe
Facebook	Kathy Siena
Historian	Cass Stryker
Membership	Alison Albury
Membership Data	Margaret Tamsberg
Mentoring	Alison Albury
Newsletter	Tina Richter Becker
Publicity	Twig Morris
Website Liaison	Maxine Fisher/Carol Ralph
Yearbook Preparation	Stormi Bivin, Caren Griffin, Twig Morris, Carol Ralph, Petra Russell, Terrianne Tuskes & Kristi Westrup

### MEMBERS AT LARGE

Linda Messina, Huguette Damas

## COMMITTEES/CHAIRS BY GROUP

(Continued)

### EDUCATION

Around & Abouts	Caren Griffin, Terrianne Tuskes
Awards	Twig Morris
College Scholarships	John Siena
Environmental Education	Diane Rice
Garden Art Workshops	Carol Lazzarino & Dee Rolfe
Member Education Expense	
Reimbursement	Marianne Forrest
FFGC SEEK	Cynthia Craig
FFGC Wekiva Volunteer Training	Stormi Bivin
FFGC Wekiva Youth Camp	Jan Seagrave
Youth Garden Clubs	Kathy Siena, Chair
Boy Scout Pack 125 Butterfly Garden	
Elbridge Gale Elementary	
Palm Beach Central High	
Pine Jog Elementary	
Polo Park Middle School	
Wellington High School	
Youth Garden Volunteers	Lisa Ferrano, Kathleen Schneider, John Siena, Kathy Siena, Sera Peat, Bobbi Ziegler

### GARDENING

A Minute for Gardening	Anne Hlasnicek
Meeting Plant Raffle	JoAnn Akins
Wellington Preserve Landscaping	Kimberly Helms

### SOCIAL EVENTS

Hospitality	Janet Jones, Sylvia Keleman, Linda Mackin
Luncheon-Holiday	Barbara Zenker
Luncheon-Spring	Open

### YEARBOOK ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Cover Graphics	Carol Ralph, Petra Russell
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## FORMER PRESIDENTS

Mary Clark	1982-86	Susan Vance	2004-06
Mary Elizabeth Ritter	1986-88	Linda Leemon	2006-08
Muriel Fischer	1988-89	Stormi Bivin	2007-09
Dorothy Cordell	1990-91	Barbara Hadsell	2009-11
Ruth McWhorter	1992	Susan Hillson	2011-13
Mary Elizabeth Ritter	1992-94	Twig Morris	2013-15
Paula Giambrone	1994-96	Kathy Siena	2015-17
Clare Peckinpaugh	1996-98	Carol Coleman	2017-19
Donna Fernandez	1998-00	Jan Seagrave	2019-21
Doris Courtney	2000-02	Maria Wolfe	2021-23
Mary Ann Klein	2002-04		

## HONORS

### Life Memberships:

NGC	Barbara Hadsell	Barbara May
Deep South Region	Barbara Hadsell	
FFGC	Barbara May	
FFGC/WGC	Stormi Bivin	Mary Ellen Chestnut
	Carol Coleman	Donna Fernandez
	Barbara Hadsell	Susan Hillson
	Twig Morris	Jan Seagrave
	Kathy Siena	Lily Wiggan
	Maria Wolfe	

**WGC Charter Member:** Lily Wiggan

**FFGC Hall of Fame:** Barbara Hadsell      Lily Wiggan

### FFGC Pillar of Pride Awards:

Stormi Bivin	Mary Ellen Chestnut	Carol Coleman
Linda DeSanti	Barbara Hadsell	Susan Hillson
Joan Kaplan	Twig Morris	Suzanne Rares
Judy Schweitzer	Elizabeth Stevens	Susan Vance

### Earth Steward Recognition:

Lisa Ferrano	Barbara Hadsell	Tim Hadsell
Brian Hopper	Peggy Jacobs	Kate Kouba
Diane Rice	Kathy Siena	John Siena

### Florida Master Gardeners:

Uma Bhatti	Nancy Cinieri	Barbara Hadsell
Anne Hlasnicek	Carol Lazzarino	Petra Russell
Barbara Zenker	Bobbi Ziegler	



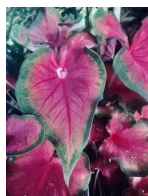
## NATIONAL, STATE AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

<b>National Garden Clubs Board</b>	Barbara May	Robin Hammer
<b>FFGC Board</b>	Barbara May	Kathy Siena
<b>FFSJ Board</b>	Christine Biscoglio	Susan Hillson
	Barbara May	Twig Morris
<b>District X Director</b>	Maria Wolfe	
<b>District X Board</b>	Stormi Bivin	Kimberly Helms
	Twig Morris	Maria Wolfe

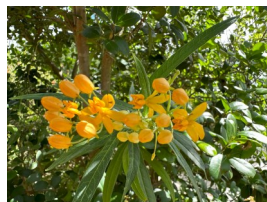
## JUDGES, INSTRUCTORS, CONSULTANTS

<b>NGC Flower Show Judges</b>		
Emeritus Judge	Mary Ellen Chestnut	
Accredited Master Judges	Christine Biscoglio	Robin Hammer
	Susan Hillson	Ronnie Levay
	Barbara May	Jan Warshauer
Accredited Judge	Twig Morris	
<b>NGC Flower Show School Instructor</b>		Barbara May
<b>NGC Four-Star Member</b>		Susan Hillson
<b>NGC Landscape Design Master Consultant Emeritus</b>		Barbara Hadsell
<b>NGC Landscape Design Master Consultant</b>		Ronnie Levay
<b>NGC Landscape Design Consultants</b>	Stormi Bivin	Susan Hillson
	Barbara May	Barbara Zenker
	Bobbi Ziegler	
<b>NGC Environmental Master Consultant Emeritus</b>		Barbara Hadsell
<b>NGC Environmental Consultant</b>	Susan Hillson	Barbara May
	Twig Morris	
<b>NCG Gardening Master Consultant Emeritus</b>		Barbara Hadsell
<b>NGC Gardening Master Consultant</b>		Jan Warshauer
<b>NGC Gardening Consultant</b>		Susan Hillson
		Anne Hlasnicek
		Christine Tauber
<b>FFGC Floral Design Study Instructors</b>		Christine Biscoglio
		Susan Hillson
<b>FFGC Flower Show Consultant</b>		Barbara May

*Photo submitted  
by Joan Kaplan*



*Photo submitted  
by Petra Russell*



## SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMS/EVENTS - 2023-2024

### AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

<b>Aug 30, Wed</b>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
<b>Sep 5-7, Tues</b>	FFGC Fall Board Meeting - FFGC Headquarters ( <i>Tues-Thurs</i> )
<b>Sep 11, Mon</b>	Garden Club Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
<b>Sep 13, Wed</b>	Garden Art Workshop - Wellington Community Ctr (9:00 AM - 1:00 PM)
<b>Sep 15, Fri</b>	Sunset Social, Diane Peaden, 13486 51st Pl N, Royal Palm Beach (4:00 - 6:00 PM)
<b>Sep 16, Sat</b>	Coastal Cleanup - MacArthur State Pk, N. Palm Beach, (8:00 AM - 1:00 PM)
<b>Sep 21, Thurs</b>	NGC Fall Board Meeting, Virtual (9:00AM - 12:00 Noon)
<b>Sep 21, Thurs</b>	Around & About, Palm Beach State College, Loxahatchee Groves, (10:30 AM)
<b>Sep 23, Sat</b>	9th Annual Tree Planting - Wellington Environmental Preserve (8:30 AM)
<b>Sep 27, Wed</b>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
<b>Sep 30, Sat</b>	The King's Academy "Singin' in the Rain" (1:00 PM)

### OCTOBER

<b>Oct 2, Mon</b>	Garden Club Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
<b>Oct 3, Tues</b>	Adopt-a-Street - Wellington Dog Park (9:00 AM)
<b>Oct 6, Fri</b>	Sunset Social - Kimberly Helms, 9443 Granite Ridge Lane, WPB (4:00 - 6:00 PM)
<b>Oct 12, Thurs</b>	Around & About, So Florida Permaculture Resource Center, WPB, (10:00 AM)
<b>Oct 20, Fri</b>	District X Fall Meeting & Officer Tour, Garden Club of Stuart, Stuart, (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM)
<b>Oct 25, Wed</b>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
<b>Oct 30, Mon</b>	FFGC Flower Show Symposium, Winter Park (Mon-Wed, 11/1)

### NOVEMBER

<b>Nov 6, Mon</b>	Garden Club Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
<b>Nov 10, Fri</b>	Sunset Social - R & R Orchids, 12934 25th St N, Loxahatchee, (4:00 - 6:00 PM)
<b>Nov 11, Sat</b>	Veterans Day Parade, Village of Wellington Veterans Park, (8:15 AM)
<b>Nov 11, Sat</b>	The King's Academy "The Big Fish" (1:00 PM)
<b>Nov 16, Thurs</b>	FFGC Gardening School, Course 3, Mounts Botanical Garden (8:30 AM - 3:30 PM) ( <i>Thurs-Fri</i> )
<b>Nov 16, Thurs</b>	Around & About, Kit Pannill's Garden, Palm Beach, (10:30 AM)
<b>Nov 29, Wed</b>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)

### DECEMBER

<b>Dec 2, Sat</b>	WAS/WGC Holiday Gift Boutique at Wellington Community Ctr. (11:00 AM - 3:00 PM))
<b>Dec 4, Mon</b>	Holiday Luncheon - TBA

### JANUARY 2024

<b>Jan 3, Wed</b>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
<b>Jan 8, Mon</b>	Garden Club Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
<b>Jan 9-11 Tues</b>	FFGC Winter 2024 BOD Mtg, FFGC Headquarters, ( <i>Tues-Thurs</i> )
<b>Jan 11, Thurs</b>	Sunset Social - Anne Hlasnicek, 119 Old Country Rd, Wellington (4:00 - 6:00 PM)

## SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMS/EVENTS - 2024

### JANUARY

<b>Jan 13, <i>Sat</i></b>	Shredding Event, 12300 Forest Hill Blvd., Wellington,
<b>Jan 18, <i>Thurs</i></b>	Around & About, Lion Country Safari, Loxahatchee, (10:00 AM)
<b>Jan 19, <i>Fri</i></b>	WGC Florida Arbor Day Celebration, Rotary Peace Park
<b>Jan 25-26, <i>Thurs</i></b>	FFGC/District X 67th Annual Tropical Short Course, Wellington Community Center, Wellington, ( <i>Thurs-Fri</i> )
<b>Jan 31, <i>Wed</i></b>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)

### FEBRUARY

<b>Feb 3, <i>Sat</i></b>	The King's Academy "Best of Broadway" (1:00 PM)
<b>Feb 5, <i>Mon</i></b>	Garden Club Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
<b>Feb 6, <i>Tues</i></b>	Adopt-a-Street, Wellington Dog Park (9:00 AM)
<b>Feb 7, <i>Wed</i></b>	Garden Art Workshop - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:00 AM - 1:00 PM)
<b>Feb 9, <i>Fri</i></b>	Sunset Social, John & Kathy Siena, 1979 S. Club Dr., Wellington (6:00 - 9:00PM)
<b>Feb 9-11, <i>Fri</i></b>	Wekiva Volunteer Training, Apopka, ( <i>Fri-Sun</i> )
<b>Feb 9-10, <i>Fri</i></b>	Art in Bloom Flower Show, FFGC District X Flower Show Judges Posh Gallery, Delray Beach, ( <i>Fri-Sat</i> )
<b>Feb 11, <i>Sun</i></b>	Wekiva Youth Camp Open House, Apopka, (11:30 AM - 1:00 PM)
<b>Feb 15, <i>Thurs</i></b>	Around & About, Flamingo Gardens, Davie, (8:30 AM - 4:00 PM)
<b>Feb 28, <i>Wed</i></b>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)

### MARCH

<b>Mar 4, <i>Mon</i></b>	Garden Club Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
<b>Mar 13, <i>Wed</i></b>	WHS & WGC Lunch & Learn, Polo Club, Wellington (11:00 AM)
<b>Mar 14, <i>Thurs</i></b>	Around & About, Busch Wildlife Sanctuary, Jupiter, (10:30 AM)
<b>Mar 19-20, <i>Tues</i></b>	Deep South Convention, Gatlinburg, TN ( <i>Tues-Wed</i> )
<b>Mar 22, <i>Fri</i></b>	Sunset Social - Joan Kaplan 9245 Via Grande West, Wellington (4:00 - 6:00 PM)
<b>Mar 27, <i>Wed</i></b>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)

### APRIL

<b>Apr 1, <i>Mon</i></b>	Garden Club Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
<b>Apr 2, <i>Tues</i></b>	Adopt-a-Street, Wellington Dog Park (9:00 AM)
<b>Apr 6, <i>Sat</i></b>	WGC Equestrian Estates Tour
<b>Apr 9-12, <i>Tues</i></b>	FFGC Convention, Jacksonville ( <i>Tues-Fri</i> )
<b>Apr 13, <i>Sat</i></b>	The King's Academy "Peter Pan" (1:00 PM)
<b>Apr 18, <i>Thurs</i></b>	FFGC District X Mtg, Pipers Landing
<b>Apr 19, <i>Fri</i></b>	Sunset Social, Uma Bhatti, 1433 Northampton Terrace, Wellington (4:00- 6:00 PM)
<b>Apr 20, <i>Sat</i></b>	Earth Day/Arbor Day/Great American Clean Up, WGC Plant Sale - Wellington Amphitheatre (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM)
<b>Apr 24, <i>Wed</i></b>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
<b>Apr 25, <i>Thurs</i></b>	Around & About, River Lily Cruise, Port St. Lucie (11:00 AM)

### MAY-JUNE

<b>May 6, <i>Mon</i></b>	Spring Luncheon, TBD (11:00 AM - 2:00 PM)
<b>May 29, <i>Wed</i></b>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
<b>Jun 2-8, <i>Sun</i></b>	Celebrate National Garden Week ( <i>Sun-Sat</i> )

## MEETINGS SUMMARY

**Garden Club Meetings** are held September through November and January through April on the first Monday of the month at the Wellington Community Center, 12150 Forest Hill Blvd, Village of Wellington, unless otherwise noted. December and May Club Luncheons are held at a special venue.

9:30 AM	Social/Light Breakfast
10:15 AM	Speaker
11:00 AM	Business Meeting

### 2023-2024 ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

Amount Due: Single Member: \$45; Couple \$65  
(See Page 40 for further details regarding dues.)

Make checks payable to: **Wellington Garden Club.**

Mail checks to: Margaret Tamsberg  
121 Sulky Way, Wellington, FL 33414-4826

**2024-2025 Dues are due by April 30, 2024**

Dues renewal reminders will be sent to members by email  
or letter by March 15, 2024

**Board of Directors Meetings** are held monthly at the Wellington Community Center at 9:30 AM, August through May, unless otherwise noted. Meetings are open to non-Board members. Non-Board members who wish to address the Board are requested to submit discussions to the President at least two days prior to the meeting (if possible) to be added to the agenda.

### 2023-2024 Board of Directors Meeting Dates

August 30, <i>Wednesday</i>	January 31, <i>Wednesday</i>
September 27, <i>Wednesday</i>	February 28, <i>Wednesday</i>
October 25, <i>Wednesday</i>	March 27, <i>Wednesday</i>
November 29, <i>Monday</i>	April 24, <i>Wednesday</i>
January 3, <i>Wednesday</i>	May 29, <i>Wednesday (if necessary)</i>

### CARPOOL MEETING LOCATIONS

**West:** Wellington Community Center Parking Lot next to pool,  
12150 Forest Hill Blvd., Wellington, FL 33414.

**East:** Parking lot behind IHOP, River Bridge Shopping Center,  
6708 Forest Hill Blvd., Greenacres, FL 33413.

### PAYMENT POLICY

Payment for a Wellington Garden Club fee-based event or class must be made at the time of sign up. Payment is non-refundable if cancelled by member less than one week prior to the event, class, or for a no-show.

## NGC AND FFGC/UF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

2023-2024

**Jan 25-26, Thurs/ Fri** FFGC/District X 67th Annual Tropical Short Course, Wellington Community Center, Wellington, FL

For further details and interactive registration forms, please visit [www. districtx.org](http://www.districtx.org) and click on Educational Opportunities.



Visit **National Garden Club** website ([gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org)) for dates and registration on the classes for:

Gardening, Environmental, Flower Show and Landscape Design Schools.

### Clubs, Councils and Societies @ Mounts Botanical Garden

To see the list of clubs, councils and societies at Mounts, visit:

[www.mounts.org/palm-beach-county-plant-societies/](http://www.mounts.org/palm-beach-county-plant-societies/)

All meetings are held in the Mounts Building Auditorium, except where noted.

**531 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach** – (561) 233-1700

For more information, please visit:

[www.pbcgov.com/coextension](http://www.pbcgov.com/coextension)

### NGC Conservation Pledge

I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the planet Earth and promise to promote education so we may become caretakers of our air, water, forest, land, and wildlife.

### FFGC/Wekiva Youth Camp Conservation Pledge

I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country—its air, soil and minerals, its forests, waters, and wildlife.



*“Study nature, love nature, stay close to nature. It will never fail you.”*

*Frank Lloyd Wright*

**WGC Membership Meeting  
Wellington Community Center  
Monday, September 11, 2023 at 9:30 AM**



**Speaker: Lauren Butcher,  
Grassy Waters Preserve**

**Topic: Discover the Everglades in Your  
Backyard**

Did you know that you can visit the Everglades right here in PBC? Grassy Waters Preserve is a pristine and vital remnant of the greater Everglades ecosystem. Join us to learn more about the history and ecology of this remarkable wetland wilderness - and about what we can do to conserve, protect and enjoy its waters.

Lauren Butcher is excited to share the Everglades with visitors and students in her role as an Environmental Education Coordinator at Grassy Waters Preserve. She has 14 years of experience as an Environmental educator and holds a master's degree in nonprofit management with a certificate in environmental education from FAU. A third-generation Floridian, Lauren is passionate about connecting people with the natural world in South Florida.



**Around & About  
Thursday, September 21, 2023  
10:30AM**

**Palm Beach State College  
15845 Southern Blvd  
Loxahatchee, FL 33470**

**Guide: Dr. Vetaley Stashenko  
Professor of Microbiology,  
Anatomy and Physiology**

We will carpool from our East & West carpool locations - arrive before 10:00 at your chosen location. We will leave no later than 10:15.

Cost is Free.

We will have a private tour on the grounds of the Loxahatchee Groves campus of Palm Beach State College featuring the plantings of native orchids led by Dr. Stashenko, professor of Microbiology, Anatomy and Physiology.

The wearing of closed toe comfortable walking shoes and long pants are suggested.

Lunch will follow at AGLIOLIO, 12793 W. Forest Hill Blvd., Wellington, (in the Wellington Plaza on the SW corner of Forest Hill Blvd. and Wellington Trace.) (at the individual's expense).



**WGC Membership Meeting**  
**Wellington Community Center**  
**Monday, October 2, 2023 at 9:30 AM**  
**Speaker: George Soria, So. Florida**  
**Permaculture Resource Center**  
**Topic: Permaculture**

George Soria is a healthcare advocate and visionary entrepreneur, renowned as the Chairman and founder of the South Florida Permaculture Resource Center, a vital division of the nonprofit 501c3 organization, 47 Million Reasons Healthcare Movement, Inc.. Throughout his extensive professional career in healthcare, George firmly believes that permaculture holds the key to restoring harmony with nature, establishing a self-sustaining world, and fostering holistic well-being. With a strong emphasis on education, the center addresses all crucial aspects of life, meeting the fundamental needs for a healthier body, mind, and soul.



**Around & About**  
**Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 10:00am**  
**South Florida Permaculture Resource Center**  
**8346 7th Pl South, WPB, FL 33411**  
**Guide: George Soria, Chairman and Founder**

Cost: Free

Leave carpool locations at 9:40AM sharp.

A tour of a 5-acre food forest where a natural ecosystem has been created by Mr. Soria who has visited (by invitation only) the indigenous people in the mountains of Columbia and learned how to grow sustainable plants and trees without fertilizers and GMOs. Mr. Soria believes permaculture returns us back to a harmony with nature, a self-sustaining world and a healthier wholesome life for all to live. His focus is to educate others.

The wearing of closed-toed shoes is suggested.

Lunch will follow at Bonefish Mac's, 10880 Forest Hill Blvd., Wellington, (located on Forest Hill Blvd near Stribling Way (at the individual's expense).



**WGC Membership Meeting  
Wellington Community Center  
Monday, November 6, 2023 at 9:30 AM**

**Speaker: Kirsten Hines**

**Topic: Wild Florida: An Animal Odyssey**

Kirsten Hines, a Coconut Grove, Florida-based writer, acclaimed nature photographer, a devoted conservationist, is a true force for environmental preservation. Armed with a master's degree in biology and a background in environmental education, she skillfully intertwines her passion for nature and history in six captivating books on Florida. Kirsten's work featured in various publications, illuminates her expertise on birds, wildlife, gardening, travel and photography, which she passionately shares through lectures and workshops. Committed to restoring South Florida's natural areas, she particularly focuses on re-greening the urban corridor. Kirsten's dedication extends to her roles as a Conservation Associate of the Institute for Regional Conservation and a valued member of the boards of Audubon Florida and her local chapter, the Tropical Audubon Society. Her profound contributions leave a lasting impact on both nature enthusiasts and the environment.



**Around & About  
Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 10:30 AM  
Kit Pannill's Garden  
4 South Lake Trail  
Palm Beach, FL 33480**

**Host: Alice Pannill (Kit)**

Cost: Free

Kit Pannill's fabulous garden has won the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach's Lesly S. Smith Landscape Award. Her garden has been evolving over the last 30 years. She is also a five-time winner of the Garden Club of America's top prize for horticulture entries, a winner of The Catherine Beattie Medal and The American Orchid Society honored her by naming a plant after her, Vanda Kit Pannill. Among the beautiful trees and flowers, you will also visit her slat house which is filled with dozens of her prize-winning orchids, begonias, succulents and euphorbias.

Lunch will follow at Al Fresco Restaurant, 2345 South Ocean Boulevard Palm Beach, FL 33480 (at the individual's expense).





**WGC Membership Meeting  
Wellington Community Center  
Monday, January 8, 2024 at 9:30 AM**

**Speaker: Tom Peterson  
Peterson Farms Honey**

**Topic: Pollinators and Natural Habitats**

Tom Peterson is a dedicated beekeeper whose fascination with bees began during his formative years. Acquiring his first hive in 1973, he rapidly immersed himself in the world of apiculture, and by 1980, his passion had blossomed into 2500 thriving hives. Though he sold his beekeeping business in 1990, his love for the bees never waned. In 2010, he reignited his calling, establishing an impressive 3500 hives that now span across Minnesota, Texas, and California. Alongside his son and five grandkids, Tom operates Peterson Farms Honey, a family endeavor reflecting his unwavering commitment to preserving natural habitats for pollinators. In the early 2000s, Tom and his brother acquired 180 acres of farmland in Minnesota, dedicating themselves to restoring the area to its natural prairie state, ensuring a brighter future for bees and their ecosystems.



**Around & About  
Thursday, January 18, 2024  
10:30 AM**

**Lion Country Safari  
2003 Lion Country Safari Road  
Loxahatchee, FL 33401**

Meet the carpool locations at 9:30 AM; leave at 9:40 AM sharp.

**Cost:** \$14.00 per person for the Wellington Garden Club, includes Self Drive Thru and Walk Thru

This drive-through Safari Park and walk-through Safari World amusement park is located on 600 acres. It was founded in 1967 and claims to be the first “cageless zoo” in the United States. In 2009 USA Travel guide ranked Lion Country as the 3rd best zoo in the nation. Today the park features over 900 animals including lions, giraffe, zebras, ostrich and rhinos. The discounted admission rate is because we are a non profit organization.

Lunch will follow in the park at the renovated Café Roar (at the individual’s expense)



**WGC Membership Meeting  
Wellington Community Center  
Monday, February 5, 2024 at 9:30 AM**

**Speaker:** Lance Osborne, University of  
Florida Professor of Entomology  
**Topic:** Pest Control in our Gardens

Lance Osborne, an esteemed entomology professor at the University of Florida, is a dedicated and passionate advocate for the insect world. With a Ph.D. in Entomology, Lance's expertise lies in integrated pest management and sustainable agricultural practices. His love for insects began during his childhood explorations in Florida's countryside. Now, as a brilliant educator and researcher, he inspires students to appreciate the intricate role insects play in ecosystems. Lance's groundbreaking work in biological control and insect-plant interactions has earned him recognition within the scientific community. His commitment to promoting eco-friendly solutions solidifies his place as a respected figure in entomology.



**Around & About**  
**Thursday, February 15, 2024**  
**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM**  
**Flamingo Gardens**  
3750 S. Flamingo Road  
Davie, FL 33330  
***Bus Trip and Guided Tour***

**Cost:** \$55.00 which includes bus transportation, admission and box lunch. Meet at the Wellington Community Center at 8:15AM.

Flamingo Gardens is a 60 acre not-for-profit wildlife sanctuary, aviary and botanical garden. It is one of the oldest botanical gardens and attractions in South Florida whose mission is to depict, preserve and provide education about the natural and cultural heritage of South Florida and the Everglades. The day will begin with a guided walking tour and then sit down for a Wildlife Encounter show. A box lunch will be provided. After lunch there will be a narrated tram ride through 42 remote acres to see some of the last original jungle growth in South Florida that still remains as it was for over 100 years when the Seminole Indians occupied it. The ride continues through a hammock of 200 year old Live Oaks, a tropical rain-forest and tropical fruit groves and mitigated wetlands.



**WGC Membership Meeting  
Wellington Community Center  
Monday, March 4, 2024 at 9:30 AM**

**Speaker: David Valdes, Saylor Physical Therapy**

**Topic: Strengthening in Gardening**

David Valdes is a physical therapist with five years of experience in diverse healthcare settings. His expertise extends from treating weekend warriors and athletes to aiding stroke victims on their road to recovery. With a deep passion for functional biomechanics, he advocates for injury prevention through proper techniques. As a practitioner at Saylor Physical therapy, he stands out in the industry by offering unparalleled 1-on-1, quality-based care. His ultimate goal is to empower individuals with knowledge to remain injury-free long after leaving his care. Apart from his professional endeavors, David also shares his insights with gardening enthusiasts, enlightening them on the importance of strengthening for their favorite hobby.



**Around & About  
Thursday, March 14, 2024  
10:00 AM  
Busch Wildlife Sanctuary  
17855 Rocky Pines Road  
Jupiter, Florida 33478**

**Private Tour**

Leave the carpool location at 9:15 AM to arrive at 10:00 AM (via FL turn-pike)

Cost: \$8/person.

The Busch Wildlife Sanctuary is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and conservation of Florida's wildlife and natural resources. Their goal is to rescue, rehab, release, and educate. This very educational tour will visit a variety of habitats with rescued native Florida animals including bald eagles, otters, alligators, and more in their brand new larger location.

It is suggested that we wear closed-toed shoes and bring sunscreen, water, bug spray, umbrella and anything else to make us comfortable.

Lunch will follow at Little Moir's LEFTOVERS Cafe, 451 University Blvd., Jupiter. (Located in the Abacoa District) (at the individuals expense.)



**WGC Membership Meeting  
Wellington Community Center  
Monday, April 1, 2024 at 9:30 AM**

**Speaker: Katherine Wagner-Reiss**

**Title: What Garden Lovers Need to Understand  
about Plant Names**

Katherine Wagner-Reiss is a passionate botanist and accomplished tour guide. With a Certificate in Botany from the prestigious New York Botanical Garden, she generously shares her knowledge as a volunteer tour guide at both the New York Botanical Garden and Mounts Botanical Garden in West Palm Beach. Katherine's fascination with native plants and their scientific and common names drives her commitment to botanical education. Not only does she impart her expertise through engaging tours, but she also enriches the botanical community through her insightful blogs for the Morris Arboretum in Philadelphia. Katherine's dedication to the plant world is evident in her efforts to inspire others and promote environmental awareness.



**Around & About  
Thursday, April 25, 2024  
11:00 AM  
River Lily Cruise  
River Park Marina  
500 East Prima Vista Blvd.  
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34985**

Cruise Operators: Captain Eddie Hamrick and First Mate Stephanie

Cost: \$30/per person. Limited to 32 passengers.

A narrated relaxing informative 90-minute Jungle-Eco Cruise on the north fork of the St. Lucie River Aquatic Preserve seated on a 36-foot 34 passenger Custom US Coast Guard inspected and certified Trident Pontoon boat. You will learn about the St. Lucie River, flora and fauna, wildlife and history.

It is recommended to wear comfortable clothing and shoes and bring binoculars, cameras and bottled water. There is no bathroom on board the vessel but there is a bathroom in the park adjacent to where we board.

Lunch will follow at the New England Fish Market and Restaurant, 1419 NE Jensen Beach Blvd., Jensen Beach, FL 34957 (at the individual's expense).

## IN MEMORIAM

Rochelle Rosen	1986	Irene Bishop	2006
Isabel Johnson	1986	Patricia Matthews	2007
Vicki Calderone	1992	Bruce Cook	2009
Didi Meshirer	1993	Linda Leemon	2013
Ann Vennett	1993	Beverly Miller	2013
Jean Murray	1996	Jeannie Allen	2013
Bob Blat	1999	Alice Mueller	2015
Ruth McWhorter	1999	Bonnie Wenham	2016
Don Courtney	2001	Suzanne Rares	2016
Paula Giambrone	2002	Gigi Galle	2017
Lori Turner	2002	Tom Bivin	2020
Peggy Amman	2002	Margaret Kruger	2020
Helen Farmer	2003	Carolyn Lowe	2020
Mary Louise LaMarche	2003	Clare Peckinpaugh	2021
Libby Ackermann	2004	Phil Macnak	2021
B. J. Curtis	2004	Ellen Rawlings	2021
Marvin Mounts	2004	Kevin Morris	2022
Ann Zullo	2005	Tom Wenham	2023



*Photo by Kathy Siena*

# WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB ONGOING PROJECTS

2023-2024

## **Adopt-a-Street**

In partnership with the Village of Wellington, club members pick up litter four times a year on a section of Greenbriar Blvd. in Wellington, FL.

Dale Barnhart and Jim Thompson, Co-Chairs

## **Annual Tree Planting**

Organize community-wide event to participate in the annual tree planting in partnership with the Village of Wellington, usually held on National Public Lands Day. Kathy Siena, Chair

## **Annual Arbor Day Celebration**

Organize a Florida Arbor Day celebration by planting a tree in the Village of Wellington. Katherine Wagner-Reiss, Chair

## **NGC Flower Show**

The club holds an NGC Standard or NGC Small Standard flower show on odd-numbered years at a local venue when the event is approved by club members. 2025 Chairman to be determined.

## **Biennial Garden Tour**

This fundraising tour of private gardens in the Wellington area benefits the club's scholarships, civic beautification, youth programs and Habitat for Humanity projects. 2024 Tour Chair - Carol Coleman; 2026 Chair TBD.

## **College Scholarships**

College scholarships are awarded each spring to high school or college students pursuing environmental, horticulture and botany undergraduate degrees. Scholarships are presented at our Annual Spring Luncheon.

John Siena, Chair

## **Earth Day Celebration**

Club members participate in Wellington's annual Earth Day celebration which is held at the Wellington Community Center, and promotes WGC, FFGC and NGC objectives, distribute Wekiva Youth Camp information.

Larry Grosser, Chair

## **Community Garden**

A Wellington Garden Club Community garden partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Wellington, the Young Professionals of Wellington, and the Village of Wellington. Kathy and John Siena, Co-Chairs

## **FFGC Wekiva Youth Camp**

The club's fundraising activities provide annual scholarships for area youth to attend Wekiva Youth Camp in Apopka, FL Jan Seagrave, Chair

## **FFGC SEEK Environmental Conference**

The club offers annual scholarships and recruits area teens to attend SEEK (Saving the Earth's Environment through Knowledge) Environmental Conference. Cynthia Craig, Chair

# WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB ONGOING PROJECTS

## 2023-2024 (Continued)

### Habitat for Humanity

Our support for this organization has ranged from landscaping, educating new homeowners on garden upkeep or donating lawn and garden equipment to homeowners. Habitat communicates with the Club their needs and we try to meet them. Lisa Ferrano, Chair

### National Garden Week

Organize garden-related activities and publicity to promote National Garden Week in Wellington and surrounding communities.

Linda DeSanti, Chair

### Wellington Environmental Preserve

Maintain native plant and butterfly garden at The Marjory Stoneman Douglas Environmental Preserve at the Everglades Habitat.

Kimberly Helms, Chair

### Wildflower Meadow at Greenbriar Park in Wellington

Create through a \$3000 grant from the Florida Wildflower Foundation and maintain the meadow as a demonstration garden visible and accessible to families, schools, and communities to promote the use of native plants for wildlife diversity and ecological stability.

### Youth Garden Clubs, Kathy Siena, Chair

Provide guidance, teach students especially how to be good earth stewards and provide funding for the following youth garden clubs:

- o Elbridge Gale Elementary School - butterfly gardens in container beds
- o Pine Jog Elementary School - hydroponic and raised-bed vegetable gardening
- o Polo Park Middle School—various gardens: butterfly, tropical, xeriscape
- o Boy Scout Pack 125 - native plants at the Butterfly Garden in Greenbriar Park
- o Palm Beach Central High School - various gardening projects
- o Wellington High School - gardening/agriculture projects-inside and outside

### Financial Contributions to:

FFGC SEEK (Saving the Earth's Environment through Knowledge)

FFGC Wekiva Youth Camp Wish List

FFGC Coral Restoration Foundation

Habitat for Humanity

Mounts Botanical Garden

NGC/USDA Forest Service (Penny

Pines Project)

NGC Natural Disaster Fund



*Keep a green tree in your heart, and perhaps a songbird will come.*



# WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

## 2022 AWARDS



### FFGC Awards

**Paige Griffin, Digital Photography Award**

**Christine Biscoglio, Flower Show Bromeliad Award**

**Twig Morris, Flower Show Educational Award**

**Tina Richter, Newsletter Award**

**Maria Wolfe, Leadership Award**

**Carol Ralph, Yearbook Award**

**John Siena, Community Garden at Boys & Girls Club**

**Carol Coleman, 2022 Garden Tour Award**

**Kathy Siena, Certificate for 751 Trees Planted**



**Wellington Garden Club presents  
John Siena with the Earth Steward Award**





### **NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.**

Headquarters

4401 Magnolia Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63110-3492

Administrative Assistant: Katie Roth

Tel: (314) 776-7574

Email: [headquarters@gardenclub.org](mailto:headquarters@gardenclub.org)

[www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

User Name: Member Password: Conserve

Brenda Moore, President

Oak Hill, West Virginia

Theme: "Go Green--Plant America"

Website: [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)



### **DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUBS, INC.**

Debby Cooper, Director, Mary Lynn Powers, Alternate Director

Theme: "Decorate the Deep South with Floral Accents"

204 W. Park Ave., Greenwood, Mississippi 38930

662-299-8573 -- [coopcooper@aol.com](mailto:coopcooper@aol.com)

[www.deepsouthgardenclubs.com](http://www.deepsouthgardenclubs.com)



### **FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.**

Tina Tuttle, President

6755 Hwy99, Molina, Florida 32577-4048

Email: [Ttuttle1954@gmail.com](mailto:Ttuttle1954@gmail.com)

Phone: 850-587-2361, Cell: 850-341-2361

Theme: "Celebrating 100 Years"

Website: [www.ffgc.org](http://www.ffgc.org)



### **FFGC HEADQUARTERS**

Office Coordinator: Robin Hayes

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Password: Member's Profile Password

1st Vice President - Christy Linke

2nd Vice President - Mary Whisler

3rd Vice President - Leticia Gunn

Treasurer - Jana Walling

Recording Secretary - Jennifer Barber

Corresponding Secretary - Linda Feifarek-Johnson

Parliamentarian - Carolyn Lowry-Nation

### **FFGC DISTRICT X**

Maria Wolfe, Director

12346 Sawgrass Ct, Wellington, Florida 33414-4821

Cell: 561-386-4903

Email: [tcacad\\_registrar@yahoo.com](mailto:tcacad_registrar@yahoo.com) [www.districtx.org](http://www.districtx.org)

Theme: "Celebrating FFGC's century of promoting plant diversity to ensure insect diversity."



**WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB**  
**Articles of Association**  
**Approved April 3, Effective June 1, 2023**  
**Article 1: Name, Logo and Memberships**

**Section 1.1 *Name***

This organization shall be known as “Wellington Garden Club” (the Club or WGC).

**Section 1.2 *Logo***

The Club has the flower Allamanda (*Allamanda cathartica*) as its logo.

**Section 1.3 *State, Regional and National Memberships***

The Club is an independent garden club, a member of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC), Deep South Region (DSR) and National Garden Clubs (NGC).

**Article 2: Mission Statement and Motto**

**Section 2.1 *Mission Statement***

The mission of the Club, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is to further the education of the members and the public in the fields of gardening, horticulture, botany, floral design, landscape design, environmental awareness through the conservation of natural resources, civic beautification, nature studies, and to instill in our youth the love of gardening and the respect and protection of the environment.

**Section 2.2 *Motto***

The Club’s motto is “Gardening Makes a World of Difference.”

**Article 3: Membership**

**Section 3.1 *Eligibility***

Membership eligibility shall be open to all interested persons. There shall be no limit to the number of members, and any individual shall be eligible for membership on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.

**Section 3.2 *Guests***

Guests are welcome at all times. Non-members may attend only two meetings as a guest.

**Section 3.3 *Active Members***

Only **active** members may vote. An **active** member is one whose dues are paid, and who takes an active part in various activities of the Club.

**Section 3.4 *FFGC Life Membership***

An honorary Life Membership in FFGC may be conferred on an active member who upholds the principles and promotes the purposes of the Club and FFGC in an outstanding way. Such individuals are recommended to the Board of Directors for consideration.

***Article 4: Dues***

**Section 4.1 *Fiscal Year***

The fiscal year begins on June 1st and runs to the following May 31st.

**Section 4.2 *Annual Dues***

The Club dues shall be forty-five dollars (\$45.00) for an individual and sixty five dollars (\$65.00) for a couple. Paid dues shall be for the fiscal year. Dues are broken down as follows:

	<i>Individual</i>	<i>Couple</i>
Wellington Garden Club	\$32.50	\$50.00
District X	\$0.50	\$1.00
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs	\$12.00	\$14.00

**Section 4.3 *Full and Partial Dues***

Incoming members must pay full membership dues (WGC, District X, and FFGC) if they join the Club between the months of April through December. New members joining during the months of January through March only pay FFGC and District X portion of the total dues.

**Section 4.4 *Payment***

Dues shall be submitted to the Treasurer for the upcoming fiscal year beginning March 1st and no later than March 31st.

**Section 4.5 *Delinquency***

Members whose dues are delinquent as of May 31st, and who have been duly notified, shall be automatically dropped from the membership rolls of the Club, District X, and FFGC. A delinquent member shall be reinstated only after complying with Section 4.2 of this article.

## **Article 5: Meetings**

There shall be one general membership meeting on the first Monday of the month, September through November and January through April, unless otherwise notified. The holiday luncheon shall be a social event with no business meeting. The spring luncheon may include approval of the budget. The President may call a special meeting of the membership. Business may be conducted by majority rule at a meeting at which there is a quorum.

## **Article 6: Quorum**

A quorum of a membership meeting shall be one-third (1/3) of the paid membership.

## **Article 7: Parliamentary Authority**

The Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the President. “Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised 11th Edition” shall be the authority, and govern the Club in the business procedures on all points not covered by these Articles of Association.

## **Article 8: Officers**

### **Section 8.1 *Officers***

The Officers shall include the President, the First Vice President, the Second Vice President, the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer, the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary, the Parliamentarian (appointed by the President), and the immediate Former President, *ex-officio*.

### **Section 8.2 *Election and Term of Office***

Officers shall be elected in the odd year by the membership at the regularly scheduled April meeting. To hold office, one must have been an active member for at least one year. Officers shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, with the exception of the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, whose terms shall be limited to three (3) consecutive terms. No other officer may be elected for more than one (1) consecutive term in the same office. At the expiration of their terms of office, the Officers shall turn over to their successors all records of their Offices.

### **Section 8.3 *Installation***

Officers shall be installed in May, and begin their term as of June 1st. It is intended that during the period of time after installation until June 1st, the outgoing officers shall assist the newly elected officers in assuming their positions.

## **Section 8.4 *Officers' Duties and Responsibilities***

### **Section 8.4.a *President***

The President shall preside at all membership and Board of Directors meetings, shall appoint the Parliamentarian, Standing Committee Chairs and shall be authorized to sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer. The President shall be a member *ex-officio* of all committees, except the nominating committee, and shall work closely with the appointed chairs. The President shall call special meetings of the Officers, Board of Directors, committee chairs, and the membership when deemed necessary. The President shall be responsible for all legal documents that shall be kept in the Club files and shall maintain the list of duties and responsibilities pertinent to committees.

### **Section 8.4.b *First Vice President***

The First Vice President shall work with the President in all matters pertaining to the operating efficiency of the Club, and conduct business of the Club in the absence of the President. The First Vice President shall assist the Second Vice President in the selection of programs for the fiscal year. The First Vice President shall report directly to the President. It is intended that the First Vice President shall succeed the President. It shall be the duty of the First Vice President to order a Past President's Pin to be given to the President at the end of his/her term of office. The pin shall be presented to the President at the May meeting at the expiration of the President's term of office, and the President's Pin shall be given to the incoming President.

### **Section 8.4.c *Second Vice President***

The Second Vice President shall chair the Program Committee. The Second Vice President shall arrange for the upcoming club year's programs before July 15th, being careful not to repeat topic programs in consecutive years. Confirmation letters are mailed or sent electronically immediately after a speaker has been invited and scheduled, with a reminder phone call or electronic notification two weeks prior to the scheduled date. A small gift or honorarium is presented to the speaker (or the organization the speaker represents) on the day of his/her appearance and a thank you note is provided. The Second Vice President assists in duties related to the office of the President as requested, and assumes the duties of the President and the First Vice President in the simultaneous absence of both of these officers. The Second Vice President is not obligated to succeed to First Vice President.

### **Section 8.4.d *Treasurer***

The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all money received. All money coming into the Club shall go to the Treasurer, unless otherwise stipulated by the President. The funds of the Club shall be deposited in such banks as may be designated by the Board of Directors. All monies to be disbursed

shall be transacted by the Treasurer and in agreement with the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall sign warrants and contracts. The Assistant Treasurer followed by the President shall act as alternates in the absence of the Treasurer and have instruction on how to withdraw funds. The Treasurer shall chair the Finance Committee. All checks drawn upon the funds of the Club shall require the signature of the Treasurer or the Assistant Treasurer or the President. The books of the Treasurer shall be reviewed by the CPA within 60 days of the close of the fiscal year. Receipts must accompany a request for reimbursement, unless approved by the President. Any expenditure within a given budget account that exceeds the budgeted amount by more than \$75, must receive prior board approval. At the expiration of the Treasurer's term(s), all funds, assets, and records of the Club shall be turned over to the successor.

#### **Section 8.4.e *Assistant Treasurer***

The Assistant Treasurer shall serve at the direction of the Treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer and President shall act as alternates in the absence of the Treasurer. All checks drawn upon funds of the Club shall require one signature of the Treasurer or the Assistant Treasurer or the President. He/she shall send dues notices by March 1st via USPS, electronic notice or inclusion in the *Allamanda News*.

#### **Section 8.4.f *Recording Secretary***

The Recording Secretary shall keep records of the meetings of the Club, be custodian of all records and papers pertaining to this office, and present any recommendations from the Board to the membership. The Recording Secretary shall collect and attach to the minutes of the monthly meetings written reports submitted by officers and committee chairs who addressed the meeting. The minutes shall be forwarded to the webmaster for posting and shall be held on file for five fiscal years.

#### **Section 8.4.g *Corresponding Secretary***

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all correspondence as instructed by the President, keep all letters on file, and read incoming correspondence at membership meetings.

#### **Section 8.4.h *Parliamentarian***

The Parliamentarian shall assist the President on points of parliamentary procedure and fulfill the required duties as outlined in "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised 11th Edition".

### **Section 8.5 *Officers Duties and Responsibilities***

It shall be the duty of the Officers to transact business requiring immediate action, either in session or by electronic polling between meetings of the Board of Directors in accordance with Standing Rule 12. The President shall make every effort to contact all members of the Officers. The Officers shall submit a full report at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors for ratification.

### **Section 8.5a *Meetings***

The Officers become the Executive Committee (EC) when the President calls a special meeting of the Officers.

### **Section 8.6 *Quorum***

Officers business may be conducted by majority rule at a meeting at which there is a quorum consisting of five (5) voting officers.

### **Section 8.7 *Vacancy and Resignation***

#### **Section 8.7.a *Vacancy***

An Officer's position shall be declared vacant if the member is unable to perform the duties outlined above. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, the First Vice President shall succeed to the office. All vacancies among other Officers members shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 8.7.b *Resignation***

A letter of resignation must be submitted in writing to the President as soon as the Officer becomes aware that he/she must resign. A resignation vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

## **Article 9: Board of Directors**

### **Section 9.1.a *Board Membership***

The Board of Directors shall consist of all the officers of the Club, committee chairs and two (2) members at large elected by the Board of Directors by majority vote at their first meeting of the club year. The President shall be the Chair.

### **Section 9.1.b. *Duties and Responsibilities***

Ensure that the organization's mission is carried out in an efficient manner, assure adequate fundraising to accomplish the organization's mission, provide fiduciary oversight, set policy, create and periodically update the organizations strategic objective.

### **Section 9.2 *Management***

The management of the Club shall be vested with the Board of Directors. The Board transacts the general business of the Club and considers all questions of policy.

### **Section 9.3 *New Major Projects/Activities***

Major policy matters or new major projects and/or activities shall be presented as a recommendation by the Board of Directors. Approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present at any general membership meeting is required before further action by the Board of Directors. Any commitment involving nonbudgeted disbursements from the Club of more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) shall be classified as a major project or activity.

### **Section 9.4 *Meetings***

There shall be a monthly meeting of the Board of Directors the week preceding the general membership meeting unless otherwise notified.

### **Section 9.5 *Quorum***

A quorum at any Board of Directors meeting shall consist of one-third (1/3) of the members of the Board. A majority of such quorum shall decide any question that comes before the meeting.

### **Section 9.6 *Reports & Transition***

Each officer and chair of each committee must submit a written annual report to the President by May 1st or upon resignation. Each officer and chair shall turn over to his/her successor or to the President such books or reports pertinent to his/her office upon expiration or within two weeks of the completion of his/her term or resignation.

## **Article 10: Committee Chairs**

### **Section 10.1 *Committee Chairs***

The President appoints committee chairs. Committee chairs who wish to address the membership at the monthly general membership or Board of Directors meetings shall submit a written report to the Recording Secretary for attachment to the minutes of the meeting. Each committee chair shall submit a year-end written report to the President, a current or updated list of duties and responsibilities and may make recommendations to the Board of Directors. All chairs shall receive a copy of the current budget to determine the maximum amount of Club funds each committee can spend. The chairs are responsible for keeping accurate records and not exceeding the budgeted amount. Receipts along with expense forms must be submitted to the Treasurer for member reimbursement. Each committee chair shall provide an estimate of their budgetary needs to the Finance Committee by March 15th for the following fiscal year.

### **Section 10.2 *Resignation of Committee Chairs***

Chairs shall submit a letter of resignation, with advance notice if possible, to the President. Within two weeks of resignation, the chair shall submit a year-to-date written report to the President and a current or updated list of duties and responsibilities.



### **Section 10.3 *Committee Members***

Committee members are selected by the committee chairs for their expertise and interest.

## **Article 11: Standing Committees**

The President shall appoint Standing Committees not provided for in the Articles of Association. The Standing Committee shall remain in existence unless dissolved by the President and ratified by the Board.

### **Section 11.1 *Articles of Association Amendments and Policy Review***

The Amendments and Policy Review Committee shall consist of five members who will meet annually in January. The Chair will be an officer. The Parliamentarian and three members from the Board of Directors will serve as committee members. Willing members of the Board will notify the President of their interest in serving and the Board will vote their approval at the meeting prior to the January membership meeting.

### **Section 11.2 *Finance***

The Finance Committee shall have as its chair, the Treasurer. The President, immediate Former President, First Vice President and Assistant Treasurer will serve as committee members with input from each member of the Board of Directors who has a budget. By March 15th, each committee chair will provide a Year-To-Date expense report and a forecast for the next fiscal year. The Finance Committee shall prepare a fiscal year budget to be mailed or emailed to members in April and be voted upon at the May luncheon.

### **Section 11.3 *Newsletter***

The title of the Club newsletter is *Allamanda News*, which is derived from the Club's logo. The purpose of the newsletter (published five times per fiscal year) is to keep its members informed of club projects, upcoming events, and other news including those related to District X, FFGC, and NGC, and to provide a link for those who cannot attend meetings.

*Allamanda News* helps to expedite the business portion of the monthly meetings by bringing pertinent information to members' attention beforehand.

### **Section 11.4 *Website***

Our website will provide information accessible to the general public, expedite club members receiving information, and provide a link to members unable to attend a meeting. It will also include a link to our Club newsletter, *Allamanda News*. Any proprietary information will be password-protected.

## **Article 12: Nominating Committee**

### **Section 12.1 *Selection***

At the February meeting of an election year, the President shall announce the Nominating Committee consisting of four members. The members shall be chosen as follows: the Chair shall be appointed by the President; three members shall be elected from the membership at large. No Nominating Committee member shall be eligible to serve on this committee for two consecutive terms.

### **Section 12.2 *Candidates***

The Nominating Committee shall prepare a list of eligible candidates, to be read at the March meeting. Nominations shall be in order from the floor at the April meeting, immediately preceding the election of officers. All nominees must have been **active** members (see Article 3, Section 3.3) for at least one year. If there is more than one candidate for the same office, election shall be by ballot and the majority vote shall elect. If there is only one candidate for an office, the election shall be by voice vote.

### **Section 12.3 *Voting Eligibility***

Only members whose dues are paid in full shall be entitled to vote at elections.

### **Section 12.4 *Commencement of Duties***

The new President elected at the April meeting shall be called “President Elect” until installation at the May luncheon. All Officers elected in April will assume their duties of office as of June 1st.

## **Article 13: Amendments**

The Articles of Association may be amended after board of directors approval at any general membership meeting of the Club, where there is a quorum (see Article 6), by two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present. The proposed amendment or amendment change must be submitted in writing to all members at least two weeks in advance of the vote.

## **Article 14: Dissolution**

In the event of termination of the Wellington Garden Club in any manner or for any reason whatsoever, its assets, if any, shall be distributed to one or more civic projects of the Club or to the community government for a public purpose.

## **Article 15: Net Earnings**

No part of the net earnings of this organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that this organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments

and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the mission statement hereof.

**Article 16: Restricted Activities**

No substantial part of the activities of this organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on

- a. by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code, or
- b. by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

**Article 17: Annual FFGC State Convention and District X Representation**

The President or one alternate shall represent the Club at the annual FFGC State Convention and two District X meetings per fiscal year, with all expenses paid by the Club.



*Photo by Adrienne Bendich*



*Photo by Susan Hillson*



*Photo by Tara Hunter*

## **Wellington Garden Club Policies**

### **Approved April 1, 2019, Effective June 1, 2019**

Matters of the Wellington Garden Club not addressed in the Articles of Association shall be covered under Policy.

Policies shall be effective when passed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at their meeting, provided a quorum is present.

The Policy Committee shall consist of five (5) members of the Board of Directors (BOD). Prior to the first BOD meeting of each new administration, the President shall appoint the Chairman. The Chairman will circulate the current policies to the new BOD prior to the first meeting of the BOD. At this meeting the BOD shall appoint the other members of the committee. All Policy Committee members are required to study and become familiar with the Articles of Association and with the existing Policies of the Wellington Garden Club.

Any member of the Wellington Garden Club desiring to propose a new policy or to alter an existing Policy should email such recommendation to the Policy Chairman of the club. The Chairman of the Policy Committee shall meet with the committee for consultation and study. If the proposal is not contrary to the Articles of Association of the Wellington Garden Club, it shall be presented to the BOD for action.

The present Standing Rules of the Wellington Garden Club shall be included and now become a part of Policy.

### **Board of Directors/Committee Chairs**

The Policies should be effective when passed by the majority vote of the BOD and may be amended by majority vote of the BOD at their meeting, provided a quorum is present. Two weeks' written notice will be provided to members of the BOD.

Any proposed partnership, collaboration, contract agreement, or grant request involving the Club must contain full disclosure in writing of all terms and conditions and then be reviewed in its entirety by the WGC BOD.

If business of an urgent nature occurs before the next BOD meeting electronic polling may be utilized by the Officers. Electronic voting procedure will follow the guidelines as detailed in the NGC Standing Rules entitled Electronic Mail Voting Guidelines, Oct. 2009 excluding section 1. The detailed procedure can be found on the NGC website Member section under Bylaws and Standing Rules. User name and password for the Member section are available from the President or Parliamentarian to all WGC members.

Any unplanned expenditures must ultimately be ratified by a majority of the BOD at the very next meeting.

Committee Chairs are encouraged to actively participate in finding their re-placement in cooperation with the President.

Only one co-chair is eligible to vote at a BOD meeting.

Committee members shall be selected by the Committee Chair unless otherwise specified in the Articles of Association.

Policies shall remain in force from the time of adoption until they are changed or repealed. They may be amended or repealed by a majority vote if a thirty-day notice was given, or by a 2/3 vote without notice. The results of any such action by the BOD shall be reported to the General Membership at the following General Meeting.

In the event that a Member-at-Large is unable to serve, the BOD, with permission of the nominee, shall elect a replacement to fill the vacancy.

Any member intending to apply for a grant shall present the concept to the BOD for authorization to proceed with preparation of a grant application. Prior to its submission, the grant application package shall be reviewed and approved by the President or the President's designee.

In Article 11, Section 11.2, "Input from the BOD" may include, but not limited to, former presidents and treasurers.

All Chairmen will receive a copy of the current budget, from the President, to determine the maximum amount of Garden Club funds each committee can spend. The chairman is responsible for keeping accurate records and not exceeding the budgeted amount. Receipts are necessary for Garden Club reimbursement.

If an Officer or BOD member is unable to attend a BOD Meeting, their re-report shall be sent to the President prior to such meeting.

Committee chairs will be created and be functioning by the first meeting of the fiscal year.

## **President**

A copy of the Book of Information (BOI) shall be given to the President and the First Vice President.

A standard agenda as found in Roberts Rules will be used to provide information as well as allow for full participation of the members.

If available, agenda items will include backup or support material for members to review prior to the meeting.

Club members may request that the President add an agenda item for discussion at either a BOD meeting or a general membership meeting. A minimum of seven days notice is requested.

An Inventory Manager will be appointed by the President each term.

The president shall share with committee chairs their budgeted line item and their specific committee responsibilities.

The President shall determine, when two members heading up a committee, are either co-chairs or Chair & Vice Chair.

## **Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer**

Requests for approved expense reimbursements can be submitted via printed format or electronically by email to the Treasurer. The Treasurer is required to pay all approved expenses upon receipt.

A maximum reimbursement of \$100/fiscal year will be allowed for approved education courses per member.

Makes all investments and reinvestments at the direction of the BOD upon recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Provides reports of fundraising activities to the BOD based upon income and expense reports submitted by the event chairs.

Files all required Tax Reports in a timely manner.

**Finance Committee Duties:** 1) to advise the BOD in all matters financial, 2) to maintain continuous review of the Club's financial status, 3) to recommend measures to maintain the fiscal health of the Club, and requests Committee Chair proposed budgets before finalizing the new fiscal year budget.

Tax deductible contributions to WGC are welcome from members of the public. Acknowledgements shall be provided by the Treasurer who may delegate this responsibility to the Corresponding Secretary or the Chair of the fundraising event.

### **Parliamentarian**

Motion forms shall be provided to members making a motion.

### **Membership**

The membership roster with names, addresses, e-mail addresses and phone numbers shall not be given out to businesses or organizations for purposes of solicitation or promotion. The e-mail mailing distribution list of the club members shall be used exclusively for communication of Federated Garden Club and garden associated business. Any member may send a qualified email message using the distribution list to all the other club members. However, all messages sent via the distribution list will be monitored and/or reviewed by the president or the president's designee from the BOD.

Businesses and individuals may advertise in ***Allamanda News***, the Wellington Garden Club newsletter, via the Advertising Editor, at rates to be established on an annual basis by the BOD.

Courtesy and consideration should be given to officers, speakers, and attending members while any Club business or presentation is given.

No political speeches shall be made at any Garden Club meeting by a member, guest, or invited speaker.

An amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be awarded on a yearly basis to the winner of the FFGC J.4 Youth Conservation Award.

Financial aid, with a maximum amount of 50% per course or educational event with a total reimbursement of \$100 per member per fiscal year, may be available to help members defray the cost of attending a National Garden Club (NGC) or Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC) -sponsored educational course or be used toward tuition for a degree or certificate in a field of study that supports the club's Mission as outlined in Article 2 of the Articles of Association. Members, who receive reimbursement, as approved by the BOD, are expected to share the knowledge gained by chairing a committee, presenting a program or writing an article for the club newsletter, Allamanda News.

Membership applications and records shall be handled and maintained by the Membership Committee. The new member application processor will provide these documents via email or hard copy to the Mentor Chair.

Copies of the Membership spreadsheet shall be distributed to the BOD to encourage involvement of new and current members in Club activities.

New members joining in March or April will enjoy these 2 months as members and the membership dues paid will apply to the following full club year.

Members rejoining the Club after a period of absence will be recognized at their first meeting as a former member.

New members to the WGC will be asked to introduce themselves at their first meeting.

New Member Reception/Orientation is to follow the suggested agenda.

*A brunch is to be held at a member's home.*

*Hostess will provide coffee & tea*

*Officers & Committee Chairs will provide juice, fruit and pastries, etc. and paper goods.*

*Agenda:*

*Welcome by President*

*Introduction of Officers and Committee Chairs*

*NGC Video presentation*

*Committee Chair presentations*

*Mentors introduce new members*

*Sign up for committees (need a form)*

All members are encouraged to participate in the work of the Club by participating on a committee, contributing to fundraisers that support our mission and by frequently attending programs, workshops and Around & Abouts.

Eligibility for voting for officers or on an Articles Amendments requires that dues are paid in full prior to the date the vote is to take place. Prior knowledge of the qualifications or issues is required for informed voting.

Members may not solicit the membership or sell items to the membership for monetary gain.



## **Meetings**

All meetings of the WGC are open to all club members. Meeting participation is guided by Roberts Rules of order, Newly Revised, 11<sup>th</sup> Edition.

General Membership Meetings and BOD Meetings agendas will be emailed to the membership.

## **New Member Orientation**

A mentor will be assigned to each new member. The mentor will receive a copy of the new member application.

All new members will attend a new member orientation within the first year of their membership.

The mentor will encourage new member participation on at least one committee.

## **Fundraisers**

All fundraising plans regarding the sale of an item to club members shall include full disclosure regarding cost and surcharge and be approved by the BOD before being submitted to the Finance Committee for inclusion in the budget.

## **Inventory**

All tangible or reusable items purchased for and reimbursed by the Club for a Club event will be added to the Club's inventory list and stored in a safe and protected location. This listing will be posted on the website in the Member Resources area and given to committee chairs at the beginning of each year by the Inventory Manager.

## **Youth Activities**

Youth activities will be evaluated annually.

## DONATIONS TO THE WELLINGTON LIBRARY

- Billington, Jill: *Really Small Gardens: A Practical Guide to Gardening in a Truly Small Space*
- Botanica: *The Illustrated A-Z of Over 10,000 Garden Plants*
- Bowman, Daria Price: *For Your Garden: Paths and Walkways*
- Complete 8-Title Video Series: *Gardens of the World with Audrey Hepburn*
- Crawford, Pamela: *Best Garden Color for Florida*
- Crawford, Pamela: *Easy Gardens for South Florida*
- Crawford, Pamela: *Instant Container Gardens*
- Crawford, Pamela: *Easy Container Gardens*
- Crawford, Pamela: *Easy Container Combos: Vegetables & Flowers*
- Crawford, Pamela: *Container Gardens for Florida*
- Crawford, Pamela: *Stormscaping: Landscaping to minimize wind damage in Florida*
- Darke, Rick: *The Color Encyclopedia of Ornamental Grasses*
- Dirr, Michael: *Dirr's Trees and Shrubs for Warm Climates*
- Herwig, Modeste: *Colorful Gardens: contrast & combine your plants & flowers for spectacular visual effects*
- Hessayon Dr., D.G.: *The Flower Arranging Expert*
- Jenkins, Mary Zuazua: *National Geographic Guide to America's Public Gardens*
- May, Barbara D.: *Designs Made Easy*
- McDonald, Elvin: *Gardens of the World: The Art and Practice of Gardening*
- Moore, Brenda: *Network with Nature*
- Moore, Brenda & Ohlmann, Jean: *The Frightened Frog*
- Moore, Brenda: *The Saved Seed*
- Pridgeon, Alec, ed: *The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Orchids*
- Rogers, George, PhD, ed: *Weeds of South Florida*
- Sutherland, Neil: *Step by Step Guide to Creative Patio and Container Gardening*
- Toogood, Alan (Ed.-in-Chief): *Plant Propagation*
- Welch, Wm. C.: *Antique Roses for the South*



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**Art, Orchids, Native Butterfly, and  
Many Other Plants & Creative Gifts**

from members of  
**Wellington Art Society & Wellington Garden Club**

**Saturday, December 2, 2023**

**11:00am - 3:00pm**



**Wellington Community Center  
12150 Forest Hill Blvd  
Wellington, FL**





**You are invited . . .**

**FFGC District X Fall Meeting  
Friday, October 20, 2023**

**Monarch Country Club, Palm City  
(8:30am-2:30pm) \$50.00**

Hosted by: Garden Club of Stuart

Registration Form on-line at [www.districtx.org](http://www.districtx.org)

Postmark by Mon, Oct 9<sup>th</sup>.

No Refunds after Fri, Oct 13<sup>th</sup>.

No Walk-ins.

***Celebrate FFGC's 100<sup>th</sup> Year with our State Officers***



**Raffle Baskets ... Plant Sales ... Fun & Games for all ... It's a PARTY you won't want to miss**

Upon request, District X Clubs with 5 or more attendees will be provided Ways & Means table space (36" x 30") for their use

Q&A: Li Roberts, 772-214-2658 or [CLRoberts34994@gmail.com](mailto:CLRoberts34994@gmail.com)



## **Wellington Garden Club Plant Sale!!!**

**In Conjunction with**

### **Village of Wellington Earth Day Celebration**

**Saturday, April 20, 2024**

**10:00am - 4:00pm**

**Wellington Community Center Amphitheatre  
12150 Forest Hill Blvd., Wellington, FL.**

**Our offerings will include fabulous plants from local nurseries and plants grown by WGC members:**

- 1) Native Plants**
- 2) Perennials (sun & shade)**
- 3) Butterfly Plants**
- 4) Annuals**
- 5) Master Gardeners Available for Questions**
- 6) Plant Raffle**
- 7) WGC Sponsored Craft Table for Children**

**Proceeds Benefit our Youth Programs, Scholarships, Civic Beautification and Environmental Efforts**

For more info. contact Carol Ralph at [caroltaylorralph@gmail.com](mailto:caroltaylorralph@gmail.com)  
or (c) 740-243-8843 or Huguette Damas at [huguette.damas@gmail.com](mailto:huguette.damas@gmail.com) or  
(c) 610-737-2722.

***Rain or Shine! Bring your plant loving friends!***



Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and District X present  
**67th Annual Tropical Short Course NCG Tri-Refresher**

## **Groundbreakers.....Then & Now**

**Thursday - Friday,  
January 25-26, 2024**

**Wellington Community  
Center  
12150 Forest Hill Blvd  
Wellington, Florida 33414**

- Speakers
- Floral Design
- Raffle Prizes

**Go to [www.DistrictX.org](http://www.DistrictX.org)**

**for more information  
and Registration Forms.**

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