

2. Thursday, October 12, - Tour of South Florida Permaculture Resource Center with George Soria.

B. Hospitality

- 1 Thank you to Linda Mackin, Janet Jones and Sylvia Kelemen for volunteering to chair the hospitality committee.
- 2 Thank you to the Board of Directors for this month's refreshments.

C. Garden Arts and Crafts - Carol Lazzarino

A thanksgiving centerpiece workshop is scheduled for Monday, September 18, 2023 from 9:00 to 1:00 pm at the Wellington Community Center.

D. Butterfly Garden - Wellington Environmental Preserve

1. Workday - Thursday September 14, 8:30 am. Volunteers needed.

E. Community Garden – John Siena has officially retired as chair of the community garden at the Boy and Girls Club in Wellington. A new chair and volunteers are needed.

F. Scholarship Committee - John Siena

1. WGC has donated \$45,000 since 2009 for scholarships. The 2023 budget for scholarships is \$5,000. Volunteers are needed to help find worthy students.

G. Minute for Gardening - Anne Hlasnicek

Colorful bulbs can be grown in Zone 10.

IV. Special Committee Reports

A. Kings Academy - Stormi Bivin

1. Bulk ticket purchases for "Singing in the Rain" tickets netted WGC a net profit of \$315. .
2. Upcoming Shows: Report is attached to the minutes on file with the recording secretary..

B. Holiday Luncheon - Barbara Zenker

December holiday luncheon 12/04/2023 at 11:30 am at Casa Tequila - \$32 luncheon and \$3.95 margaritas. Committee volunteers are needed to help.

C. Arbor Day Celebration - Katherine Wagner-Reiss

WGC will celebrate Arbor Day on January 19, 2024 by planting a native Slash Pine at Rotary Peace Park.

D. Wildflower Meadow - Lisa Ferrano

1. A new WGC garden is in the planning stages for the Green Briar Dog Park. Lisa obtained a \$3,000 grant from the Florida Wildflower Foundation and is working with Will Gurney, Superintendent of Landscaping, VOW. Workday scheduled for Tuesday 09/26/2023 for planting native grasses, flowers, etc.

WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB

Minutes from Members Meeting

September 11, 2023 - 9:56 AM

Welcome - Carol Ralph

- A. A quorum was established
- B. Silence all cell phones
- C. Pledge of Allegiance

I. Speaker Presentation - Kristi Westrup introduced our speaker:

Lauren Butcher - Environmental Education Coordinator; Grassy Waters Preserve, Topic - Discover the Everglades in Your Backyard; P. 561-804-4985; E. lbutcher@wpb.org

II. Officer Reports

A. President's Report

1. Beware of scam emails like those sent out under Carol Ralph's name. Please check authenticity by hovering over the email address before opening.
2. The basket for donations to Coral Reef Restoration was passed around.
3. Thank you to Dee Rolfe who painted our garden club logo on the 2021-2023 scrapbook displayed by Maria Wolfe.
4. Huguette Damas and Linda Messina were congratulated and thanked for agreeing to another year as members-at-large.
5. Diane Peaden will be hosting our first Sunset Social on Friday, September 15, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at 13486 51st Place N.
6. "Bring a Friend" Month will be at the October 2nd membership meeting. Also, October is Native Plant Month and Lisa Ferrano has requested native plants for monthly raffle.
7. The joint fundraiser of the WGC/WAS is scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 2023. Plants are donated by WGC members and vendors will have miscellaneous items for sale.
8. The Lunch & Learn joint fundraiser hosted by the Wellington Garden Club and the Wellington Historical Society will be Wednesday, March 13, 2024. Details to follow.
9. The link to access "The Florida Gardener" has been posted on the WGC website.

B. Recording Secretary - Cynthia Gardner

1. Minutes of the April 3, 2023 membership meeting were approved as presented.
2. Minutes of the May 1, 2023 Scholarship Installation Meeting were approved as presented.

C. Treasurer – Danese Sloan-Kendall – Reports are attached to the minutes on file with the Recording Secretary.

D. 1st Vice President - Petra Russell – No report.

E. 2nd Vice President - Kristi Westrup – the speaker for the October 2, 2023 Membership Meeting will be George Soria - Topic Permaculture - Learn How Sustainable Edible Plants Change the World.

III. Standing Committee Reports

A. Around & About - Caren Griffin/Terrienne Tuskes

1. Thursday, September 21, 2023 - Tour of Palm Beach State College, Loxahatchee campus - 10:30 a.m. Lunch following at Agliolio restaurant in Wellington.

- E. Coastal Cleanup - Diane Rice –**
WGC is participating in a coastal cleanup at John D. MacArther State Park on Saturday, September 16, at 8:30 am. Members of St. David's in the Pines congregation are helping.
- F. Tropical Short Course - Maria Wolfe –**
District X - "Groundbreakers...Then and Now" will be offered on January 25-26, 2024 from 8:00 - 3:00 pm at the Wellington Community Center. Cost \$75.
- G. District X Fall Meeting - Maria Wolfe -**
FFGC Fall Meeting/Officer's Tour will be held at Monarch Country Club in Stuart on Friday, October 20, 2023. See attached reports. Qualifies for 50% fee reimbursement. The theme is "Cheers to 100 Years" and honors the upcoming 100 Year Birthday Celebration. \$50.00 Fee.
- H. Annual Tree Planting - Kathy Siena –**
The 9th Annual Tree Planting will be Saturday, September 23 at 9:30 am at the Wellington Environmental Preserve on Flying Cow Road where volunteers hope to plant 750 trees for water conservation, wildlife habitats and climate control.
- I. NGC Gardening School Course 3 - Anne Hlasnicek –** Report is attached to the minutes on file with the recording secretary.

V. Old Business - None

VI. New Business -None

VII. Membership – Sharon Millette -

There were six guests at the 09/11/2023 membership meeting of which two joined as new members.

VIII. Announcements

A. Palm Beach County Library - Royal Palm Beach Branch has asked if we would make our members aware of their gardening programs scheduled for October 7, 2023 and November 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

IX. Name Tag Raffle winners - Jim Thompson, Kristi Westrup and Petra Russell.

Meeting adjourned at 12:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Gardner
Recording Secretary

August 22, 2023

Wellington Garden Club
Treasurer Report

Income since June 1, 2023 was \$1,860.00, from awards and membership dues.

Expenses since June 1, 2023 were \$2,863.60, for Kings Academy, Wellington Chamber dues, CPA, website and historian expense.

Balance in the checking account is \$20,864.66

For more information please review the budget versus p&l to date.

Additionally the following items were completed:

All accounting was given to CPA for the annual review, forms to maintain WGC 501c3 status were submitted and approved by Florida Department of Agriculture and the IRS form 990 was submitted.

Danese Sloan Kendall
Treasurer



Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Re: Scams

Silvia Evans <sevans@pbafs.com>

Tue, Aug 1, 2023 at 3:53 PM

To: "caroltaylorralph@gmail.com" <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Hi Carol,

Just wanted to mention that this is a very common scam perpetrated on Non Profits.

It is very easy to look up a non profit on the web at the state of florida sunbiz, and figure out who the officers are. From there it is easy to guess the officers' e-mail addresses.

The hacker will and "spoo" the e-mail address. That means it looks as though the e-mail is coming from you, but if you actually hover over the e-mail, it is not the same as yours. Train all your members to do this, hover over the e-mail and ensure that it is correct.

Also, if a single member's e-mail has been "hacked", their e-mail address lists are accessible to the hacker, and they can get the whole garden club distribution list, from hacking a single users account.

It is not the fault of WGC, there is probably nothing you could have done to prevent it, other than educate the members.

Of course, if you think you're President's e-mail has been hacked, that is a different story, but I am pretty sure it would have happened like the first explanation, because I see it all the time working with Non Profits.

Hope this helps,

Silvia L Chestnut Evans, CPA
President, CEO

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New Message From Wellington Garden Club - Contact Us



From Cathy Burns <mail@wellingtongardenclub.org>
To <info@wellingtongardenclub.org>
Reply-To Cathy Burns <burnsm@pbclibrary.org>
Date 2023-08-19 15:00

Good afternoon.

I found mention of your Club in the Town-Crier newspaper. Would you be willing to help our Royal Palm Branch library (located at 500 Civic Way, just off Royal Palm Beach Blvd between Southern & Okeechobee) spread the word about two upcoming gardening programs? We are located just north of Wellington, and we see Wellington residents here often in our library.

The programs are being led by Brian Forchiemer, a certified IFAS Master Gardener, who has presented locally before and may be known to your club.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Cathy Burns
Librarian,
Royal Palm Beach Branch, PBCLS

Florida Friendly Landscaping and Plant Clinic

Sat. Oct. 7, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

<https://pbclibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/64dd0dda5919183600083bc0>

Butterfly and Pollinator Gardening and Plant Clinic

Sat. Nov. 4, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

<https://pbclibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/64dd0e03a60f8d3d00339b2c>



Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Fwd: Wellington Environmental Preserve

2 messages

Kathleen T. Siena <ksiena2000@gmail.com>
To: Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 6, 2023 at 7:05 PM

I thought you might like to see this email
From Jim Barnes.

Kathy

HTTPS://submit.jotform.com/232425022652143

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Kathleen T. Siena** <ksiena2000@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Sep 6, 2023 at 5:39 PM
Subject: Re: Wellington Environmental Preserve
To: Jim Barnes <jbarnes@wellingtonfl.gov>
CC: Maria Wolfe <tcacad_registrar@yahoo.com>

Dear Jim:

What great news to hear that the Wellington Environmental Preserve has been selected as a 2023 finalist by the Florida APA. Sounds very exciting and I will certainly do my best to encourage others to visit the APA Florida website to vote for the Preserve. I assume the winner will be announced on the Village website and newsletter.

Thank you for sharing this great news.

Kathy Siena

ps Jim-when i clicked on the link, I input my email address and it didnt accept it. Said there was an error. Can you help on this before I send it out.

On Wed, Sep 6, 2023 at 4:10 PM Jim Barnes <jbarnes@wellingtonfl.gov> wrote:

Kathy/Maria,

Happy Wednesday! I am happy to announce that the Wellington Environmental Preserve at the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Everglades Habitat has been selected as a finalist in the 2023 Annual Great Places In Florida Award by the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association (Florida APA). Great Places in Florida is a unique awards program as all

nominations are submitted by communities and the public determines the winner. Each year the nominees focus on unique, memorable places that work for the good of their community and attract people to visit them. The award is an annual selection of places that represent the gold standard of having a true sense of place, cultural and historical interest, community involvement, and a vision for tomorrow. In its 10th year, the newly restructured program includes an annual theme that incorporates planning elements that contribute to the "greatness" of a space or place. This year's theme is **Great Resilient Places**. The Florida APA notes that A Great Resilient Place embodies the ability to thrive amidst changing conditions and to conserve resources for present and future generations.

An independent selection committee of professionals from the urban planning, transportation, architecture, and parks and recreation fields reviewed all nominations. **From Sept. 4 through Sept. 29**, the general public is invited to vote on their favorite place out of the three finalists. Please share with your professional and friend networks to get the word out about our nomination and encourage everyone you know to visit the APA Florida website to vote for Wellington Environmental Preserve at the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Everglades Habitat at florida.planning.org/greatplaces.

The winner will be announced **Monday, Oct. 2**. Thanks in advance for your support and assistance.




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Jim Barnes (He/Him/His)


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Garden Art and Crafts
Thanksgiving Table Design
With Carol Lazzarino and Dee Rolfe
Monday, September 18
Make up Class



The class will be limited to 12 participants only. Sign up at the next meeting and make sure you bring a check or cash to hold your spot. There will be a waiting list in the event of any cancellations. Make checks payable to Wellington Garden Club.

Carol Lazzarino 561 312-2082
Wellington Community Center
Everglades Room
12150 Forest Hills Blvd.
9:00 AM
\$10.00

It's TKA Showtime again - SAVE THE DATES!

By Stormi Bivin



What I'm about to talk to you about has absolutely nothing to do with gardening. Whew!

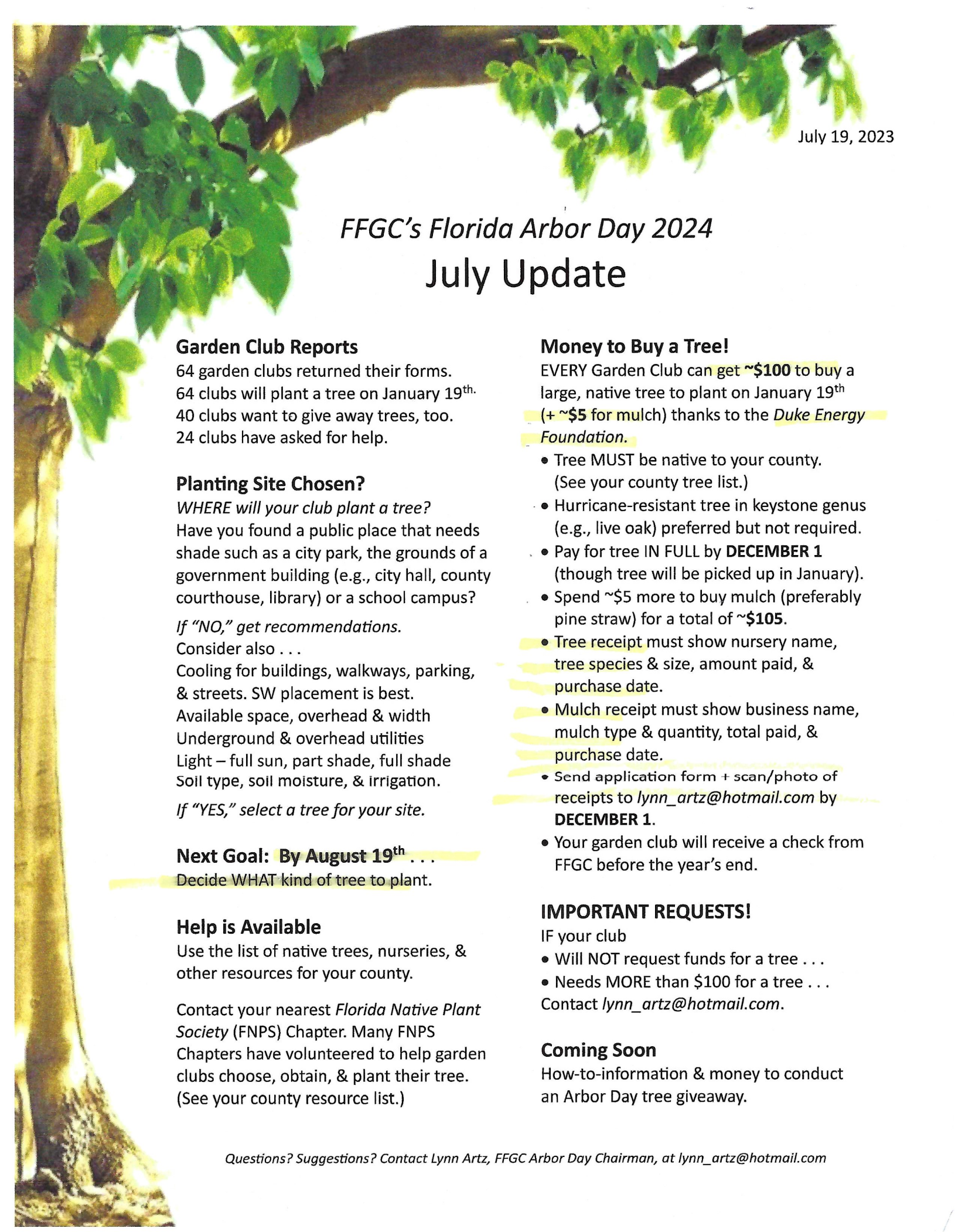
From time to time, we sell theatre tickets for fabulous productions performed by the very talented students at **The King's Academy**, and it serves as a fund raiser for WGC. The 2023-24 theatre line-up is set and we will again be offering group tickets for several of the shows, all Saturday matinee 1:00 pm performances.

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN is happening on September 30th. We sold a record-breaking **64 tickets** for this performance, with the help of Selma Wang and Gigi Bard promoting these tickets to their friends and neighbors in River Walk - \$320 comes back to WGC from this performance alone. **Thank you Selma & Gigi.**

I am collecting \$ today for the Saturday, November 11, 2023 performance of "***BIG FISH***". You should have gotten an email announcement about this next show - I need your order today.

Into 2024...The TKA Theatre Company and TKA's Symphony Orchestra will join to bring you ***THE BEST OF BROADWAY***. We'll be offering tickets for **Saturday, February 3, 2024.**

We'll finish off our entertainment year with ***PETER PAN*** on Saturday, April 13, 2024. You will receive advance notice of these ticket sale dates.



July 19, 2023

FFGC's Florida Arbor Day 2024 July Update

Garden Club Reports

64 garden clubs returned their forms.
64 clubs will plant a tree on January 19th.
40 clubs want to give away trees, too.
24 clubs have asked for help.

Planting Site Chosen?

WHERE will your club plant a tree?

Have you found a public place that needs shade such as a city park, the grounds of a government building (e.g., city hall, county courthouse, library) or a school campus?

If "NO," get recommendations.

Consider also . . .

Cooling for buildings, walkways, parking, & streets. SW placement is best.

Available space, overhead & width

Underground & overhead utilities

Light – full sun, part shade, full shade

Soil type, soil moisture, & irrigation.

If "YES," select a tree for your site.

Next Goal: By August 19th . . .

Decide WHAT kind of tree to plant.

Help is Available

Use the list of native trees, nurseries, & other resources for your county.

Contact your nearest *Florida Native Plant Society* (FNPS) Chapter. Many FNPS Chapters have volunteered to help garden clubs choose, obtain, & plant their tree. (See your county resource list.)

Money to Buy a Tree!

EVERY Garden Club can get ~\$100 to buy a large, native tree to plant on January 19th (+ ~\$5 for mulch) thanks to the *Duke Energy Foundation*.

- Tree MUST be native to your county. (See your county tree list.)
- Hurricane-resistant tree in keystone genus (e.g., live oak) preferred but not required.
- Pay for tree IN FULL by **DECEMBER 1** (though tree will be picked up in January).
- Spend ~\$5 more to buy mulch (preferably pine straw) for a total of ~\$105.
- Tree receipt must show nursery name, tree species & size, amount paid, & purchase date.
- Mulch receipt must show business name, mulch type & quantity, total paid, & purchase date.
- Send application form + scan/photo of receipts to lynn_artz@hotmail.com by **DECEMBER 1**.
- Your garden club will receive a check from FFGC before the year's end.

IMPORTANT REQUESTS!

IF your club

- Will NOT request funds for a tree . . .
 - Needs MORE than \$100 for a tree . . .
- Contact lynn_artz@hotmail.com.

Coming Soon

How-to-information & money to conduct an Arbor Day tree giveaway.

August 30, 2023

BOD Meeting

Report on District X Fall Meeting/FFGC Officers' Tour

On Friday, October 20, GC of Stuart is hosting the District X Fall Meeting/FFGC Officers' Tour. Tina Tuttle, President of FFGC along with Christy Linke, Mary Whistler, and Leticia Gunn will be attending the event. Please plan on attending. What a great opportunity to hear from our State officers about the plans to celebrate the 100th Birthday of FFGC and other noteworthy news from our parent organization.

It is being held at Monarch Country Club in Stuart Florida. The theme is **Cheers to 100 Years**. The cost is \$50.00. Registration forms can be found at www.DistrictX.org. This event is eligible for M.E.E.R

A speaker from Environmental Studies Center of Martin County, Valerie Gaynor will be our educational speaker for the morning.

Any questions please see me after the meeting.

Wellington Garden Club Members Meeting

September 11, 2023

Tree Count Report and Annual Tree Planting Report

Kathy Siena, Chairman

Tree Count Report

Welcome to a beautiful new garden club year. At the FFGC Convention last April, Wellington Garden Club received a certificate of recognition for planting 751 trees. 650 of those trees were planted at the Wellington Environmental Preserve last September. Why is it important for us to plant trees? FL DEP says: "Trees contribute to their environment by providing oxygen, improving air quality, climate amelioration (positive influence of trees on future climate conditions), conserving water, preserving soil, and supporting wildlife. The University of Florida says: "When gardening at home, it is important to select trees that will thrive in your landscape. Select Florida native trees, if possible. The UF website, Gardening Solutions, has a wealth of great information available. The Florida Native Plant Society is also a great resource for native tree verification. I would like to encourage each of you to plant a new tree, or more, in your yard. I will leave a tree planting record at the sign-up table area at each members meeting. Please list the botanical and common name of the tree, how many trees you planted and where planted. That is not a specific yard location, but rather private property, school, preserve, etc. We have from last March until next March 2024 to record trees planted.

Annual Tree Planting Report

Now that I have told you why it is important to plant trees, I would like to invite all our members, friends, and family to join us for a great community-wide volunteer event in partnership with the Village of Wellington. It is our 9th Annual tree planting which usually occurs on National Public Lands Day, Saturday, Sept 23, 2023, starting promptly at 8:30 AM. We hope to plant 700 native Florida slash pine seedlings (*Pinus elliottii*) in pre-dug holes at the Wellington Environmental Preserve located at 3491 Flying Cow Road.

I suggest you bring hats, sunscreen, water, comfy shoes, garden gloves and a small trowel. Enter through the main Preserve entrance then make a sharp right turn through a wooden gate and drive along the gravel road to park and there we will gather to take our traditional group photo. We will then walk out to the planting area which will be a bit further than last year. Good walking exercise! The event will take place even if it is raining. Are there any questions about either of these reports? Thank you for your interest and attention. See you in eleven days at the Preserve!