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9. The District X Fall Meeting will be on Friday, October 20, 2023. “Cheers to 100 Years” will be hosted by the Garden Club of Stuart from 9:00am to 3:00pm. There will also be a FFGC Officers Tour. Register on the website if interested.

B. Recording Secretary - Amy Schwed is filling in for Cynthia Gardner today. She asked if the minutes of the April 26, 2023 board meeting had any additions or corrections. Stormi Bivin said page 1, paragraph 3 needed the word “be” to be inserted in the first sentence. The minutes were approved, as amended.

C. Treasurer, Danese Sloan-Kendall, gave her report. See attached. Plans for training the Assistant Treasurer, Marianne Forrest is yet to be determined, but she’s working on it now. Danese mentioned that Marianne will handle member educational expense reimbursements.

D. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Petra Russell had nothing new to report.

E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Kristi Westrup told us that the speaker for the September 11, 2023 Membership meeting will be Lauren Butcher from Grassy Waters Preserve, and her topic is “Discover the Everglades in Your Backyard”.

#### IV. Standing Committee Reports

A. Caren Griffin said our first Around & About will be a tour of Palm Beach State College on Thursday, September 21, 2023. Another upcoming trip will be to Lion Country Safari, where we will be charged only \$14, because we are a non-profit organization. Caren mentioned yet another trip will be to Flamingo Gardens.

B. A thank you note from the National Garden Club was received, thanking the WGC for its donation of \$272 for the Penny Pines program.

C. Hospitality. Linda Messina has cleaned and returned all the tablecloths and our supply cabinet is stocked.

D. The Butterfly Garden at the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Preserve is having its next work day on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 8:30am. A sign up sheet was passed around.

E. John Siena appealed for a volunteer to head the Community Garden project. After 7 years of heading this group, he is ready to stop. He has written up a document detailing what the job requirements are. There is now a 2 hour course that is given online called “Safety for Children” that anyone taking the position must complete. He noted that the garden is currently in good shape. Carol Ralph will post John’s document online. Kathy Siena suggested sending it to all members. Carol Ralph will appeal to the membership for volunteers to head up the committee and to work. Diane Rice may take on the position.

#### V. Special Committee Reports

1. The Kings Academy - Stormi Bivin said that the garden club members purchased the largest amount of tickets sold for “Singing in the Rain” : 64 tickets. This is a fund raising profit of \$320 for the club. Information on the 4 productions we can attend through the WGC will be in the newsletter. Tickets for “Singing in the Rain” will be given out at the September 11, 2023 meeting. If you haven’t paid yet, money will be collected then as well.

2. The December holiday luncheon is still in its planning phase, as restaurants are still being checked out.

3. Kathy Siena passed around copies of a VOW brochure and flyer about the WGC that will be posted around the VOW, as requested by Mayor Gerwig. They will be placed in kiosks throughout the Village to let visitors or new residents learn about the WGC.

4. The FFGC asked all Garden clubs to have an Arbor Day Celebration. Ours will take place Friday, January 19, 2024 at Rotary Peace Park. The WGC will donate a tree and have a plaque showing we were the donor. Twig Morris noted that each state determines its own Arbor Day month, and January is Florida’s Arbor Day month.

Wellington Garden Club  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
August 30, 2023  
Wellington Community Center

Attendees: Alison Albury, Stormi Bivin, Huguette Damas, Linda DeSanti, Lisa Ferrano, Marianne Forrest, Caren Griffin, Anne Hlasnicek, Carol Lazzarino, Linda Messina, Twig Morris, Carol Ralph, Diane Rice, Tina Richter-Becker, Dee Rolfe, Petra Russell, Jan Seagrave, Amy Schwed, John Siena, Kathy Siena, Danese Sloan-Kendall, Cass Stryker, Kristi Westrup, Maria Wolfe, Bobbi Ziegler

Absentees: JoAnn Akins, Dale Barnhart, Carol Coleman, Cynthia Craig, Maxine Fisher, Cynthia Gardner, Larry Grosser, Kimberly Helms, Jim Thompson, Terrienne Tuskes, Barbara Zenker

I. Call to Order

- A. A quorum was established.
- B. We were asked to silence all cell phones.
- C. Maria Wolfe gave Carol Ralph a "welcome to the Presidency" gift.
- D. A sign up sheet was sent around for people to bring food to the first Membership meeting on September 11, 2023.
- E. The 2023-2024 Yearbooks were available to be picked up.

II. Anne Hlasnicek presented information on this season's "Minute for Gardening" and the NGC Gardening School, Course 3 coming up Thursday, November 16, 2023 and Friday, November 17, 2023 at the Mounts Botanical Garden. There will be several different classes presented over the 2 days and the cost for Course 3 includes breakfast and lunch. Tina Richter will include a column by Anne in the monthly newsletters. Anne had sign up sheets with her for anyone interested in signing up.

III. Officer Reports

A. President's Report

1. Carol Ralph told us a scam email was sent out under her name. Silvia Evans, from the Palm Beach Accounting and Financial Services, LLC sent Carol a letter, explaining that this was a very common happening with non profit organizations. Members should hover over incoming emails to check the correctness of the sender's address.
2. Carol thanked Dee Rolfe for painting the WGC logo on a scrapbook for seasons 2021-2023 which Cass Stryker, our historian, created.
3. Maria Wolfe made a motion that nominated Linda Messina and Huguette Damas to be the Members-At-Large for the 2023-2025 garden club term. Lisa Ferrano seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
4. Diane Peaden will host the first Sunset Social on Friday, September 15, 2023 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.
5. We will advertise the October 2, 2023 Membership meeting as "bring a friend" month.
6. The WGC/WAS will host a joint fund raiser on Saturday, December 2, 2023 from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Members will be asked to bring plants to sell. Carol Ralph will bring milkweed. There will be many vendors there, including our own Dee Rolfe and Cass Stryker. A volunteer sign up sheet will be passed around at the September Membership meeting.
7. There will be a WGC/WHS joint fund raiser Lunch and Learn at the Polo Club on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 beginning at 11:00am.
8. Maria Wolfe told us that the FFGC/District X 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Tropical Short Course will be held right here at the Wellington Community Center on Thursday and Friday, January 25-26, 2024. It is called "Groundbreakers, Then and Now" and will include speakers on that topic as well as

5. Lisa Ferrano got a grant of \$3,000 for Wildflower Meadow. She is working with Will Gurney to plant a wildflower meadow in the middle of the trees in the dog park in Green Briar Park. It will take a few years to complete.

6. Diane Rice will be having the next Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 8:30am. This takes place in the John D. MacArthur State Park and only takes one hour. She will have a sign up sheet at the Monday, September 11, 2023 Membership meeting.

## VI. New Business

A. Carol Ralph suggested a change on page 52 of the 2023-2024 Yearbook regarding the reception held for new members. It states that "a brunch is to be held at a member's home". If there are too many new members to be accommodated at a member's home, then it needs to be held at the Community Center. Twig Morris suggested convening an Articles of Association and Policies review committee to discuss this and decide if it should be changed.

B. John Siena discussed the Parliamentarian's duty. He also mentioned that he had never been installed as Parliamentarian in May 2023. Maria Wolfe, Jan Seagrave and Carol Ralph would like to be part of this review committee with John.

Article 11.1 in the 2023-2024 Yearbook was discussed as it related to Articles of Association Amendment and Policy Review.

C. Carol Ralph asked if we wanted to sell fertilizer this year. Jan Seagrave said she had done research on this last year and we did not sell fertilizer because the cost was very expensive. It was suggested that the question be brought up at the September 11, 2023 Membership meeting to see if anyone was interested in researching and running a sale. Twig Morris made a motion that the club not purchase fertilizer in bulk to resell to its members due to cost and distribution issues. Tina Richter seconded the motion. It passed 22-1. Carol Lazzarino will check at Mounts for the cost of small bags of fertilizer.

D. John Siena reported on the Village project that he and Kathy Siena are involved in. It is a long time project that covers about 3 acres and will involve having a building for teaching and native plants and trees. He would like the blessing of the WGC. John was reminded that it was approved last year by the board. He will give updates periodically.

E. The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Planting will take place on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at Wellington Environmental Preserve, beginning at 8:30am. Come one, come all.

F. Lisa Ferrano noted that October is Native Plant Month. Carol Ralph will share this information at the September 11, 2023 Membership meeting. Stormi Bivin suggested that we focus on native plants at the plant raffle at the October 2, 2023 Membership meeting. Carol Ralph said she will bring that up at the September meeting.

G. The meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Schwed, substituting for Cynthia Gardner, Recording Secretary



You are invited to a  
Meeting of the Minds – District X Lunch and Learn  
Date: Monday, September 18, 2023  
Place: Robert Morgade Library (Anderson Room)  
5851 SE Community Dr,  
Stuart, FL 34997  
Time: 10:30am – 1:00pm

An opportunity for all Club/Circle Presidents to learn about the newest projects of FFGC, exchange ideas for speakers, fundraisers, and get to know one another.  
Each Club/Circle is asked to send at least one person. All are invited.

Please bring a brown bag lunch and drink to enjoy after the meeting. There will be a refrigerator to keep items cold.

RSVP to Maria Wolfe, 561-386-4903 or  
tcacad\_registrar@yahoo.com by Friday, September  
15, 2023.

Everyone must register with Dianne Beaver  
**Registration deadline: September 12, 2023**  
 Late registration fee: \$15.00



Registration Form: FFSJ District VIII Flower Show School Course 1  
 September 26-29, 2023  
 Please make check payable to: **District VIII Flower Show Judges** and mail to  
**Registrar Dianne Beaver, 6560 Wild Orchid Lane, Sarasota, FL 34241**  
**Phone (941) 780-2949** **diannebeaver@gmail.com**

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Taking exam for credit to become  
 an NGC Flower Show Judge  
 Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Full course	\$140.00
Wednesday only - Horticulture	\$ 75.00
Thursday only - Design	\$ 75.00
Late Fee	\$ 15.00
<b>Total</b>	.....

Morning refreshments and lunch are provided.

**Course 1**

**Required Reading**

- The National Gardener Magazine  
 TNG Online (Digital PDF Version) found  
 on the NGC website at > Member  
 Login > TNG Online
- Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017  
 Revised Edition (3 Ring Binder or Digital  
 version) PLEASE NOTE that the January 2022  
 revision of the digital Handbook for Flower  
 Shows is now available to download free of  
 charge: [ngc-handbook-for-flower-shows-july-2022-revision.pdf](http://ngc-handbook-for-flower-shows-july-2022-revision.pdf) ([garden.club.org](http://garden.club.org))
- If you are ordering the binder and PRINTED  
 copy of the handbook pictured on NGC website,  
 please be aware that it contains the original  
 pages of the 2017 Flower Show Handbook. You  
 will also have to download all corrections and  
 enter in the 2017 Handbook.

- Outlines of Period Flower Arrangement  
 (Hannay)
- Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging

**Recommended Reading**

- Guide to the New Petite Floral Designs  
 Anna G. Burns
- Hortulana The 21st Century Edition  
 (Heber)
- Designing by Types (Osborne)

Books may be ordered from the NGC  
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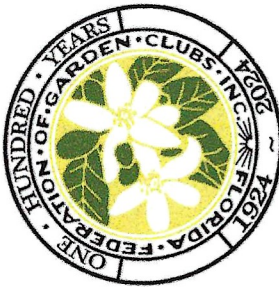
Presents

**Flower Show School**

**Course 1**

September 26-29, 2023

**Manatee River Garden Club**  
**3120 First Avenue West**  
**Bradenton, Florida 34205-3448**



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## Instructors

### Horticulture & Procedure

#### DAVID ROBSON

David Robson is a retired horticulture and pesticide safety specialist with the University of Illinois. He worked with Don Meyer to initiate the McLean Co. Master Gardener program in the early 1990s. A graduate of Iowa State University and University of IL, he has taught for more than 42 years. He was president of the Springfield Civic Garden Club from 1995-1997, after serving on the board of directors for many years. He currently is the Recording Secretary of the club.

David is a NGC Master Judge since 1992, and Flower Show School and Symposium instructor since 2008, teaching Horticulture Judging and Flower Show Procedures. He is the past chairman of Horticulture Instructors for the NGC Flower Show Schools, and chairman of the Handbook revision committee. He currently serves on the NGC Board of Directors as the Plant America Community Grants Chairman, NGC Headquarters Grounds Chairman, and a trustee of the NGC PH&E Fund.

### Design

#### GINA JOGAN

Gina Jogan, an NGC Accredited-Master Flower Show Judge, has been an instructor of Design and Flower Show Procedure for NGC's Flower Show Schools since 2002 and an NGC Symposia instructor since 2004. She has served as chairman of numerous NGC and Deep South committees, has been an officer on the FFGC Board of Directors, an officer of FFSJ and has chaired numerous State and National Flower Shows. The recipient of numerous awards, Gina is currently the president of FFSJ.

Gina is also a member and presenter of CFAA and OFAD and a presenter, facilitator, speaker at workshops, programs, events...too numerous to list! Her designs have been published in articles, magazines, calendars, and on-line.

Gina is a graduate of Florida State University with a B.S. in Elementary Education and Mathematics. She was married for 46 years to Stephen, a career Naval Officer, now deceased (2013) and resides in Molino, Florida, just north of Pensacola. She is the proud mother of two grown children, has five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

### General Information

These schools are one of the benefits of belonging to a federated Garden Club, and we hope you will take full advantage of this series.

Please remember to bring your **HANDBOOK FOR FLOWER SHOWS, 2017**

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Susan Hillson

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All lectures are open to the public for the stated fees. Only members of a garden club belonging to NGC, Inc. are eligible to receive credit toward Nationally Accredited Judges Certificates.

Students taking the course for credit must be in their seats throughout lecture time. Seats will be numbered and assigned in order in which paid reservations are received. Front seats are assigned to students taking the course for credit.

#### Course 1

##### Flower Show Procedure - David Robson

Introduction to the Flower Show Handbook

##### Horticulture - David Robson

1. Ixora
2. Bromeliads

##### Design - Gina Jogan

NGC Traditional Design

#### Course 1 Timetable

##### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

3:30-4:00 Registration/Announcements

4:00-6:00 Flower Show Procedure

##### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:00-8:30 Announcements

8:30-9:30 Flower Show Procedure

Written Test

9:30-9:45 Break

9:45-11:45 Horticulture

11:45-12:30 Lunch

12:30-1:30 Horticulture

1:30-1:45 Break

1:45-3:45 Practice Point Scoring

3:45-4:00 Break

4:00-5:00 Horticulture Point Scoring Exam

##### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:00-8:30 Announcements

8:30-9:30 Horticulture Written Test

9:30-9:45 Break

9:45-11:45 Design

11:45-12:30 Lunch

12:30-1:30 Design

1:30-1:45 Break

1:45-3:45 Practice Point Scoring

3:45-4:00 Break

4:00-5:00 Design Point Scoring Exam

##### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:00-8:30 Announcements

8:30-9:30 Design Written Test

## New Message From Wellington Garden Club - Contact Us



**From** Christopher Hill <mail@wellingtongardenclub.org>  
**To** <info@wellingtongardenclub.org>  
**Reply-To** Christopher Hill <aubourn78@hotmail.com>  
**Date** 2023-07-26 16:33

Good afternoon - I am trying to reach Janet Seagrave through email. She awarded us a scholarship to the WYC this summer. We sent an email of thanks and follow up but are worried that it may have gone to her junk/trash files. We wanted to just ensure she got the email, and we had a question about who to address a thank you card to ( we do not have her cell number).

Can you please check if Janet DID get an emails from us, and if not let us know and provide another email address at the garden club to send it to. The email came from [chill38@fau.edu](mailto:chill38@fau.edu) or [aubourn78@hotmail.com](mailto:aubourn78@hotmail.com).

Thank you very much! The Hill family. James Hill was sponsored summer 2023



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 & Aabouts.

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.

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