



**WGC Membership Meeting
Wellington Community Center
Monday, January 6, 2025 - 9:30 AM**

**Speaker: CJ McCartney
Master Gardener**

**Topic: The Transformational Intersection
of Nature and Us –
Today and Tomorrow**

After moving to South Florida from Chicago in the late nineties, CJ McCartney underwent a shift in interests. Unfettered from her company, and now living in a subtropical climate, she began cycling and hiking natural habitats and started noticing all the wildlife that lived in and depended upon them for survival. Along with a changing philosophy from “Somebody ought to do something about that, to one day realizing that she could do something,” she started learning how to be a knowledgeable and effective Environmental Steward. Along with training to become a Master Gardener, she started taking a variety of botanical and horticulture classes and seminars to supplement her formal education from Harvard University in public policy and urban management. Currently, she works with PBC Environmental Resource Management vouchering plants and leading outreach activities, is the Master Gardener in Residence at Ann Norton Sculpture Garden and serves on several Boards and gardening committees.