



You are invited to a

New Member Reception

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Place: Wellington Community Center

12150 Forest Hill Blvd.

Wellington, Fl. 33414

Lakeview West Room

Time: 9:00am to 12:00 noon

We would like to get to know you better and we would like you to meet all the Mentors and Committee Chairs.

Carol Ralph, President, would also like to share a few words.

A delightful brunch will be provided.

RSVP to Dee Rolfe, 561-753-9813 or rolfew@aol.com by Friday, February 16, 2024.

January 26, 2024

Wellington Garden Club
Treasurer Report

Income since December 31, 2023 was \$1531.72, primarily from shredding fund raising, garden art and plant raffle.

Expenses since December 31, 2023 were \$795.87 primarily for earth day & around & about.

Balance in the checking account is \$22,516.45

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

Danese Sloan Kendall
Treasurer

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
June 1, 2023 through January 26, 2024

	Jun 1, '2...	Budget	\$ Over B...	% of Bud...
Income				
4000 · INCOME				
4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing				
4101 · Boutique Items	558.00	0.00	558.00	100.0%
4106 · Plant Raffle Meetings	735.00	500.00	235.00	147.0%
4110 · Misc	83.16	100.00	-16.84	83.2%
4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing - Other	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total 4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing	1,376.16	700.00	676.16	196.6%
4200 · Membership Dues	1,003.00	5,625.00	-4,622.00	17.8%
4300 · Program Services Revenue				
4301 · Awards & Grants				
4301.1 · Awards	130.00	0.00	130.00	100.0%
4301.2 · Grants	1,500.00	250.00	1,250.00	600.0%
4301 · Awards & Grants - Other	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
Total 4301 · Awards & Grants	1,630.00	300.00	1,330.00	543.3%
4302 · Donations & Memorials				
4302.1 · Donations Other	101.00	0.00	101.00	100.0%
4302 · Donations & Memorials - Other	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total 4302 · Donations & Memorials	101.00	100.00	1.00	101.0%
4308b · Garden Art	120.00	0.00	120.00	100.0%
4309 · Penny Pines	85.87	0.00	85.87	100.0%
4313 · Coral Reef	173.49	0.00	173.49	100.0%
Total 4300 · Program Services Revenue	2,110.36	400.00	1,710.36	527.6%
4400 · Special Events				
4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income				
4402.1 · Member meals Holiday Luncheon	2,602.00	4,500.00	-1,898.00	57.8%
4402.2 · Other Holiday Luncheon Income	404.00	500.00	-96.00	80.8%
Total 4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income	3,006.00	5,000.00	-1,994.00	60.1%
4403 · Spring Luncheon Income				
4403.1 · Member meals Spring Luncheon	0.00	4,500.00	-4,500.00	0.0%
4403.2 · Other Income Spring Luncheon	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
Total 4403 · Spring Luncheon Income	0.00	4,750.00	-4,750.00	0.0%
Total 4400 · Special Events	3,006.00	9,750.00	-6,744.00	30.8%
4409 · Fundraising				
4409 b · Fundrasing other	6,645.78	1,275.00	5,370.78	521.2%
4500 · Garden Tour	0.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00	0.0%
Total 4409 · Fundraising	6,645.78	16,275.00	-9,629.22	40.8%
Total 4000 · INCOME	14,141.30	32,750.00	-18,608.70	43.2%
Total Income	14,141.30	32,750.00	-18,608.70	43.2%
Gross Profit	14,141.30	32,750.00	-18,608.70	43.2%
Expense				
6500 · EXPENSE				
6501 · Inventory fundraising expenses				
6507 · Plants Meetings	19.09	50.00	-30.91	38.2%
6501 · Inventory fundraising expenses - Other	249.00	0.00	249.00	100.0%
Total 6501 · Inventory fundraising expenses	268.09	50.00	218.09	536.2%
6599 · Fundraising expenses				
6599 b · Fundraising Other	4,406.00	0.00	4,406.00	100.0%
Total 6599 · Fundraising expenses	4,406.00	0.00	4,406.00	100.0%
6700 · Management & General				

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6701 · Chamber Dues (Wellington)	125.00	125.00	0.00	100.0%
6702 · Correspondence	195.96	250.00	-54.04	78.4%
6703 · Discretionary	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
6704 · Historian	79.12	25.00	54.12	316.5%
6705 · Insurance	582.27	700.00	-117.73	83.2%
6706 · Membership				
6706b · New member reception	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
6706 · Membership - Other	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total 6706 · Membership	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
6707 · Newsletter	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.0%
6709 · President's Expense	0.00	800.00	-800.00	0.0%
6711 · Treasurer & Accountant	358.85	1,000.00	-641.15	35.9%
6712 · Website	75.98	350.00	-274.02	21.7%
6713 · Yearbook	825.00	800.00	25.00	103.1%
6717 · Miscellaneous				
6717 b · Storage	383.60	575.40	-191.80	66.7%
Total 6717 · Miscellaneous	383.60	575.40	-191.80	66.7%
Total 6700 · Management & General	2,625.78	5,525.40	-2,899.62	47.5%
6800 · Program Services				
6802 · Award & Grants	31.92	100.00	-68.08	31.9%
6803 · Member Education	331.00	2,000.00	-1,669.00	16.6%
6804 · FFGC & District Dues				
6804.1 · Dues FFGC	110.00	1,562.50	-1,452.50	7.0%
6804.2 · Dues District X	0.00	62.50	-62.50	0.0%
Total 6804 · FFGC & District Dues	110.00	1,625.00	-1,515.00	6.8%
6806 · Honorary Awards	0.00	600.00	-600.00	0.0%
6807 · Floral Design	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6807b · Garden Art	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6808 · Habitat	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
6809 · Youth Activities				
6809.1 · Youth programs	223.14	0.00	223.14	100.0%
6809 · Youth Activities - Other	0.00	1,600.00	-1,600.00	0.0%
Total 6809 · Youth Activities	223.14	1,600.00	-1,376.86	13.9%
6810 · Meeting Programs/Speakers	150.00	1,000.00	-850.00	15.0%
6812 · Memorials and Donations	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
6813 · Mounts Membership	0.00	125.00	-125.00	0.0%
6814 · College Scholarships	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
6815 · SEEK Capital Fund	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
6816 · SEEK Scholarship	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%
6817 · Sunshine Fund	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
6818 · Wekiva Camperships	0.00	1,470.00	-1,470.00	0.0%
6819 · Wekiva Capital Fund	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
6820 · Wekiva LIT Program	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
6827 · Earth Day	136.72	100.00	36.72	136.7%
6829 · National Garden Week	246.86	200.00	46.86	123.4%
6830 · NGC Disaster Fund	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
6831 · Environmental Education	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
6834 · Coral Reef Restoration	200.00	0.00	200.00	100.0%
6836 · Wellington Preserve Landscaping				
6836.b · Wellington Wildflower Garden	1,460.85	300.00	1,160.85	487.0%
6836 · Wellington Preserve Landscaping - Other	0.00	350.00	-350.00	0.0%
Total 6836 · Wellington Preserve Landscaping	1,460.85	650.00	810.85	224.7%
6837 · Community Garden	124.22	450.00	-325.78	27.6%
Total 6800 · Program Services	3,014.71	18,220.00	-15,205.29	16.5%
6900 · Special Events Direct Expense				

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6901 · Around & Abouts	473.00	100.00	373.00	473.0%
6904 · Holiday Luncheon				
6911 · Holiday luncheon Other expense	437.90	300.00	137.90	146.0%
6913 · Member Meals	2,029.28	4,500.00	-2,470.72	45.1%
Total 6904 · Holiday Luncheon	2,467.18	4,800.00	-2,332.82	51.4%
6905 · Hospitality	124.31	300.00	-175.69	41.4%
6908 · Spring Luncheon				
6909 · Spring luncheon Other expense	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
6912 · Guest meals	0.00	225.00	-225.00	0.0%
6914 · Member Meals	0.00	4,500.00	-4,500.00	0.0%
Total 6908 · Spring Luncheon	0.00	5,025.00	-5,025.00	0.0%
Total 6900 · Special Events Direct Expense	3,064.49	10,225.00	-7,160.51	30.0%
6910 · Flowershow	95.48	0.00	95.48	100.0%
Total 6500 · EXPENSE	13,474.55	34,020.40	-20,545.85	39.6%
Total Expense	13,474.55	34,020.40	-20,545.85	39.6%
Net Income	666.75	-1,270.40	1,937.15	-52.5%



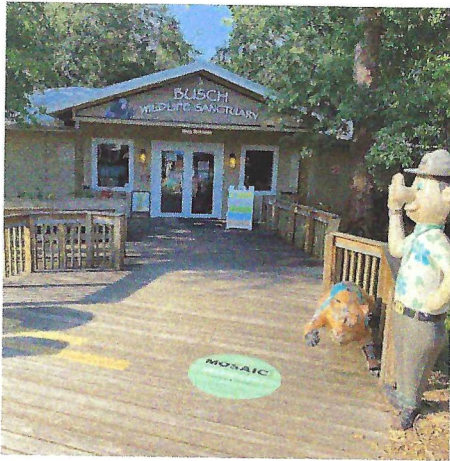
**WGC Membership Meeting
Wellington Community Center
Monday, March 4, 2024 at 9:30 AM**

**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
10:30 AM
Busch Wildlife Sanctuary
17855 Rocky Pines Road
Jupiter, Florida 33478
Private Tour
Cost: \$8.00/person

Leave the carpool location at 9:15 AM to arrive at 10:30 AM (via FL turnpike)

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 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 individual's expense.)

Wellington Garden Club

WGC BOD Report

January 31, 2024

Art In Bloom

Join us for a celebration of art and flowers featuring imaginative floral interpretations of selected works from the Posh Gallery collection

Saturday, February 10th, 2024 12 noon - 7 p.m.

Free Admission – No RSVP required

Bring your friends & family

Posh Art Gallery Delray Market Place - Suite 104 9089 W. Atlantic Avenue Delray Beach 33456

FFGC 97th Convention

Jacksonville, FL

April 10-12, 2024

FFGC is 100 years old. Where better than to celebrate where the first Garden Club began...in Jacksonville, FL. On April 11 – 12, 2024 members from all over the state of Florida will gather in Jacksonville to:

1. Attend educational sessions
2. Visit the State Flower show that will include Floral Designs, Horticulture, Botanical Arts and Educational Exhibits.
3. Attend a Member's Only Art Show featuring paintings, sculpture, etc.
4. Learn how to make a corsage or a fascinator.
5. Meet garden club enthusiasts from across our State

Please visit www.FFGC.org for more information and to register. Because this event is educational, you are eligible for an educational reimbursement from WGC.

FFGC District X Spring Meeting REGISTRATION FORM

Oceans of Orchids

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024

HOSTED BY PIPER'S LANDING GARDEN CLUB
PIPER'S LANDING YACHT & COUNTRY CLUB
6160 SW Thistle Terrace
Palm City, FL 34990

Registration at 8:30 am.

Program begins at 9:15 am.

Guest Speaker: Zack Jud from Florida Oceanographic Institute
Seeing Red from So Much Green...The Story of Florida's Algae Issues
Complete a Registration Form for each club member registering.
Copy this form as needed.

- Cost is \$50 to include continental breakfast and buffet lunch.
- Forms and checks must be RECEIVED by April 4, 2024.
- An additional \$10.00 will be charged after April 4th.
- No refunds will be given after March 31st.
- Interactive Registration form available on districtX.org.
- Print, fill in form, and mail with check.
- Make check for \$ 50.00 payable to "Piper's Landing Inc."
- Mail Registration form and check to: Registrar: RJ Barone
4901 SW Parkgate Blvd. Palm City, FL 34990
jbandrjb@yahoo.com (315) 794-0627
- Feel free to contact the registrar with any questions.

* GREAT SELECTION OF RAFFLE BASKETS
WILL BE AVAILABLE

Name _____

Address _____

Club/Circle _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Please check each category that applies to you. You may check more than one category.

☐ Member

☐ District X Chairman

**Continental Breakfast and Buffet Lunch
will be served.**

☐ FFGC State Officer

☐ Former District X Director

Valet Service will be available.

☐ FFGC Chairman

☐ Club President

Please note any dietary restrictions:

☐ FFGC Former State Chairman

☐ Circle President

☐ District X Director

☐ Delegate (designated by Club President)

☐ District X Officer

☐ Guest



PIPER'S LANDING
Yacht & Country Club

JAN 31, 2024

Update on the Meadow project

AR report was sent to the Wildflower Foundation this month, as required by the contract. It included details of the planting including pictures, Number of people involved & time spent. A link to the Wellington GC website was provided ^{as well as} ~~an~~ articles from the newsletter & year book.

I expect to receive the final portion of the grant (\$1500) in the next month or two.

In the meantime a work date of Tues. Feb 6 will be scheduled to trim & weed the meadow 8:30a - 11:00a is the tentative time.

Lisa Ferraro

Scholarship Committee Report

- We had organizational meetings and action items were assigned to committee members.
- The instructions and application forms were updated and simplified.
- A flyer with a QR code students directly to the scholarship page of our website was made and distributed.
- Members of the committee have made contact with local county high schools and colleges.
 - WHS, PBCHS, Glades Central, PBSC, FAU and several others are scheduled to be contacted.
- We have already received some applications.
- I would like to float the idea of individuals making special scholarship donations earmarked for funding WGC academic scholarships. It would be a tax deductible donation.

Wellington Garden Club

WGC Members Meeting-Feb, 5, 2024

Youth Garden Clubs Report-Kathy Siena, Chairperson

Good morning. Wellington Garden Club members have been supporting our local youth garden clubs for at least 15 years. Various yearly fundraisers that we have are what help us raise funds to support them. Working with our youth in this capacity helps us fulfill an important part of our mission statement which is "to instill in our youth the love of gardening and the respect and protection of the environment." I would like to give you an update on the five school gardens we are currently working with.

Elbridge Gale Elementary School has been a new youth garden club since last September when an interested schoolteacher reached out to us for help with their gardens. We are working with their pre-school aged children. Currently, the children are germinating seeds to learn how to plant them and watch their growth. The next elementary school that we have been working with for many years is Pine Jog Elementary School. They have large hydroponic and raised bed gardens where they grow strawberries, tomatoes, and other kinds of fruits and vegetables. Polo Park Middle School is continuing to develop their butterfly gardens and removing non-native plants and adding beautiful natives like coonties. Like Pine Jog, we have been collaborating with the local scout troops at the butterfly garden next to the dog park for many years. They did a great job cleaning up the garden with about thirty-five volunteers-parents and boy and girl scouts. We hope to organize another clean up soon with the scouts. By doing these clean-ups, they learn about pollinators and native plants. The last garden we work with is at Wellington High School. Teachers and parents, Kristina and Greg Shatskin have done a tremendous job incorporating the vegetable, herb, and flower gardens with the Agriscience classes that they teach. They are using the herbs they grow in one of their cooking classes.

This coming week, we will deliver heirloom tomato plants, onion bulbs, green bean seeds, fennel seeds and turnips to Elbridge Gale, Pine Jog and Wellington High School to plant with the students and teachers.

I hope this update gives you a fair idea of what we have been doing with our youth garden clubs. Any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I want to thank my committee members Bobbi Ziegler, Kathy Schneider, Lisa Ferrano, Sera Peat and John Siena for their help, expertise, and advice they have shared with our youth.

"2024 Garden Tour – Equestrian Estates of Distinction"

Minutes of meeting on Monday, January 22, 2024

Attendees: Carol Coleman, Kathy Perinoff, Linda DeSanti, Kristi Westrup, Cynthia Gardner, Adrienne Bendich, Joyce Smith, Bobbi Ziegler, Dan (Jan Seagrave), Anne Hlasnicek, Carol Ralph

Topics discussed:

- 1) Carol Ralph will prepare signup sheets for each committee and place them on the signup table at the next membership meeting. Committees are:
 - ✓ a) Publicity – media mentioned were the Town Crier, facebook, distribution of flyers
 - ✓ b) Ads and Sponsors – we can use the list recorded in the binder for our 2022 garden tour
 - ✓ c) Greeters – will need volunteers. Jan Seagrave volunteered for Victoria McCullough's farm; Joyce Smith volunteered for Bruce Springsteen's farm
 - d) Programs – Carol R will prepare the program based on previous years.
 - e) Refreshments – Carol C said Victoria McCullough would probably provide refreshments
 - ✓ f) Ticket Sales – will use Eventbrite and paper tickets as we did last year. – Carol R
 - ✓ g) Signage – need for this will be minimal
 - h) Email blasts – as needed.
- 2) Time will be 10:00am to 4:00pm
- 3) Ticket price will be \$75.00/pp. It will be advertised that this is not a tour for children.
- 4) Carol C advised the following estates will be on the tour
 - a) River Run – Phoebe Wesley
 - b) Eye Candy –
 - c) Mida Farms – Victoria McCullough
 - d) Helstrom – Global Equestrian Group, Watermark – Bruce Springsteen's daughter rides at this farm
 - e) Rushy Marsh – Frank McCourt
- 5) The following estates are possibilities
 - a) Trudy Page
 - b) Fernandez 3D BLDG - Hollow Tree
- 6) Where to have the tent to pick up booklets the day of the tour was discussed. It was decided that near Tackeria was ideal. Carol C and Joyce Smith will visit Tackeria (13501 S Shore Blvd, Wellington) on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, to talk with the manager.
- 7) Having a Food Truck available during the tour was discussed. If we have the central point for the start of the tour near Tackeria, it was decided not to have a food truck.
- 8) Using rubber wrist bands as identification of ticket holders was discussed. Joyce Smith will research this. Wrist bands from Amazon are very inexpensive. Suggestions is one color for volunteers and another color (maybe neon) for guests.
- 9) Carol R will prepare a new flyer that will include additional information regarding the tour, i.e. multiple farms will be on the tour."

Submitted by

Carol Ralph
Volunteer

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Wellington Garden Club

Board of Directors Meeting-Jan 31, 2024

Youth Garden Clubs Report-Kathy Siena, Chairperson

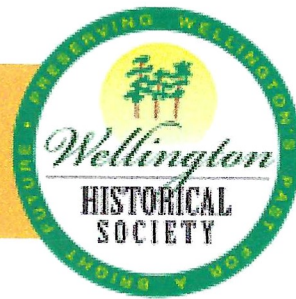
As Board members, you are aware that our Garden Club proudly supports our local youth garden clubs. We raise money by having fundraisers to be able to continue to do this. An important part of our mission statement is "to instill in our youth the love of gardening and the respect and protection of the environment." I would like to give you an update on the five school gardens we are currently working with.

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Thank you,

LUNCH & LEARN



HISTORY IN EVERY DROP: THE STORY OF OUR WETLANDS

FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKERS FOR GRASSY WATERS PRESERVE:

**Mary Crider, *Environmental Education Supervisor* &
Lauren Butcher, *Environmental Education Coordinator***



The history of Palm Beach County is inseparable from our wetlands. From our original indigenous inhabitants, to early settlers, to the birth of our modern era, people living in our region have depended on the marshes and swamps of the northern Everglades. Join us to discover how people have used the unique plants, wildlife, and waterways of this remarkable wetland. Learn about its historic part in the development of our area and about the vital role these waters continue to serve for humans and wildlife today.

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 | 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

The Mallet Grille at the National Polo Center

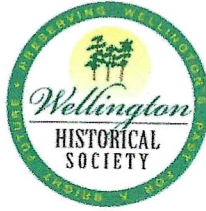
3667 120th Avenue S, Wellington, FL

\$50 per person | Includes Lunch and Admission to the Presentation

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

VISIT WELLINGTONHISTORICALSOCIETY.ORG FOR TICKETS & INFORMATION

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Wellington Garden Club & Wellington Historical Society

Dear Friend or Business Owner:

The Wellington Garden Club and Wellington Historical Society will be co-hosting a Lunch-and-Learn event at the National Polo Center's Mallet Grille on March 13, 2024, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., titled "History in Every Drop: The Story of Our Wetlands."

The event will explore how the history of Palm Beach County is inseparable from the marshes and swamps of the Northern Everglades. Featured speakers will include Mary Crider and Lauren Butcher:

Mary Crider is the Environmental Education Supervisor for Grassy Waters Preserve in the City of West Palm Beach. While completing her thesis work for her master's in environmental science from Florida Atlantic University in Ecuador, she worked closely with local organizations to increase environmental awareness in the area. Seeing the importance of environmental outreach firsthand, Mary shifted her focus to education upon her return to Florida. She has now worked with students and the public as an Everglades educator for the past 12 years.

Lauren Butcher is excited to share the Everglades with students and visitors in her role as an Environmental Education Coordinator for Grassy Waters Preserve. She has 15 years of experience as an environmental educator and holds a master's in nonprofit management with a graduate certificate in environmental education from Florida Atlantic University. A third-generation Floridian, Lauren is passionate about connecting people with the natural world in South Florida and beyond.

We urge you to associate with this memorable event by becoming a philanthropic sponsor. Your generous financial commitment will showcase your business and promote recognition to the best potential customers in this area.

If interested, please indicate the level of advertising or sponsorship, and mail the form along with your payment to the address on the form. You will earn recognition and thanks in our printed program. Lead sponsors at the Royal Poinciana \$1,000 level and above will also be acknowledged in pre-event publicity. We appreciate your support and thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

Carol Ralph
President, Wellington Garden Club

Sue Bierer
President, Wellington Historical Society

Gardening School, Course 4



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Interested in taking your gardening skills to the next level? Looking for more information about gardening in SE Florida? District X has engaged four of the area's most knowledgeable presenters for this spring's Gardening School, Course 4. Take advantage of this opportunity to expand your general knowledge about gardening and horticulture. Become a more confident and successful SE Florida gardener.

February 20 & 21, 2024

8:30 AM—3:30 PM

Mounts Botanical Gardens

531 N. Military Trail

West Palm Beach, FL 33415

Registration Fee: \$75 + \$8 Exam Fee
Includes lunch, snacks, and beverages

To register, go to www.DistrictX.org and look under Educational Opportunities for an online interactive registration form.

For more information, contact Carol Stender at 610-297-1224 or carol.stender@gmail.com.

INSTRUCTORS

Dr. Kimberly Moore, a highly acclaimed instructor who has taught Gardening School courses nationwide. She will cover two areas:

- Plant Classification, including important flowering and foliage plant groups.
- Specialized Styles of Gardening, including sun/shade, organic, greenhouse, etc.

Joel Crippen, the Display Gardens Horticulturist for Mounts Botanical Gardens, will share

- Techniques for Growing Woody Ornamentals and a presentation of
- Pruning Techniques with an outside demonstration.

John Roberts, PhD, U of FL Environmental Horticulture Dept. will help us with Outdoor Identification of Plants, including:

- Characteristics of Plant Families
- Local/regional choices

CJ McCartney, area expert and consultant on Gardening for Wildlife and the Environment

#61 Nell Coe Award: "Celebrating 100 Years"

Due Date: March 20, 2025

Submission: Email Award #61 to Tina Tuttle, ttuttle1954@gmail.com

Tina Tuttle, FFGC President Project for 2023-2025, "100 Ways to Celebrate 100 Years."

Awarded every other year and revised each administration since 1966—

Donors: FFGC

Description and Purpose: To recognize and award the completion of exemplary participation in all aspects of FFGC. The large Nell Coe Tray will remain on permanent display at Headquarters.

The 2023-2025 Administration Theme "100 Ways to Celebrate 100 Years" is presented to encourage and promote participation in all aspects of FFGC and garden club work and thereby boost the growth in our membership. This administration will promote retention of our current members and increasing membership by involving as many current and potential members in activities that are sponsored/hosted by FFGC, its districts and clubs/circles as possible. By participating in the myriad programs, projects, educational opportunities, etc., offered, we will experience all the Garden Club has to offer. We will be *doing* garden club instead of just being a garden club.

PROOF OF ACCOMPLISHMENT:

1. If your circle/club or an individual is serious about promoting membership by participating in all FFGC has to offer, please apply by filling out and providing the list of activities completed. Do not hesitate to apply even if you have not completed all 100 ways...you may have completed more than anyone else has done!

2. Proof of each activity you participated in will be by the completed forms emailed to FFGC President. The Garden Clubs/Circles or individual with the most activities completed in each of the five (5) categories below will be awarded \$250.

Please use the current 2023-2025 FFGC Award Application and email the award application with at least pictures showing your completed activities and the Nell Coe "100 Ways to Celebrate 100 Years" and your downloaded Category Proof of Accomplishment Sheet.

IMAGES: Email jpeg images with awards application.

AWARD: \$250 may be awarded in **Categories** 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 listed below.

Club Categories:

1. Small Clubs 10- 50 members
2. Medium Club with 51-100 members
3. Large Club with 101 - 199 members
4. Ex-Large Clubs/Circles 200 members +
5. Individual member