

**WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB**  
**Minutes from Members Meeting October 2, 2023**  
**Wellington Community Center- Ballroom**

**I. Welcome** - Carol Ralph

- A. Established a quorum
- B. Silenced all cell phones
- C. Introduction of Board of Directors
- D. Pledge of Allegiance

**II. Speaker Presentation** - Kristi Westrup introduced George Soria, South Florida Permaculture. Topic - Learn How Sustainable Edible Plants Change the World.  
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**III. Officer Reports**

**A. President's Report**

- 1. Penny Pines basket was passed around.
- 2. District X Fall Meeting October 20, 2023 from 8:30 - 2:30 pm at Monarch Country Club in Palm City. \$50.
- 3. Sunset Social at Kimberly Helm's garden on Friday, October 6, 2023 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.
- 4. Rescheduled our first Sunset Social at the home of Diane Peaden to Friday, October 27 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.
- 5. This month's meeting was "Bring a Friend" and is also Native Plant Month. Lots of new faces at the meeting.
- 6. WGC/WAS joint fund raiser - Saturday December 2, 2023. Carol Ralph has ordered 50 native Milkweed plants. Members requested to donate plants. Signup sheet is on Volunteer signup table.
- 7. FFGC 50/50 tickets and Opportunity Drawing tickets for the FFGC Convention drawing on April 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 in Jacksonville are available from Carol Ralph. \$5 for 50/50 tickets and \$2 for Opportunity tickets.
- 8. FFGC membership cards are available from Carol Ralph.
- 9. District X "Holiday Tea and Tour" at the Henry Morrison Flagler Museum organized by Marie Wolfe on December 14, 2023 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm..
- 10. Tropical Short Course on January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at Wellington Community Center. Marianne Forrest has registration forms.

**B. Recording Secretary** - Cynthia Gardner

Minutes of the September 11, 2023 membership meeting were approved as written.

**C. Treasurer** - Danese Sloan-Kendall. Reports are on file with the recording secretary.

**D. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** - Petra Russell - no report.

**E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** - Kristi Westrup

Speaker for the November 6, 2023 Membership Meeting will be Kirsten Hines - Topic - Wild Florida - An Animal Odyssey.

**F. Corresponding Secretary** - Jan Seagrave will have some wonderful correspondence next month from Wekiva campers.

#### **IV. Standing Committee Reports**

##### **A. Around & About** - Caren Griffin/Terrianne Tuskes

1. South Florida Permaculture Resource Center tour Thursday, October 12, 2023 and on November 15<sup>th</sup> tour of Kit Pannill's garden in Palm Beach. Lunch following at Alfresco. Need to carpool. Specify east or west.
2. Thursday, October 12, - Tour of South Florida Permaculture Resource Center with George Soria

##### **B. Hospitality** – Carol Ralph thanked everyone who brought this month's meeting refreshments

##### **C. Garden Arts and Crafts** - Carol Lazzarino – Workshop was successful.

##### **D. Butterfly Garden** - Marjory Stoneman Douglas Habitat – next workday is Thursday October 5, 8:00 am. Volunteers signup sheet on table.

##### **E. Community Garden** - Carol Ralph - Carol Ralph and Diane Peaden are the new Co-Chairs with Diane Rice as additional volunteer.

##### **F. Scholarship Committee**- Carol Ralph for John Siena - Volunteers needed. Sign-up sheet for interested parties. .

##### **G. Minute for Gardening** - Anne Hlasnicek - Good plants for fences and arbors; Sweet Olive Clematis, Challis Vine and Passion Flower Vine.

#### **V. Special Committee Reports**

##### **A. Holiday Luncheon** - Barbara Zenker - December holiday luncheon 12/04/2023 at 11:00 am in Casa Tequila backroom. \$32 with \$3.95 margaritas. Volunteers needed to help with decorating, sign-in etc.

##### **B. Wildflower Meadow** - Lisa Ferrano - Planted 500 plants with 7 volunteers and 3 Wellington Village employees who dug the holes at the Green Briar Park.

##### **C. NGC Gardening School Course 3** - Anne Hlasnicek - Course 3 will be offered in West Palm Beach on November 16-17 at Mounts Botanical Center. Seven instructors for different topics plus an Exam. Eligible for 50% educational reimbursement.

#### **VI. Old Business** - None

#### **VII. New Business** - None

#### **VIII. Announcements** -

1. Name tag raffle winners were Lisa Ferrano, Janet Jones and Jenive McKain.
2. Boynton Beach Garden Club is having a luncheon/fashion show on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at the Westchester Country Club.

Meeting adjourned at 12:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Gardner  
Recording Secretary