

**WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB**  
Minutes from Board of Directors Meeting  
January 3, 2024 – 9:36 AM  
Wellington Community Center – WiFi Room

Attendees: Stormi Bivin, Linda DeSanti, Lisa Ferrano, Cynthia Gardner, Caren Griffin, Linda Messina, Twig Morris, Carol Ralph, Dee Rolfe, Petra Russell, Jan Seagrave, John Siena, Kathy Siena, Danese Sloan-Kendall, Cass Stryker, Kristi Westrup, Maria Wolfe, Barbara Zenker.

**I. Call to Order – Carol Ralph**

- A. Established a quorum
- B. Silenced all cell phones

**II. Office Reports**

**A. Recording Secretary – Cynthia Gardner**

- 1. Minutes of the November 29, 2023 Board of Directors meeting item **IV-C-b** was corrected from “three consecutive monthly meetings” to three monthly workshops” and “Linda Messina” was changed to “Susan Hillson”. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

**B. President’s Report**

- a.. Attendance at December 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday luncheon was 82 members.
- b. Holiday Gift Boutique on Saturday, December 2, 2023 netted \$655.78 which included all of Dee Rolfe’s profits of \$253 which she donated. Carol Ralph stated that she is reconsidering whether to have future holiday gift boutique sales as they are a great deal of work and not that profitable. Positive note: all of the milkweed was sold.
- c. 50/50 and Opportunity Drawing tickets from FFGC Convention in Jacksonville in April 2024 are still available from Carol Ralph and Kathy Siena.
- d. Rotary Club luncheon was attended by Carol Ralph and John Siena. Walter Imperatore from the Rotary Club asked if the WGC would like to be involved with the Project Lift Belle Glade that helps “at risk” children. Considerable discussion concluded that it is not really in line with the WGC Mission statement. Motion from Cynthia Gardner seconded by Lisa Ferrano asked if the WGC wanted to get involved in the Project Lift Belle Glade and was unanimously not approved.
- e. The New Member Reception will be on Tuesday February 27, 2024 in the Lakeview West Room of the Community Center from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Question was raised by Stormi Bivin as to why the New Member Reception was being organized by the president instead of the membership committee. Carol Ralph stated that she will ask the Membership Committee for help. Further discussion concluded that this event should be included in the Membership Committee responsibilities. BOD Committee Chairs are being requested to provide food for the breakfast. Sign-up sheet for food will be available at the next BOD meeting.
- f. An email received thru “info@wellingtongardenclub” from Christian at Revival Gardening, a master gardener in Orlando, offered to speak about composting at no charge to the WGC was considered of interest and was given to Kristi Westrup. A suggestion was made to ask the presentation be geared towards the South Florida soil content and climate.

Another email from Cathy Burns at the PBC Library system – Royal Palm Beach branch asked if we could provide speakers on a variety of topics for their gardening series at the Cultural Center. BOD input suggested a number of resources including WGC master gardeners. Maria Wolfe pointed out that this was an excellent opportunity to market WGC and attract new members.

**C. Treasurer** – Danese Sloan-Kendall – report is on file with the recording secretary.

**D. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** - Petra Russell

- a. Motion from Petra Russell, seconded by Kathy Siena to order a brick to honor Kay Brown, a deceased member of WGC, at FFGC headquarters at a cost of \$50 was unanimously approved.

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

- a. Speaker for the January 8, 2024 Membership Meeting will be Tom Peterson (Kristi's father) on honey and beekeeping. Topic - Pollinators & Natural Habitats

**F. Corresponding Secretary** - Jan Seagrave

- a. Thank you letters will be read at the membership meeting from Florida Oceanographic Society and a scholarship recipient.

### **III. Standing Committee Reports**

**A. Around & About** – Caren Griffin

- a. Drive-thru tour of Lion Country Safari on January 18, 2024 at 10:00 am. Needs list of names/payment one week prior. Cost - \$14. Rain or shine. Café Roar offers lunch
- b. Flamingo Gardens walking tour on Thursday, February 15, 2024. \$55 – needs payment 2 days prior. Includes admission, box lunch and bus transportation.

**B. Community Garden** – Carol Ralph

- a. Carol will begin working with the children at the Wellington Boy's and Girls Club starting Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Carol Ralph, Diane Peaden and Lisa Ferrano have been working on the garden beds.

### **IV. Special Committee Reports**

**A. Holiday Luncheon Report** – Barbara Zenker and Bobbi Ziegler

- a. Luncheon was a success. Not a profitable event although a little money was generated from the raffles. Carol needs a volunteer to organize the spring luncheon.

**B. Tropical Short Course** - Maria Wolfe

- a. Reminder for Tropical Short Course registration on January 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 2024 at Wellington Community Center. Deadline to register has been extended. Great speakers, film and floral design presentations
- b. District X Florida Flower Show judges hosting a free event on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Posh Art Gallery in Delray Beach at Atlantic Avenue and Lyons Road. Flower show judges and floral designers will take a piece of art and create a floral arrangement that compliments the art.

**C. Wekiva Volunteer Training** – Stormi Bivin

- a. Promoted volunteer training week beginning Friday, February 9, 2024 to Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at noon followed by the Wekiva Open House. January 10, 2024 is the registration deadline. Live like a camper. \$75 includes meals. Qualifies for 50% member reimbursement. Summer registration is currently underway.

**D. Floral Design Workshops** – Twig Morris

- a. Twig Morris, Linda DiSanti and Susan Hillson would like to offer a Fun With Flowers series of three workshops in February/March/April of 2024 for \$50 total. Sign-up deadline January 15<sup>th</sup>. Casual arrangements for the home, etc. First workshop will be



February 13<sup>th</sup> (before Valentine's Day) from 1 – 3 pm at the Mall at Wellington Green in the meeting room. Future dates are March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- E. Document Shredding Funding on Saturday, January 13, 2024. 9:00 to 11:00 am in front of Wellington Town Hall. Flyers will be emailed to local businesses. Need Help! Linda Messina, Caren Griffin, Tom Romah and Stormi Bivin volunteered. Bring your own chairs.

**F. Wekiva – Jan Seagrave**

- a. Wekiva registration for Critters was on January 2, 2024. Two critters were registered and one was wait-listed with four additional Critters scheduled for registration on January 3, 2024.

**V. Old Business**

- A. Tree Planting at Rotary Peace Park at 11:00 am on January 10, 2024 in celebration of Arbor Day. The tree to be planted will be a Slash Pine.
- B. Garden Tour is being organized by Carol Coleman who has been working on tour selections of houses and stables. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be at the January 8, 2024 membership meeting.

**VI. New Business**

- A. Linda Mackin asked if the BOD's could bring some food to the January membership meeting.
- B. Twig Morris asked if we have a Policy Committee and pointed out their responsibilities on Page 48 of the 2023 Membership Yearbook. Carol Ralph has been working on it. Committee members are Jan Seagrave, Maria Wolfe, John Siena and Twig Morris.
- C. Business cards for the WGC are available from Carol Ralph at all meetings.

**VII. Announcements**

- A. Stormi Bivin has sold 80 tickets for the Best of Broadway Kings Academy Theatre performance on February 3, 2024 at 1:00 pm.
- B. Reminder from Carol Ralph that if a BOD wants to be on the meeting agenda to notify her in advance of issuing the meeting agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 am.

Respectfully submitted.

Cynthia Gardner  
Recording Secretary

## Fun with Flowers Design Workshops 2024

A series of three Fun with Flowers Workshops will be held next year beginning in February. The series is based on the FFGC Fun with Flowers program and will be conducted by Linda DeSanti, Susan Hillson and Twig Morris.

The workshops will focus on learning to arrange flowers for our home and special occasions rather than creating a design to enter in a flower show. Although entering a design for competition in a flower show is exciting and challenging, it is not always the style of design we can use in our home.

With basic tools, traditional techniques and simple instructions, anyone can create an aesthetically pleasing floral design. Fun with Flowers designs are "Quick and Easy" to make! Relax! Get those creative juices flowing and take home a beautiful design after every workshop.

Registration is limited to 20 participants. Signup deadline is January 15. So be sure to **sign up at the January meeting.**

HELD AT: The Mall at Wellington Green in The District meeting space on the lower level  
FROM: 1:00 TO 3:00 PM  
COST: \$50 for all three sessions (No single workshop signups available).  
Checks payable to Wellington Garden Club  
DATES: Tuesday, February 13  
Tuesday, March 26  
Tuesday, April 23  
SIGN UP: At the January 8 membership meeting or  
Call/text Twig Morris at 201-230-6324 to sign up. Deadline is January 15.  
Mail your check for \$50.00 payable to Wellington Garden Club to:  
Twig Morris, 2087 Guadeloupe Drive, Wellington, 33414

*Jan. 15, deadline*



# WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY



## *Wellington Garden Club Wellington, Florida*

*Wellington Garden Club is accepting academic scholarship applications for seniors entering college and majoring in Environmental Sciences, Horticulture, and related studies. Applications should be emailed to Scholarship Chairman John Siena by March 15.*

*Contact John ([jcsiena@gmail.com](mailto:jcsiena@gmail.com)) if any questions.*

*Applications are available at:*

*<https://wellingtongardenclub.org/academic-scholarships/>*

*or scan the QR code for direct access to the website.*

**Don't delay! Apply today!**



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**I. Call to Order – Carol Ralph**

- A. Established a quorum
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**II. Office Reports**

**A. Recording Secretary – Cynthia Gardner**

- 1. Minutes of the October 25, 2023 Board of Directors meeting were approved as corrected for punctuation and typos.

**B. Presidents Report**

- 1. Attendance at the November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 membership meeting was 84 members and 8 guests.
- 2. Holiday Gift Boutique is this Saturday, December 2, 2023. Carol Ralph printed flyers for BOD members to pass out at local shops and businesses. Maria Wolfe suggested taking one upstairs in the Community Center to the Bingo gathering.
- 3. The Holiday luncheon has 80 members signed up. Casa Tequila banquet room will be decorated by members for the holiday.
- 4. 50/50 and Opportunity Drawing tickets from FFGC Convention in Jacksonville in April 2024 are still available from Carol Ralph and Kathy Siena.
- 5. Advertising in the April issue of Florida Gardener is being organized and prepared by Carol Ralph and Christine Biscoglio.
- 6. John Siena will be speaking on behalf of the WGC at the Rotary Club meeting on December 14, 2023 and will highlight the various WGC programs. Carol Ralph will also be in attendance.
- 7. The New Member Reception will be on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 in the Lakeview West Room of the Community Center from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. BOD Committee Chairs are being requested to provide food for the breakfast. Sign-up sheet for food will be organized by Carol Ralph.
- 8. Linda DeSanti will give a floral design presentation during Minute for Gardening at the January 8, 2024 membership meeting.

**C. Treasurer – Danese Sloan-Kendall – no report**

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

**E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Carol Ralph for Kristi Westrup**

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- 2. Flamingo Gardens walking tour on February 15, 2024. \$55 – needs payment 2 days prior. Includes admission, lunch and bus transportation. Sign-up sheet at the January 8, membership meeting.
- 3. Jan Seagrave read a thank you letter regarding the Butterfly Garden. Carol & Kimberly will be working there on Thursday, November 30, 2023.



**B. Community Garden – Carol Ralph**

- a. Boys and Girls Club is slowly progressing. Carol & Diane spread chicken poop and cleaned out the messy shed. Susan Hillson and Twig Morris have volunteered as well.

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**B. Wekiva Volunteer Training – Stormi Bivin**

- a. Time to promote training weekend Friday, February 9, 2024 to Sunday noon followed by Wekiva Open House. Carol Ralph, Katherine Wagner-Reiss and maybe Stormi Bivin will be attending. January 10, 2024 is the registration deadline. Live like a camper. Limited to 40 volunteers in volunteer cabins. Overflow will stay in campers' cabins. \$75 includes meals. Qualifies for 50% member reimbursement. Purpose of the training is to learn how Wekiva works and the program planned for the upcoming summer camp. Volunteers specify crafts or nature. 6 one-week long sessions from 06/16, 2024 - 07/27, 2024 Co-ed and single sex sessions. Critters (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders) have three day sessions. Wekiva is the only garden club sponsored overnight camp in U.S.

**C. Awards Report – Twig Morris**

1. Submitted entries in several categories. *Susan Hillson*  
2. Twig Morris, Linda DiSanti and Linda Messina would like to organize 3 floral design workshops to be discussed at the January 8<sup>th</sup> membership meeting. Casual arrangements for the home at 3 consecutive monthly meetings.

- D. Document Shredding Fundraiser** on Saturday, January 13, 2024. 9:00 to 11:00 am in front of Wellington Town Hall. Maria will lend her personal tent. Need help – only 3 volunteers so far. Flyers available for distribution by BOD members.

**V. Old Business**

- A.** Carol Ralph and Twig Morris are working on the 100 Ways to Celebrate 100 Years list. List can be found under the FFGC website under Nell Coe Awards #61. Each FFGC President picks their own project. Carol Ralph will breakdown her project list into a series of power point presentations for the membership over the next two years of her presidency.

- B. Holiday Gift Boutique – Carol Ralph and Petra Russell** are looking for a volunteer to man the booth of an outside vendor.

**VI. New Business**

- A.** Dee Rolfe provided a status on the February 7, 2024 Crafts Workshop from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Carol Lazzarino is making felt succulent plant flowers. Sign-up sheet available. \$15.  
**B.** Dee Rolfe mentioned a request from some members for the club to have Christine Biscoglio and Susan Hillson repeat their past floral design classes.

**VII. Announcements**

- A.** Stormi Bivin is accepting checks today for the Kings Academy Theatre tickets from BOD members for Best of Broadway and will fill out the forms. February 3, 2024 at 1:00 pm performance.

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 am.

Respectfully submitted.

Cynthia Gardner  
Recording Secretary