

**Wellington Garden Club  
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, August 28, 2024  
Wellington Community Center**

- I. **Call to Order**
  - A. Establish a quorum
  - B. Silence all cell phones
- II. **Officer Reports**
  - ✓ A. **Recording Secretary** – Minutes of April 24, 2024 BOD meeting submitted for review.
  - B. **President's Report:**
    - a. There were 94 attendees total at the April 1, 2024 Membership meeting, with 7 guests.
    - ✓ b. There will not be a Sunset Social in September.
  - C. **Treasurer** – Danese Sloan-Kendall
    - a. The latest issues of the Treasurer's Report & P&L dated August 2024 are included with the eblast with this agenda.
  - ✓ D. **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**
  - ✓ E. **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – Kristi Westrup - Mike Sands
  - ✓ F. **Corresponding Secretary** – Jan Seagrave
- III. **Standing Committee Reports**
  - ✓ A. Kimberly Helms & Tara Green – September 19, 2024 Around & About.
  - ✓ B. Newsletter – Tina Richter-Becker
  - C. Website – Speakers for 2024-2025 are posted.
- IV. **Special Committee Reports**
  - ✓ A. Environmental Committee – Diane Rice – JDSP & Coastal Cleanup
  - ✓ B. Holiday Luncheon – December 2, 2024 at WNG – Dee Rolfe
  - ✓ C. Minute for Gardening – Ann Hlasnicek
  - ✓ D. District X Fall Meeting – Carol Ralph for Maria Wolfe
  - ✓ E. Tropical Short Course – Carol Ralph for Maria Wolfe
  - ✓ F. Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest – Katherine Schneider & Selma Wang
  - ✓ G. TKA – Stormi Bivin
  - ✓ H. WGC NGC Small Standard Flower Show – May 5, 2025 – Twig Morris
- V. **Old Business**
  - ✓ A. Flyers and brochures created by VOW – Carol Ralph has supplies
- VI. **New Business**
  - ✓ A. Irma Philmus, a new WGC member, also belongs to Valencia Reserve – Carol Ralph
  - ✓ B. Mounts Botanical Garden – School Program Funding – Let's All Go to the Garden
  - ✓ C. Annual Tree Planting – Kathy Siena
  - ✓ D. Pick & Grow Tree Planting Project – Kathy Siena & Katherine Wagner-Reiss
  - ✓ E. NGC Youth Poetry Contest 2024 – Need volunteer
  - ✓ F. "Saving Endangered Florida Panthers" Presentation – October 24, 2024
  - ✓ G. Outing to Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium – Spring 2025 – Volunteer needed.
  - ✓ H. Organic Gardening Supplies.
- VII. **Announcements** – STORMI - FREE SEED PACKAGES
- VIII. **Adjourn** 11:03 VEG. - FLOW HERBS

August 4, 2024

Wellington Garden Club  
Treasurer Report

Income since June 1, 2024 was \$1,317.00, primarily from Kings Academy fundraising.

Expenses were \$1,208.59 primarily from deposits on Holiday & Spring luncheon, chamber dues and miscellaneous.

Balance in the checking account is \$33,523.32.

Other items completed were the IRS report, Florida Department of Agriculture 501c3 report and CPA review.

For more information please review the budget versus P&L to date.

Danese Sloan Kendall  
Treasurer

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08/04/24  
Cash Basis

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**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
June 1 through August 4, 2024

|   | Jun 1 - A... | Budget    | \$ Over B... | % of Bud... |
|---|--------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>Income</b>                               |              |           |              |             |
| 4000 · INCOME                               |              |           |              |             |
| 4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing           |              |           |              |             |
| 4104 · Plants sale                          | 38.00        | 3,500.00  | -3,462.00    | 1.1%        |
| 4106 · Plant Raffle Meetings                | 0.00         | 500.00    | -500.00      | 0.0%        |
| 4110 · Misc                                 | 0.00         | 100.00    | -100.00      | 0.0%        |
| 4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing - Other   | 0.00         | 100.00    | -100.00      | 0.0%        |
| Total 4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing     | 38.00        | 4,200.00  | -4,162.00    | 0.9%        |
| 4200 · Membership Dues                      | 225.00       | 6,000.00  | -5,775.00    | 3.8%        |
| 4300 · Program Services Revenue             |              |           |              |             |
| 4301 · Awards & Grants                      | 0.00         | 300.00    | -300.00      | 0.0%        |
| 4302 · Donations & Memorials                | 0.00         | 100.00    | -100.00      | 0.0%        |
| Total 4300 · Program Services Revenue       | 0.00         | 400.00    | -400.00      | 0.0%        |
| 4400 · Special Events                       |              |           |              |             |
| 4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income              |              |           |              |             |
| 4402.1 · Member meals Holiday Luncheon      | 0.00         | 4,500.00  | -4,500.00    | 0.0%        |
| 4402.2 · Other Holiday Luncheon Income      | 0.00         | 500.00    | -500.00      | 0.0%        |
| Total 4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income        | 0.00         | 5,000.00  | -5,000.00    | 0.0%        |
| 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                 | 0.00         | 9,750.00  | -9,750.00    | 0.0%        |
| 4408 · Flower Show                          | 0.00         | 1,500.00  | -1,500.00    | 0.0%        |
| 4409 · Fundraising                          |              |           |              |             |
| 4409 b · Fundrasing other                   | 0.00         | 1,275.00  | -1,275.00    | 0.0%        |
| 4409c · Shredding                           | 0.00         | 700.00    | -700.00      | 0.0%        |
| 4409d · The Kings Academy                   | 1,054.00     | 700.00    | 354.00       | 150.6%      |
| Total 4409 · Fundraising                    | 1,054.00     | 2,675.00  | -1,621.00    | 39.4%       |
| Total 4000 · INCOME                         | 1,317.00     | 24,525.00 | -23,208.00   | 5.4%        |
| Total Income                                | 1,317.00     | 24,525.00 | -23,208.00   | 5.4%        |
| Gross Profit                                | 1,317.00     | 24,525.00 | -23,208.00   | 5.4%        |
| <b>Expense</b>                              |              |           |              |             |
| 6500 · EXPENSE                              |              |           |              |             |
| 6501 · Inventory fundraising expenses       |              |           |              |             |
| 6505 · Plants sale                          | 0.00         | 2,000.00  | -2,000.00    | 0.0%        |
| 6507 · Plants Meetings                      | 0.00         | 50.00     | -50.00       | 0.0%        |
| Total 6501 · Inventory fundraising expenses | 0.00         | 2,050.00  | -2,050.00    | 0.0%        |
| 6599 · Fundraising expenses                 |              |           |              |             |
| 6599 b · Fundraising Other                  |              |           |              |             |
| 6599c · Shredding                           | 0.00         | 150.00    | -150.00      | 0.0%        |
| Total 6599 b · Fundraising Other            | 0.00         | 150.00    | -150.00      | 0.0%        |
| Total 6599 · Fundraising expenses           | 0.00         | 150.00    | -150.00      | 0.0%        |
| 6700 · Management & General                 |              |           |              |             |
| 6701 · Chamber Dues (Wellington)            | 125.00       | 125.00    | 0.00         | 100.0%      |
| 6702 · Correspondence                       | 26.00        | 250.00    | -224.00      | 10.4%       |
| 6703 · Discretionary                        | 0.00         | 250.00    | -250.00      | 0.0%        |
| 6704 · Historian                            | 0.00         | 25.00     | -25.00       | 0.0%        |
| 6705 · Insurance                            | 0.00         | 700.00    | -700.00      | 0.0%        |
| 6706 · Membership                           |              |           |              |             |
| 6706b · New member reception                | 0.00         | 150.00    | -150.00      | 0.0%        |



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| 6706 · Membership - Other                           | 27.93        | 100.00    | -72.07       | 27.9%       |
| <b>Total 6706 · Membership</b>                      | 27.93        | 250.00    | -222.07      | 11.2%       |
| 6707 · Newsletter                                   | 0.00         | 400.00    | -400.00      | 0.0%        |
| 6708 · Postage                                      | 13.60        | 0.00      | 13.60        | 100.0%      |
| 6709 · President's Expense                          | 0.00         | 800.00    | -800.00      | 0.0%        |
| 6711 · Treasurer & Accountant                       | 0.00         | 500.00    | -500.00      | 0.0%        |
| 6712 · Website                                      | 37.99        | 350.00    | -312.01      | 10.9%       |
| 6713 · Yearbook                                     | 0.00         | 900.00    | -900.00      | 0.0%        |
| 6717 · Miscellaneous                                |              |           |              |             |
| 6717 b · Storage                                    | 95.90        | 575.40    | -479.50      | 16.7%       |
| <b>Total 6717 · Miscellaneous</b>                   | 95.90        | 575.40    | -479.50      | 16.7%       |
| <b>Total 6700 · Management &amp; General</b>        | 326.42       | 5,125.40  | -4,798.98    | 6.4%        |
| <b>6800 · Program Services</b>                      |              |           |              |             |
| 6802 · Award & Grants                               | 0.00         | 100.00    | -100.00      | 0.0%        |
| 6803 · Member Education                             | 57.50        | 2,000.00  | -1,942.50    | 2.9%        |
| 6804 · FFGC & District Dues                         |              |           |              |             |
| 6804.1 · Dues FFGC                                  | 74.00        | 1,625.00  | -1,551.00    | 4.6%        |
| 6804.2 · Dues District X                            | 0.00         | 62.50     | -62.50       | 0.0%        |
| <b>Total 6804 · FFGC &amp; District Dues</b>        | 74.00        | 1,687.50  | -1,613.50    | 4.4%        |
| 6805 · FFGC Convention Ad                           | 0.00         | 100.00    | -100.00      | 0.0%        |
| 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                             | 0.00         | 1,600.00  | -1,600.00    | 0.0%        |
| 6810 · Meeting Programs/Speakers                    | 0.00         | 1,000.00  | -1,000.00    | 0.0%        |
| 6812 · Memorials and Donations                      | 0.00         | 300.00    | -300.00      | 0.0%        |
| 6813 · Mounts Membership                            | 0.00         | 150.00    | -150.00      | 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                                    | 0.00         | 100.00    | -100.00      | 0.0%        |
| 6829 · National Garden Week                         | 250.67       | 250.00    | 0.67         | 100.3%      |
| 6836 · Wellington Preserve Landscaping              |              |           |              |             |
| 6836.b · Wellington Wildflower Garden               | 0.00         | 300.00    | -300.00      | 0.0%        |
| 6836 · Wellington Preserve Landscaping - Other      | 0.00         | 350.00    | -350.00      | 0.0%        |
| <b>Total 6836 · Wellington Preserve Landscaping</b> | 0.00         | 650.00    | -650.00      | 0.0%        |
| <b>Total 6800 · Program Services</b>                | 382.17       | 18,057.50 | -17,675.33   | 2.1%        |
| <b>6900 · Special Events Direct Expense</b>         |              |           |              |             |
| 6901 · Around & Abouts                              | 0.00         | 100.00    | -100.00      | 0.0%        |
| 6904 · Holiday Luncheon                             |              |           |              |             |
| 6911 · Holiday luncheon Other expense               | 0.00         | 300.00    | -300.00      | 0.0%        |
| 6913 · Member Meals                                 | 250.00       | 4,500.00  | -4,250.00    | 5.6%        |
| <b>Total 6904 · Holiday Luncheon</b>                | 250.00       | 4,800.00  | -4,550.00    | 5.2%        |
| 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                                 | 250.00       | 4,500.00  | -4,250.00    | 5.6%        |
| <b>Total 6908 · Spring Luncheon</b>                 | 250.00       | 5,025.00  | -4,775.00    | 5.0%        |



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| Total 6900 · Special Events Direct Expense | 500.00              | 9,925.00          | -9,425.00           | 5.0%               |
| 6910 · Flowershow                          | 0.00                | 2,000.00          | -2,000.00           | 0.0%               |
| Total 6500 · EXPENSE                       | 1,208.59            | 37,307.90         | -36,099.31          | 3.2%               |
| Total Expense                              | 1,208.59            | 37,307.90         | -36,099.31          | 3.2%               |
| Net Income                                 | <u>108.41</u>       | <u>-12,782.90</u> | <u>12,891.31</u>    | <u>-0.8%</u>       |

## Jonathan Dickinson State Park

### **FDEP Proposed Changes:**

- Two 18-hole golf courses
- One 9-hole golf course
- Removal of Hobe Mountain Observation Tower
- Total area encompassing over 1000 acres

### **Public Comment Meeting Details:**

**When:** Tuesday, August 27, 2024, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (ET)

**Where:** The Flagler of Stuart - 201 SW Flagler Ave. River Room  
Stuart, FL 34984

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting  
[JonathanDickinsonSPpublicmeeting@floridadep.gov](mailto:JonathanDickinsonSPpublicmeeting@floridadep.gov)



Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful Award  
For FFGC Clubs in District X  
\$00 Prize

**Who:** YOUR Club! An opportunity for every FFGC District X Club in Palm Beach County.

**What:** Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful has collaborated with FFGC District X to offer an incentive for one Club to win \$100.00

Satisfies Nell Coe Award criteria # 9

**When:** Saturday, September 21, 2024 is the official Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful cleanup day. Visit [www.KPBCBeautiful.org](http://www.KPBCBeautiful.org) for a list of locations and contacts. Each club can reach out to that individual to register. You can pick your location of choice. The organizer will provide the grabbers, buckets, gloves and provide a T-Shirt to every participant.

**Where:** Each Club can choose the location that best suits them.

**How:** The criteria to win this award will be the Club that has the largest percentage (%) of members participating. The Club membership numbers will be based on FFGC dues paid as of May 1, 2024. See below.

|                                    |                  |   |     |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---|-----|
| Boca Raton Garden Club             | Boca Raton       | X | 153 |
| Boynton Beach Garden Club          | Boynton Beach    | X | 52  |
| Garden Club of Fort Pierce         | Fort Pierce      | X | 56  |
| Garden Club of Indian River County | Vero Beach       | X | 211 |
| Garden Club of Stuart              | Stuart           | X | 123 |
| Jupiter/Tequesta Garden Club       | Jupiter/Tequesta | X | 72  |
| Ocean Ridge Garden Club            | Ocean Ridge      | X | 59  |
| Oleander GC of the Palm Beaches    | Royal Palm Beach | X | 22  |
| Pipers Landing Garden Club         | Palm City        | X | 53  |
| Rio Lindo GC of Port St. Lucie     | Port St. Lucie   | X | 34  |
| Wellington Garden Club             | Wellington       | X | 133 |
| West Palm Beach Garden Club        | West Palm Beach  | X | 22  |

To enter please send a picture with the names of all individuals who participated to:

Maria Wolfe – [tcacad\\_registrar@yahoo.com](mailto:tcacad_registrar@yahoo.com) by October 1, 2024.

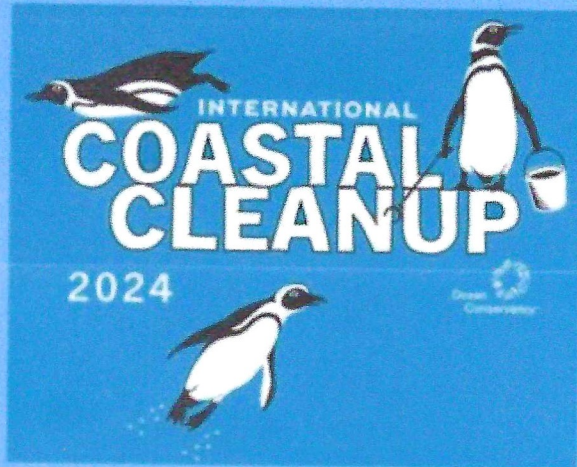
The winner will be announced at the Fall District Meeting on Monday, October 28, 2024

Good Luck!





*Register Today!*



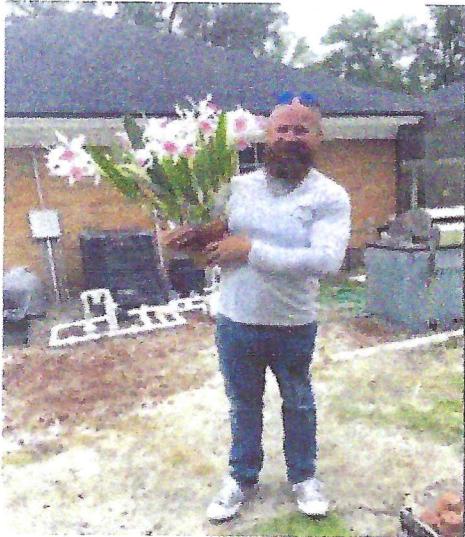
**Saturday, Sept. 21**

For all dates, start times, sites and registration information visit:

**[keepPBCbeautiful.org](http://keepPBCbeautiful.org)**

**561-686-6646**





**WGC Membership Meeting  
Wellington Community Center  
Monday, September 9, 2024 - 9:30 AM**

**Speaker: Mike Sands  
Tangled Roots Orchid Nursery**

**Topic: Common Pests and Fungus on Trees  
and Turf**

Mike Sands is a certified horticulturalist and Master Naturalist with over two decades of experience in the field. He currently serves as the head horticulturalist and head spray technician for the city of Wellington, Florida, where he has been employed for the past 12 years. Mike holds four spray licenses through the state of Florida in ornamental and turf, right-of-way, aquatic, and natural area categories. At Tangled Roots Orchid Nursery, Mike specializes in bifoliate Cattleyas, often referred to as the misunderstood Cattleya. The nursery is also known for its innovative 3D printed biodegradable pots and a newly developed fertilizer line. Mike is a past president of a local orchid society and has been elected to the board of the local Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association.



### **Around & About**

**Thursday, September 19, 2024**

**10:30AM**

**Gumbo Limbo Nature Center &  
Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Program**

**201 West Palmetto Park Road**

**Boca Raton, FL 33432**

Cost: \$5.00 per person will be given as a donation to the Center.

Gumbo Limbo was founded in 1984, as a beacon for environmental education, research, and conservation. It's 20 acres located on a protected barrier island provide refuge to many varieties of plants and animals-some rare or endangered. We monitor over 1000 nests a year within a five mile span of beaches, rescue and rehabilitate injured sea turtles, and release more than 9,000 stranded sea turtle hatchlings each year. During your visit, you can enjoy a walk on the boardwalk, count thousands of tropical fish in the aquariums, relax in the butterfly garden, or check on the patients in the sea turtle rehabilitation facility.

Lunch: Mykonos Grill Restaurant, 501 NE 20th St, Boca Raton, FL. 33431 (at individual's expense. )





Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

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## Minute for Gardening

1 message

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**Carol Ralph** <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>  
To: Anne Hlasnicek <ideasmith@comcast.net>

Wed, Jul 3, 2024 at 10:24 AM

Hi Anne,

Following is the list of club members who have agreed to give us a talk for our monthly Minute for Gardening:

September - Dale Barnhart - Butterfly plants

October - Lisa Ferrano - Native Plants

November - Twig Morris - Floral Design

January - Mary Anne Greely - African Violets

February - Stormi Bivin - Cerius

March - ~~Jan Seagrave - Propagation of African Violets~~

April - Joan Kaplan - Container Gardening

DANIEL SALKIN BEGONIAS

We may have to move them around a bit but this is a start.

We will still list you in the Yearbook as the chair for this.

**Carol Ralph**  
**President**  
**Wellington Garden Club**  
**740-243-8843**

***"Education is key to saving the Environment."***



Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

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## Minute for Gardening

13 messages

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To: Anne Hlasnicek <ideasmith@comcast.net>

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**Stephen Hlasnicek** <ideasmith@comcast.net>  
To: Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 3, 2024 at 7:24 PM

What a huge success! You work so hard and get such great results! I think this is a much better solution for the project - thanks

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**Carol Ralph** <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Thu, Jul 4, 2024 at 6:54 AM

To: Dale Barnhart <dalebarnhart@gmail.com>, LISA STATTMILLER <paddockpark@bellsouth.net>, Twig Morris <twig\_morris@hotmail.com>, Mary Ann WGC Greely <magreely@yahoo.com>, Stormi Bivin <sbivin@aol.com>, Janet Seagrave <jflygirl@bellsouth.net>, Joan Kaplan <admiral29@aol.com>  
Cc: Anne Hlasnicek <ideasmith@comcast.net>

Good Morning Everyone,

This is only an initial schedule. If you are unable to give a talk in any given month, please let me know.

Thank you.

Carol

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**mary anne greely** <magreely@yahoo.com>

Thu, Jul 4, 2024 at 7:30 AM

To: Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>, Jan Seagrave <jflygirl@bellsouth.net>

## The Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Flyer!

Children from first through fifth grade are invited to participate in the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Poster Contest!

### Poster Rules and Tips



1. All poster entrees must be sponsored by a local Garden Club.
2. Posters must feature Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl and may not feature both together.
3. Smokey Bear posters must include Smokey's wildfire prevention message:

#### **Only you Can Prevent Wildfires!**

4. Woodsy Owl posters must include Woodsy's conservation message:

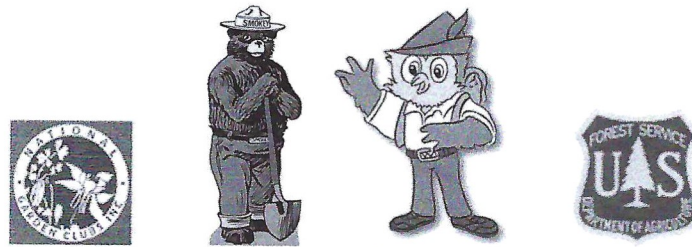
#### **Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!**



5. Each poster **MUST** be **11 x 17** inches in size.
6. The posters should encourage children to take a personal role in preventing wildfires or conserving natural resources.
7. A good poster has a bold and simple design. Its message is easily read and understood and is delivered both in picture and in text.
8. Materials that can be used include: crayons, markers, poster paints, water colors, etc. The choice of paper is up to the child.
9. Posters may include artwork pasted upon a second piece of paper. However, they must be flat. **No** 3-dimensional posters, computer scanned, or electronically generated images will be accepted.
10. The artist's name, address, home phone, grade, school, teacher's name, city and state must be printed on the back of the poster in the lower right corner. **Please print the label from GCG website**, then cut, paste or tape to the back of each child's poster.
11. Each poster must also show the name and city of the sponsoring local garden club.
12. Posters are to be completed by individual student artists.
13. Students should check spelling. Posters with spelling errors will be disqualified.
14. Posters will be judged for originality, design, slogan, artwork, and overall effectiveness of the message.
15. Since Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl are Official icons protected by law, the colors of their clothing needs to be accurate. Check the colors on the Web site: [www.fs.usda.gov/conservationeducation](http://www.fs.usda.gov/conservationeducation). A poster may include just the head of Smokey or Woodsy Owl or their whole body. Woodsy Owl vintage images may also be used.
16. Winning posters should be copied as they will not be returned.
17. Visit [www.gardenclub.uga.edu](http://www.gardenclub.uga.edu) and [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org) for further contest details.
18. Only 5 first place posters in the State competition will be entered in Regional competition. Regional winners will be entered in National competition. National entries become the property of NGC.
19. Please complete the Chairman winning posters report and send with posters.
20. To receive free copies of poster certificates, send an email to [symbols@fs.fed.us](mailto:symbols@fs.fed.us) with your name, address and quantity needed.

**DEADLINE is January 25, 2025 for ALL posters to be received by the State Chairman.**





## SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST

**Please, consider adding this to your club's calendar. Participants do NOT need to be registered as Junior Gardeners.**

Children from 1st- 5th grades are invited to participate in this annual drawing contest featuring conservation icons Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl. Every child that participates will receive a certificate of participation. Certificates may be ordered for free at [www.symbols.gov/ngc-poster-contest](http://www.symbols.gov/ngc-poster-contest).

***Any child/group of children may participate.*** Scout troops, after school programs, and the like are perfectly appropriate. Youth camps are a great time to do this project.

Children must be Florida residents and sponsored by a FFGC garden club or a member of a FFGC Garden Club.

The child's grade and information must be included on the back of the 7'x11' poster so that the participant can compete in the correct grade category. A free downloadable label is found at [www.symbols.gov/ngc-poster-contest](http://www.symbols.gov/ngc-poster-contest).

See Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Contest Poster Rules for details:  
<https://gardenclub.org>

Posters may be pre-judged locally and the winners sent to the State Chairman. Posters must be received by the Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl State Chairmen by **January 20, 2025.**

Questions:  
Contact Jill Anderson, FFGC State Chairman  
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# 2025 Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

## TIMELINE

| Date              | Activity  | Responsibility of   |
|-------------------|---|---|
| June 2024         | Information packages mailed to poster contest chairpersons and Forest Service conservation education and fire prevention coordinators | Forest Service  |
| January 20, 2025  | Local winning posters must be received by the State garden club or poster contest chairperson   | Local garden club or poster contest chairperson                           |
| February 24, 2025 | State winning posters must be received by the regional garden club or poster contest chairperson                                      | State garden club or poster contest chairperson                           |
| March 17, 2025    | Regional winning posters must be received by the National Garden Clubs poster contest chairperson                                     | Regional garden club or poster contest chairperson                        |
| April 7, 2025     | Judging to select the national winners for each grade level   | National Garden Clubs poster contest chairperson and Forest Service staff |
| April 17-28, 2025 | Selection of the national grand prize winner  | Forest Service employees  |
| May 2025          | Announcement of national poster contest winners   | National Garden Clubs (at their national convention)                      |
| Late summer 2025  | National grand prize winner recognition ceremony in Washington, DC  | Forest Service and National Garden Clubs, Inc.                            |





# YOUTH AWARDS & CONTESTS

ALL APPLICATIONS WITH PHOTOS INCLUDING YOUTH UNDER THE AGE OF 18 MUST INCLUDE A SIGNED PUBLICATION RELEASE FORM FOR EACH YOUNG PERSON INVOLVED.

Youth Awards (Pre-K - High School) and Contests K-9 DUE DATES 2024

\*Awards that are labeled "Contest" are for Clubs Sponsoring the Youth (Pre-K-12) in contests that do not require the membership of a Junior, Intermediate, High School Gardening Club.

**DOWNLOAD the FFGC Awards Application below for Youth Awards 1-81, District Awards, Girl Scout, Intermediate, High School and FFGC J-1 - J-3)**

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award descriptions & rules.



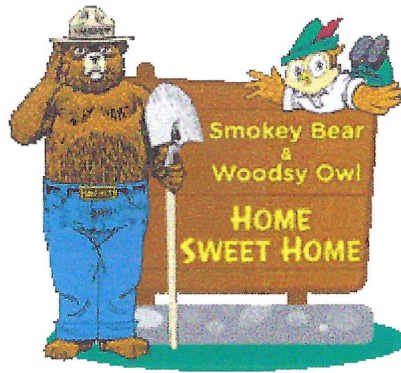
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*Entry Stickers  
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FFGC AWARDS APPLICATION

**SMOKEY BEAR YOUTH POSTER CONTEST**





**The 2025 contest is open to children from first through fifth grade are invited to participate in this annual drawing contest featuring Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl!**

Smokey Bear is recognized both nationally and internationally as the symbol for wildfire prevention, with his motto being

**"Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"**

Since 1944, Smokey Bear has taught people how to help prevent wildfires and how to be careful with campfires, barbecues, matches, and more.

**For more about Smokey Bear visit <https://smokeybear.com>**

**<https://gardenclub.org/smokey-bear-woodsy-owl-youth-poster-contest>**

*Any child/group of children may participate in the National Garden Clubs, Inc. poster contest. Scout troops, after school programs, summer camps, and the like are perfectly appropriate. Children must be Florida residents and sponsored by a garden club. The child's grade must be included on the poster so that the participant can compete in the correct grade category.*

**[History-Smokey Bear Woodsy Owl.pdf](#)**

**[2025 Timeline](#) for Poster Contest**

***Deadline is January 20, 2025***

For more information, contact

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## **Certificates and Entry Stickers**

Certificates of Participation and Poster Entry Stickers can be requested for free by sending an email to [symbols@fs.fed.us](mailto:symbols@fs.fed.us) with your name, mailing address, and quantity of certificates and/or stickers you are requesting.

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