

**Wellington Garden Club  
Membership Meeting  
Monday, November 4, 2024  
Wellington Community Center**

**I. Meeting called to order by Carol Ralph at 10:05am**

- A.** A quorum was established
- B.** All cell phones silenced
- C.** All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance
- D.** Annette Lubsen and Susie Stevenson volunteered to fill the 1st Vice President position. Since these two ladies will serve simultaneously, it will require an Amendment to the Articles of Association and a vote in January.
- E.** Alison Albury introduced members of the Valencia Reserve Garden Club who are joining us today, and visitors Ursula McNeil, Debra Wilson, Jill Shore, Andrea Kalina, Evelyn Reibel, and Christine Harbinger.
- F.** Alison also introduced new member Sheila Ewing.

**II. Speaker for Today -** Kristi Westrup introduced Dr. Paul Gray, Science Coordinator, Audubon Florida. Topic: History of Human Relationships with the Waterfowl Group.

**III. Meeting resumed at 11:10am**

**IV. Officers Reports**

- A. Recording Secretary -** Minutes from the 10/7/24 Membership Meeting are accepted as submitted.
- B. President's Report**
  - a.** Basket was passed around for the Sea Grass Restoration.
  - b.** There were 71 total attendees at the 10/7/24 Membership Meeting with 6 Guests.
  - c.** On 11/11/24 WGC is walking again in the Wellington Veterans Day Parade. Carol Lazzarino decorated a red wagon with red, white, & blue ribbons, flowers, and flags to pull in the parade behind our WGC banner. Everyone is invited to join in and should meet in front of City Hall at 7:45am. The parade will start at 8:15am with a ceremony to follow at Veterans Park.
  - d.** The next Sunset Social is November 15, 2024 at Diane Peaden's garden, 13486 51st Place N, Royal Palm Beach from 4:00p - 6:00p
  - e.** Carol Coleman and Victoria McCullough planned a beautiful memorial ceremony for Cynthia Gardner. Victoria advised us to feel free to visit the gravesite which is nestled in a circle of trees, bushes, and flowers on Victoria's Mida Farm.
  - f.** Beginning with the January meeting, we will switch location of the tables for the Board and the Signup sheets so Board members have a better view of the screen, speakers presentations, and meeting activities.
- C. Treasurer's Report -** Marianne Forrest. See Treasurer's Report and P&L as of 10/31/24 which is included in the Recording Secretary files.

**V. 2nd Vice President** - Kristi Westrup - Speaker for January 6, 2025 Membership Meeting is CJ McCartney, Master Gardner, to speak on The Transformational Intersection of Nature and Us - Today and Tomorrow.

**VI. Corresponding Secretary** - Jan Seagrave. Read a letter received by Marianne Forrest from Martha Roesler of the Coral Restoration Foundation to thank WGC for the \$100 donation for Coral Reef Restoration. Anyone interested in learning more about their organization and upcoming events can subscribe to their Newsletter at [www.coralrestoration.org](http://www.coralrestoration.org).

## **VII. Standing Committee Reports**

- A. Around & Abouts.** Kimberly Helms. The November 7, 2024 Around & About is to Cluett Memorial Garden & Kit Pannill's Garden in Palm Beach. Carpools will depart at 8:15am. The January 16, 2025 Around & About is to the Tropical Bamboo Nursery & Gardens and Excelsa Gardens Nursery with a Picnic lunch in their Atrium. Carpool departs at 9:30am. Sign up sheets are on the table.
- B.** Kimberly Helms requested help with the weeding cleanup project at Marjory Stoneman Douglas Environmental Preserve. Schedule is once a month on Thursdays 11/14, 12/12, and 1/9 at 8:00 am. Bring gloves, clippers, trowels. There are sign up sheets on the table.
- C. Newsletter** - Tina Richter. The November Allamanda Newsletter was sent to membership on October 31, 2024. Please advise Carol Ralph if any members did not receive a copy.

## **VIII. Special Committee Reports**

- A. Holiday Luncheon** - December 2, 2024 at Wellington National Golf Club. Sign up sheet is on the table, include your choice of entree. Deadline is 11/25/24. Collecting Toys for Tots - bring an unwrapped gift for a child.
- B. 68th Annual District X Tropical Short Course** - Maria Wolfe. January 23-24, 2025 from 9a-2p (includes breakfast and lunch) here at the Wellington Community Center. "Off The Grid" - A New Way Of Looking At Gardening, Environment, Landscape Design, and Floral Design. A wonderful selection of speakers; and a floral design created each day with one using vegetables. Registration forms are on the table.
- C. Hospitality** - Thank you to all who brought in food for today's meeting.
- D. Plant Raffle** - Raised \$161.00 today.
- E. Minute for Gardening** - Anne Hlasnicek introduced Twig Morris who demonstrated how to create a Thanksgiving flower arrangement.
- F. Camp Wekiva Volunteer Training** - Stormi Bivin is recruiting volunteers to work at the Summer Camp. Presented a Powerpoint with pictures of campers and volunteers at Camp Wekiva. The Volunteer Training Program is in February (Friday-Sunday) at a cost of \$80 to cover lodging, food, crafts, etc. Handouts are on the table with information. The training cost is eligible for 50% reimbursement from WGC. WGC budget includes Campership. Jan Seagrave looking for kids to sponsor for this coming camping season from June 15 to July 26. She invited some campers to the January meeting to share their Camp Wekiva experiences.



**G. Sea Grass Restoration** - Collected \$52.80

**IX. Old Business.** Carol Ralph. The Endangered Panther Presentation was an easy and interesting fund raiser. Marianne Forrest already reported on the funds raised from this event.

**X. New Business - No New Business**

**XI. Shredding Event** - Carol Ralph. The WGC Shredding Event is January 25, 2025, 9am-11am, outside Village Hall. Total Shredding will provide the service. It will be drive in, pay, drop off and should be easy to manage. There is a sign up sheet for volunteers for this event.

**XII. Native Plants** - Kimberly Helms is starting a program to find and share native host plants and seeds which are difficult to find locally. She will have a table at member meetings to help educate and to share native plant seeds. Has found a couple of places to buy seeds in Claremont, FL, Parish, FL, and Melbourne, FL. She will provide small envelopes for the seeds and is gathering photos and information to share about the native plants, including butterflies.

**XIII. Name Tag Drawing.** Winners were Mary Barbara Alexander, Sheila Ewing, and Kimberly Helms.

**XIV. Announcements - None**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:01pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Mariclaire "Mimi" Borowy  
Recording Secretary

**Wellington Garden Club  
Membership Meeting Agenda  
Monday, November 4, 2024 – 9:30 am  
Wellington Community Center**

**PLEASE USE THE REFRESHMENT TIME TO SIGN UP FOR AROUND & ABOUTS, VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND VISIT THE PLANT RAFFLE TABLE**

- I. **Welcome** – Carol Ralph
  - A. A quorum to be established
  - B. All cell phones to be silenced
  - C. Pledge of Allegiance
  - D. Two members have agreed to become 1<sup>st</sup> VP for the balance of this season and Co-Presidents in May: Annette Lubsen and Susie Stevenson.
  - E. Introduction of new members and guests.
- II. **Speaker Presentation** – Kristi Westrup - Introduction of Dr. Paul Gray, Science Coordinator, Audubon Florida
- III. **Officer Reports**
  - A. **Recording Secretary** – Minutes from October 7, 2024 membership meeting – any additions or corrections.
  - B. **President's Report:**
    - a. The basket for Seagrass Restoration to be passed around.
    - b. There were 71 attendees total at the October 7, 2024 Membership meeting with 6 guests.
    - c. The Sunset Social on November 15, 2024, will be at Diane Peaden's garden, 13486 51<sup>st</sup> PI No, RPB, FL from 4:00pm – 6:00pm. *Sign Up sheet*
    - d. Carol Coleman and Victoria McCullough planned a beautiful memorial for Cynthia Gardner. Victoria advised us to feel free to visit her gravesite which is on Victoria's property nestled in a circle of trees and bushes.
  - C. **Treasurer** – Marianne Forrest –
    - a. Treasurer's Report
    - b. Club Shirts – currently looking for a new supplier.
- IV. **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** – We have 1<sup>st</sup> VPs. Yay!
- V. **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – Kristi Westrup - report on the speaker for the January 6, 2025. membership meeting, CJ McCartney, Topic – The Transformational Intersection of Nature and Us -Today and Tomorrow
- VI. **Corresponding Secretary** – Jan Seagrave - *ASK HER TO TALK ABOUT KIDS*
- VII. **Standing Committee Reports**
  - A. Kimberly Helms - our **Around & About** for November 7, 2024 will be to Cluett Memorial Garden & Kit Pannill's Garden in Palm Beach and **the Around & About** for January 16, 2025 is to the Tropical Bamboo Nursery & Gardens and Excelsa Gardens Nursery. There are **signup** sheets for the Around & Abouts on the signup table.
  - B. **Newsletter** – Tina Richter – The Newsletter for November was sent to membership on October 31, 2023.
- VIII. **Special Committee Reports**
  - A. **Holiday Luncheon** – December 2, 2024 at WNG – The signup sheet is on the signup table. Please **signup** today as we won't have another meeting before the luncheon.
  - B. **68<sup>th</sup> Annual Tropical Short Course** – Maria Wolfe.
  - C. **Hospitality** - Thank you to all members who brought in the food for today's meeting.
  - D. **Minute for Gardening** – Anne Hlasnicek will introduce Twig Morris who will talk about Floral Design.
- IX. **Old Business** – Report on Panther Presentation – Carol Ralph *#KIMBERLY-NATIVE PLANTS*
- X. **New Business**
- XI. **Shredding Event 2025** – Saturday, January 25, 2025, 9:00am – 11:00am – Sign Up sheets

*VETERAN'S  
DAY  
PARADE*

*STORME  
WWT*



- XII. Announcements**
- XIII. Name Tag Raffle**
- XIV. Adjourn**



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

**Speaker: Dr. Paul Gray  
Science Coordinator –  
Audubon Florida**

**Topic: History of Human Relationships  
with the Waterfowl Group**

Dr. Paul Gray is a Science Coordinator for Audubon Florida's Everglades Restoration Program. Paul is based out of Highlands County, near the Kissimmee River, and has been working in Florida for 36 years, with the last 29 for Audubon. His educational background includes a BS from the University of Missouri, an MS from Texas Tech University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Florida. Paul provides technical support to Audubon policy teams on water, land, and bird management issues primarily related to Lake Okeechobee, but state-wide issues as needed. This work entails representing Audubon in public and private meetings, and helping develop Audubon oral and written comments on various policy and technical issues. He is a charter member of the Florida Grasshopper Sparrow Working Group and former co-chair of the Snail Kite Coordinating Committee. He also is known for engaging talks and Waterfowl is one of his favorites.



# Veterans Day 2024 Parade

**Monday, November 11, 2024**

No.	Activity
1.	PBCFR Honor Guard PBSO Honor Guard
2.	Veterans/ American Legion Members <b>MUST BE FIRST AFTER THE HONOR GUARD</b>
3.	*Wellington Banner* Council & Dignitaries 1.) National Anthem singer- Cheyenne Morris 2.) Pastor- Cory Britt 3.) Garden Club- Carol Ralph
4.	Daughters of the American Revolution- Spirit of Liberty
5.	Oleander Garden Club- Reina Snyder
6.	JROTC- Seminole Ridge
7.	First Aid staff in gator with cooler and AED
8.	PBSO Mounted Unit, K-9, SWAT and various patrol cars, PBFR

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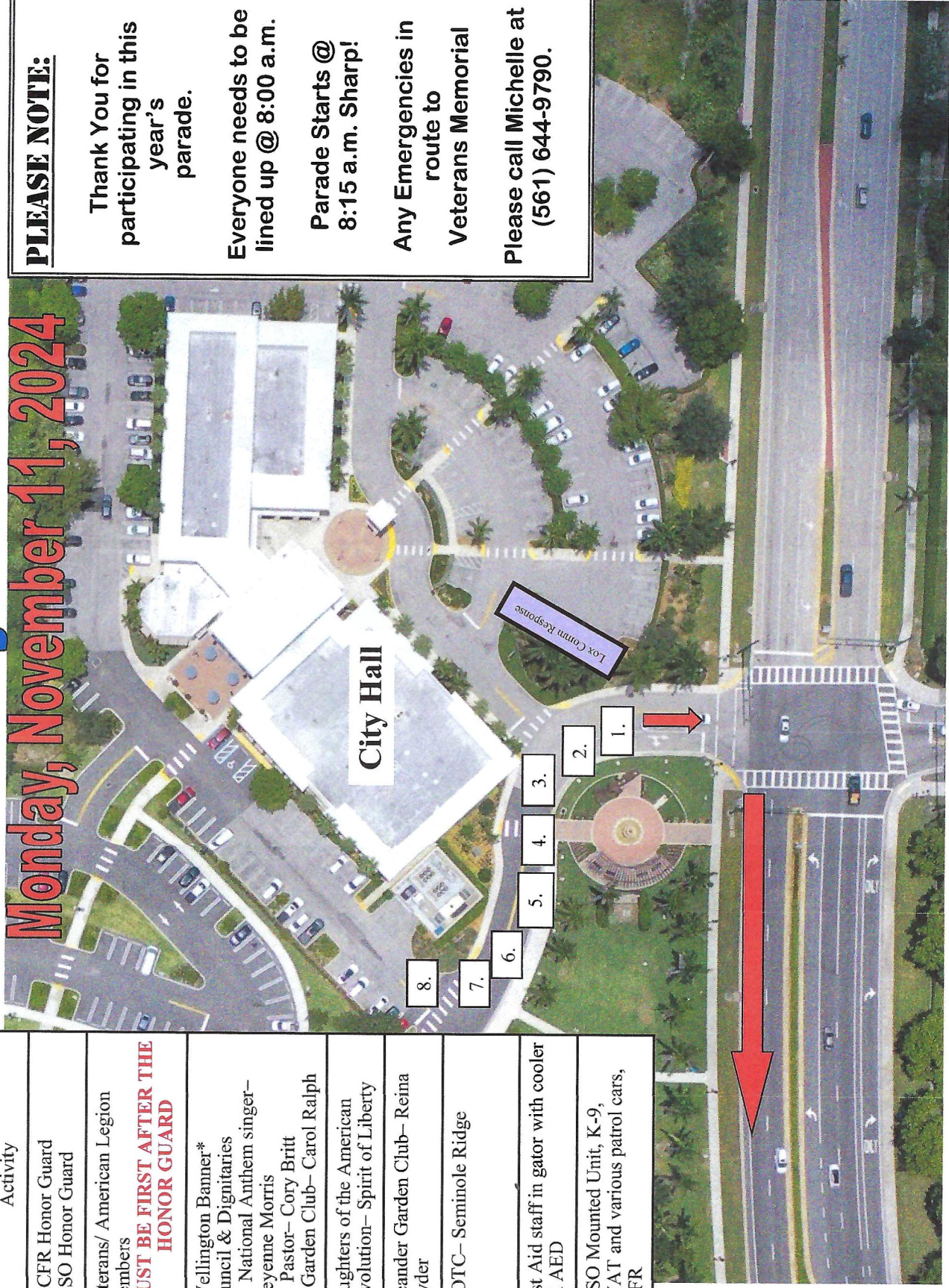
Thank You for  
participating in this  
year's  
parade.

Everyone needs to be  
lined up @ 8:00 a.m.

Parade Starts @  
8:15 a.m. Sharp!

Any Emergencies in  
route to  
Veterans Memorial

Please call Michelle at  
(561) 644-9790.





October 31, 2024

Wellington Garden Club  
Treasurer Report

**Income** since October 1 is **\$4,640.35**.

October's income is primarily attributed to the Endangered Panther fund-raiser w Oleander Garden Club, Holiday luncheon tickets, The Kings Academy (TKA) fundraisers, October meeting plant raffle, Coral Reef Restoration member donation, and membership renewals.

**Expenses** since October 1 are **\$2,617.18**.

October's expenses are primarily attributed to TKA ticket purchases, \$500 donation to the Garden Club of St. Petersburg, FL (from last month's Polacek/MacGregor Charitable Fund donation), a \$150 donation to the Endangered Panther Fund, storage unit fee, FFGC dues, Penny Pines and Coral Reef Restoration donations, and miscellaneous hospitality purchases.

Balance in the checking account is **\$38,369.58**

Other items completed in October are submission of FFGC 2 New and 5 Renewal membership updates and donations to Penny Pines and Coral Reef Restoration.

For more information review the **Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual** report to date (6/1/24-10/31//24).

Danese Sloan Kendall  
Treasurer

Marianne Forrest  
Asst. Treasurer



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**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
 June through October 2024

	<u>Jun - Oct 24</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>				
<b>4000 · INCOME</b>				
4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing				
4101 · Boutique Items	25.00			
4104 · Plants sale	38.00	3,500.00	-3,462.00	1.1%
4106 · Plant Raffle Meetings	279.00	500.00	-221.00	55.8%
4110 · Misc	1,306.18	100.00	1,206.18	1,306.2%
4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing - Other	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
<b>Total 4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing</b>	<b>1,648.18</b>	<b>4,200.00</b>	<b>-2,551.82</b>	<b>39.2%</b>
4200 · Membership Dues	495.00	6,000.00	-5,505.00	8.3%
4300 · Program Services Revenue				
4301 · Awards & Grants	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
4302 · Donations & Memorials				
4302.1 · Donations Other	-150.00			
4302 · Donations & Memorials - Other	5,000.00	100.00	4,900.00	5,000.0%
<b>Total 4302 · Donations &amp; Memorials</b>	<b>4,850.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>4,750.00</b>	<b>4,850.0%</b>
4309 · Penny Pines	69.90			
4313 · Coral Reef	80.96			
<b>Total 4300 · Program Services Revenue</b>	<b>5,000.86</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>4,600.86</b>	<b>1,250.2%</b>
4400 · Special Events				
4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income				
4402.1 · Member meals Holiday Luncheon	1,702.00	4,500.00	-2,798.00	37.8%
4402.2 · Other Holiday Luncheon Income	84.00	500.00	-416.00	16.8%
<b>Total 4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income</b>	<b>1,786.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>-3,214.00</b>	<b>35.7%</b>
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%
<b>Total 4403 · Spring Luncheon Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,750.00</b>	<b>-4,750.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total 4400 · Special Events</b>	<b>1,786.00</b>	<b>9,750.00</b>	<b>-7,964.00</b>	<b>18.3%</b>
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	3,567.00	700.00	2,867.00	509.6%
<b>Total 4409 · Fundraising</b>	<b>3,567.00</b>	<b>2,675.00</b>	<b>892.00</b>	<b>133.3%</b>
4900 · reconciliation	200.00			
<b>Total 4000 · INCOME</b>	<b>12,697.04</b>	<b>24,525.00</b>	<b>-11,827.96</b>	<b>51.8%</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>12,697.04</b>	<b>24,525.00</b>	<b>-11,827.96</b>	<b>51.8%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>12,697.04</b>	<b>24,525.00</b>	<b>-11,827.96</b>	<b>51.8%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>6500 · EXPENSE</b>				
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%
<b>Total 6501 · Inventory fundraising expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,050.00</b>	<b>-2,050.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

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**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
 June through October 2024

	Jun - Oct 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>6599 · Fundraising expenses</b>				
<b>6599 b · Fundraising Other</b>				
6599c · Shredding	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
6599d · The Kings Academy	3,178.00	0.00	3,178.00	100.0%
<b>Total 6599 b · Fundraising Other</b>	<u>3,178.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>	<u>3,028.00</u>	<u>2,118.7%</u>
<b>Total 6599 · Fundraising expenses</b>	<u>3,178.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>	<u>3,028.00</u>	<u>2,118.7%</u>
<b>6700 · Management &amp; General</b>				
6701 · Chamber Dues (Wellington)	125.00	125.00	0.00	100.0%
6702 · Correspondence	65.00	250.00	-185.00	26.0%
6703 · Discretionary	554.20	250.00	304.20	221.7%
6704 · Historian	0.00	25.00	-25.00	0.0%
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	27.93	100.00	-72.07	27.9%
<b>Total 6706 · Membership</b>	<u>27.93</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>-222.07</u>	<u>11.2%</u>
6707 · Newsletter	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.0%
6708 · Postage	13.60			
6709 · President's Expense	0.00	800.00	-800.00	0.0%
6711 · Treasurer & Accountant	364.60	500.00	-135.40	72.9%
6712 · Website	37.99	350.00	-312.01	10.9%
6713 · Yearbook	762.77	900.00	-137.23	84.8%
6717 · Miscellaneous				
6717 b · Storage	239.75	575.40	-335.65	41.7%
<b>Total 6717 · Miscellaneous</b>	<u>239.75</u>	<u>575.40</u>	<u>-335.65</u>	<u>41.7%</u>
<b>Total 6700 · Management &amp; General</b>	<u>2,773.11</u>	<u>5,125.40</u>	<u>-2,352.29</u>	<u>54.1%</u>
<b>6800 · Program Services</b>				
6802 · Award & Grants	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6803 · Member Education	127.50	2,000.00	-1,872.50	6.4%
6804 · FFGC & District Dues				
6804.1 · Dues FFGC	158.00	1,625.00	-1,467.00	9.7%
6804.2 · Dues District X	0.00	62.50	-62.50	0.0%
<b>Total 6804 · FFGC &amp; District Dues</b>	<u>158.00</u>	<u>1,687.50</u>	<u>-1,529.50</u>	<u>9.4%</u>
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				
6809.1 · Youth programs	107.00	0.00	107.00	100.0%
6809 · Youth Activities - Other	122.06	1,600.00	-1,477.94	7.6%
<b>Total 6809 · Youth Activities</b>	<u>229.06</u>	<u>1,600.00</u>	<u>-1,370.94</u>	<u>14.3%</u>
6810 · Meeting Programs/Speakers	150.00	1,000.00	-850.00	15.0%
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%
6826 · Penny Pines	68.00			
6827 · Earth Day	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6829 · National Garden Week	250.67	250.00	0.67	100.3%
6834 · Coral Reef Restoration	100.00			



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	<u>Jun - Oct 24</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
6836 · Wellington Preserve Landscaping				
6836.b · Wellington Wildflower Garden	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
6836 · Wellington Preserve Landscaping - O...	0.00	350.00	-350.00	0.0%
<b>Total 6836 · Wellington Preserve Landscaping</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>650.00</u>	<u>-650.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
<b>Total 6800 · Program Services</b>	<u>1,083.23</u>	<u>18,057.50</u>	<u>-16,974.27</u>	<u>6.0%</u>
6900 · Special Events Direct Expense				
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>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>4,800.00</u>	<u>-4,550.00</u>	<u>5.2%</u>
6905 · Hospitality	108.03			
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>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>5,025.00</u>	<u>-4,775.00</u>	<u>5.0%</u>
<b>Total 6900 · Special Events Direct Expense</b>	<u>608.03</u>	<u>9,925.00</u>	<u>-9,316.97</u>	<u>6.1%</u>
6910 · Flowershow	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
<b>Total 6500 · EXPENSE</b>	<u>7,642.37</u>	<u>37,307.90</u>	<u>-29,665.53</u>	<u>20.5%</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>7,642.37</u>	<u>37,307.90</u>	<u>-29,665.53</u>	<u>20.5%</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><b>5,054.67</b></u>	<u><b>-12,782.90</b></u>	<u><b>17,837.57</b></u>	<u><b>-39.5%</b></u>



**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.





**Around & About - Cost Free**

**Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 9:30AM**

**Meet at 8:50AM at Carpool Locations**

**Cluett Memorial Garden**

**The church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea**

**141 S. County Road, Palm Beach, FL 33480**

Originally conceived as “The Spanish Memorial Church” to commemorate Prince de Leon landing in Florida in 1513, the Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea, a Spanish Gothic structure was built in 1925. In 1931, Nellie Cluett, whose parents were founding members of the church, decided to have a garden designed in their memory. The small garden, only 1/3 of an acre reflects an Italian influence, with water features, parterres, and tropical plants orchestrated on two highly detailed tiers.

*And...*



**Around & About - Cost: Free**

**Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 10:30 AM**

**Kit Pannill's Garden**

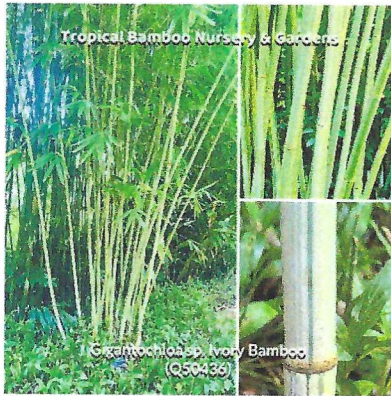
**4 South Lake Trail**

**Palm Beach, FL 33480**

**Host: Alice Pannill (Kit)**

Kit Pannill's fabulous garden has won the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach's Lesly S. Smith Landscape Award. Her garden has been evolving over the last 30 years. She is also a five-time winner of the Garden Club of America's top prize for horticulture entries, a winner of The Catherine Beattie Medal and The American Orchid Society honored her by naming a plant after her, Vanda Kit Pannill. Among the beautiful trees and flowers, you will also visit her slat house which is filled with dozens of her prize-winning orchids, begonias, succulents and euphorbias.

Lunch: Al Fresco Restaurant, 2345 South Ocean Boulevard Palm Beach, FL 33480  
(at the individual's expense).



**Around & About - Cost: Free**  
**Thursday, January 16, 2025 – 10:00AM**  
**Tropical Bamboo Nursery & Gardens**  
**2929 G Road**  
**Loxahatchee, FL 33470**

Meet the carpool locations at 9:30 AM; leave at 9:40 AM sharp.

The nursery features a display garden that surrounds a large bamboo pavilion, constructed primarily out of Guadua bamboo. Restroom facilities are available. Bamboo benches, tables, and stools provide plenty of seating. Listen to a pair of waterfalls and a small stream winding through the bamboos. Relaxing music plays and ceiling fans provide a breeze to add to the ambience. A Bali-style bamboo structure is featured and you can climb the spiral stairway in our two-level bamboo pagoda for a birds-eye view of the gardens. A series of three elephant-grass/bamboo umbrellas cover small picnic tables along the stream. They also are soon revealing an exciting new garden area that features a large bamboo sculpture, named 'Orbweaver'. The huge spider-sculpture was created by Gerard Minakawa of Bamboo DNA.

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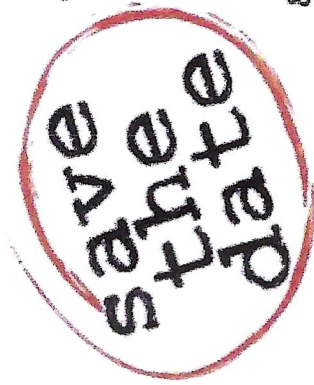


**Around & About - Cost Free**  
**Thursday, January 16, 2025**  
**Excelsa Gardens Nursery**  
**12839 25th Street No.**  
**Loxahatchee, FL 33470**

Excelsa Gardens founded in 1990 by Mark, Sarah, and Colin Friedrich sits on thirty acres in Loxahatchee, FL. The inspiration to begin the nursery, specializing in exotic tropical plants began in 1980, when he began working at Miami's Fairchild Tropical Gardens. Mark loved the plants so much that he decided he wanted to grow and sell plants like the ones he was inspired by at Fairchild. Excelsa is now renown for selling exotic plants of the highest quality available. You will also enjoy the artsy, eclectic, boho chic decor located through the main nursery and garden.

Lunch: We will enjoy a selection of delicious picnic style food options from: Costco, Whole Foods, and Panera Bread; while seated beneath their beautiful atrium at \$15.00 per person.





January 23-24, 2025

The 68th Annual Tropical Short Course. The Theme for this dynamic 2-day event is "Off The Grid – Creative Solutions for the Garden, the Environment, & Floral Design."

Speakers scheduled are:

- Tina Tuttle – President FFGC
- Teresa Watkins – Radio and TV gardener
- Gil Martin Daigneau – Rancher, Farmer, Environmentalist
- Dr. Steve Davis – Everglades Foundation
- Tex Norwood – Owner, Florida Colors Nursery
- Stephanie Dunn – Landscape Designer

Each day caps off with Floral Design experts who will dazzle you with their creativity and eye popping displays. You will not want to miss how they showcase "Off The Grid" designs. This year's designers are:

- Christine Biscoglio – Master Flower Show Judge and Instructor
- Gina Jogan – Master Flower Show Judge and Instructor

This year's Tropical Short Course will be held at the Wellington Community Center. The cost is \$80.00 for both days or \$55.00 for a one day registration.

To register, visit [www.DistrictX.org](http://www.DistrictX.org) and click on Upcoming Events. Scroll down to January and you will find the "interactive" registration form.

Any questions, contact Maria Wolfe, TSC Chair at [tcacad\\_registrar@yahoo.com](mailto:tcacad_registrar@yahoo.com)

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and District X Present

**68th Annual Tropical Short Course**  
**January 23-24, 2025**

## OFF THE GRID



**Creative Approaches  
to the Garden,  
the Environment  
& Floral Design**

Wellington Community Center 12150 Forest Hill Boulevard  
Wellington, FL 33414

Maria Wolfe, Chairperson, [tcacad\\_registrar@yahoo.com](mailto:tcacad_registrar@yahoo.com)  
Visit [DistrictX.org](http://DistrictX.org) for more details





## **The “Shredding” Event**

**WGC**

**8th Annual**

**Document Shredding Event**

**Saturday**

**January 25, 2025**

**Wellington Municipality Complex**

**12300 Forest Hill Blvd**

**Wellington, FL 33414**

**9am to 11am**

**CASH or CHECK ONLY**

**\$5 donation**

(letter-size box/container 15’Lx12’Dx10’H)

**(per each box equal to or less than the stated letter-sized dimensions)**

**\$10 donation**

(legal-size box/container 24’Lx15’Dx10’ H)

**(per each box equal to the stated legal-sized dimensions)**

**Contact for this Event**

**Carol Ralph**

**[caroltaylorralph@gmail.com](mailto:caroltaylorralph@gmail.com)**

**740-243-8843**



Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

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## Fwd: Greenbriar Meadow - FINAL REPORT

3 messages

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**LISA STATTMILLER** <paddockpark@bellsouth.net>  
To: Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 5, 2024 at 2:40 PM

FYI, nice message from Wildflower Foundation  
Lisa Ferrano

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Rose Kinane <rkinane@flawildflowers.org>  
**Date:** November 5, 2024 at 9:21:58 AM EST  
**To:** [paddockpark@bellsouth.net](mailto:paddockpark@bellsouth.net)  
**Subject:** RE: Greenbriar Meadow - FINAL REPORT

Lisa,

Thank you so much for all your work in being part of the Viva Florida grant. I'm so glad the Wellington Garden Club is embracing our natives. We will have your final invoice paid shortly.

It was great working with you. I hope your meadow blooms for years to come.

Rose

**From:** [paddockpark@bellsouth.net](mailto:paddockpark@bellsouth.net) <[paddockpark@bellsouth.net](mailto:paddockpark@bellsouth.net)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 4, 2024 2:08 PM  
**To:** Rose Kinane <[rkinane@flawildflowers.org](mailto:rkinane@flawildflowers.org)>  
**Subject:** Greenbriar Meadow - FINAL REPORT

Rose,

Good afternoon.

Final Report and related items attached.

Thank you.

Warmly,  
Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano

83 Westbury close  
Wellington, FL 33414



## Saving Endangered Florida Panthers

October 24, 2024

Sponsored by WGC and OLGCPB

Speaker: Carol Rizkalla, PhD, Panther Management Program Coordinator, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation.

Tickets sold: 47

Carol Rizkalla gave a wonderful presentation with power point slides to illustrate. She covered the loss of habitat and other factors that have caused the Florida Panther's population to plummet. She also discussed the importance of conservation and the efforts underway that are crucial to ensure its survival and how we can help.

The program was informative and enjoyable with many questions put forth by the attendees.

Following are several pictures taken by Paige Griffin.





Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

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## Tree Planting Certificate

6 messages

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**Carol Ralph** <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>  
To: Kathleen T Siena <ksiena2000@gmail.com>

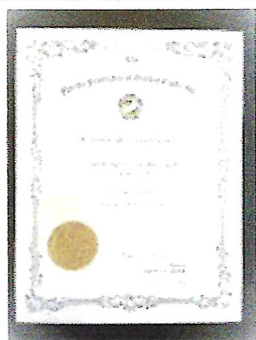
Sat, Sep 7, 2024 at 1:15 PM

Hi Kathy,

Attached is a copy the Tree Planting Certificate that I was given.

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

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



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**Kathleen T. Siena** <ksiena2000@gmail.com>  
To: Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Sat, Sep 7, 2024 at 1:26 PM

Thank you. Do you want me to ask ffgc to issue a corrected one while I am at ffgc next week?  
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**Carol Ralph** <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>  
To: "Kathleen T. Siena" <ksiena2000@gmail.com>

Sat, Sep 7, 2024 at 1:28 PM

Sure. What is the corrected tree count?  
[Quoted text hidden]

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**Kathleen T. Siena** <ksiena2000@gmail.com>  
To: Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Sat, Sep 7, 2024 at 2:03 PM

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**Kathleen T. Siena** <ksiena2000@gmail.com>  
To: Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Mon, Sep 30, 2024 at 12:34 PM

fyi-i received a newly corrected tree plant count certificate.  
i will give the corrected award to twig. i assume she is still keeping them in the binder i passed on to her  
some time ago.



it might be good to keep a binder of just our proclamations over the years. could be something our historian could keep. good to keep in a binder in case someone needs to refer to them someday. just a suggestion.

i would like to give a report at the oct members mtg on the tree planting last saturday and our tree count recognition from ffgc. i would also like to have the proclamation read. if mayor is going to read the oct native plant one, do you think he could also read the tree planting one we just did to the members?

thank you.  
kathy

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**Carol Ralph** <caroltayloralph@gmail.com>  
To: "Kathleen T. Siena" <ksiena2000@gmail.com>

Mon, Sep 30, 2024 at 4:19 PM

Michael won't be able to stay long but we can ask him to read both. We can have him read them after the Pledge of Allegiance.

Carol  
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FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS  
**DISTRICT X - 68<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TROPICAL SHORT COURSE**



*"Off The Grid – Creative Approaches to the Garden, the Environment, and Floral Design"*



**January 23-24, 2025**

9:00am Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:30am – 3:00pm Program including Box Lunch

*\* Mail your Registration & Payment*

*Before January 15th*

**PLEASE COMPLETE ALL  
INFORMATION**

**Wellington Community Center**

**12150 Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington, FL 33414**  
(2-story building behind City Hall)

Name: Carol Ralph

Membership(s): State: FL District: X Garden Club: Wellington Garden Club

Address: 15694 Citrus Grove Blvd.

City: Loxahatchee State: FL Zip: 33470

Phone 740-243-8843 Email: caroltaylorralph@gmail.com

**CHECK THE BOX WHICH BEST APPLIES**

***\*Add \$10 for Late Registrations Postmarked after Jan. 15, 2025\****

**Attend Both Days**

☒ **\$80**

**Attend Thursday Only**

☐ **\$55**

**Attend Friday Only**

☐ **\$55**

**Continental Breakfast and Box Lunch are included each day.**

Note any Dietary Restrictions: No dairy products, including cheese

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**TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \$ \$80.00**

Check # 439

Make Checks Payable to:

Mail To: **Marianne Forrest**