

Wellington Garden Club

Wellington, Florida

2024 - 2025

Yearbook



Member of

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

and District X

Save the Date!

**Wellington Garden Club Presents
An NGC Small Standard Flower Show**

“All You Need Is Love”

May 5, 2025

As part of the Spring Luncheon



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Founded 1981



Federated 1982

2024-2025 Yearbook

Mission

To further the education of the members and the public in the fields of gardening, horticulture, botany, floral design, landscape design, environmental awareness through the conservation of natural resources, civic beautification, nature studies, and to instill in our youth the love of gardening and the respect and protection of the environment.

Motto

Gardening Makes a World of Difference

Logo Flower

Allamanda *Allamanda cathartica*

Member of:

National Garden Clubs, Inc.
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Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
District X
Mounts Botanical Garden
Wellington Chamber of Commerce

Membership: 141

Meets the first Monday of each month,

(except when a holiday conflicts)

September through May at 9:30 AM

Wellington Community Center

12150 Forest Hill Blvd.

Wellington, Florida 33414

www.wellingtongardenclub.org

Email: info@wellingtongardenclub.org

Wellington Garden Club is a 501 (c)(3) organization. WGC is open to all regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.

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President's Message

Welcome to the 2024-2025 Wellington Garden Club season! Our Second Vice President and Around & About Chairs have worked diligently to pack this season with excellent speakers and Around & Abouts. Our fellow members have agreed to open their homes for relaxing Sunset Socials. We are very happy to be involved with our youth gardens, and proud of our new wildflower meadow, and our tree planting events.

We are planning a fun night at The District in the Mall at Wellington Green, a "Mardi Gras" Trivia Game night on Tuesday, March 4, 2025. We will again sponsor a table at the Village of Wellington Annual "Tea Talk" on Friday, March 14, 2025. This is such a pleasant afternoon. There will be an educational event jointly sponsored with the Oleander Garden Club on Thursday, October 24, 2024. We are also planning to walk in the Veteran's Day and Memorial Day Parades with the VOW and are creating a float which we will include in the parade.

The Village of Wellington has invited Wellington Garden Club to hold a plant sale in conjunction with Earth Day again this year. We are hoping to spice it up with a couple of Food Trucks. Save the date: Saturday, April 26, 2025.

Please peruse this Yearbook and mark the dates of all events in your calendars. You will not want to miss any of them!

I look forward to working side by side with all of you.

Carol

Carol Ralph
President

"Education is Key to Saving the Environment"

WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS - 2023-2025

President	Carol Ralph
First Vice President	TBD
Second Vice President	Kristi Westrup
Treasurer	Danese Sloan-Kendall
Assistant Treasurer	Marianne Forrest
Recording Secretary	Cynthia Gardner
Corresponding Secretary	Jan Seagrave
Parliamentarian	John Siena
Former President <i>ex-officio</i>	Maria Wolfe

COMMITTEES/CHAIRS BY GROUP

CIVIC/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Adopt-a-Street	Dale Barnhart & Jim Thompson
Annual Tree Planting	Kathy Siena
Club Shirt Sales	Sera Peat
Community Gardens	John & Kathy Siena
Earth Day	Uma Bhatti
Flower Show	Maria Wolfe
Habitat for Humanity	Lisa Ferrano
National Garden Week	Twig Morris
Plant Sale	Huguette Damas / Carol Ralph

COMMUNICATION

External Events Liaison	Maria Wolfe
Facebook	Kathy Siena
Historian	Cass Stryker
Membership	Alison Albury
Membership Data	Margaret Tamsberg
Mentoring	Alison Albury
Newsletter	Tina Richter Becker
Publicity	Kimberly Helms / Twig Morris
Website Liaison	Carol Ralph
Yearbook Preparation	Stormi Bivin, Kimberly Helms, Tara Hunter, Twig Morris, Carol Ralph, Joyce Smith, Kristi Westrup

COMMITTEES/CHAIRS BY GROUP (Continued)

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Linda Messina, Huguette Damas

EDUCATION

Around & Abouts	Kimberly Helms / Tara Hunter
Awards	Twig Morris
College Scholarships	John Siena
Environmental Education	Diane Rice
Garden Art Workshops	Carol Lazzarino / Dee Rolfe
Member Education Expense Reimbursement	Marianne Forrest
FFGC SEEK	Cynthia Craig
FFGC Wekiva Volunteer Training	Stormi Bivin
FFGC Wekiva Youth Camp	Jan Seagrave
Youth Garden Clubs	Kathy Siena
Scout Butterfly Garden	
Elbridge Gale Elementary School	
Palm Beach Central High School	
Pine Jog Elementary School	
Polo Park Middle School	
Wellington High School	
Youth Garden Volunteers	Lisa Ferrano, Sera Peat, Kathleen Schneider, John Siena, Kathy Siena, Bobbi Ziegler

GARDENING

A Minute for Gardening	Anne Hlasnicek
Meeting Plant Raffle	JoAnn Akins
Wellington Preserve Landscaping	Kimberly Helms
Wildflower Meadow	Lisa Ferrano

SOCIAL EVENTS

Hospitality	Janet Jones, Sylvia Keleman, Linda Mackin
Luncheon-Holiday	Dee Rolfe / Carol Ralph
Luncheon-Spring	Dee Rolfe / Carol Ralph

YEARBOOK ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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FORMER PRESIDENTS

Mary Clark	1982-86	Susan Vance	2004-06
Mary Elizabeth Ritter	1986-88	Linda Leemon	2006-07
Muriel Fischer	1988-89	Stormi Bivin	2007-09
Dorothy Cordell	1990-91	Barbara Hadsell	2009-11
Ruth McWhorter	1992	Susan Hillson	2011-13
Mary Elizabeth Ritter	1992-94	Twig Morris	2013-15
Paula Giambrone	1994-96	Kathy Siena	2015-17
Clare Peckinpaugh	1996-98	Carol Coleman	2017-19
Donna Fernandez	1998-00	Jan Seagrave	2019-21
Doris Courtney	2000-02	Maria Wolfe	2021-23
Mary Ann Klein	2002-04		

HONORS

Life Memberships:

NGC	Barbara Hadsell	Barbara May
Deep South Region	Barbara Hadsell	
FFGC	Kathy Hernicz	Barbara May
FFGC/WGC	Stormi Bivin	Mary Ellen Chestnut
	Carol Coleman	Donna Fernandez
	Barbara Hadsell	Kathy Hernicz
	Susan Hillson	Twig Morris
	Jan Seagrave	Kathy Siena
	Lily Wiggan	Maria Wolfe

WGC Charter Member: Lily Wiggan

FFGC Hall of Fame: Barbara Hadsell Lily Wiggan

FFGC Pillar of Pride Awards:

Stormi Bivin	Mary Ellen Chestnut	Carol Coleman
Linda DeSanti	Barbara Hadsell	Susan Hillson
Joan Kaplan	Twig Morris	Suzanne Rares
Judy Schweitzer	Elizabeth Stevens	Susan Vance

Earth Steward Recognition:

Lisa Ferrano	Barbara Hadsell	Tim Hadsell
Brian Hopper	Peggy Jacobs	Kate Kouba
Diane Rice	John Siena	Kathy Siena

Florida Master Gardeners:

Uma Bhatti	Barbara Hadsell	Anne Hlasniecek
Carol Lazzarino	Petra Russell	Bobbi Ziegler

NATIONAL, STATE AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

National Garden Clubs Board	Barbara May	Robin Hammer
FFGC Board	Susan Hillson	Barbara May
	Kathy Siena	
FFSJ District X Director	Christine Biscoglio	
FFSJ Board	Christine Biscoglio	Susan Hillson
	Barbara May	Twig Morris
District X Director	Maria Wolfe	
District X Board	Stormi Bivin	Twig Morris
	Maria Wolfe	

JUDGES, INSTRUCTORS, CONSULTANTS

NGC Flower Show Judges

Emeritus Judge	Mary Ellen Chestnut	
Accredited Master Judges	Christine Biscoglio	Robin Hammer
	Susan Hillson	Ronnie Levay
	Barbara May	Jan Warshauer
Accredited Judge	Twig Morris	

NGC Flower Show School Instructor

Barbara May

NGC Four-Star Member

Susan Hillson

NGC Landscape Design Master Consultant Emeritus

Barbara Hadsell

NGC Landscape Design Master Consultant

Ronnie Levay

Barbara May

NGC Landscape Design Consultants

Stormi Bivin	Robin Hammer
Susan Hillson	Barbara May
Chrystine Tauber	Barbara Zenker
Bobbi Ziegler	

NGC Environmental Master Consultant Emeritus

Barbara Hadsell

NGC Environmental Consultant

Susan Hillson	Barbara May
Twig Morris	Diane Rice

NGC Gardening Master Consultant Emeritus

Barbara Hadsell

NGC Gardening Master Consultant

Jan Warshauer

NGC Gardening Consultant

Susan Hillson	Anne Hlasnicek
Barbara May	Twig Morris
Chrystine Tauber	Maria Wolfe

FFGC Floral Design Study Instructors

Christine Biscoglio

FFGC Flower Show Consultant

Susan Hillson
Barbara May



*Created by
Joan Valitutto*



*Created by
Carol Coleman*

SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMS/EVENTS - 2024

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Aug 28, <i>Wed</i>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
Sep 9, <i>Mon</i>	Garden Club Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
Sep 10, <i>Tues</i>	Adopt-a-Street - Wellington Dog Park (9:00 AM)
Sep 10, <i>Tues</i>	FFGC Fall Board Meeting - FFGC Headquarters (<i>Tues-Thurs</i>)
Sep 14, <i>Sat</i>	Coastal Cleanup - MacArthur State Pk, N. Palm Beach, (8:00 AM - 1:00 PM)
Sep 19, <i>Thurs</i>	Around & About - Gumbo Limbo Nature Center & Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Program, Boca Raton
Sep 19, <i>Thurs</i>	NGC Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO.
Sep 21, <i>Sat</i>	The King's Academy "Joseph" (1:00 PM)
Sep 24-27 <i>Tues</i>	NGC Flower Show School, Course 4 (Bradenton (<i>Tues-Fri</i>)
Sep 28, <i>Sat</i>	10th Annual Tree Planting - Rotary Peace Park, Wellington (8:30 AM)
Sep 30, <i>Mon</i>	District X Lunch & Learn, Stuart, FL
Sep 30, <i>Mon</i>	NGC Gardening School, Course 1, Zoom (<i>Mon-Wed, Oct 2</i>)

OCTOBER

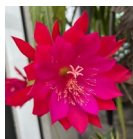
Oct 2, <i>Wed</i>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
Oct 7, <i>Mon</i>	Garden Club Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
Oct 17, <i>Thurs</i>	Around & About - So. Fl Permaculture Resource Center, WPB
Oct 24, <i>Thurs</i>	Carol Rizkalla, Florida Wildlife Corridor Presentation, Wellington Community Center - Ballroom 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Oct 25, <i>Fri</i>	Sunset Social - Kimberly Helms, 9443 Granite Ridge Lane, WPB (4:00 - 6:00 PM)
Oct 28, <i>Mon</i>	District X Fall Meeting - Rio Lindo GC, Port St. Lucie, FL
Oct 30, <i>Wed</i>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)

NOVEMBER

Nov 4, <i>Mon</i>	Garden Club Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
Nov 5, <i>Tues</i>	Adopt-a-Street - Wellington Greenbriar Park parking lot (9:00 AM)
Nov 6, <i>Wed</i>	Garden Art Workshop - Wellington Community Ctr (9:00 AM - 1:00 PM)
Nov 7, <i>Thurs</i>	Around & About - Kit Pannill's Garden & Cluett Memorial Garden Palm Beach
Nov 11, <i>Mon</i>	Veterans Day Parade - Village of Wellington Veterans Park, (8:15 AM)
Nov 15, <i>Fri</i>	Sunset Social - Diane Peaden, 13486 51st Pl North, Royal Palm Beach (4:00 - 6:00 PM)
Nov 16, <i>Sat</i>	The King's Academy "Charlie & the Chocolate Factory" (1:00 PM)
Nov 25, <i>Mon</i>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)

DECEMBER

Dec 2, <i>Mon</i>	Holiday Luncheon - Wellington National Golf Club (11:00 am - 2:00pm)
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"Where flowers bloom so does hope." - Lady Bird Johnson

(Cereus grown by Stormi Bivin)

SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMS/EVENTS - 2025

JANUARY 2025

Jan 2, <i>Thurs</i>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
Jan 6, <i>Mon</i>	Garden Club Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
Jan 6-11 <i>Tues</i>	FFGC Winter 2025 BOD Mtg, Voyager of the Seas (<i>Mon-Sat</i>)
Jan 16, <i>Thurs</i>	Around & About - Tropical Bamboo Nursery & Gardens & Excelsa Gardens, Loxahatchee
Jan 17, <i>Fri</i>	WGC Arbor Day Celebration
Jan 23-24, <i>Thurs</i>	District X Tropical Short Course - Wellington Community Ctr.
Jan 27, <i>Mon</i>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30AM)

FEBRUARY 2025

Feb 3, <i>Mon</i>	Garden Club Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
Feb 4, <i>Tues</i>	Adopt-a-Street, Wellington Dog Park (9:00 AM)
Feb 5, <i>Wed</i>	Garden Art Workshop - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:00 AM - 1:00 PM)
Feb 7-9, <i>Fri</i>	Wekiva Volunteer Training, Apopka, (Fri-Sun)
Feb 9, <i>Sun</i>	Wekiva Youth Camp Open House, Apopka, (11:30 AM - 1:00 PM)
Feb 13, <i>Thurs</i>	Around & About - Bamboo & Orchid Gardens, Davie
Feb 21, <i>Fri</i>	Sunset Social - Carol Ralph - 15694 Citrus Grove Blvd., Loxahatchee (6:00 - 9:00PM)
Feb 24, <i>Mon</i>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
Feb 27, <i>Thurs</i>	New Member Reception - Wellington Community Ctr.(9:00-12:00)

MARCH 2025

Mar 3, <i>Mon</i>	Garden Club Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
Mar 4, <i>Tues</i>	“Mardi Gras” Trivia Game Event - The District at the Mall at Wellington Green (11:30 - 3:00)
Mar 8, <i>Sat</i>	The King’s Academy “West Side Story” (1:00 PM)
Mar 13, <i>Thurs</i>	Around & About - The Arboretum at Constitution Park, Deerfield Bch
Mar 21, <i>Fri</i>	Sunset Social - Annette Lubsen - 1301 Brampton Cove, Wellington (4:00- 6:00 PM)
Mar 31, <i>Mon</i>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)

APRIL 2025

Apr 5, <i>Sat</i>	The King’s Academy “Best of Broadway” (1:00 PM)
Apr 7, <i>Mon</i>	Garden Club Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
Apr 7-10, <i>Mon</i>	FFGC Convention, Jacksonville (<i>Mon-Fri</i>)
Apr 8, <i>Tues</i>	Adopt-a-Street, Wellington Dog Park (9:00 AM)
Apr 11, <i>Fri</i>	Sunset Social, Kevin Fritz - 8154 Pine Cay Rd, Village Walk, Wellington (4:00 - 6:00 PM)
Apr 16, <i>Wed</i>	Around & About - Vizcaya, Miami
Apr 24, <i>Thurs</i>	FFGC District X Mtg, Garden Club of Ft. Pierce
Apr 25, <i>Fri</i>	The King’s Academy “Night of Jazz” (7:00 PM)
Apr 26, <i>Sat</i>	Earth Day/Arbor Day/Great American Clean Up, WGC Plant Sale - Wellington Amphitheatre (10:00 AM - 3:00 PM)
Apr 28, <i>Mon</i>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)

MAY-JUNE 2025

May 5, <i>Mon</i>	WGC Spring Luncheon & 2025 Small Standard Flower Show - Wellington National Golf Club - (11:00 AM - 2:00 PM)
May 19, <i>Mon</i>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
Jun 1-7, <i>Sun</i>	Celebrate National Garden Week (<i>Sun-Sat</i>)

MEETINGS SUMMARY

Garden Club Meetings are held September through November and January through April on the first Monday of the month (unless otherwise noted) at the Wellington Community Center, 12150 Forest Hill Blvd, Village of Wellington. December and May Club Luncheons are held at a special venue.

9:30 AM	Social/Light Breakfast
10:15 AM	Speaker
11:00 AM	Business Meeting

2024-2025 ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

Amount Due: Single Member: \$45; Couple \$65
(See Page 40 for further details regarding dues.)
Make checks payable to: **Wellington Garden Club.**

Mail checks to: Margaret Tamsberg
121 Sulky Way, Wellington, FL 33414-4826

2025-2026 Dues are due by April 30, 2025

Dues renewal reminders will be sent to members by email
or letter by March 15, 2025

Board of Directors Meetings are held monthly at the Wellington Community Center at 9:30 AM, August through May, unless otherwise noted. Meetings are open to non-Board members. Non-Board members who wish to address the Board are requested to submit discussions to the President at least two days prior to the meeting (if possible) to be added to the agenda.

2024-2025 Board of Directors Meeting Dates

August 28, <i>Wednesday</i>	January 27, <i>Monday</i>
October 2, <i>Wednesday</i>	February 24, <i>Monday</i>
October 30, <i>Wednesday</i>	March 31, <i>Monday</i>
November 25, <i>Monday</i>	April 28, <i>Monday</i>
January 2, <i>Thursday</i>	May 19, <i>Monday (if necessary)</i>

CARPOOL MEETING LOCATIONS

West: Wellington Community Center Parking Lot, 12150 Forest Hill Blvd., Wellington, FL 33414.

East: Parking lot behind IHOP, River Bridge Shopping Center, 6708 Forest Hill Blvd., Greenacres, FL 33413.

PAYMENT POLICY

Payment for a Wellington Garden Club fee-based event or class must be made at the time of sign up. Payment is non-refundable if cancelled by member less than one week prior to the event, class, or for a no-show.

NGC AND FFGC/UF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

2024-2025

Jan 23-24, 2025 *Thurs/ Fri* FFGC/District X 68th Annual Tropical Short Course, Wellington Community Center, Wellington, FL

For further details and interactive registration forms, please visit [www. districtx.org](http://www.districtx.org) and click on Educational Opportunities.



Visit **National Garden Club** website (gardenclub.org) for dates and registration on the classes for:

Gardening, Environmental, Flower Show and Landscape Design Schools.

Clubs, Councils and Societies @ Mounts Botanical Garden

To see the list of clubs, councils and societies at Mounts, visit:

www.mounts.org/palm-beach-county-plant-societies/

All meetings are held in the Mounts Building Auditorium, except where noted.

531 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach – (561) 233-1700

For more information, please visit:

www.pbcgov.com/coextension

NGC Conservation Pledge

I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the planet Earth and promise to promote education so we may become caretakers of our air, water, forest, land, and wildlife.

FFGC/Wekiva Youth Camp Conservation Pledge

I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country—its air, soil and minerals, its forests, waters, and wildlife.



“We can never have enough of nature.”

Henry David Thoreau



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

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

**Topic: Common Pests & Fungus on Trees
and Turfs**

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 the Tropical Orchid Society and has been elected to the board of the local Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Associa-



**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. Its 20 acres located on a protected barrier island provide refuge to many varieties of plants and animals - some rare or endangered. They 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.)**



**WGC Membership Meeting
Wellington Community Center
Monday, October 7, 2024 - 9:30 AM**

**Speaker: Tom Ramiccio
Tom Ramiccio Bromeliads**

Topic: Bromeliads Propagation

When Tom Ramiccio ran out of space for bromeliads in his Lake Worth yard, he planted them on trees, creating a vertical garden of the colorful, water-holding “vase” plants. He estimates he has about 7,000 bromeliads in his collection. He brings with him more than 40 years of professional marketing and Public Relations. He served 3 terms as mayor of the City of Lake Worth. He was the President/CEO of the Greater Lake Worth Chamber of Commerce (10 years). As the marketing manager for Banyan Printing he oversaw all major marketing campaigns for large corporate clients and several sports franchises. He served as the Marketing Director for the Palm County Visitors and Convention Bureau (over 10 years), Governor of the Florida District of Kiwanis International (37 years), Salvation Army board member (35 years). There is much more but, needless to say, we are lucky to have him.



**Around & About - Cost: Free
Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 10:00am
South Florida Permaculture Resource Center
8346 7th Place South
WPB, FL 33411**

Guide: George Soria, Chairman and Founder

Leave carpool locations at 9:40 AM sharp.

A tour of a 5-acre food forest where a natural ecosystem has been created by Mr. Soria who has visited (by invitation only) the indigenous people in the mountains of Columbia and learned how to grow sustainable plants and trees without fertilizers and GMOs. Mr. Soria believes permaculture returns us back to a harmony with nature, a self sustaining world and a healthier wholesome life for all to live. His focus is to educate others.

The wearing of closed-toed shoes is suggested.

Lunch: Nick's 50's Diner, 1900 Okeechobee Blvd, WPB, FL 33409 (at the individual's expense).



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

**Speaker: Dr. Paul Gray, Audubon Florida
Everglades Science Coordinator**

**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 also on 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 cochair of the Snail Kite Coordinating Committee. He also is known for engaging talks and waterfowl is one of his favorites.



Created by Joan Valitutto



Lighting Created by Daniel Salkin



Around & About - Cost: Free
Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 9:30 AM

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 Ponce 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).



**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. Having sold her Chicago 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 Gardner in Residence at Ann Norton Sculpture Garden and serves on several Boards and gardening committees.



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Created by Sandy Plummer



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

Meet at the carpool locations at 9:30 AM; leave at 9:40 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 the two-level bamboo pagoda for a bird's-eye view of the gardens. A series of three elephant-grass/ bamboo umbrellas cover small picnic tables along the stream. Soon to be revealed is 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](#). **And...**



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 open a nursery, specializing in exotic tropical plants began in 1980, when Mark started 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 renowned 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.



**WGC Membership Meeting
Wellington Community Center
Monday, February 3, 2025 - 9:30 AM**

**Speaker: Jason Mackey
Barefoot Orchids
Topic: Making Orchids Simple**

Jason Mackey's fascination with orchids traces back to his childhood days spent alongside his great-grandmother, tending to her extensive collection. What began as a youthful curiosity blossomed into a serious passion in his twenties. Despite the ups and downs inherent in cultivating these exquisite plants, Jason's devotion to orchids only deepened over the years. Since 2020, Jason has been an integral part of the Orchid Society of the Palm Beaches, where his knowledge and enthusiasm have found a home among fellow orchid lovers. Inspired by his familial ties and Floridian heritage, Jason decided to establish Barefoot Orchids. The name not only reflects his roots but also honors his great-grandmother, whose love for orchids passed down through generations, influencing both his mother and himself. Jason Mackey's journey from childhood admiration to professional grower is a testament to the enduring allure of orchids and the profound impact of familial heritage. His commitment to excellence and community within the orchid world continues to inspire both seasoned collectors and newcomers alike.



**Around & About - Cost: Free
Thursday, February 13, 2025
Arrive at 10:00 AM
Bamboo & Orchid Gardens
1355 S. Flamingo Road
Davie, FL 33255**

Bamboo and Orchid Gardens is a family owned and operated business that was founded in 1991 by Anat and Mark. The garden covers three beautiful acres in Davie, FL and specializes in: bamboo, orchids, heliconias, flowering trees, succulents, bromeliads, indoor plants, and flowers. You can sit back and relax in this tropical oasis complete with a bamboo hut where you can enjoy a cup of coffee or a drink. As you stroll through the nursery you will also find waterfalls, a Koi pond, fire pits with seating, and a large garden center.

Lunch: Vienna Café & Bistro, 5724 S. Flamingo Road, Cooper City, FL.
(at individual's expense).



**WGC Membership Meeting
Wellington Community Center
Monday, March 3, 2025 - 9:30 AM**

**Speaker: Dr. Steve Davis, Chief Science Officer,
The Everglades Foundation**

**Topic: Everglades Restoration Builds Resilience
for South Florida**

Steve Davis, PhD, is an aquatic ecologist with 30 years of research in the coastal Everglades. He draws upon his past professional experience, including 10 years as professor of wetland ecology at Texas A&M University, to lead The Everglades Foundation's Science

Department and science communication efforts focused on advancing Everglades restoration, tracking ecosystem health, and understanding the impacts of sea-level rise. Davis has authored or co-authored more than 70 peer-reviewed science publications, holds a Courtesy Associate Professor appointment in Florida International University's College of Arts, Sciences, and Education, and is a Coordinating Editor for the journal *Restoration Ecology*. He is also co-author of the 5th Edition of *The Everglades Handbook: Understanding the Ecosystem*.



Around & About - Cost: \$5.00

Thursday, March 13, 2025

10:00 AM

The Arboretum at

Constitution Park

2841 W. Hillsboro Blvd.

Deerfield Beach, FL. 33442

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

The Arboretum at Constitution Park has over 200 exotic trees spread out over nine acres. For ease of viewing, select specimens of these beautiful trees flank a half-mile walking path, which is wheelchair friendly. You will be able to see: flowering tropical fruit trees, palms, wetland trees, bamboo, a tropical rain forest with two misting waterfalls, and a butterfly garden filled with native plants and trees. There is also a nursery which sells various plants and trees including some of the ones found throughout The Arboretum.

Lunch: Whale's Rib Raw Bar, 2031 NE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442 (at individual's expense).



**WGC Membership Meeting
Wellington Community Center
Monday, April 7, 2025 - 9:30 AM**
Speaker: Charmaine Peters
Farm Director - Arden Farm
**Topic: Smarty Plants - Safe Solutions
For Disease in Your Garden**

Charmaine Peters is currently the Farm Director at Arden, an award-winning Agrihood in Loxahatchee, FL. Arden Farm serves as a community resource for food education and home-grown fruits and vegetables.

Previously, she spent 16 years managing a 60-acre family farm in Pennsylvania. She has been quoted as a farm and garden expert in several national publications, including US News and World Report and Martha Stewart Living. Charmaine also writes monthly articles for Around Wellington.com.



**Around & About
Wednesday, April 16, 2025
10:00 AM
Vizcaya Museum & Gardens
3251 S. Miami Ave.
Miami, Fl 33129**

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Vizcaya has been a witness to numerous significant occurrences in the history of Miami over the last century. Initially built in 1916 as the vacation home of the affluent businessman James Deering, it has since evolved into a revered public art museum. Throughout its existence, Vizcaya has actively engaged with the community and played a pivotal role in shaping several important moments in Miami's history.

Lunch: Eat at the Café at Vizcaya (at individual's expense)

IN MEMORIAM

Rochelle Rosen	1986
Isabel Johnson	1986
Vicki Calderone	1992
Didi Meshirer	1993
Ann Vennett	1993
Jean Murray	1996
Bob Blat	1999
Ruth McWhorter	1999
Don Courtney	2001
Paula Giambrone	2002
Lori Turner	2002
Peggy Amman	2002
Helen Farmer	2003
Mary Louise LaMarche	2003
Libby Ackermann	2004
B. J. Curtis	2004
Marvin Mounts	2004
Irene Bishop	2006
Patricia Matthews	2007
Bruce Cook	2009
Linda Leemon	2013
Beverly Miller	2013
Jeannie Allen	2013
Alice Mueller	2015
Bonnie Wenham	2016
Suzanne Rares	2016
Gigi Galle	2017
Tom Bivin	2020
Margaret Kruger	2020
Carolyn Lowe	2020
Clare Peckinpugh	2021
Phil Macnak	2021
Ellen Rawlings	2021
Kevin Morris	2022
Tom Wenham	2023
Kay Brown	2023



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WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB ONGOING PROJECTS

2024-2025

Adopt-a-Street

In partnership with the Village of Wellington, club members pick up litter four times a year on a section of Greenbriar Blvd. in Wellington, FL.

Dale Barnhart and Jim Thompson, Co-Chairs

Annual Tree Planting

Organize community-wide event to participate in the annual tree planting in partnership with the Village of Wellington, usually held on National Public Lands Day in September. Kathy Siena, Chair

Annual Arbor Day Celebration

Organize a Florida Arbor Day celebration by planting a tree in the Village of Wellington. Katherine Wagner-Reiss, Chair

NGC Flower Show

The club holds a NGC Standard or NGC Small Standard flower show on odd-numbered years at a local venue when the event is approved by club members. Maria Wolfe, 2025 Chair

Biennial Garden Tour

This fundraising tour of private gardens in the Wellington area on even-numbered years benefits the club's scholarships, civic beautification, youth programs and Habitat for

Humanity projects. 2026 Chair TBD

College Scholarships

College scholarships are awarded each spring to high school or college students pursuing environmental, horticulture and botany undergraduate degrees. Scholarships are presented at our Annual Spring Luncheon.

John Siena, Chair

Earth Day Celebration

Club members participate in Wellington's annual Earth Day celebration which is held at the Wellington Community Center, and promotes WGC, FFGC and NGC objectives, including distribution of Wekiva Youth Camp information.

Uma Bhatti, Chair

FFGC Wekiva Youth Camp

The club's fundraising activities provide annual scholarships for area youth to attend Wekiva Youth Camp in Apopka, FL. Jan Seagrave, Chair

FFGC SEEK Environmental Conference

The club offers annual scholarships and recruits area teens to attend SEEK (Saving the Earth's Environment through Knowledge) Environmental Conference. Cynthia Craig, Chair

WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB ONGOING PROJECTS

2024-2025 (Continued)

Habitat for Humanity

Our support for this organization has including landscaping, educating new homeowners on garden upkeep and donating lawn and garden equipment to homeowners as well as financial support to the Habitat organization. Habitat communicates with the Club their needs and we try to meet them. Lisa Ferrano, Chair

National Garden Week

Organize garden-related activities and publicity to promote National Garden Week in Wellington and surrounding communities.

Twig Morris, Chair

Wellington Environmental Preserve

Maintain native plant and butterfly garden at The Marjory Stoneman Douglas Environmental Preserve at the Everglades Habitat.

Kimberly Helms, Chair

Wildflower Meadow at Greenbriar Park in Wellington

Funded by a \$3000 grant from the Florida Wildflower Foundation, WGC members created and maintain the meadow as a demonstration garden visible and accessible to families, schools, and communities to promote the use of native plants for wildlife diversity and ecological stability.

Lisa Ferrano, Chair

Youth Garden Clubs

Provide guidance, teach students especially how to be good earth stewards and provide funding for the following youth garden clubs:

- o Elbridge Gale Elementary School - butterfly gardens in container beds
- o Pine Jog Elementary School - hydroponic and raised-bed vegetable gardening
- o Polo Park Middle School—various gardens: butterfly, tropical, xeriscape
- o Scout Butterfly Garden - native plants at the garden in Greenbriar Park
- o Palm Beach Central High School - various gardening projects
- o Wellington High School - gardening/agriculture projects-inside and outside

Kathy Siena, Chair

Financial Contributions to:

FFGC SEEK (Saving the Earth's Environment through Knowledge)

FFGC Wekiva Youth Camp Wish List

FFGC Coral Restoration Foundation

Habitat for Humanity

Mounts Botanical Garden

NGC/USDA Forest Service (Penny

Pines Project)



"If you truly love nature, you will find beauty everywhere"

Laura Ingalls Wilder

WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB

2024 AWARDS

FFGC Awards



Horticulture Specialty Flower Show for Earth Day...Every Day



Flower Show Schedule for Earth Day...Every Day



Dish Garden in a Flower Show Susan Hillson



Tree Planting Certificate for 458 Trees Planted



NGC Award

Horticulture Specialty Flower Show

WGC's Fun with Flowers Workshops



February 13, 2024

March 26, 2024



April 23, 2024

*Topiaries created for National Garden
Week - June 2 - 8, 2024*





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Theme: "Decorate the Deep South with Floral Accents"

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2nd Vice President - Mary Whisler

3rd Vice President - Leticia Gunn

Treasurer - Jana Walling

Recording Secretary - Jennifer Barber

Corresponding Secretary - Linda Feifarek-Johnson

Parliamentarian - Carolyn Lowry-Nation

FFGC DISTRICT X

Maria Wolfe, Director

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Theme: "Celebrating FFGC's century of promoting plant diversity to ensure insect diversity."



WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB
Articles of Association
Approved March 27, 2024. Effective June 1, 2024.

Article 1: Name, Logo and Memberships

Section 1.1 *Name*

This organization shall be known as “Wellington Garden Club” (the Club or WGC).

Section 1.2 *Logo*

The Club has the flower Allamanda (*Allamanda cathartica*) as its logo.

Section 1.3 *State, Regional and National Memberships*

The Club is an independent garden club, a member of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. (FFGC), Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. (DSGC) and National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC).

Article 2: Mission Statement and Motto

Section 2.1 *Mission Statement*

The mission of the Club, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is to further the education of the members and the public in the fields of gardening, horticulture, botany, floral design, landscape design, environmental awareness through the conservation of natural resources, civic beautification, nature studies, and to instill in our youth the love of gardening and the respect and protection of the environment.

Section 2.2 *Motto*

The Club’s motto is “Gardening Makes a World of Difference.”

Article 3: Membership

Section 3.1 *Eligibility*

Membership eligibility shall be open to all interested persons. There shall be no limit to the number of members, and any individual shall be eligible for membership on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.

Section 3.2 *Guests*

Guests are welcome at all times. Non-members may attend only two meetings as a guest.

Section 3.3 *Active Members*

Only **active** members may vote. An **active** member is one whose dues are paid, and who takes an active part in various activities of the Club.

Section 3.4 *FFGC Life Membership*

An honorary Life Membership in FFGC may be conferred on an active member who upholds the principles and promotes the purposes of the Club and FFGC in an outstanding way. Such individuals are recommended to the Board of Directors for consideration.

Article 4: Dues

Section 4.1 *Fiscal Year*

The fiscal year begins on June 1st and runs to the following May 31st.

Section 4.2 *Annual Dues*

The Club dues shall be forty-five dollars (\$45.00) for an individual and sixty five dollars (\$65.00) for a couple. Paid dues shall be for the fiscal year. Dues are broken down as follows:

	<i>Individual</i>	<i>Couple</i>
Wellington Garden Club	\$32.50	\$50.00
District X	\$0.50	\$1.00
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs	\$12.00	\$14.00

Section 4.3 *Full and Partial Dues*

Incoming members must pay full membership dues (WGC, District X, and FFGC) if they join the Club between the months of April through December. New members joining during the months of January through March only pay FFGC and District X portion of the total dues.

Section 4.4 *Payment*

Dues shall be submitted to the Treasurer for the upcoming fiscal year beginning March 1st and no later than March 31st.

Section 4.5 *Delinquency*

Members whose dues are delinquent as of May 31st, and who have been duly notified, shall be automatically dropped from the membership rolls of the Club, District X, and FFGC. A delinquent member shall be reinstated only after complying with Section 4.2 of this article.

Article 5: Meetings

There shall be one general membership meeting on the first Monday of the month, September through November and January through April, unless otherwise notified. The holiday luncheon shall be a social event with no business meeting. The spring luncheon may include approval of the budget. The President may call a special meeting of the membership. Business may be conducted by majority rule at a meeting at which there is a quorum.

Article 6: Quorum

A quorum of a membership meeting shall be one-third (1/3) of the paid membership.

Article 7: Parliamentary Authority

The Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the President. “Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised 11th Edition” shall be the authority, and govern the Club in the business procedures on all points not covered by these Articles of Association.

Article 8: Officers

Section 8.1 *Officers*

The Officers shall include the President, the First Vice President, the Second Vice President, the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer, the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary, the Parliamentarian (appointed by the President), and the immediate Former President, *ex-officio*.

Section 8.2 *Election and Term of Office*

Officers shall be elected in the odd year by the membership at the regularly scheduled April meeting. To hold office, one must have been an active member for at least one year. Officers shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, with the exception of the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, whose terms shall be limited to three (3) consecutive terms. No other officer may be elected for more than one (1) consecutive term in the same office. At the expiration of their terms of office, the Officers shall turn over to their successors all records of their Offices.

Section 8.3 *Installation*

Officers shall be installed in May, and begin their term as of June 1st. It is intended that during the period of time after installation until June 1st, the outgoing officers shall assist the newly elected officers in assuming their positions.

Section 8.4 *Officers' Duties and Responsibilities*

Section 8.4.a *President*

The President shall preside at all membership and Board of Directors meetings, shall appoint the Parliamentarian, Standing Committee Chairs and shall be authorized to sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer. The President shall be a member *ex-officio* of all committees, except the nominating committee, and shall work closely with the appointed chairs. The President shall call special meetings of the Officers, Board of Directors, committee chairs, and the membership when deemed necessary. The President shall be responsible for all legal documents that shall be kept in the Club files and shall maintain the list of duties and responsibilities pertinent to committees.

Section 8.4.b *First Vice President*

The First Vice President shall work with the President in all matters pertaining to the operating efficiency of the Club, and conduct business of the Club in the absence of the President. The First Vice President shall assist the Second Vice President in the selection of programs for the fiscal year. The First Vice President shall report directly to the President. It is intended that the First Vice President shall succeed the President. It shall be the duty of the First Vice President to order a Past President's Pin to be given to the President at the end of his/her term of office. The pin shall be presented to the President at the May meeting at the expiration of the President's term of office, and the President's Pin shall be given to the incoming President.

Section 8.4.c *Second Vice President*

The Second Vice President shall chair the Program Committee. The Second Vice President shall arrange for the upcoming club year's programs before July 15th, being careful not to repeat topic programs in consecutive years. Confirmation letters are mailed or sent electronically immediately after a speaker has been invited and scheduled, with a reminder phone call or electronic notification two weeks prior to the scheduled date. A small gift or honorarium is presented to the speaker (or the organization the speaker represents) on the day of his/her appearance and a thank you note is provided. The Second Vice President assists in duties related to the office of the President as requested, and assumes the duties of the President and the First Vice President in the simultaneous absence of both of these officers. The Second Vice President is not obligated to succeed to First Vice President.

Section 8.4.d *Treasurer*

The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all money received. All money coming into the Club shall go to the Treasurer, unless otherwise stipulated by the President. The funds of the Club shall be deposited in such banks as may be designated by the Board of Directors. All monies to be

disbursed shall be transacted by the Treasurer and in agreement with the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall sign warrants and contracts. The Assistant Treasurer followed by the President shall act as alternates in the absence of the Treasurer and have instruction on how to withdraw funds. The Treasurer shall chair the Finance Committee. All checks drawn upon the funds of the Club shall require the signature of the Treasurer or the Assistant Treasurer or the President. The books of the Treasurer shall be reviewed by the CPA within 60 days of the close of the fiscal year.

Receipts must accompany a request for reimbursement, unless approved by the President. Any expenditure within a given budget account that exceeds the budgeted amount by more than \$75, must receive prior board approval. At the expiration of the Treasurer's term(s), all funds, assets, and records of the Club shall be turned over to the successor.

Section 8.4.e *Assistant Treasurer*

The Assistant Treasurer shall serve at the direction of the Treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer and President shall act as alternates in the absence of the Treasurer. All checks drawn upon funds of the Club shall require one signature of the Treasurer or the Assistant Treasurer or the President. He/she shall send dues notices by March 1st via USPS, electronic notice or inclusion in the *Allamanda News*.

Section 8.4.f *Recording Secretary*

The Recording Secretary shall keep records of the meetings of the Club, be custodian of all records and papers pertaining to this office, and present any recommendations from the Board to the membership. The Recording Secretary shall collect and attach to the minutes of the monthly meetings written reports submitted by officers and committee chairs who addressed the meeting. The minutes shall be forwarded to the webmaster for posting and shall be held on file for five fiscal years.

Section 8.4.g *Corresponding Secretary*

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all correspondence as instructed by the President, keep all letters on file, and read incoming correspondence at membership meetings.

Section 8.4.h *Parliamentarian*

The Parliamentarian shall assist the President on points of parliamentary procedure and fulfill the required duties as outlined in "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised 11th Edition".

Section 8.5 *Electronic Voting*

If business of an urgent nature occurs before the next BOD meeting, electronic voting may be utilized by the Officers. Electronic voting procedure will follow the NGC Electronic Voting guidelines found on the NGC website Member Resources section under Governing Documents, Policies and Minutes.

Section 8.5a *Meetings*

The Officers become the Executive Committee (EC) when the President calls a special meeting of the Officers.

Section 8.6 *Quorum*

Officers business may be conducted by majority rule at a meeting at which there is a quorum consisting of five (5) voting officers.

Section 8.7 *Vacancy and Resignation*

Section 8.7.a *Vacancy*

An Officer's position shall be declared vacant if the member is unable to perform the duties outlined above. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, the First Vice President shall succeed to the office. All vacancies among other Officers members shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 8.7.b *Resignation*

A letter of resignation must be submitted in writing to the President as soon as the Officer becomes aware that he/she must resign. A resignation vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Article 9: Board of Directors

Section 9.1.a *Board Membership*

The Board of Directors shall consist of all the officers of the Club, committee chairs and two (2) members at large elected by the Board of Directors by majority vote at their first meeting of the club year. The President shall be the Chair.

Section 9.1.b. *Duties and Responsibilities*

Ensure that the organization's mission is carried out in an efficient manner, assure adequate fundraising to accomplish the organization's mission, provide fiduciary oversight, set policy, create and periodically update the organizations strategic objective.

Section 9.2 *Management*

The management of the Club shall be vested with the Board of Directors. The Board transacts the general business of the Club and considers all questions of policy.

Section 9.3 *New Major Projects/Activities*

Major policy matters or new major projects and/or activities shall be presented as a recommendation by the Board of Directors. Approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present at any general membership meeting is required before further action by the Board of Directors. Any commitment involving nonbudgeted disbursements from the Club of more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) shall be classified as a major project or activity.

Section 9.4 *Meetings*

There shall be a monthly meeting of the Board of Directors the week preceding the general membership meeting unless otherwise notified.

Section 9.5 *Quorum*

A quorum at any Board of Directors meeting shall consist of one-third (1/3) of the members of the Board. A majority of such quorum shall decide any question that comes before the meeting.

Section 9.6 *Reports & Transition*

Each officer and chair of each committee must submit a written annual report to the President by May 1st or upon resignation. Each officer and chair shall turn over to his/her successor or to the President such books or reports pertinent to his/her office upon expiration or within two weeks of the completion of his/her term or resignation.

Article 10: Committee Chairs

Section 10.1 *Committee Chairs*

The President appoints committee chairs. Committee chairs who wish to address the membership at the monthly general membership or Board of Directors meetings shall submit a written report to the Recording Secretary for attachment to the minutes of the meeting. Each committee chair shall submit a year-end written report to the President, a current or updated list of duties and responsibilities and may make recommendations to the Board of Directors. All chairs shall receive a copy of the current budget to determine the maximum amount of Club funds each committee can spend. The chairs are responsible for keeping accurate records and not exceeding the budgeted amount. Receipts along with expense forms must be submitted to the Treasurer for member reimbursement. Each committee chair shall provide an estimate of their budgetary needs to the Finance Committee by March 15th for the following fiscal year.

Section 10.2 *Resignation of Committee Chairs*

Chairs shall submit a letter of resignation, with advance notice if possible, to the President. Within two weeks of resignation, the chair shall submit a year-to-date written report to the President and a current or updated list of duties and responsibilities.

Section 10.3 *Committee Members*

Committee members are selected by the committee chairs for their expertise and interest.

Article 11: Standing Committees

The President shall appoint Standing Committees not provided for in the Articles of Association. The Standing Committee shall remain in existence unless dissolved by the President and ratified by the Board.

Section 11.1 *Articles of Association Amendments and Policy Review*

The Amendments and Policy Review Committee shall consist of five members who will meet annually in January. The Chair will be an officer. The Parliamentarian and three members from the Board of Directors will serve as committee members. Willing members of the Board will notify the President of their interest in serving and the Board will vote their approval at the meeting prior to the January membership meeting.

Section 11.2 *Finance*

The Finance Committee shall have as its chair, the Treasurer. The President, immediate Former President, First Vice President and Assistant Treasurer will serve as committee members with input from each member of the Board of Directors who has a budget. By March 15th, each committee chair will provide a Year-To-Date expense report and a forecast for the next fiscal year. The Finance Committee shall prepare a fiscal year budget to be mailed or emailed to members in April and be voted upon at the May luncheon. (The Finance Committee Duties are to 1) advise the BOD in all matters financial, 2) maintain financial health of the club, and 3) to review requests from Committee Chairs on their proposed budgets before finalizing the new fiscal year budget.)

Section 11.3 *Newsletter*

The title of the Club newsletter is ***Allamanda News***, which is derived from the Club's logo. The purpose of the newsletter (published five times per fiscal year) is to keep its members informed of club projects, upcoming events, and other news including those related to District X, FFGC, and NGC, and to provide a link for those who cannot attend meetings.

Allamanda News helps to expedite the business portion of the monthly meetings by bringing pertinent information to members' attention beforehand.

Section 11.4 *Website*

Our website will provide information accessible to the general public, expedite club members receiving information, and provide a link to members unable to attend a meeting. It will also include a link to our Club newsletter, ***Allamanda News***. Any proprietary information will be password-protected.

Article 12: Nominating Committee

Section 12.1 *Selection*

At the February meeting of an election year, the President shall announce the Nominating Committee consisting of four members. The members shall be chosen as follows: the Chair shall be appointed by the President; three members shall be elected from the membership at large. No Nominating Committee member shall be eligible to serve on this committee for two consecutive terms.

Section 12.2 *Candidates*

The Nominating Committee shall prepare a list of eligible candidates, to be read at the March meeting. Nominations shall be in order from the floor at the April meeting, immediately preceding the election of officers. All nominees must have been **active** members (see Article 3, Section 3.3) for at least one year. If there is more than one candidate for the same office, election shall be by ballot and the majority vote shall elect. If there is only one candidate for an office, the election shall be by voice vote.

Section 12.3 *Voting Eligibility*

Only members whose dues are paid in full shall be entitled to vote at elections.

Section 12.4 *Commencement of Duties*

The new President elected at the April meeting shall be called “President Elect” until installation at the May luncheon. All Officers elected in April will assume their duties of office as of June 1st.

Article 13: Amendments

The Articles of Association may be amended after board of directors approval at any general membership meeting of the Club, where there is a quorum (see Article 6), by two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present. The proposed amendment or amendment change must be submitted in writing to all members at least two weeks in advance of the vote.

Article 14: Dissolution

In the event of termination of the Wellington Garden Club in any manner or for any reason whatsoever, its assets, if any, shall be distributed to one or more civic projects of the Club or to the community government for a public purpose.

Article 15: Net Earnings

No part of the net earnings of this organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that this organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the mission statement hereof.

Article 16: Restricted Activities

No substantial part of the activities of this organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on

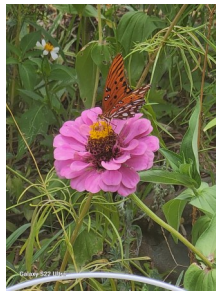
- a. by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code, or
- b. by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

Article 17: Annual FFGC State Convention and District X Representation

The President or one alternate shall represent the Club at the annual FFGC State Convention and two District X meetings per fiscal year, with all expenses paid by the Club.



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Wellington Garden Club Policies

Approved March 27, 2024. Effective June 1, 2024.

Matters of the Wellington Garden Club not addressed in the Articles of Association shall be covered under Policy.

Policies shall be effective when passed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at their meeting, provided a quorum is present.

The Policy Committee shall consist of five (5) members of the Board of Directors (BOD). Prior to the first BOD meeting of each new administration, the President shall appoint the Chairman. The Chairman will circulate the current policies to the new BOD prior to the first meeting of the BOD. At this meeting the BOD shall appoint the other members of the committee. All Policy Committee members are required to study and become familiar with the Articles of Association and with the existing Policies of the Wellington Garden Club.

Any member of the Wellington Garden Club desiring to propose a new policy or to alter an existing Policy should email such recommendation to the Policy Chairman of the club. The Chairman of the Policy Committee shall meet with the committee for consultation and study. If the proposal is not contrary to the Articles of Association of the Wellington Garden Club, it shall be presented to the BOD for action.

The present Standing Rules of the Wellington Garden Club shall be included and now become a part of Policy.

Board of Directors/Committee Chairs

The Policies should be effective when passed by the majority vote of the BOD and may be amended by majority vote of the BOD at their meeting, provided a quorum is present. Two weeks' written notice will be provided to members of the BOD.

Any proposed partnership, collaboration, contract agreement, or grant request involving the Club must contain full disclosure in writing of all terms and conditions and then be reviewed in its entirety by the WGC BOD.

Any member intending to apply for a grant shall present the concept to the BOD for authorization to proceed with preparation of a grant application. Prior to its submission, the grant application package shall be reviewed and approved by the President or the President's designee for submission to the BOD for approval.

If business of an urgent nature occurs before the next BOD meeting electronic polling may be utilized by the Officers. Electronic voting procedure

will follow the guidelines as detailed in the NGC Standing Bylaws. The procedure can be found on the NGC website Member Resources section under Governing Documents, Policies & Minutes.

Any unplanned expenditures must ultimately be ratified by a majority of the BOD at the very next meeting.

Committee Chairs are encouraged to actively participate in finding their replacement in cooperation with the President.

Only one co-chair is eligible to vote at a BOD meeting.

Committee members shall be selected by the Committee Chair unless otherwise specified in the Articles of Association.

Policies shall remain in force from the time of adoption until they are changed or repealed. They may be amended or repealed by a majority vote if a thirty-day notice was given, or by a 2/3 vote without notice. The results of any such action by the BOD shall be reported to the General Membership at the following General Meeting.

In the event that a Member-at-Large is unable to serve, the BOD, with permission of the nominee, shall elect a replacement to fill the vacancy.

In Article 11, Section 11.2, "Input from the BOD" may include, but not limited to, former presidents and treasurers.

All Chairmen will receive a copy of the current budget, from the President, to determine the maximum amount of Garden Club funds each committee can spend. The chairman is responsible for keeping accurate records and not exceeding the budgeted amount. Receipts are necessary for Garden Club reimbursement.

If an Officer or BOD member is unable to attend a BOD Meeting, their report shall be sent to the President prior to such meeting.

Committee chairs will be created and be functioning by the first meeting of the fiscal year.

President

The President and the First Vice President will be directed to the Book of Information (BOI) located on the FFGC website.

A standard agenda as found in Roberts Rules will be used to provide information as well as allow for full participation of the members.

If available, agenda items will include backup or support material for members to review prior to the meeting.

Club members may request that the President add an agenda item for discussion at either a BOD meeting or a general membership meeting. A minimum of seven days notice is requested.

An Inventory Manager will be appointed by the President each term.

The president shall share with committee chairs their budgeted line item and their specific committee responsibilities.

The President shall determine, when two members heading up a committee, are either co-chairs or Chair & Vice Chair.

Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer

Requests for approved expense reimbursements can be submitted via printed format or electronically by email to the Treasurer. The Treasurer is required to pay all approved expenses upon receipt.

A maximum reimbursement of \$100/fiscal year will be allowed for approved education courses per member upon proof of completion of the course(s) and submission of the completed Meer (Member Education Expense Reimbursement) form found on the WGC website under Member Resources.

Makes all investments and reinvestments at the direction of the BOD upon recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Provides reports of fundraising activities to the BOD based upon income and expense reports submitted by the event chairs.

Files all required Tax Reports in a timely manner.

Finance Committee Duties: 1) to advise the BOD in all matters financial, 2) to maintain continuous review of the Club's financial status, 3) to recommend measures to maintain the fiscal health of the Club, and requests Committee Chair proposed budgets before finalizing the new fiscal year budget.

Tax deductible contributions to WGC are welcome from members of the public. Acknowledgements shall be provided by the Treasurer who may delegate this responsibility to the Corresponding Secretary or the Chair of the fundraising event.

Parliamentarian

Motion forms shall be provided to members making a motion.

Membership

The membership roster with names, addresses, e-mail addresses and phone numbers shall not be given out to businesses or organizations for purposes of solicitation or promotion. The e-mail mailing distribution list of the club members shall be used exclusively for communication of Federated Garden Club and garden associated business. Any member may send a qualified email message using the distribution list to all the other club members. However, all messages sent via the distribution list will be monitored and/or reviewed by the president or the president's designee from the BOD.

Businesses and individuals may advertise in *Allamanda News*, the Wellington Garden Club newsletter, via the Advertising Editor, at rates to be established on an annual basis by the BOD.

Courtesy and consideration should be given to officers, speakers, and attending members while any Club business or presentation is given.

No political speeches shall be made at any Garden Club meeting by a member, guest, or invited speaker.

Financial aid, with a maximum amount of 50% per course or educational event with a maximum reimbursement of \$100 per member per fiscal year, may be available to help members defray the cost of completing an NGC or FFGC-sponsored educational course or be used toward tuition for a degree or certificate in a field of study that supports the club's Mission as outlined in Article 2 of the Articles of Association. Members, who receive financial aid, as approved by the BOD, are expected to share the knowledge gained by chairing a committee, presenting a program or writing an article for the club newsletter *Allamanda News*.

Membership applications and records shall be handled and maintained by the Membership Committee. The new member application processor will provide these documents via email or hard copy to the Mentor Chair.

Copies of the Membership spreadsheet shall be distributed to the BOD to encourage involvement of new and current members in Club activities.

New members joining in March or April will enjoy these 2 months as members and the membership dues paid will apply to the following full club year.

Members rejoining the Club after a period of absence will be recognized at their first meeting as a former member.

New members to the WGC will be asked to introduce themselves at their first meeting.

All members are encouraged to participate in the work of the Club by participating on a committee, contributing to fundraisers that support our mission and by frequently attending programs, workshops and Around & Abouts.

Eligibility for voting for officers or on an Articles Amendments requires that dues are paid in full prior to the date the vote is to take place. Prior knowledge of the qualifications or issues is required for informed voting.

Members may not solicit the membership or sell items to the membership for monetary gain.

Meetings

All meetings of the WGC are open to all club members. Meeting participation is guided by Roberts Rules of order, Newly Revised, 11th Edition.

General Membership Meetings and BOD Meetings agendas will be emailed to the membership.

New Member Orientation

A mentor will be assigned to each new member. The mentor will receive a copy of the new member application.

All new members shall be invited to attend a new member orientation within the first year of their membership.

New Member Reception/Orientation is to follow the suggested agenda.

A brunch is to be held annually.

Officers & Committee Chairs will provide juice, fruit, pastries, etc., paper goods and coffee & tea.

Agenda:

Welcome by President

Introduction of Officers and Committee

Chairs

NGC Video presentation

Committee Chair presentations

Mentors introduce new members

Sign up for committees (need a form)

The mentor will encourage new member participation on at least one committee.

Fundraisers

All fundraising plans regarding the sale of an item to club members shall include full disclosure regarding cost and surcharge and be approved by the BOD before being submitted to the Finance Committee for inclusion in the budget.

Inventory

All tangible or reusable items purchased for and reimbursed by the Club for a Club event will be added to the Club's inventory list and stored in a safe and protected location. This listing will be posted on the website in the Member Resources area and given to committee chairs at the beginning of each year by the Inventory Manager.

Youth Activities

Youth activities will be evaluated annually.

DONATIONS TO THE WELLINGTON LIBRARY

Billington, Jill: *Really Small Gardens: A Practical Guide to Gardening in a Truly Small Space*

Botanica: *The Illustrated A-Z of Over 10,000 Garden Plants*

Bowman, Daria Price: *For Your Garden: Paths and Walkways*

Complete 8-Title Video Series: *Gardens of the World with Audrey Hepburn*

Crawford, Pamela: *Best Garden Color for Florida*

Crawford, Pamela: *Easy Gardens for South Florida*

Crawford, Pamela: *Instant Container Gardens*

Crawford, Pamela: *Easy Container Gardens*

Crawford, Pamela: *Easy Container Combos: Vegetables & Flowers*

Crawford, Pamela: *Container Gardens for Florida*

Crawford, Pamela: *Stormscaping: Landscaping to minimize wind damage in Florida*

Darke, Rick: *The Color Encyclopedia of Ornamental Grasses*

Dirr, Michael: *Dirr's Trees and Shrubs for Warm Climates*

Herwig, Modeste: *Colorful Gardens: contrast & combine your plants & flowers for spectacular visual effects*

Hessayon Dr., D.G.: *The Flower Arranging Expert*

Jenkins, Mary Zuazua: *National Geographic Guide to America's Public Gardens*

May, Barbara D.: *Designs Made Easy*

McDonald, Elvin: *Gardens of the World: The Art and Practice of Gardening*

Moore, Brenda: *Network with Nature*

Moore, Brenda & Ohlmann, Jean: *The Frightened Frog*

Moore, Brenda: *The Saved Seed*

Moore, Brenda: *My Green is Gone*

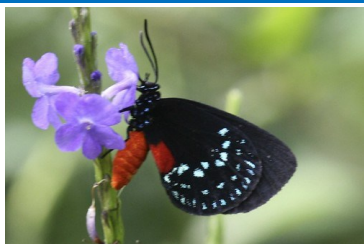
Pridgeon, Alec, ed: *The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Orchids*

Rogers, George, PhD, ed: *Weeds of South Florida*

Sutherland, Neil: *Step by Step Guide to Creative Patio and Container Gardening*

Toogood, Alan (Ed.-in-Chief): *Plant Propagation*

Welch, Wm. C.: *Antique Roses for the South*

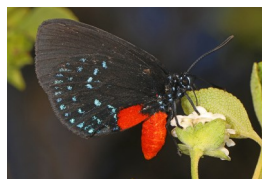


Save the Date

Monday,
October 28, 2024

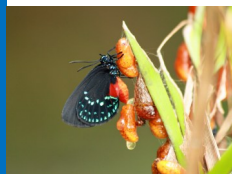
Fall District X Meeting

Hosted by
Rio Lindo Garden Club



at
Santa Lucia River Club at Ballantrae
3325 Ballantrae Blvd.
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34952

*“Everything Atala:
Celebrating the Return of the Atala
Butterfly to Florida”*



The keynote speaker will
be Ken Gioli , IFAS/UF

Cost is \$50.00 to include continental
breakfast and buffet lunch.

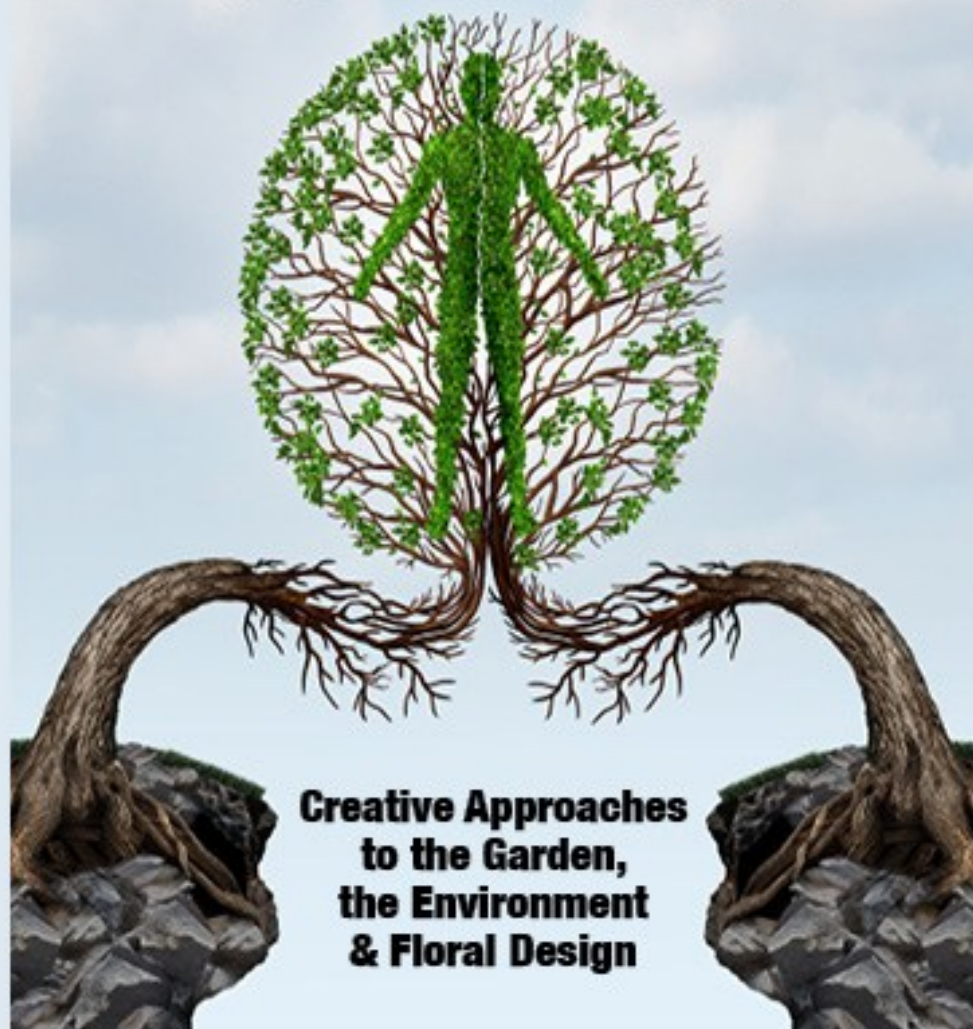
8:00am Registration
9:00am Program Begins

Visit <http://www.DistrictX.org> to register.

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and District X Present

68th Annual Tropical Short Course
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