

**Wellington Garden Club  
Membership Meeting Agenda  
Monday, January 6, 2025 – 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. Vote on Changes to the Articles of Association to allow Co-Officers.
  - E. Wekiva Camper Visitors – Jan Seagrave
  - F. Presentation of Horticulture Specialty Show Award.
  - G. Introduction of new members and guests.
- II. **Speaker Presentation** – ~~Kristi Westrup~~ - Introduction of CJ McCartney, Master Gardener
- III. **Officer Reports** LISA FERRARO
  - A. **Recording Secretary** – Minutes from November 4, 2024 membership meeting – any additions or corrections.
  - B. **President's Report:**
    - a. The basket for "Plant-A-Tree" to be passed around.
    - b. There were 98 attendees total at the November 4, 2024 Membership meeting with 22 guests which includes members of the Valencia Reserve Garden Club, Boynton Beach, FL.
    - c. There is no Sunset Social in January and on February 21<sup>st</sup> the Sunset Social will be at Carol Ralph's garden, 15694 Citrus Grove Blvd, Loxahatchee, FL from 4:00pm – 6:00pm.
    - d. Certificate and sign for Wildflower Meadow.
    - e. Yearbook addendum.
  - C. **Treasurer** – Marianne Forrest
    - a. Treasurer's Report
- IV. **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** – Annette Lubsen and Susie Stevenson
- V. **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – Kristi Westrup - report on the speaker for the February 3, 2025 – Jason Mackey, Barefoot Orchids with a topic of "Making Orchids Simple".
- VI. **Corresponding Secretary** – Jan Seagrave
- VII. **Standing Committee Reports**
  - A. Kimberly Helms - our **Around & About** for January 16 will be to Tropical Bamboo Nursery & Gardens and Excelsa Gardens Nursery in Loxahatchee. The February 13 Around & About will be to Bamboo & Orchid Gardens in Davie, FL. There are signup sheets for the Around & Abouts on the signup table.
  - B. **Newsletter** – Tina Richter – The Newsletter for January 2025 was sent to membership on Friday, January 3, 2025.
- VIII. **Special Committee Reports**
  - A. Arbor Day Celebration – Katherine Wagner-Reiss
  - B. Shredding Event, Saturday, January 25, 2025 – Annette Lubsen & Susie Stevenson.
  - C. Mardi Gras Trivia – Tuesday, March 4, 2025 – Stormi Bivin.
  - D. 2025 Unsolicited Landscape Design Awards – Stormi Bivin.
  - E. 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Tropical Short Course – Maria Wolfe.
  - F. Hospitality - Thank you to all members who brought in the food for today's meeting. \*HOSTS
  - G. Minute for Gardening – Anne Hlasnicek will introduce Katherine Wagner-Reiss who will talk about *Eugenia confusa* (Ironwood, Red-berry Stopper).
  - H. New Member Reception – Thursday, February 27, 2025 - Carol Ralph, Annette Lubsen, Susie Stevenson.

- IX. Old Business - *Flower Show*  
X. New Business  
A. NGC Gardening School – Course 2, Series 11 – Carol Ralph  
XI. Announcements  
XII. Name Tag Raffle  
XIII. Adjourn

December 27, 2024

Wellington Garden Club  
Treasurer Report

**Income** since December 1<sup>st</sup> is **\$3,454.00**.

December's income is primarily attributed to the Holiday luncheon reservations, luncheon raffle ticket sales (\$1,040), \$1,500 grant (Florida Wildflower Association), memberships (new and renewal) and \$100 award (District X Flower Show).

**Expenses** since December 1<sup>st</sup> are **\$4,341.23**.

December's expenses are primarily attributed to payout of Holiday luncheon meals and related expenses, website hosting fee for 2023 and 2024, storage unit fee, FFGC membership dues, and meeting hospitality expenses.

Balance in the checking account is **\$37,947.16**.

For more information review the **Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual** report to date (6/1/24-12/27/24).

Danese Sloan Kendall  
Treasurer

Marianne Forrest  
Asst. Treasurer



**WGC Membership Meeting  
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**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 Gardner in Residence at Ann Norton Sculpture Garden and serves on several Boards and gardening committees.



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**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
 December 1 - 27, 2024

	Dec 1 - 27, 24	Budget	\$ Over Bud...	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
4000 · INCOME				
4200 · Membership Dues	124.00	0.00	124.00	100.0%
4300 · Program Services Revenue				
4301 · Awards & Grants				
4301.1 · Awards	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.0%
4301.2 · Grants	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	100.0%
Total 4301 · Awards & Grants	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00	100.0%
Total 4300 · Program Services Revenue	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00	100.0%
4400 · Special Events				
4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income				
4402.1 · Member meals Holiday Luncheon	690.00	0.00	690.00	100.0%
4402.2 · Other Holiday Luncheon Income	1,040.00	0.00	1,040.00	100.0%
Total 4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income	1,730.00	0.00	1,730.00	100.0%
Total 4400 · Special Events	1,730.00	0.00	1,730.00	100.0%
Total 4000 · INCOME	3,454.00	0.00	3,454.00	100.0%
Total Income	3,454.00	0.00	3,454.00	100.0%
Gross Profit	3,454.00	0.00	3,454.00	100.0%
<b>Expense</b>				
6500 · EXPENSE				
6599 · Fundraising expenses				
6599 b · Fundraising Other	38.06	0.00	38.06	100.0%
Total 6599 · Fundraising expenses	38.06	0.00	38.06	100.0%
6700 · Management & General				
6712 · Website	453.00	0.00	453.00	100.0%
6717 · Miscellaneous				
6717 b · Storage	47.95	0.00	47.95	100.0%
Total 6717 · Miscellaneous	47.95	0.00	47.95	100.0%
Total 6700 · Management & General	500.95	0.00	500.95	100.0%
6800 · Program Services				
6803 · Member Education	82.50	0.00	82.50	100.0%
6804 · FFGC & District Dues				
6804.1 · Dues FFGC	62.00	0.00	62.00	100.0%
Total 6804 · FFGC & District Dues	62.00	0.00	62.00	100.0%
Total 6800 · Program Services	144.50	0.00	144.50	100.0%
6900 · Special Events Direct Expense				
6904 · Holiday Luncheon				
6911 · Holiday luncheon Other expense	73.51	0.00	73.51	100.0%
6913 · Member Meals	3,528.76	0.00	3,528.76	100.0%
Total 6904 · Holiday Luncheon	3,602.27	0.00	3,602.27	100.0%
6905 · Hospitality	55.45	0.00	55.45	100.0%
Total 6900 · Special Events Direct Expense	3,657.72	0.00	3,657.72	100.0%
Total 6500 · EXPENSE	4,341.23	0.00	4,341.23	100.0%
Total Expense	4,341.23	0.00	4,341.23	100.0%
Net Income	<b>-887.23</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-887.23</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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**Filters applied on this Report:**

**Account:** All income/expense accounts

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 June 1 through December 27, 2024

	Jun 1 - Dec 2...	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
<b>4000 · INCOME</b>				
4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing				
4101 · Boutique Items	25.00	0.00	25.00	100.0%
4104 · Plants sale	38.00	3,500.00	-3,462.00	1.1%
4106 · Plant Raffle Meetings	440.00	500.00	-60.00	88.0%
4110 · Misc	1,386.28	100.00	1,286.28	1,386.3%
4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing - Other	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
<b>Total 4100 · Inventory Items Fundrasing</b>	<b>1,889.28</b>	<b>4,200.00</b>	<b>-2,310.72</b>	<b>45.0%</b>
4200 · Membership Dues	819.00	6,000.00	-5,181.00	13.7%
4300 · Program Services Revenue				
4301 · Awards & Grants				
4301.1 · Awards	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.0%
4301.2 · Grants	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	100.0%
4301 · Awards & Grants - Other	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
<b>Total 4301 · Awards &amp; Grants</b>	<b>1,600.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>1,300.00</b>	<b>533.3%</b>
4302 · Donations & Memorials				
4302.1 · Donations Other	30.00	0.00	30.00	100.0%
4302 · Donations & Memorials - Other	5,000.00	100.00	4,900.00	5,000.0%
<b>Total 4302 · Donations &amp; Memorials</b>	<b>5,030.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>4,930.00</b>	<b>5,030.0%</b>
4308b · Garden Art	165.00	0.00	165.00	100.0%
4309 · Penny Pines	69.90	0.00	69.90	100.0%
4313 · Coral Reef	153.76	0.00	153.76	100.0%
<b>Total 4300 · Program Services Revenue</b>	<b>7,018.66</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>6,618.66</b>	<b>1,754.7%</b>
4400 · Special Events				
4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income				
4402.1 · Member meals Holiday Luncheon	3,680.00	4,500.00	-820.00	81.8%
4402.2 · Other Holiday Luncheon Income	1,124.00	500.00	624.00	224.8%
<b>Total 4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income</b>	<b>4,804.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>-196.00</b>	<b>96.1%</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>4,804.00</b>	<b>9,750.00</b>	<b>-4,946.00</b>	<b>49.3%</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	3,619.00	700.00	2,919.00	517.0%
<b>Total 4409 · Fundraising</b>	<b>3,619.00</b>	<b>2,675.00</b>	<b>944.00</b>	<b>135.3%</b>
4900 · reconciliation	200.00	0.00	200.00	100.0%
<b>Total 4000 · INCOME</b>	<b>18,349.94</b>	<b>24,525.00</b>	<b>-6,175.06</b>	<b>74.8%</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>18,349.94</b>	<b>24,525.00</b>	<b>-6,175.06</b>	<b>74.8%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>18,349.94</b>	<b>24,525.00</b>	<b>-6,175.06</b>	<b>74.8%</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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<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%
6599 b · Fundraising Other - Other	462.41	0.00	462.41	100.0%
<b>Total 6599 b · Fundraising Other</b>	<u>3,640.41</u>	<u>150.00</u>	<u>3,490.41</u>	<u>2,426.9%</u>
<b>Total 6599 · Fundraising expenses</b>	3,640.41	150.00	3,490.41	2,426.9%
<b>6700 · Management &amp; General</b>				
6701 · Chamber Dues (Wellington)	125.00	125.00	0.00	100.0%
6702 · Correspondence	91.00	250.00	-159.00	36.4%
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	324.93	100.00	224.93	324.9%
<b>Total 6706 · Membership</b>	<u>324.93</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>74.93</u>	<u>130.0%</u>
6707 · Newsletter	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.0%
6708 · Postage	13.60	0.00	13.60	100.0%
6709 · President's Expense	0.00	800.00	-800.00	0.0%
6711 · Treasurer & Accountant	451.32	500.00	-48.68	90.3%
6712 · Website	490.99	350.00	140.99	140.3%
6713 · Yearbook	762.77	900.00	-137.23	84.8%
6717 · Miscellaneous				
6717 b · Storage	335.65	575.40	-239.75	58.3%
<b>Total 6717 · Miscellaneous</b>	<u>335.65</u>	<u>575.40</u>	<u>-239.75</u>	<u>58.3%</u>
<b>Total 6700 · Management &amp; General</b>	<u>3,731.73</u>	<u>5,125.40</u>	<u>-1,393.67</u>	<u>72.8%</u>
<b>6800 · Program Services</b>				
6802 · Award & Grants	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6803 · Member Education	235.00	2,000.00	-1,765.00	11.8%
6804 · FFGC & District Dues				
6804.1 · Dues FFGC	220.00	1,625.00	-1,405.00	13.5%
6804.2 · Dues District X	0.00	62.50	-62.50	0.0%
<b>Total 6804 · FFGC &amp; District Dues</b>	<u>220.00</u>	<u>1,687.50</u>	<u>-1,467.50</u>	<u>13.0%</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	158.27	100.00	58.27	158.3%
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	250.00	1,000.00	-750.00	25.0%
6812 · Memorials and Donations	150.00	300.00	-150.00	50.0%
6813 · Mounts Membership	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
6814 · College Scholarships	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%



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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	0.00	68.00	100.0%
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	172.80	0.00	172.80	100.0%
6836 · Wellington Landscaping				
6836.b · Wellington Wildflower Garden	320.00	300.00	20.00	106.7%
6836 · Wellington Landscaping - Other	0.00	350.00	-350.00	0.0%
<b>Total 6836 · Wellington Landscaping</b>	<b>320.00</b>	<b>650.00</b>	<b>-330.00</b>	<b>49.2%</b>
6837 · Community Garden	80.00	0.00	80.00	100.0%
<b>Total 6800 · Program Services</b>	<b>2,133.80</b>	<b>18,057.50</b>	<b>-15,923.70</b>	<b>11.8%</b>
6900 · Special Events Direct Expense				
6901 · Around & Abouts	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6904 · Holiday Luncheon				
6911 · Holiday luncheon Other expense	73.51	300.00	-226.49	24.5%
6913 · Member Meals	3,824.76	4,500.00	-675.24	85.0%
<b>Total 6904 · Holiday Luncheon</b>	<b>3,898.27</b>	<b>4,800.00</b>	<b>-901.73</b>	<b>81.2%</b>
6905 · Hospitality	163.48	0.00	163.48	100.0%
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>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>5,025.00</b>	<b>-4,775.00</b>	<b>5.0%</b>
<b>Total 6900 · Special Events Direct Expense</b>	<b>4,311.75</b>	<b>9,925.00</b>	<b>-5,613.25</b>	<b>43.4%</b>
6910 · Flowershow	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
<b>Total 6500 · EXPENSE</b>	<b>13,817.69</b>	<b>37,307.90</b>	<b>-23,490.21</b>	<b>37.0%</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>13,817.69</b>	<b>37,307.90</b>	<b>-23,490.21</b>	<b>37.0%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>4,532.25</b>	<b>-12,782.90</b>	<b>17,315.15</b>	<b>-35.5%</b>



Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

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## Guests and new member at today's meeting

1 message

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

Mon, Jan 6, 2025 at 5:05 PM

To: Karin Teston <karinteston720@comcast.net>, Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>, Mariclaire Borowy <mimiborowy@gmail.com>, Carol Dima <cdqu@aol.com>



MEMBERSHIP REPORT TO THE MEETING

DATE 1/6/25

1. We would like to introduce guests today and say thanks for joining us. After I call your name, please stand so we can give you our WGC Welcome!!

<u>VIRGINIA MCLOUGHLIN</u>	<u>TODD SIENA</u>
<u>ROBERT PARKHURST</u>	<u>VIRGINIA</u>
<u>DR JOHN RUSSO</u>	
<u>CLAIRE VALIER</u>	
<u>SUSAN SPECHT</u>	

2. I am happy to introduce several new members to our club. When I call your name, please come forward to receive the WGC pin, your yearbook and a small gift. (Call everyone up together so Carol can present the pins, you give out the books, and Kimberly will present the gifts.)

<u>DEBRA WILSON</u>	

3. All new members should see our club photographer, Paige, who will take your picture for the yearbook.

4. All new members are reminded that their name tags must be returned before leaving the meeting.

5. Mentors for new members are generally the person who brought them. If not, please see Alison for a mentor assignment.

\*\*For Membership table: Send membership applications and checks to Data Mgr. who will record information and forward checks to the Treasurer and info. to Yearbook editor.  
Send this original membership report to Alison for her records.

\*\*For Alison: Please Xerox a copy of this list and email to Cynthia Gardner.





**WGC Membership Meeting  
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Monday, February 3, 2025 at 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 enthusiasts. 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, 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.

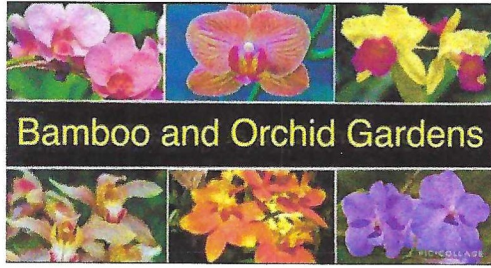
***And...***



**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 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 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.



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

Arrive at 8:30AM at Carpool Locations; Leave at 8:40AM.

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. When you visit us, you will be treated to additional surprises that are sure to enhance your enjoyment of our garden. You can sit back and relax in our 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).

***Directions from Google Maps (best route per Kimberly Helms):***

Get on Florida's Tpke from State Hwy 882/Forest Hill Blvd., Stribling Way, US-441 S and FL-802 E

Follow Florida's Tpke and Fl-859 S/Sawgrass Expy to FL-84 E in Davie. Take exit 2 from I-595E

Take Fl-823 S to your destination.





Shirley Denton, October 1989

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**Wellington Garden Club Presents**

**"The Shredding Event"**

**8th Annual Document Shredding**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025**

**Wellington Municipal Complex**

**12300 Forest Hill Blvd**

**Wellington, FL 33414**

**(In the parking lot in front of Village Hall)**

**9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

**CASH or CHECK ONLY**

**\$5 donation per letter-size box**

**(No larger than 15"Lx12"Dx10"H)**

**\$10 donation per legal-size box**

**(No larger than 24"Lx15"Dx10"H)**

*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.*

**For more info: [www.wellingtongardenclub.org](http://www.wellingtongardenclub.org)**





**Wellington Garden Club presents...**

## ● **MARDI GRAS TRIVIA** ●

**What:** Trivia game fun to test your general knowledge

**When:** Tuesday, March 4, 2025      11:30 AM SHARP

**Where:** ***The District*** (at The Mall at Wellington Green)

**Cost:** **\$5.00 per person**

- Come enjoy a fun afternoon with your garden club friends & exercise your mind. Maximum 8 players/team. BYOB (non-alcoholic). **Arrive by 11:15 AM.** (Should finish by 1:15 pm)
- Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place winning teams!
- Consider staying at the mall for lunch. We'll be partnering with **California Pizza Kitchen** to take advantage of their "Pizza with a Purpose" fundraising opportunity where WGC would receive a portion of your purchase on that day. More details to follow.

**ULDA**  
***"UNSOLICITED LANDSCAPE DESIGN AWARDS"***  
**FOR PLANTINGS IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR**

- FFGC award, District by District
- Any garden club member may nominate a property in our District X
- FFGC Landscape Design Consultants do the judging using NGC Standards
- Unsolicited" because they are not nominated by the owners
- Nominees are not notified they are being considered

Four categories of nominations:

1. **Small Business** (such as gas stations, fast food, etc.)
2. **Public Facility** (such as library, park, police station, etc.)
3. **Private Facility** (such as church, hospital, residential community entrance, etc.)
4. **Private Residence** (NOT in a gated community)

Info/rules:

- All landscaping must have been complete for at least one year.
- All landscaping must be viewed from the street. Properties within gated communities are not eligible.
- Submit photos with applications.
- Winning certificates will be presented at the April 24, 2025 Spring District X Meeting, hosted by the Garden Club of Fort Pierce
- Submission deadline is March 24, 2025

Information packets will be emailed to all WGC members in the next week.

For more information: Stormi Bivin, [sbivin@aol.com](mailto:sbivin@aol.com) or (561) 352-0129

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 561-753-2484

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



Arbor Day: Slide 1 - is self-explanatory. We are requesting that members wear their Garden Club shirts so that they can be identified by members of the community who were invited through the Town Crier, by public officials who were also invited, and by any photographers or press members who come.

State House Representative Anne Gerwig and Councilwoman Tanya Siskind are both hoping to attend.

Slide 2 shows some of the wonderful wildflowers growing at our Wildflower Meadow where the Arbor Day will take place

Lisa Ferrano will offer a short tour after the event .

Slide 3 shows grasses in the Wildflower Meadow .

Slide 4 shows benches created by Justin Ramich for the Wildflower Meadow. Justin and some of his family and scout troop will attend the ceremony .

A Minute for Gardening:

Slide 1 is our Arbor Day Sign.

We are planting a *Eugenia confusa*. The common name is redberry stopper.

Slide 2 is a Florida native recommended by the Florida Native Plant Society website for its ficus-like, evergreen leaves, its pretty white flowers and its red berries that are enjoyed by wildlife.

Slide 3 is a redberry stopper tree at Fairchild Botanic Garden- this species is endangered in the wild.

Slide 4 is a photo of the flowers.

Slide 5 is a photo of the berries.

Slide 6 is a slide of the tree we purchased from Jane Thompson, Indian Trails Native Plant Nursery in Wellington to plant for Arbor Day in the Wildflower Meadow.



## OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN

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Permitted Equipment:  
 Desktop or Laptop computer, Tablet, or iPad  
 Operating system: Microsoft Windows, Apple  
 MacOS, Apple iOS on iPad, Android, or Tablet.  
**Smart phones NOT permitted unless it is for**  
**"Hotspot" connectivity.**

\*Meets Zoom.com System Requirements

## REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDIT

Each of the four courses consists of ten hours of lectures. Attendance is mandatory for the student to take the exam and receive credit. Exams are optional, but must be taken by those who want to be certified as an NGC Gardening Consultant. NGC garden club members completing the series of four courses with a passing grade of 70 or above may apply for the designation of NGC Gardening Consultant. All lectures and exams are open to the public for the stated fees, regardless of National Garden Club, Inc. membership. A non-member student who has successfully completed the four courses and passed the exams may apply for consultant certification upon joining a garden club affiliated with NGC within one year after completing the series. Certificates of Completion may be issued to non-NGC students.

### FAQs

- There are 3-4 lectures per day with breaks
- Instructors' outlines are emailed in advance to all registered attendees.
- Exam questions are multiple-choice and taken from the lectures
- Refreshers do not take the exam.
- Courses do not have to be taken in sequence
- More than one course may be taken per year
- Provisional Consultant status eligibility is attained after passing two exams
- Provisional Consultants may join Tri-Council
- Courses are open to residents of any State
- The courses and NGC certification do not confer professional status.

For more information on Gardening Schools, see the National Garden Clubs, Inc. website.



## NGC GARDENING SCHOOL Course 2 Series 11

Feb 10-12, 2025  
 8:15 AM-12:00 PM EST

Zoom Tech & Course Review Meeting  
 (Required) Sat. Feb 8. 2025  
 10 AM EST

Presented via



ZOOM



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## OVERVIEW

The NGC Gardening School Courses are designed to provide educational information to those especially interested in gardening, horticulture and related subjects. The School consists of a series of four courses, scheduled usually for two days of instruction, followed by a general examination. Courses cover all aspects of growing, from understanding soil structure to pruning techniques, plant identification, etc. Topics include basic botany, soils, growing annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, fruits and vegetables, lawns, pests and diseases of plants, plant classification, and selected subjects of local interest. Additional topics and areas of interest that may be covered are subjects such as the NGC Gardening with Nature program that promotes the planting of native plants as the base of the food chain that supports all wildlife including pollinators vital to our agriculture. and creating backyard habitats to help endangered species such as pollinators and amphibians.

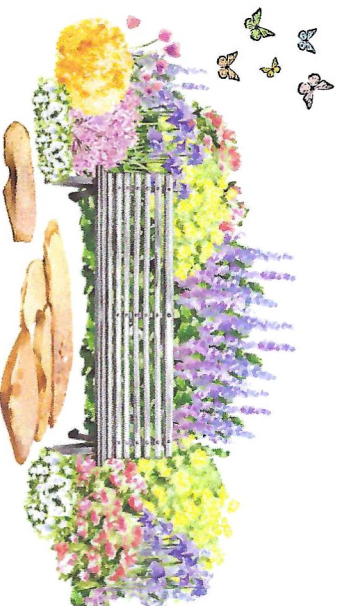
## Course Requirements

Attendance is mandatory at all lectures of a course for the student to take the exam and receive credit. Prospective consultants must take a written examination. Each course includes:

- Ten hours of lectures, including a supplemental subject lecture
- A multiple-choice exam (open book/notes) based on the lectures and required reading. Exams are optional, but must be taken by those who apply for NGC certification.

## COURSE 2 HIGHLIGHTS

**Course 2**  
**Plant Diseases and Garden Pests,**  
**Irrigation and Water,**  
**Lawn Alternatives and Growing Grass,**  
**Growing Fruits and Growing Vegetables**  
**Supplemental Subject**



## REGISTRATION FORM

**DEADLINE** for registration, cancellations and refunds: Sat. Feb. 1, 2025  
**LATE REGISTRATIONS** are subject to availability.

**Make checks payable to:**  
New Smyrna Beach Garden Club

**Fill out Registration Form online**  
**Click on link below**

<https://forms.gle/ZvLVU2c61uZJYUhJ7>

**Mail check to:**  
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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Full Course, 3 Days for CREDIT \$65.00**

**Add Exam Fee \$5.00**

**Full Course, 3 Days Refresher \$65.00**

**Add Refresher Fee \$5.00**

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**Total Amount of Check \$** \_\_\_\_\_