



Allamanda News

The Newsletter of the Wellington Garden Club January 2025

*As we begin 2025,
let's do so with anticipation
of a peaceful year
full of family and friends.
This Spring will be busy
with WGC events.*

Happy New Year to One and All.

—Carol Ralph



We Kicked Off the Holidays Together

*Wellington Garden Club Holiday Luncheon
Wellington National Golf Club, December 2, 2024*





Around & About

*November 7, 2024
Cluett Memorial Garden and
Kit Pannill's Garden*



Left to right: Margaret Tamsberg, Annette Lubsen, Kathy Siena, Sandra Clarke, Gigi Bard, Gwen Marcus, Carol Ralph, sitting is Kit Pannill, Kathy Holst, Carol Dima, Twig Morris, Kathy Schneider, Carol Lazzarino, Huguette Damas, Evvy Bartley

Veteran's Day Parade



The Veterans Day Memorial Dedication to the Butterfly Garden. photo by Bobbi Zeigler

***November 11, 2024
WGC members met
at the Patriot Memorial
to walk in the parade.
This year we carried our
Wellington Garden Club
banner and we pulled
a small wagon decorated
in Red, White and Blue.***



Carol Dima, Carol Lazzarino and Mimi Borowy

Gardeners' Gallery Winter Edition



Stormi's Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow



Another beauty from Diane Peaden's garden



It's Geranium time at Mary Kastner's



Susie Stevenson's next door neighbor

Come help us celebrate Florida Arbor Day in the Wellington Wildflower Meadow

—Katherine Wagner-Reiss

Date: Friday 1/17/2025

Time: 11 a.m.

**Place: Greenbriar Park, 2975 Greenbriar Blvd, Wellington
(near the Wellington Dog Park)**

Attire: Garden Club Shirt Requested

This year the Wellington Garden Club is celebrating Florida Arbor Day by planting a native tree in the Wellington Wildflower Meadow. Arbor Day is a time to inform people in the community about the value of trees and about the work done by the Wellington Garden Club to enhance the village in so many ways. Local officials will be invited, and this is a chance to thank them for supporting the environment.



Grasses Provide Habitat in the Wildflower Meadow.

*Please join us;
after a short
ceremony,
Lisa Ferrano
will offer a tour
of the Wildflower
Meadow, which
has filled in
beautifully since
it was first
planted in
September, 2023.*



Smokey Bear Contest Winners

3rd Graders from Pine Jog Elementary—Kathy Schneider



Garden Arts and Crafts

Wednesday, February 05, 2025

9:00 AM - Noon \$15.00

Join us for a fun-filled craft class in the Everglades Room at the Wellington Community Center.

We will be decoupage beautiful napkins onto a natural shell to create a trinket dish for your rings and things. We will also learn how to decoupage a battery operated candle to match the trinket dish.

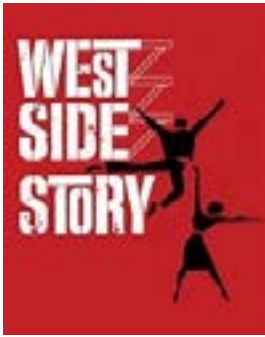


All of the supplies are included with a large assortment of beautiful napkins to create your own project.

Sign up and pay for the class at the January meeting by check or cash to hold your spot. Non refundable once supplies are purchased.

Call Carol Lazzarino with any questions at 561-312-2082

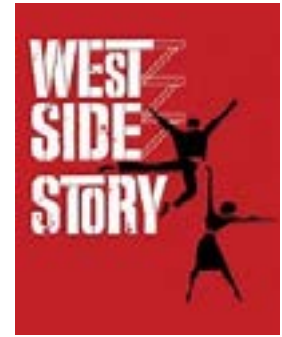
Winter Events



Date Change!

West Side Story Performance at TKA

Our March group theatre event at The King's Academy will now be Saturday, March 15, 2025—still a 1:00 pm matinee performance. (Original date anticipated was March 8th). Ticket order forms have been emailed to members with a deadline of January 6 th.



REGISTER NOW!

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and District X Present

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

OFF THE GRID



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

Wellington Community Center 12150 Forest Hill Boulevard
Wellington, FL 33414
Maria Wolfe, Chairperson, tcacad_registrar@yahoo.com
Visit Districtx.org for more details

District X Florida Flower Show Judges Council
Presents
A Floral Designer Showcase



Leticia Gunn

*"Winning Ways
and Fabulous Fails"*

Join us as FFGC
3rd Vice President, Accredited
Flower Show Judge
and top award
winning Floral Designer
Leticia Gunn,
demonstrates her journey
creating award winning
floral designs.

Thursday, March 20, 2025
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Gardens Presbyterian Church
4677 Hood Road, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33418

Tickets: \$30.00 pp
Open to all Garden Club Members and guests
Registrar: Susan Hillson

To reserve your seat, email: susanhillson@gmail.com
Make check payable to: District X FFSJC
Mail by March 3rd, 2025 to: Susan Hillson,
8959 Via Prestigio West, Wellington, FL 33411

Reservations received after March 3rd, 2025 will be
\$35.00



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 1st, 2nd & 3rd 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.

District X 2025 ULDA—Stormi Bivin

The Unsolicited Landscape Design Award competition is a fun annual District event. The nominated property owners have no idea they are under consideration! Four divisions will be judged: **Small Business, Public Facility, Private Residence, and Private Facility.** One nominee will win for each division.

Deadline will be in late March (exact date will be publicized later) and the awards will be presented at the Spring District meeting on April 24th at the Garden Club of Ft. Pierce.

Keep your eyes open for potential candidates as you drive around. Any member can nominate a property. Be mindful that **all landscaping must have been completed for at least one year and able to be viewed from the street.** Properties within gated communities are not eligible. The official ULDA packet will come to you in January 2025.

Wekiva Camp Volunteer Training & Open House 2025—Stormi Bivin

Been thinking about being a volunteer this summer at Camp Wekiva?



WE WANT YOU!

Volunteer training weekend is Friday, February 7 (1:00 PM) – Sunday, February 9 (11:00 AM). Come learn about our wonderful FFGC sponsored Wekiva Youth Camp, just three hours away in Apopka, FL.

Learn about the fun times you'll have helping our youngsters with crafts, nature and other special events during a week of camp summer of '25. Meet WYC Staff, other area garden club members and live like a camper for the weekend! If you are interested in learning more about this amazing experience, contact Stormi Bivin at (561)352-0129 or by email: sbivin@aol.com.

Wekiva Youth Camp Open House will be immediately following on Sunday, beginning at 11:30 AM.



Wellington Garden Club Presents

The Shredding Event

8th Annual Document Shredding

SATURDAY JANUARY 25, 2025
9:00–11:00 AM

Wellington Municipal Complex
12300 Forest Hill Blvd.
(In the parking lot in front of Village Hall)

CASH OR CHECK ONLY

\$5 donation per letter-size box (15" L x 12" D x 10" H)
\$10 donation per legal-size box (24" L x 15" D x 10" H)

Bulletin Board

January, 2025

Monday, January 6

Member Meeting 9:30 am,

Speaker: C.J. McCartney, Master Gardner

**Topic: The Transformational Intersection
of Nature and Us—Today and Tomorrow**

C.J. McCartney is the Master Gardner in Residence at Ann Norton Sculpture Garden. She also works with PBC Environmental Resource Management vouchering plants and leading outreach activities and serves on several Boards and gardening committees.

Thursday, January 16

**Around & About at Tropical Bamboo Nursery & Gardens
2929 G Rd. Loxahatchee FL 10:00 am, Drive yourself.
Or meet at carpool locations at 9:30 am; leave 9:40.
FREE**

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. From there we will go to **Excelsa Gardens Nursery 12839 25th Street No., Loxahatchee, FL 33470 FREE**

Excelsa Gardens, founded in 1990 by Mark, Sarah, and Colin Friedrich, sits on thirty acres in Loxahatchee, FL. specializing in the exotic tropical plants he worked with at Miami's Fairchild Tropical Gardens. Excelsa is now renown for selling exotic plants of the highest quality available. Lunch: We will enjoy a selection of delicious picnic style food options from: Costco, Whole Foods, and Panera.

Friday, January 17

**11:00 am, WGC Florida Arbor Day Celebration,
Greenbriar Park, Wellington. See page 6 for details.**

Thursday and Friday, January 23-24

**8:00 am-3:00 pm FFGC/District X 68th Annual Tropical Short Course at Wellington Community Center,
12150 Forest Hill Blvd. Register NOW!**

Saturday, January 25 Shredding Fundraiser

**9:00-11:00 am, 12300 Forest Hill Blvd., Wellington
See page 9 for details.**

February, 2025

Monday, February 3

Member Meeting 9:30 am

Speaker: Jason Mackey, Barefoot Orchids

Topic: Making Orchids Simple

What began for Jason Mackey as a youthful curiosity blossomed into a serious passion in his twenties. Inspired by his familial ties and Florida heritage, Jason decided to establish Barefoot Orchids. Since 2020, Jason has been an integral part of the Orchid Society of the Palm Beaches. His commitment to excellence and community within the orchid world continues to inspire both seasoned collectors and newcomers alike.

Tuesday, February 4

9:00 am, Adopt-a-Street, Wellington Dog Park

Wednesday, February 5

**9:00 am-noon, Garden Art Workshop,
Wellington Community Center, Everglades Room
See page 9 for details.**

Friday to Sunday February 7-9

Wekiva Volunteer Training, Apopka, FL

Sunday February 11 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Wekiva Youth Camp Open House, Apopka
See page 9 for details.**

Thursday, February 13

Around & About, Bamboo & Orchid Gardens,

1355 S. Flamingo Rd. Davie, FL 33255

**10:00 am. To carpool, Arrive at 8:30am at Carpool
Locations; Leave at 8:40am.**

The garden covers three beautiful acres and specializes in bamboo, orchids, heliconias, flowering trees, succulents, bromeliads, indoor plants, and flowers. Relax in a tropical oasis complete with a bamboo hut where you can enjoy a cup of coffee or a drink. or shop in the large garden center.

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

Friday February 21

**4:00-6:00 pm Sunset Social hosted by Carol Ralph
15694 Citrus Grove Blvd. Loxahatchee, FL**

Tuesday, February 27

**New Member Reception 9:00am - 12:00 noon.
Wellington Community Center, Lakeview West Room**

Rest in Peace.

You will be missed.

*Jerry Greely, husband of
WGC member Mary Anne Greely.*

*Jerry was born on October 7, 1940,
in Gloucester, MA, and died on
Thanksgiving Day, November 28,
2024.*

*In 2004, Jerry and Mary Anne moved
to Palm Beach County, Florida.
They enjoyed 20 beautiful years
discovering the joys of subtropical
gardening, making new friends, and
traveling throughout North America
in their RV and motorcycle.*

*Jerome Steinmetz passed away
on Sunday, November 17, 2024.
Natalie and Jerome have been
members of WGC since Novem-
ber, 2012. He is also the father
of Susan Hillson, a member of
WGC.*

Wellington Garden Club

Wellington Garden Club is a member of NGC, FFGC, DSR, District X. The club meets on the first Monday of the month at the Wellington Community Center, 12150 Forest Hill Blvd., Wellington, FL. Guests are welcome. If you plan to bring a guest, please contact: Alison Albury, Membership Chair: (C) 315-681-8867 or email kaalbury@gmail.com



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The WGC Newsletter is published five times a year. Please send news, photos, tips and articles to the Newsletter Editor: Tina Richter tinaj.richter@gmail.com

Deadline for March Issue:
February 12, 2025

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