

**Wellington Garden Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 24, 2025
Wellington Community Center**

Attendance: JoAnn Akins, Alison Albury, Stormi Bivin, Cynthia Craig, Linda Messina, Twig Morris, Carol Ralph, Diane Rice, Dee Rolfe, Jan Seagrave, John Siena, Kathy Siena, Cass Stryker, Maria Wolfe, Mimi Borowy, Carol Dima, Annette Lubsen, Susie Stevenson, Kathy Hood.

I. Meeting called to order at 9:30am

II. A quorum was established.

III. All cell phones were silenced.

IV. Officer Reports

A. Recording Secretary. Minutes from 1/27/25 meeting were submitted for approval. Stormi Bivin offered two corrections which will be incorporated into the Final 1/27/25 Minutes for the Recording Secretary Files.

B. President's Report

a. There were 76 Members who attended the 2/3/2025 Membership meeting with 10 guests.

b. The Sunset Social on 3/21/2025 will be at Annette Lubsen's home at 1301 Brampton Cove, Wellington, from 4pm to 6pm. There is a signup sheet available.

c. There is a new flyer for the April 26 Plant Sale, prepared by the Village of Wellington Marketing.

d. The Mall at Wellington Green has asked us to participate in a Children's Day on 4/5/2025. We would man a table to help children plant seeds. Details to follow. Carol will be asking for volunteers. Maria Wolfe offered to donate some individual small cups to use that day if needed.

e. Two more delegates are needed for the District X Spring Meeting on 4/24/2025 in Ft. Pierce. Annette Lubsen, Susie Stevenson, Linda Messina are signed up. Stormi Bivin and Twig Morris are going but they are already delegates at the District Level.

f. A 10th grader, Adaira Langley, wrote a poem which has been entered into the NGC Poetry Contest. It will be added to the Newsletter.

C. Treasurer Report - There is no report at this time. It will be completed for the 3/3/2025 Member meeting.

D. Co-1st Vice Presidents - Annette Lubsen, nothing to report. Susie Stevenson reported the decision to go with a vendor in Loxahatchee for the WGC shirts. A sample of the selected fabric material was shown. Discussion regarding color choice. More info to follow.

E. 2nd Vice President - The speaker for 3/3/2025 is Dr. Steve Davis on the topic Everglades Restoration Builds Resilience for South Florida. On 4/7/2025,

Charmaine Peters, Farm Director at Arden Farm, will speak on Smarty Plants: Safe Solutions For Disease in Your Garden.

F. Corresponding Secretary - Jan Seagrave. Nothing to report.

V. Standing Committee Reports

A. Kimberly Helms - The 3/13/2025 Around & About will be to The Arboretum at Constitution Park in Deerfield Beach, FL. The 4/16/2025 Around & About is to Vizcaya Museum & Gardens in Miami. May look into a bus for that trip. A box lunch will be \$20-\$25.

VI. Special Committee Reports

- A.** Youth Gardens - Kathy Siena. Very thankful for the support received from the WGC members. This year WGC supports garden programs at seven area elementary and high schools. Wellington High School has withdrawn due to budgetary reasons however Palm Beach Central HS is now active after several years of inactivity. The Environmental Honor Society has revived their involvement at the Wellington Preserve Butterfly Garden. Kathy will prepare a slide show of photos of youth garden activities for the Member meeting.
- B.** Jan Seagrave - Wekiva. Thankful we are sending seven students, and four are on the wait list (two critters and two regular campers). Pleased with the response. Budget is good.
- C.** Stormi Bivin - Collecting today through Monday for the last performance at TKA for 2024-25 season "Night of Jazz" on April 26, at 7pm. \$32 for any seat in the house. An anonymous donor bought two tickets for "Best of Broadway" on Saturday, April 5, at 1pm, which will be raffled off on the Plant Table at the Member meeting. Raffle tickets will be \$5 each. Show tickets are valued at \$84.
- D.** Maria Wolfe - Asking for members to enter a floral design in the WGC Flower Show "All You Need is Love", May 5, 2pm-5pm at Wellington National Country Club, the same day as the WGC Spring Luncheon where we can celebrate our new co-presidents, scholarship recipients, and the horticulture and floral design talents of our members. Registration for entries begins March 1 and ends April 18. Maria asked who would be interested in a Zoom Class on how to groom your horticulture and fill out an entry tag. The two panels of three judges each will be guests at the luncheon (lunch cost is built into the flower show budget). On May 5, bring flower show entries to the golfers Pro Shop entrance at 7:30am. Show is open to the public. Designs and Horticulture entries should be picked up by 5pm. Maria thanked all who have provided this opportunity/gift to the Wellington Community.

VII. Old Business - Mardi Gras Trivia. WGC is set up with California Pizza Kitchen to receive 20% of meal costs for that day with the coupon/flyer provided to all Mardi Gras attendees. Twig Morris suggested the coupon be shared with members of WGC and others not attending the Mardi Gras. The coupon is on the WGC website and must be presented at the time meal order is placed. The Mall at Wellington Green is not charging for the room used for Mardi Gras Trivia.

VIII. Announcements -

A. Linda Messina is still looking for a member to fill the 1st VP position.

B. Twig Morris mentioned there is an exhibit, now through March, at The Society of the Four Arts, of botanical paintings by Rory McEwen.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am

Respectfully submitted by
Mariclaire "Mimi" Borowy and Carol Dima
Co-Recording Secretaries

**Wellington Garden Club
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Monday, February 24, 2025 – 9:30 am
Wellington Community Center**

- I. **Meeting Called to Order**
 - ✓ A. A quorum to be established
 - ✓ B. All cell phones to be silenced
- II. **Officer Reports**
 - ✓ A. **Recording Secretary** – Minutes from January 27, 2025 BOD meeting submitted for approval.
 - B. **President's Report:**
 - a. There were 76 Members who attended the February 3, 2025 Membership meeting with 10 guests.
 - ✓ b. The Sunset Social on March 21, 2025 will be at Annette Lubsen's home at 1301 Brampton Cove, Wellington from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. There is a signup sheet available.
 - ✓ c. We now have a plant sale flyer – created by VoW marketing.
 - ✓ d. The Mall at Wellington Green has asked us to participate in a Children's Day on April 5, 2025. We would man a table to help children plant seeds.
 - ✓ e. We need another two delegates for the District X Spring meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2025.
 - ✓ f. We have a poem written by a 10th grader for the NGC Poetry Contest which I submitted. Her name is Adaira Langley.
 - ✓ C. **Treasurer** –
 - a. Treasurer's Report – none
 - ✓ D. **Co-1st Vice President** – Annette Lubsen
 - a. Susie Stevenson – Club Shirts
- III. **2nd Vice President** – Kristi Westrup - Our next membership meeting is March 3, 2025 and the speaker is Steve Davis – topic is Everglades Restoration Builds Resilience for So FL. April's speaker is Charmaine Peters with "Smarty Plants: Safe Solutions for Disease in Your Garden" as the topic.
- IV. **Corresponding Secretary** – Jan Seagrave
- V. **Standing Committee Reports**
 - ✓ A. Kimberly Helms - Our March 13 Around & About will be to The Arboretum at Constitution Park, Deerfield Beach, FL. The April 16, 2025 Around & About is to Vizcaya Museum & Gardens in Miami.
- VI. **Special Committee Reports**
 - ✓ A. Youth Gardens – Kathy Siena.
 - ✓ B. Wekiva Update – Jan Seagrave.
 - ✓ C. Stormi Bivin– TKA Night of Jazz.
 - ✓ D. Flower Show – Maria Wolfe
- VII. **Old Business**
- VIII. **New Business**
- IX. **Announcements** – *Co-Chair for Horticulture*
- X. **Adjourn**

REGISTRATION FORM
FFGC DISTRICT X SPRING MEETING 2025

Hosted by The Garden Club of Fort Pierce

Around the World with a Festival of Flowers

* **SPRING BUSINESS MEETING**

* **PRESENTATION ON THE
FORT PIERCE MANATEE
CENTER**

* **FANTASY FLIGHT AROUND
THE WORLD FEATURING
DISTRICT X CLUBS' FLORAL
DESIGNS REPRESENTING A
COUNTRY OF THEIR CHOICE**
(Design participation instructions
will be sent to each club president)



* **IRRESISTABLE CLUB
PROPAGATED PLANTS**

* **BASKET RAFFLE**

* **SILENT AUCTION**

* **OPPORTUNITY
DRAWING**

* **INTERNATONAL MARKET
PLACE**

Thursday, April 24, 2025

River Walk Center

600 North Indian River Drive

Fort Pierce, Florida 34950

Registration Begins 8:30 AM - Program Begins at 9:15 AM

Please complete a registration form for each meeting attendee. Copy this form as needed.

Cost is \$50 per person and includes a Continental Breakfast and Buffet Luncheon.

Forms and Checks (*payable to Garden Club of Fort Pierce*) must be RECEIVED by Friday, April 11, 2025.

No refunds will be given after April 11th. An additional \$10 will be charged after April 11th.

Mail Registration Form and Check to Registrar: Stacy Johnson

Address: 3448 Trinity Circle, Fort Pierce, FL 34945-5717

E-Mail: rickmfd12@aol.com - Phone: 772-285-7638



REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CLUB/CIRCLE: _____ PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Please check each category that applies to you. You may check more than one category.

- ☐ National Officer
- ☐ Former National Officer
- ☐ FFGC State Officer
- ☐ FFGC State Chair
- ☐ District Director
- ☐ Former District Director

- ☐ District Officer
- ☐ District Chair
- ☐ Garden Club President
- ☐ Alternate (PER CLUB PRESIDENT)
- ☐ Circle President
- ☐ Delegate (PER CLUB PRESIDENT)

- ☐ Garden Club Member
- ☐ Visitor / Guest



Jan will have sample

Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Sample

3 messages

Sera Peat <serapeat@yahoo.com>
To: Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 4, 2025 at 3:37 PM

Hi Carol, I got the sample today. The quality is very nice.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>
To: Sera Peat <serapeat@yahoo.com>

Tue, Feb 4, 2025 at 5:07 PM

Excellent. Thank you for your time and effort. We should now have enough information to make a decision.
[Quoted text hidden]

Sera Peat <serapeat@yahoo.com>
To: Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 4, 2025 at 6:24 PM

You're welcome.

The company in Fort Pierce never responded to me about the sample. The Loxahatchee Lady has been incredibly kind and helpful. Their digitizing fee is more expensive, but maybe we can ask them to go down a bit in price.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

[Quoted text hidden]

All You Need Is Love

BOD Report

February 24, 2025

I hope you are all considering entering a design or horticulture into "All You Need Is Love" flower show being held on Monday, May 5, 2025 from 2:00pm – 5:00pm. Our event is taking place at the Wellington National Golf and Country Club. This is the same day as our Spring Luncheon and we can celebrate our new Co-Presidents, scholarship recipients and the wonderful horticulture and design talents of our members.

Every Club Member who wishes to enter can register their "entry" beginning on March 1 and pre-registration ends on April 18.

How many of you would be interested in a Zoom class to address how to groom your horticulture and complete an entry card?

The fun begins at 7:30am on Monday, May 5 when you will bring your entries to "Welly Nat" to the side entrance where all golfers enter to go to the Pro Shop. After you drop off your entry, you can return home to prepare to attend the luncheon.

The "All You Need Is Love Flower Show" will open to the public and members at 2:00pm. Please plan on returning at 5:00pm to pick up your entry and, hopefully, your blue ribbon.....

The directions and rules are all spelled out in a program called a "Schedule". This schedule will be emailed to all members and will be available on the Wellington Garden Club website. I have a copy here today that you can peruse when the BOD meeting is over.

I thank all of you for supporting this gift to the Wellington Community.

WGC Youth Garden Clubs Report
Board of Directors Mtg Feb 24, 2025

Kathy Siena

Dear Board Members:

WGC members are great supporters of our youth garden clubs, and we are very thankful for that. This year, we support the following youth gardens: Elbridge Gale ES, Pine Jog ES, Equestrian Trails ES, Polo Park MS, the Scout Garden at Greenbriar Park which includes all ages, Wellington HS, and Palm Beach Central HS. Throughout the year, situations and activity often change with various schools and gardens. We have not had much interaction with Elbridge Gale, Polo Park School, and Wellington HS for various reasons. We visited the gardens at Pine Jog and met with the teachers who are growing various gardens for all grades to be involved. Pine Jog makes the gardens an actual part of their curriculum which is great to see. It is not only an after-care program. WGC has worked with Equestrian Trails for many years with youth contests. Then there was no contact for a couple of years. This year they contacted us to see if we could help them with adding a youth garden. We met with the teachers and principal and have visited several times to give them assistance and guidance in planting vegetables for their kindergartners through third graders.

I would like to specifically address the current situation with WHS. The teachers informed me that the Agriscience program was withdrawn this year for "budgetary reasons" which included them working with and growing their gardens. We were sorry to hear this as teachers, Kristina and Greg, were eager to collaborate with us. However, Palm Beach Central HS has come alive after several years of inactivity and is very keen to work with WGC as mentors and for financial support. The Environmental Honor Society is also reviving their involvement at the Preserve Butterfly Garden.

Are there any questions?

Thank you for your attention.



**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, Ph.D. – Chief Science Officer. Dr. Davis 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*.



**WGC Membership Meeting
Wellington Community Center
Monday, April 7, 2025 at 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. She also writes monthly articles for AroundWellington.com.



Around & About - Cost: \$5.00
Thursday, March 13, 2025 - 10:00 AM
Meet at 8:45AM at Carpool Locations
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 treated to: 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).



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

Cost: \$25.00 per person + Cost of bus. Information will be updated.

Meet at Wellington Community Center front entrance at 7:30AM. Bus will leave at 8:00AM.

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)



Show this flyer or mention the organization listed below on your visit, and California Pizza Kitchen will **DONATE 20% OF ALL FOOD & BEVERAGE SALES** on your check to the organization listed below. Purchases include dine-in, take-out, catering, and online orders at CPK. com when you enter **BACK20%** at checkout.

Fundraiser in support of:

Wellington Garden Club

03/04/2025

11AM - 9PM

Valid at the following location Scan to view menu and order

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN

The Mall at Wellington Green



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