

**Wellington Garden Club
Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 3, 2025
Wellington Community Center**

I. Welcome - Carol Ralph.

Reminded members during the refreshment break to visit the Plant Raffle Table, take a chance to win two donated TKA tickets for "Best of Broadway", and visit the signup table for Around & About, and volunteer opportunities.

- A. A quorum was established.
- B. Meeting called to order at 10:05am
- C. All cell phones silenced
- D. Pledge of Allegiance
- E. Introduction of new members and guests - Alison Albury. Guests today were Melanie Harwood, Laura Johnson, Karen Holme, Bonnie Lichman, and Mindy Mendelson who became a new member after the meeting.

II. Speaker Presentation - Carol Ralph introduced Dr. Steve Davis, Chief Science Officer of the Everglades Foundation. Topic: Everglades Restoration Builds Resilience for South Florida.

III. Officer Reports

A. Recording Secretary - Minutes from the 2/3/25 Membership meeting were accepted as submitted.

B. President's Report

- a. The basket was passed around for the "Seagrass Restoration".
- b. There were 76 total attendees at the 2/3/25 Membership meeting with 10 guests.
- c. March 21st Sunset Social is at Annette Lubsen's home, 1301 Brampton Cove, Wellington. The April 11th Sunset Social is at Kevin Fritz's home, 8154 Pine Cay Rd, VillageWalk, Wellington.
- d. Need one more delegate for the District X Spring meeting on Thursday, 4/24/25 in Ft. Pierce. Diane Rice volunteered.

C. Treasurer's Report - Marianne Forrest. 2/1-28/25 Income & Expense statement and February, 2025 P&L is included in the Recording Secretary files. Marianne requested Committee chairs submit their budgetary needs for the coming year so the Finance Committee can review to establish the new budget. Marianne also reminded members it is time to renew their annual membership to WGC. \$45 per person and \$65 per couple. Make check out to WGC. Due date is 4/7/25.

IV. 1st Vice Presidents

A. Annette Lubsen reported on the New Member Reception held at the Wellington Community Center. It was a success. Attendees enjoyed a selection of salads, sandwiches and sweets. New members were acquainted with all aspects of the Wellington Garden Club, signed up for committees and volunteered for events.

- B. Susie Stevenson reported only four people signed up for the baseball outing planned in May. Need a minimum of 10 people at \$25 per person. This event will be posted again to encourage more participation.

V. **2nd Vice President** - Carol Ralph. Speaker for 4/7/25 Member meeting is Charmaine Peters, Farm Director at Arden. Topic: Smarty Plants - Safe Solutions For Disease in Your Garden.

VI. **Corresponding Secretary** - No report.

VII. **Standing Committee Reports**

- A. Around & Abouts - Carol Ralph reported 3/13/25 outing is to The Arboretum at Constitution Park, Deerfield Beach, FL. Cost is \$5.00. A signup sheet is on the table. The 4/16/25 Around & About is to Vizcaya Museum & Gardens in Miami, FL. A signup sheet will be at the 4/7/25 meeting.
- B. Newsletter - Tina Richter. The March Newsletter was sent to the membership on 2/28/25. Article about ferns was written by Alison Albury. Anyone interested in being the Newsletter editor?

VIII. **Special Committee Reports**

- A. WGC Spring Luncheon - 5/5/25 at Wellington National Golf Club. Carol Ralph and Dee Rolfe are chairing the event. Eight \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Installation of new WGC Officers will take place. Sign up sheets are on the table.
- B. WGC Plant Sale - 4/26/25 10am-2pm Earth Day Celebration. Carol Ralph & Huguette Damas are chairing the event. Information flyers, prepared by VoW Marketing Department, are available for distribution to encourage attendance. Plants from nurseries, orchid vendor, and donated member grown plants will be sold. Need volunteers to work the Plant Sale.
- C. Floral Design Workshop - No report.
- D. WGC Flower Show "All You Need is Love" - Maria Wolfe. 5/5/25, 2pm-5pm at Wellington National Golf Club. Encouraged members to enter floral designs or horticulture for the show. Registration forms are on the signup table. Schedule was emailed to all members. The flower show is open to the public.
- E. Plant Raffle Table - JoAnn Akins reported today's plant raffle table earned \$214 which included \$55 earned from the TKA Best of Broadway ticket raffle.
- F. Mardi Gras Trivia - Stormi Bivin. 3/4/25 from 11:30am - 1pm in the District Room at The Mall at Wellington Green. WGC will utilize California Pizza Kitchen fundraiser program to earn 20% of the lunches purchased with the WGC coupon that day.
TKA "Night of Jazz" - Stormi Bivin is collecting orders for the 4/26/25 at 7pm performance. Tickets are \$32 each.
- G. Youth Gardens Report - Kathy Siena. Reported on current Youth Garden projects at seven local school supported by WGC.
- H. Minute for Gardening - Anne Hlasnicek introduced Joan Kaplan to talk about Container Gardening. Joan presented a slide show "Thinking Outside the Pot".
- I. Wekiva Update - No report.
- J. Hospitality - Carol Ralph thanked everyone for all the good food brought in for today's meeting, and to the ladies who managed the food tables.

- K. Marianne Forrest reported \$60.27 was collected today from the Seagrass Basket.
- L. Old Business - None
- M. New Business - None
- N. Announcements - None
- O. Name Tag Raffle - Joyce Smith. Winners were Denise Lengel, Jane Kiesewetter, and Danese Sloan-Kendall.

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 12:05pm

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

**Wellington Garden Club
Membership Meeting Agenda
Monday, March 3, 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 → SPECIAL RAFFLE FOR BEST OF BADWAY 4/5/1
#5/2a - 2 orchid tickets
 - D. Introduction of new members and guests.
- II. **Speaker Presentation** – Kristi Westrup - Introduction of Dr. Steve Davis, Topic is Everglades Restoration Builds Resilience for So. Florida.
- III. **Officer Reports**
 - A. **Recording Secretary** – Minutes from February 3, 2025 membership meeting – any additions or corrections.
 - B. **President's Report:**
 - a. The basket for "Seagrass Restoration" to be passed around.
 - b. There were 76 attendees total at the 2025 Membership meeting with 10 guests.
 - c. The March 21st Sunset Social we will be at Annette Lubsen's home, 1301 Brampton Cove, Wellington. There is a signup sheet. April 11, 2025 Sunset Social is at Kevin Fritz, 8154 Pine Cay Road, Village Walk, Wellington, FL.
 - d. We need another two delegates for the District X Spring meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2025 in Fort Pierce.
 - C. **Treasurer** – Marianne Forrest
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Membership dues renewal
- IV. **1st Vice President** –
 - a. Annette Lubsen – report on the New Member's Reception.
 - b. Susie Stevenson –
- V. **2nd Vice President** – Kristi Westrup - report on the speaker for the April 7, 2025 – Charmaine Peters, Farm Director at Arden, with a topic of "Smarty Plants": Safe Solutions for Disease in Your Garden.
- VI. **Corresponding Secretary** – Jan Seagrave
- VII. **Standing Committee Reports**
 - A. Kimberly Helms - our **Around & About** on March 13 will be to The Arboretum at Constitution Park, Deerfield Beach, FL. There are signup sheets for the Around & Abouts on the signup table. Cost is \$5.00.
 - B. **Newsletter** – Tina Richter – The March Newsletter was sent to the membership on Friday, 2025. Anyone interested in being Newsletter editor?
- VIII. **Special Committee Reports**
 - A. Spring Luncheon , May 5, 2025 at WNG, sign up sheet is on the sign up table
 - B. Plant Sale, April 26, 2025 Earth Day Celebration – Carol Ralph/Huguette Damas
 - C. Floral Design Workshops – Twig Morris
 - D. Flower Show – Maria Wolfe
 - E. Stormi Bivin - Mardi Gras Trivia – Tuesday, 3/4/25 & The Kings Academy.
 - F. Youth Gardens – Kathy Siena.
 - G. Minute for Gardening – Anne Hlasnicek will introduce Joan Kaplan, who will talk about Container Gardening.
 - H. Wekiva Update – Jan Seagrave
 - I. Hospitality - Thank you to all members who brought in the food for today's meeting.

- IX. Old Business**
- X. New Business**
- XI. Announcements**
- XII. Name Tag Raffle**
- XIII. Adjourn**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT TO THE MEETING

DATE 3.3.25

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!!

- MINDY MENDELSON
- RONNIE LICHTMAN
- MELANIE HARWOOD
- LAURA JOHNSON
- KAREN HOLME
- ~~GLADYS MALOSY~~

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.

→ Became a member after our meeting.

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.

Other Notes _____

**Wellington Garden Club
2025 Spring Luncheon
with Installation of 2025-2027 Officers
and Presentation of Scholarships**



Menu

- Grilled Salmon with a Pineapple Reduction
 - Chicken Marsala
 - Pasta Primavera for Vegetarians

House Salad with Champagne Vinaigrette
Table Bread and Butter
Roasted Fingerling Potatoes
Balsamic Vegetable Medley
Strawberry Shortcake

Choose Salmon, Chicken or Pasta Primavera

Please Start Signing Up Today.

**We will collect your payment at our next
Membership meeting on Monday, April 7, 2025**



**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)



Wellington Garden Club



Earth Day Plant Sale

Saturday, April 26th
10 AM to 2 PM

WELLINGTON AMPHITHEATER
12100 FOREST HILL BLVD.

Plants for Sale

- Annuals
- Butterfly Plants
- Member Grown Plants
- Native Plants
- Orchids
- Perennials (sun & shade)
- Many more!

Proceeds benefit youth programs, scholarships, civic beautification, and environmental efforts



Shop plants grown by local nurseries and garden club members



Consult with Master Gardeners



Children's craft table



Plant raffle



Food trucks

RAIN OR SHINE *Bring your plant loving friends!*

Carol Ralph

📞 740-243-8843

✉ caroltaylorralph@gmail.com

Huguette Damas

📞 610-737-2722

✉ huguette.damas@gmail.com





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. Just let them know you are with Wellington Garden Club when you dine.

WGC Youth Garden Clubs Report
Members' Meeting March 3, 2025
Kathy Siena

Wellington Garden Club members are great supporters of our youth garden clubs, and we are very thankful for that. Youth garden clubs for our club year 2024-2025 consist of Equestrian Trails ES, Elbridge Gale ES, Pine Jog ES, Polo Park MS, Wellington HS, Palm Beach Central HS, and the local Scouts of all ages. The youth garden club team consists of six volunteers who have been a great help offering advice and assistance to the various school garden leaders.

I will share some brief updates on a few of the school gardens. Equestrian Trails joined WGC for support this year to help them develop gardens on their campus. They now have beautiful, thriving vegetable and flowers gardens in raised beds which the children, teachers and parent volunteers have worked very hard to develop. Wellington High School had a wonderful Agriscience program which incorporated youth gardens. However, that program and the gardens were removed for school budgetary reasons. We hope to get them back again next year.

After several years of no youth garden involvement, we are excited to have Palm Beach Central HS working with us again. After visiting the school campus to see their potential gardens, they have refurbished and rebuilt their gardens. We have great teacher support with a program that also involves cooking and growing herbs and vegetables in their gardens.

The local scouts have been collaborating with our volunteers for many years, and the garden has developed into a beautiful native butterfly garden in Greenbriar Park adjacent to the Wildflower Meadow. They are very diligent and bring out 25-20 scouts and parents when they have their garden clean ups. Everyone is welcome to visit the garden as well as the Wildflower Meadow. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to be a part of our youth programs.

Thank you again for your financial support as we follow our mission statement that says we aim "instill in our youth the love of gardening and the respect and protection of the environment." By teaching them about gardening, we are encouraging our youth to learn to become great earth stewards.