

WGC Membership Meeting Wellington Community Center Monday, September 8, 2025 - 9:30 AM Speaker: Kimberly Helms

Topic: Succulents through the Ages

The presentation will explain:

- what succulents are
- how they are classified by their different characteristics
- how different societies have used and valued them throughout time
- the role they played in Early American and European history
- their economic, medical, and cultural value and impact in today's society

## <u>BIO</u>

Kimberly Helms is the owner of Bountiful BonsahSensational Succulents located at her home in West Palm Beach. Most of her succulents are grown at the State-Certified nursery, Sensational Succulents, in her yard. Years ago, she started taking cuttings from her large succulent rock garden to make container gardens. Her friends liked them and wanted to buy them, thus began her business

Kimberly volunteered at Mounts Botanical Garden from 2016-2019 and began a succulent propagation program which grew their succulent inventory from a couple of plants into thousands. She created large arrangements for Mounts silent auctions in Palm Beach, the gift shop, and various events hosted at Mounts.

She is self-taught through trial-and-error and from reading numerous succulent books. She is a member of the Wellington Garden Club, and her home and gardens have been on the Wellington Garden Club Tour and the Mounts Botanical Garden Tour.

Through her business, Bountiful BonsahSensational Succulents, Kimberly teaches workshops where attendees make succulent gardens or bonsai: to any group or gathering of people interested in engaging in a fun, new activity.