

# Save the Date Saturday, March 21, 2026

## "Garden Inspirations"

A Self-Guided Tour of Wellington Area Gardens Hosted by Wellington Garden Club





#### 2025-2026 Yearbook

#### Mission

To further the education of the members and the public in the fields of gardening, horticulture, botany, floral design, landscape design, environmental awareness through the conservation of natural resources, civic beautification, nature studies, and to instill in our youth the love of gardening and the respect and protection of the environment.

#### Motto

Gardening Makes a World of Difference

#### Logo Flower

Allamanda Allamanda cathartica

#### Member of:

National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
District X
Mounts Botanical Garden
Wellington Chamber of Commerce

## Membership: 142

## Meets the first Monday of each month,

(except when a holiday conflicts)
September through May at 9:30 AM
Wellington Community Center
12150 Forest Hill Blvd.
Wellington, Florida 33414

www.wellingtongardenclub.org Email: info@wellingtongardenclub.org

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.

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## Presidents' Message

Welcome to the 2025-2026 Wellington Garden season!

We stated at our spring luncheon, we are not the "Doublemint Twins", but as your co-presidents, we will work together to bring both Pleasure and Fun to your Wellington Garden Club year!

Our club continues to thrive because of the meaningful work we all do together. We will remain active in our community; from planting native trees, planting and maintaining wildflower, butterfly and youth gardens, to planting seeds at the Mall at Wellington Green with children and the Easter Bunny.

Our major fundraiser this year is our biennial Garden Tour on March 21st showcasing several residential Wellington Gardens. We can socialize and have fun during our 2nd trivia gameday at the Mall at Wellington Green in March.

Our committee chairs have planned interesting Speakers and Around & Abouts each month. We can also enjoy good company in a casual garden setting at our Sunset Socials. What could be better?

Please use this yearbook as your guide. It includes everything you need to stay connected, informed and involved! Inside, you will find details on our monthly meetings, speakers, programs, committees, and special events planned for this year.

One of our goals is for each of you to find your individual "niche" to contribute and participate along with us. Look for the sign-up sheets at every meeting. Whether you are a longtime member or just beginning, your talent and time are valued and appreciated!

Thank you for your confidence in choosing us as your first co-presidents and we look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Warmest regards, Annette Lubsen and Susie Stevenson Co-presidents "Let's Educate and Foster the Love of Gardening"

## WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** OFFICERS - 2025-2027

Co-Presidents Annette Lubsen & Susie Stevenson

First Vice President TBD

Second Vice President Robin Hummel-Johnson

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Community Gardens John & Kathy Siena

Earth Day Uma Bhatti Habitat for Humanity Lisa Ferrano National Garden Week Twig Morris

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> Robin Hummel-Johnson, Annette Lubsen, Twig Morris, Carol Ralph,

Susie Stevenson

**EDUCATION** 

Around & Abouts Kimberly Helms

Twig Morris & Tina Richter Awards

John Siena College Scholarships Diane Rice Environmental Education FFGC SEEK Cynthia Craig Stormi Bivin

FFGC Wekiva Volunteer

Training

## COMMITTEES/CHAIRS BY GROUP (Continued)

## **EDUCATION**

FFGC Wekiva Youth Camp Jan Seagrave

Floral Design Studies Series Carol Lazzarino & Carol Ralph Garden Art Workshops Carol Lazzarino & Dee Rolfe

Youth Garden Clubs Kathy Siena

Elbridge Gale Elementary School
Equestrian Trails Elementary School
Palm Beach Central High School
Pine Jog Elementary School
Polo Park Middle School
Scouts Butterfly Garden
Wellington High School

#### **FUNDRAISERS**

Garden Tour 2026 Carol Coleman & Carol Ralph

Plant Sale Annette Lubsen & Huguette Damas Shredding Annette Lubsen & Susie Stevenson

The King's Academy Stormi Bivin Trivia Game Day Stormi Bivin

## **GARDENING**

A Minute for Gardening
Meeting Plant Raffle
Wellington Preserve Landscaping
Wildflower Meadow

Club Members
JoAnn Akins
Diane Peaden
Lisa Ferrano

#### MEMBERS AT LARGE

Linda Messina & Huguette Damas

## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

Hospitality Janet Jones, Sylvia Keleman,

Linda Mackin, Joan Valitutto

Luncheon-Holiday & Spring Annette Lubsen, Dee Rolfe,

Susie Stevenson

## YEARBOOK ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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Carol Ralph, Joyce Smith,

Margaret Tamsberg

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## FORMER PRESIDENTS

1982-86	Susan Vance	2004-06
1986-88	Linda Leemon	2006-07
1988-89	Stormi Bivin	2007-09
1990-91	Barbara Hadsell	2009-11
1992	Susan Hillson	2011-13
1992-94	Twig Morris	2013-15
1994-96	Kathy Siena	2015-17
1996-98	Carol Coleman	2017-19
1998-00	Jan Seagrave	2019-21
2000-02	Maria Wolfe	2021-23
2002-04	Carol Ralph	2023-25
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## **HONORS**

Life	Mem	bers	hips:
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NGC	Barbara Hadsell	Barbara May
	Jan Warshauer	•
Deep South Region	Barbara Hadsell	
FFGC	Kathy Hernicz	Barbara May
FFGC/WGC	Stormi Bivin	Carol Coleman
	Donna Fernandez	Barbara Hadsell
	Kathy Hernicz	Susan Hillson
	Twig Morris	Carol Ralph
	Jan Seagrave	Kathy Siena
	Lily Wiggan	Maria Wolfe

WGC Charter Member: Lily Wiggan

FFGC Hall of Fame: Barbara Hadsell Lily Wiggan

## FFGC Pillar of Pride Awards:

Stormi Bivin	Mary Ellen Chestnut	Carol Coleman
Linda DeSanti	Barbara Hadsell	Susan Hillson
Joan Kaplan	Twig Morris	Suzanne Rares
Judy Schweitzer	Danese Sloan-Kendall	Elizabeth Stevens
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Susan Vance

## Earth Steward Recognition:

Lisa Ferrano	Will Gurney	Barbara Hadsell
Tim Hadsell	Brian Hopper	Peggy Jacobs
Kate Kouba	Diane Rice	John Siena

Kathy Siena

## Florida Master Gardeners:

Uma Bhatti	Barbara Hadsell	Anne Hlasnicek	
Carol Lazzarino	Bobbi Ziegler		

## NATIONAL, STATE AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

National Garden Clubs Board Robin Hammer Barbara May **NGC** Nominating Committee Robin Hammer NGC Podcast Robin Hammer FFGC 3rd VP Maria Wolfe FFGC Board Barbara May Kathy Siena FFSJ Board Christine Biscoglio Susan Hillson Barbara May Twig Morris

#### JUDGES, INSTRUCTORS, CONSULTANTS

Stormi Bivin

Twig Morris

**NGC Flower Show Judges** 

District X Board

Accredited Master Judges Christine Biscoglio Robin Hammer Susan Hillson Ronnie Levav Cathy Moore Barbara May Jan Warshauer Accredited Life Judge Twig Morris Student Judge Maria Wolfe NGC Flower Show School Instructor Barbara May NGC Four-Star Member Susan Hillson Barbara May Twig Morris Barbara Hadsell NGC Landscape Design Master Consultant Emeritus NGC Landscape Design Master Consultant Ronnie Levav Susan Hillson Barbara May Stormi Bivin Robin Hammer NGC Landscape Design Consultants Barbara Zenker Twig Morris Bobbi Ziegler

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FFGC Floral Design Study Instructors Christine Biscoglio Susan Hillson FFGC Flower Show Consultant Barbara May



Zebra Longwing submitted by Kathy Siena

## SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMS/EVENTS - 2025-2026 AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

	AUGUST/SEPTEMBER	
Aug 25, <i>Mon</i>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)	
Sep 8, Mon	Garden Club Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)	
Sep 9-11, <i>Tues</i>	FFGC Fall Board Meeting - FFGC Headquarters (Tues-Thurs)	
Sep 9-11, Tues	NGC Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO. (Tues-Thurs)	
Sep 20, Sat	Coastal Cleanup - MacArthur State Pk, N. Palm Beach,	
	(8:00 AM - 1:00 PM)	
Sep 25, Thurs	Around & About - Bonnet House, Ft. Lauderdale (10.00 AM)	
Sep 27, <i>Sat</i>	The King's Academy "Prince of Egypt" (1:00 PM)	
Sep 27, Sat	11th Annual Tree Planting - Wellington Environmental Preserve	
C 20 01 Mr	(8:30 AM)	
Sep 29-01, <i>Mon</i>	,	
Sep 29, <i>Mon</i>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM) OCTOBER	
Oct 6, Mon	Garden Club Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)	
Oct 7, Tues	Adopt-a-Street - Wellington Dog Park (9:00 AM)	
Oct 16, Thurs	District X Fall Meeting - GC Indian River County, Vero Beach CC	
Oct 23, Thurs	Around & About - Kimberly Helms' House, 9443 Granite Ridge Lane, WPB	
Oct 24, <i>Fri</i>	Sunset Social - Kristie Kamps, 636 Rambling Dr, Wellington	
	(5:00 - 7:00 PM)	
Oct 27, <i>Mon</i>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)	
	NOVEMBER	
Nov 3, Mon	Garden Club Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)	
Nov 5, Wed	Garden Art Workshop - Wellington Community Ctr	
Nov 11, Tues	(9:00 AM - 1:00 PM) Veterans Day Parade - Village of Wellington Veterans Park, (8:15 AM)	
Nov 18-19 Tues	District X Judges Council Symposium, Indian River State College,	
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Nov 20, Thurs	Around & About - Norton Museum of Art & Sculpture Garden, WPB	
Nov 21, <i>Fri</i>	Sunset Social - Margaret & John Tamsberg, 121 Sulky Way, Wellington	
,	(4:00 - 6:00 PM)	
Nov 24, <i>Mon</i>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM) <b>DECEMBER</b>	
Dec 1, Mon	Holiday Luncheon - Wellington National Golf Club, Wellington	
	(11:00 am - 2:00pm)	
Dec 2, Tues	Adopt-a-Street - Wellington Greenbriar Park parking lot (9:00 AM)	
Dec 6, Sat	The King's Academy "The Nutcracker" (1:00 PM)	
Dec 22, Mon	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)	
SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMS/EVENTS - 2026		
T 7 16	JANUARY 2026	
Jan 5, <i>Mon</i>	Garden Club Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)	
Jan 6-8 <i>Tues</i>	FFGC Winter 2026 BOD Mtg, (Tues-Thurs)	
Jan 13-15, <i>Tues</i> Jan 15 <i>Thurs</i>	NGC Environmental Course 1 via zoom. (Tues - Thurs) Around & About - Paradise Palms Botanical & Sculpture Gardens,	
Jan 13 Inuis	Delray Beach	
Jan 16, <i>Fri</i>	WGC Arbor Day Celebration	
	District X Tropical Short Course - Wellington Community Ctr.	
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Jan 26, <i>Mon</i>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30AM)
Jan 30, <i>Fri</i>	Sunset Social - Linda Messina & Sheila Ewing, 9701 Pine Trail Court,
jan 50, 111	Lake Worth (4:00-6:00PM))
	FEBRUARY 2026
Feb 2, Mon	Garden Club Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
Feb 3, Tues	Adopt-a-Street, Wellington Dog Park (9:00 AM)
Feb 4, Wed	Garden Art Workshop - Wellington Community Ctr.
100 1, 7700	(9:00 AM - 1:00 PM)
Feb 6-8, <i>Fri</i>	Wekiva Volunteer Training, Apopka, (Fri-Sun)
Feb 8, Sun	Wekiva Youth Camp Open House, Apopka, (11:30 AM - 1:00 PM)
Feb 12, <i>Thurs</i>	Floral Design Study Series, Unit 1, Wellington Community Center
Feb 14, <i>Sat</i>	The King's Academy "Moana, Jr" (1:00 PM)
Feb 19, <i>Thurs</i>	Around & About - Society of Four Arts & Pan's Gardens, Palm Beach
Feb 23, <i>Mon</i>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
Feb 25, Wed	New Member Reception - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30-12:30)
Feb 26, Thurs	Floral Design Study Series, Unit 2, Wellington Community Center
Feb 27, <i>Fri</i>	Sunset Social - Debbie Wilson, 1707 Dorchester Place, Wellington
,	(4:00 - 6:00PM)
Feb 28, <i>Sat</i>	The King's Academy "Night at the Movies" (7:00 PM)
,	MARCH 2026
Mar 2, Mon	Garden Club Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
Mar 3, Tues	St. Patrick's Day Trivia Game Event - The District at the Mall at
•	Wellington Green (11:30 AM - 3:00 PM)
Mar 12, Thurs	Floral Design Study Series, Unit 3, Wellington Community Center
Mar 20, Fri	Sunset Social - Anne Hlasnicek, 119 Old Country Road, Wellington
	(4:00- 6:00 PM)
Mar 21, Sat	WGC Garden Tour "Garden Inspirations".
Mar 24, Tues	Around & About - Park Beach Zoo at Dreher Park
Mar 26, Thurs	Floral Design Study Series, Unit 4, Wellington Community Center
Mar 30, Mon	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
	APRIL 2026
Apr 6, Mon	Garden Club Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
Apr 7, Tues	Adopt-a-Street, Wellington Dog Park (9:00 AM)
Apr 9, Thurs	Floral Design Study Series, Unit 5, Wellington Community Center
Apr 11, <i>Sat</i>	The King's Academy "Guys & Dolls" (1:00 PM)
Apr 14-17, <i>Tues</i>	FFGC Convention, Kissimmee (Tues-Fri)
Apr 16, Thurs	Around & About - South Florida Permaculture, WPB
Apr 23, Thurs	FFGC District X Mtg, Boca Raton
Apr 25, Sat	The King's Academy "Night of Jazz" (7:00 PM)
Apr 25, Sat	Earth Day/Arbor Day/Great American Clean Up, VoW
	Wellington (11:00 AM - 1:00 PM)
Apr 27, <i>Mon</i>	WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)
Apr 30, Thurs	Floral Design Study Series, Unit 6, Wellington Community Center
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MAY-JUNE 2026

WGC Spring Luncheon, Wellington National Golf (11:00AM - 2:00PM) May 4, Mon

May 4,-6 *Mon* NGC Convention, St. Louis, Mo.

May 18, *Mon* WGC Board Meeting - Wellington Community Ctr. (9:30 AM)

Celebrate National Garden Week (Sun-Sat) Jun 7-13, Sun

#### MEETINGS SUMMARY

Garden Club Meetings are held September through November and January through April on the first Monday of the month (unless otherwise noted) at the Wellington Community Center, 12150 Forest Hill Blvd, Village of Wellington. December and May Club Luncheons are held at a special venue.

9:30 AM Social/Light Breakfast

10:15 AM Speaker

11:00 AM Business Meeting

## 2025-2026 ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

Amount Due: Single Member: \$45; Couple \$65 (See Page 40 for further details regarding dues.) Make checks payable to: **Wellington Garden Club**. Mail checks to: Margaret Tamsberg 121 Sulky Way, Wellington, FL 33414-4826

2026-2027 Dues are due by April 30, 2026

Dues renewal reminders will be sent to members by email or letter by March 15, 2026

**Board of Directors Meetings** are held monthly at the Wellington Community Center at 9:30 AM, August through May, unless otherwise noted. Meetings are open to non-Board members. Non-Board members who wish to address the Board are requested to submit discussions to the President at least two days prior to the meeting (if possible) to be added to the agenda.

## 2025-2026 Board of Directors Meeting Dates

August 25, Monday
September 29, Monday
October 27, Monday
November 24, Monday
April 27, Monday
April 27, Monday

December 22, Monday May 18, Monday (if necessary)

#### CARPOOL MEETING LOCATIONS

**West:** Wellington Community Center Parking Lot, 12150 Forest Hill Blvd., Wellington, FL 33414.

**East:** Parking lot behind IHOP, River Bridge Shopping Center, 6708 Forest Hill Blvd., Greenacres, FL 33413.

#### PAYMENT POLICY

Payment for a Wellington Garden Club fee-based event or class must be made at the time of sign up. Payment is non-refundable if cancelled by member less than one week prior to the event, class, or for a no-show.

# NGC AND FFGC/UF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES 2025-2026

Jan 22-23, 2026 Thurs/Fri FFGC/District X 69th Annual Tropical Short Course, Wellington Community Center, Wellington, FL

For further details and interactive registration forms, please visit **www. districtx.org** and click on Educational Opportunities.



Visit **National Garden Club** website (**gardenclub.org**) for dates and registration on the classes for:
Gardening, Environmental, Flower Show and Landscape Design Schools.

## Clubs, Councils and Societies @ Mounts Botanical Garden

To see the list of clubs, councils and societies at Mounts, visit:

## www.mounts.org/palm-beach-county-plant-societies/

All meetings are held in the Mounts Building Auditorium, except where noted.

**531 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach** – (561) 233-1700 For more information, please visit:

www.pbcgov.com/coextension

## **NGC Conservation Pledge**

I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the planet Earth and promise to promote education so we may become caretakers of our air, water, forest, land, and wildlife.

## FFGC/Wekiva Youth Camp Conservation Pledge

I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country—its air, soil and minerals, its forests, waters, and wildlife.



"We can never have enough of nature."



## 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 and 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 and their economic, medical, and cultural value and impact in today's society. Kimberly Helms is the owner of Bountiful Bonsai Sensational Succulents located at her home in West Palm Beach. Most of her succulents are grown at the State-

Kimberly Helms is the owner of Bountiful Bonsai Sensational 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.



Around & About - Cost: \$25.00/pp Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 10:00am Bonnet House Museum & Gardens 900 North Birch Road, Fort Lauderdale

Meet by 8:30am in the WCC Parking Lot

\$25.00 includes a tour and tram ride through the garden.

Take a wonderful trip through time at beautiful, historic Bonnet House Museum & Gardens, as you are transported to the beginning of the 20th Century, and the days of gracious living, charm and whimsy when Florida was one of the nation's last frontier outposts. Built in 1920 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Bonnet House Museum & Gardens is one of the few complete homes and studios of two American artists with original furnishings open to the public. Nestled among miles of beachfront development are 35 acres of a native barrier island ecosystem.

Chicago-born artist Frederic Clay Bartlett created Bonnet House in 1920 on South Florida oceanfront land given to him and his second wife, Helen Louise Birch, by her father, Hugh Taylor Birch. The newlyweds began construction of Bonnet House in 1920, eager for a winter retreat where Frederic could pursue his artwork and Helen could compose music and poetry. Today, the estate is a preeminent house museum dedicated not only to historic and environmental preservation, but also to learning and creative expression - much like the Bartletts and Birches themselves.

Lunch is at Coconuts, 429 Seabreeze Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale (at the individual's expense)



## WGC Membership Meeting Wellington Community Center Monday, October 6, 2025 - 9:30 AM

Speaker: Emily Marois

Topic: Naturally Florida - Embracing Native Plants in Your Garden

Emily Marois is a UF/IFAS Urban Horticulture Extension Agent in Palm Beach County, where she creates and delivers horticulture programs with the support of the Master Gardener volunteers she trains. A South Florida native, Emily holds a Master's in Agriculture Education and Communication and a Bachelor's in Plant Science from the University of Florida. Her background includes working as a horticulturist at Naples Botanical Garden and experience in the floriculture industry. She specializes in Florida native plants, edible gardening, and Florida-Friendly Landscaping<sup>TM</sup>.



Around & About - Cost: Free Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 10:00AM Kimberly Helms' House 9443 Granite Ridge Lane, WPB

Carpool: East meet by 9:20am / Depart at 9:30am / Arrive by 10:00am

Take a walk around Kimberly's yard which contains: Sensational Succulents, her Florida State certified nursery: where she grows many of the succulents used in the container gardens she sells and the classes she gives. Her backyard also contains a butterfly and hummingbird garden filled with numerous native butterfly host plants and trees. Tucked away in a corner, is a delightful Japanese Garden with two ponds, the classic Japanese bridge, bamboo, and large trees formed in the art of bonsai. The front yard is dominated by a large succulent rock garden and several smaller succulent gardens. When you walk up to the front door you will discover a raised tumbled marble paver Koi Pond. Everywhere you turn there is another delight to feast your eyes on.

Lunch is at Pete's Place, 6774 Forest Hill Blvd., Greenacres, FL (at the individual's expense)



## WGC Membership Meeting Wellington Community Center Monday, November 3, 2025 - 9:30 AM

Speaker: Tom Ramiccio

Tom Ramiccio Bromeliads

Topic: Bromeliads: Orchids of the Tropics

When Tom Ramiccio ran out of space for bromeliads in his Lake Worth yard, he planted them on trees, creating a vertical garden of the colorful, water-holding "vase" plants. He estimates he has about 7,000 bromeliads in his collection. He brings with him more than 40 years of professional marketing and Public Relations. He served 3 terms as mayor of the City of Lake Worth. He was the President/CEO of the Greater Lake Worth Chamber of Commerce (10 years). As the marketing manager for Banyan Printing he oversaw all major marketing campaigns for large corporate clients and several sports franchises. He served as the Marketing Director for the Palm County Visitors and Convention Bureau (over 10 years), Governor of the Florida District of Kiwanis International (37 years), Salvation Army board member (35 years). There is much more but, needless to say, we are lucky to have him.



Around & About - Cost: \$12.75 Thursday, November 20, 2025 10:30AM Norton Museum of Art & Sculpture Garden 1450 S. Dixie Highway, WPB

Carpool: Meet at 9:15am / Depart by 9:30am / Arrive at 10:00am

The Norton Museum of Art was founded in 1941 by Ralph and Elizabeth Norton. He was an industrialist who headed the Acme Steel Company in Chicago. The Nortons began collecting artwork to decorate their home, then they became interested in art for its own sake and formed a sizable collection of paintings and sculpture. In 1935, the couple began to spend more time in the Palm Beaches and started to contemplate what to do with their art collection. Eventually, they decided to found their own museum in West Palm Beach, to give South Florida its first such institution. Mr. Norton commissioned Marion Sims Wyeth to design the Art Deco building which opened on February 8, 1941. The Museum's permanent collection now consists of more than 8,200 pieces, including many distinguished additions that have been made since 1954 thanks to the endowment Mr. Norton created for the continued purchase of works of art.

Lunch is at Serenity Garden Tea House and Café, 316 Vallette Way, West Palm Beach (at the individual's expense).



## WGC Membership Meeting Wellington Community Center Monday, January 5, 2026 - 9:30 AM

Speaker: Bryan Beidleman

Topic: An Intro to Tropical Weather Bonsai

Bryan Beidleman is a 35 year old with an intense passion for all things bonsai. He is currently located in Oakland Park, Florida. He has been practicing the art of bonsai for the past 9 years and has close to 200 trees in his personal collection. He learned and honed his skills and knowledge working at a bonsai nursery with over 10,000 trees. He continues to perfect his techniques of potting, pruning, wiring, styling, and more as he follows his bonsai journey. As he continues to grow his collection, he is constantly picking up material with strong potential that he loves to share with other members of the bonsai community.



Around & About - Cost: \$10.00 Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 10:00am Paradise Palms Botanical & Sculpture Gardens 15954 Half Mile Road, Delray Beach, FL.

Carpool: Meet by 9:00am / Depart 9:30am / Arrive 10:00am Paradise Palms Botanical & Sculpture Gardens has arranged its collection into different geographical sections, which we hope you enjoy touring the property as you take an enchanting journey through an eclectic blend of sculptural marvels, diverse botanical treasures, and captivating natural beauty.

## Bamboo Forest and Zen Garden:

As you stroll along a carefully crafted wooden path, you can hear the soothing sound of the bamboo culms gently clacking in the breeze. The bamboo grove has been in existence for many years, predating its incorporation into Paradise Palms.

## Paradise Mountain and Conservatory

Perched atop the tallest mountain in West Delray, the landscape's foundation is crafted from soil excavated during the creation of two small lakes. Ascending to the summit reveals a panoramic spectacle, featuring an assortment of cacti, diverse trees, and a captivating overlook onto the Conservatory, a sprawling space, showcases a magnificent banyan tree. Lunch is at Dune Deck's Mimosa Café, 10833 S. Jog, Ste 200, Boynton Beach (at the individual's expense).



WGC Membership Meeting Wellington Community Center Monday, February 2, 2026 - 9:30 AM

Speaker: Scott Davis

Topic: Ethno Botany (foraging a meal in

your backyard)

Ever wonder if those pesky weeds growing around the house are useful? Edible and medicinal plants are all around us! South Florida is an ethnobotanical hot spot for wild edible and/or medicinal plants. Many of these plants have regained so much popularity in the last few years that numerous niche markets have emerged in response to rising demands for foraged, wildcrafted foods. These plants are widespread, readily available, and absolutely free! Ethnobotany studies the relationships that exist between plants and people, bringing the sciences of anthropology and botany together. This presentation is a real eye-opener. You'll be astounded by the quantity of useful plants all around you! Scott is a professional botanist and director of the Milkweed Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to plant conservation and sustainability. Scott is a native of South Florida, but currently calls Apalachicola and Lake Placid his homes. Scott has over 25 years of experience in plant ecology and field biology, and holds a BS in Environmental Science and a BA in Philosophy from Florida State University. Scott will be bringing plant samples for us to experience, but you'll have to look fast before he eats them!



Wellington Wetlands submitted by Kathy Siena





Pine Patch Walk Submitted by Anne Hlasnicek

Plumeria Submitted by Susie Stevenson



## Around & About - Cost: see below Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 9:30 AM Society of the Four Arts 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach

Cost: Free or \$10.00 if you would like to see the Chrysler Art Nouveau Exhibit.

Carpool: Meet by 9:20am/ Depart 9:30am / Arrive 10:00am

The Society of the Four Arts was founded in 1936 to offer quality cultural programming to the growing resort community of Palm Beach. Each season, The Four Arts offers a dynamic lineup of cultural programming, including notable speakers, concerts, films, educational programs, and art exhibitions. The campus is home to beautiful sculpture and botanical gardens, a library and children's library, and a state-of-the-art educational facility.



And...

Around & About - Cost: Free Thursday, February 19, 2026

> Pan's Garden 311 Peruvian Avenue Palm Beach

Enter a whimsical garden showcasing over 300 species of native plants. Pan's Garden is run by the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach. It is an educational garden and was designed to provide students a glimpse into the wonders of plants and the importance of preserving the world's natural resources.

Lunch is at Al Fresco Restaurant, 2345 South Ocean Blvd, Palm Beach, (at the individual's expense)



## WGC Membership Meeting Wellington Community Center Monday, March 2, 2026 - 9:30 AM

Speaker: Dr. Kimberly Moore

Topic: "Turn Off Your Sprinklers, Your Plants Aren't That Thirsty"

Kimberly Moore is a professor of Environmental Horticulture at the University of Florida, IFAS, Fort Lauderdale Research and Education center. Her research focus is on nutritional management strategies for ornamental crops to reduce fertilizer run-off and improve fertilization management. Dr. Moore's research focus is on the use of alternative growing substrates like compost as well as the use of reclaimed wastewater. She also investigates the effects of salt water on plant growth and methods to improve water management in the landscape and greenhouse. In addition to research, she teaches Elementary Organic and Biological Chemistry as well as Nutritional Management. Dr. Moore received her PhD and MS in horticulture from Iowa State University and her BS in Environmental Science and Botany with a minor in chemistry from Eastern Illinois University.



Around & About - Cost: \$19.25 Tuesday, March 24, 2026 - 10:00 AM Palm Beach Zoo at Dreher Park 1301 Summit Blvd, WPB

Carpool: Meet at 9:20am / Depart at 9:30am / Arrive at 10:00 am

It is hard to believe that a few barnyard animals have evolved into hundreds of animals residing at the Dreher Park Zoo, which would not exist without the vision of Paul Albert Dreher, who was born in Wurttemberg, Germany. Palm Beach Zoo is located in Dreher Park, which was formerly known as Bacon Park. Bacon Park was a landfill and a tent city campground, until it was destroyed in the 1928 hurricane. In 1932, Paul Dreher joined the Parks Department for the City of West Palm Beach, when he took a landscaping job at Bacon Park. Amazingly, Dreher envisioned a zoo on the 108-acre Bacon Park, despite the wasteland it resembled after the hurricane. The state owned Bacon Park, so he began a campaign to purchase the land. In 1951, West Palm Beach paid the state \$100 for Bacon Park which would be dedicated and renamed Dreher Park in October 1957. Paul Dreher then worked to develop the land into a usable park. The landfill was removed from the park, and swampland was filled in using backfill from the Palm Beach Canal. Today, the zoo houses over 500 animals on 23 acres and sees approximately 300,000 visitors annually, but initially all of the animals were donated by Dreher.

Lunch is at Maman, 473 South Rosemary Ave., West Palm Beach (located inside City Place (at the individual's expense).



WGC Membership Meeting Wellington Community Center Monday, April 6, 2026 - 9:30 AM

Speaker: Chrystine Tauber

Topic: How you can reinvent your small garden and hardscape spaces

A life-long equestrian, International Judge and former President of the US Equestrian Federation, Chrystine Tauber bought her first home in Wellington in 1981 to spend winters officiating during the Winter Equestrian Festival events. She and her husband lived in New Jersey and developed a 16 acre property into extensive gardens that were frequently open to tours. While in Florida, she started learning everything she could about gardening in a subtropical climate including joining Mounts Botanical Garden, attending lectures and seminars, and studying volumes of books and magazines. Her neighbors noticed her beautiful gardens and several asked if she would look after theirs while away after season, giving her permission to do whatever she thought needed. That provided her with ongoing test gardens for years. She created Distinctive Gardens, Inc. and in 2007, they changed residency and moved to Florida. As her clientele grew, she shifted her interests from equestrian sport to the business of garden enhancement and specialized care, including for orchids and bromeliads. She currently works on all size gardens and stables. She is an accredited NGC Gardening Consultant, and a member of Wellington Garden Club.



Around & About - Cost: Free Thursday, April 16, 2026 - 10:00 AM South Florida Permaculture Resource Center 8346 7th Place South WPB, FL 33411

Guide: George Soria, Chairman and Founder

Carpool: Arrive by 9:20am / Depart at 9:30am / Arrive at 10:00am

After experiencing a life-altering heart attack, George found his path to recovery through the healing power of nature. This journey inspired him to create a space that preserves nature, nurtures health, and fosters balance with the environment. George's vision is to share the transformative power of nature with others, creating an oasis where people can reconnect with the earth and discover the simplicity, beauty, and vitality of living in harmony with it.

Permaculture is a design system that works with nature to create sustainable, self-sufficient ecosystems. At its core, it's about growing a food forest and building resilient communities by mimicking the balance found in natural systems. Permaculture promotes practices that regenerate soil, conserve water, and reduce waste—all while providing nourishment and fostering biodiversity. Lunch is at So. Fl Permaculture.

## **IN MEMORIAM**

Rochelle Rosen	1986	Patricia Matthews	2007
Isabel Johnson	1986	Bruce Cook	2009
Vicki Calderone	1992	Linda Leemon	2013
Didi Meshirer	1993	Beverly Miller	2013
Ann Vennett	1993	Jeannie Allen	2013
Jean Murray	1996	Alice Mueller	2015
Bob Blat	1999	Bonnie Wenham	2016
Ruth McWhorter	1999	Suzanne Rares	2016
Don Courtney	2001	Gigi Galle	2017
Paula Giambrone	2002	Tom Bivin	2020
Lori Turner	2002	Margaret Kruger	2020
Peggy Amman	2002	Carolyn Lowe	2020
Helen Farmer	2003	Clare Peckinpaugh	2021
Mary Louise LaMarche	2003	Phil Macnak	2021
Libby Ackermann	2004	Ellen Rawlings	2021
B. J. Curtis	2004	Kevin Morris	2022
Marvin Mounts	2004	Tom Wenham	2023
Ann Zullo	2005	Kay Brown	2023
Irene Bishop	2006	Cynthia Gardner	2024
		MaryEllen Chestnut	2025



Photo Submitted by Susie Stevenson



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## WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB ONGOING PROJECTS 2025-2026

## Adopt-a-Street

In partnership with the Village of Wellington, club members pick up litter four times a year on a section of Greenbriar Blvd. in Wellington, FL. Dale Barnhart and Jim Thompson, Co-Chairs

## Annual Tree Planting

Organize community-wide event to participate in the annual tree planting in partnership with the Village of Wellington, usually held on National Public Lands Day in September. Kathy Siena, Chair

## **Annual Arbor Day Celebration**

Organize a Florida Arbor Day celebration by planting a tree in the Village of Wellington. Kathy Siena, Chair

#### **NGC Flower Show**

The club holds a NGC Standard or NGC Small Standard flower show on odd-numbered years at a local venue when the event is approved by club members. 2027 Chair TBD

#### Biennial Garden Tour

This fundraising tour of private gardens in the Wellington area on evennumbered years benefits the club's scholarships, civic beautification, youth programs and Habitat for

Humanity projects. Carol Coleman and Carol Ralph, 2026 Co-Chairs

## College Scholarships

College scholarships are awarded each spring to high school or college students pursuing environmental, horticulture and botany undergraduate degrees. Scholarships are presented at our Annual Spring Luncheon. John Siena, Chair

## Earth Day Celebration

Club members participate in Wellington's annual Earth Day celebration which is held at the Wellington Community Center, and promotes WGC, FFGC and NGC objectives, including distribution of Wekiva Youth Camp information. Uma Bhatti, Chair

## FFGC Wekiva Youth Camp

The club's fundraising activities provide annual scholarships for area youth to attend Wekiva Youth Camp in Apopka, FL. Jan Seagrave, Chair

#### FFGC SEEK Environmental Conference

The club offers annual scholarships and recruits area teens to attend SEEK (Saving the Earth's Environment through Knowledge) Environmental Conference. Cynthia Craig, Chair

# WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB ONGOING PROJECTS 2025-2026 (Continued)

## Habitat for Humanity

Our support for this organization has including landscaping, educating new homeowners on garden upkeep and donating lawn and garden equipment to homeowners as well as financial support to the Habitat organization. Habitat communicates with the Club their needs and we try to meet them. Lisa Ferrano, Chair

#### National Garden Week

Organize garden-related activities and publicity to promote National Garden Week in Wellington and surrounding communities. Twig Morris, Chair

## Wellington Environmental Preserve

Maintain native plant and butterfly garden at The Marjory Stoneman Douglas Environmental Preserve at the Everglades Habitat. Diane Peaden, Chair

## Wildflower Meadow at Greenbriar Park in Wellington

Funded by a \$3000 grant from the Florida Wildflower Foundation, WGC members created and maintain the meadow as a demonstration garden visible and accessible to families, schools, and communities to promote the use of native plants for wildlife diversity and ecological stability. Lisa Ferrano, Chair

#### Youth Garden Clubs

Provide guidance, teach students especially how to be good earth stewards and provide funding for the following youth garden clubs:

- o Elbridge Gale Elementary School butterfly gardens in container beds
- o Equestrian Trails Elementary School variety of vegetable and fruit gardens, incorporate gardening projects in the curriculum
- Pine Jog Elementary School hydroponic and raised-bed vegetable gardening
- o Polo Park Middle School—various gardens: butterfly, tropical, xeriscape
- o Scout Butterfly Garden native plants at the garden in Greenbriar Park
- o Palm Beach Central High School various gardening projects
- o Wellington High School gardening/agriscience projects-inside and outside Kathy Siena, Chair

## NGC/FFGC Youth Contests and Awards

Youth of all ages may participate in various youth contests, awards and grants:

- o Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest
- o Youth Sculpture Contest
- o Poetry Contest
- o Youth Pollinator Garden Grant
- o High School Distinguished Service Project Award
- o Essay Contest

# WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB ONGOING PROJECTS 2025-2026 (Continued)

#### Financial Contributions to:

FFGC SEEK (Saving the Earth's Environment through Knowledge)
FFGC Wekiva Youth Camp Wish List
FFGC Coral Restoration Foundation
Habitat for Humanity
Mounts Botanical Garden
NGC/USDA Forest Service (Penny Pines Project)







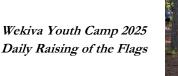
NGC Natural Disaster Fund

2024 Annual Tree Planting











"If you truly love nature, you will find beauty everywhere"

## WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB AWARDS 2025



## FFGC Awards

Award 11	Yearbook
Award 12	Newsletter
Award 25	Garden Therapy - Geratric & Exceptional
Award 44	National Garden Week
Award 42	Tree Planting Achievement
Award 47	Eloise Sniffen Conservation Award
Award 48	Butterfly Conservation
Award 58	"Fun with Flowers" Series
Award 128	Twig Morris - Petite Design in a Standard Flower
	Show
Youth Poetry	Adaira Langley – Wellington High School



## FFGC TREE PLANTING CERTIFICATES

Ranked #8 327 Trees Planted



## **DEEP SOUTH AWARDS**

Award 7	Tree Planting, 2nd Place, Large Club
Award 14	Butterfly Conservation, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Award 18	Wildflower Award, 3rd Place, Large Club
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Award 31-A Yearbook Award, 3rd Place

Youth Poetry Adaira Langley - Wellington High School



## NELL COE AWARD - 100 Ways to Celebrate 100 Years

Award 51 Large Club – 100-150 members - Completed 70 of 100 Ways.

## WGC's Fun Outings



VoW Memorial Day Parade 2025

A&A to The Arboretum - 3/13/25





A&A to Tropical Bamboo - 1/16/25

# 2025 Small Standard Flower Show "All You Need is Love"







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Theme: "Sharing Our Knowledge - Plant the Seeds of Tomorrow"

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Recording Secretary - Blanca Longo Rancourt Corresponding Secretary - Linda Feifarek-Johnson Parliamentarian - Rosita Aristof



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#### WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB

## Articles of Association Approved January 6, 2025. Effective June 1, 2025.

## Article 1: Name, Logo and Memberships

#### Section 1.1 Name

This organization shall be known as "Wellington Garden Club" (the Club or WGC).

## Section 1.2 Logo

The Club has the flower Allamanda (Allamanda cathartica) as its logo.

## Section 1.3 State, Regional and National Memberships

The Club is an independent garden club, a member of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. (FFGC), Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. (DSGC) and National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC).

#### Article 2: Mission Statement and Motto

#### Section 2.1 Mission Statement

The mission of the Club, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is to further the education of the members and the public in the fields of gardening, horticulture, botany, floral design, landscape design, environmental awareness through the conservation of natural resources, civic beautification, nature studies, and to instill in our youth the love of gardening and the respect and protection of the environment.

#### Section 2.2 Motto

The Club's motto is "Gardening Makes a World of Difference."

## Article 3: Membership

## Section 3.1 *Eligibility*

Membership eligibility shall be open to all interested persons. There shall be no limit to the number of members, and any individual shall be eligible for membership on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.

#### Section 3.2 Guests

Guests are welcome at all times. Non-members may attend only two meetings as a guest.

#### Section 3.3 Active Members

Only **active** members may vote. An **active** member is one whose dues are paid, and who takes an active part in various activities of the Club.

## Section 3.4 FFGC Life Membership

An honorary Life Membership in FFGC may be conferred on an active member who upholds the principles and promotes the purposes of the Club and FFGC in an outstanding way. Such individuals are recommended to the Board of Directors for consideration.

#### Article 4: Dues

#### Section 4.1 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year begins on June 1st and runs to the following May 31st.

#### Section 4.2 Annual Dues

The Club dues shall be forty-five dollars (\$45.00) for an individual and sixty five dollars (\$65.00) for a couple. Paid dues shall be for the fiscal year. Dues are broken down as follows:

	Individual	Couple
Wellington Garden Club	\$32.50	\$50.00
District X	\$0.50	\$1.00
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs	\$12.00	\$14.00

#### Section 4.3 Full and Partial Dues

Incoming members must pay full membership dues (WGC, District X, and FFGC) if they join the Club between the months of April through December. New members joining during the months of January through March only pay FFGC and District X portion of the total dues.

## Section 4.4 Payment

Dues shall be submitted to the Treasurer for the upcoming fiscal year beginning March 1st and no later than March 31st.

## Section 4.5 *Delinquency*

Members whose dues are delinquent as of May 31st, and who have been duly notified, shall be automatically dropped from the membership rolls of the Club, District X, and FFGC. A delinquent member shall be reinstated only after complying with Section 4.2 of this article.

## **Article 5: Meetings**

There shall be one general membership meeting on the first Monday of the month, September through November and January through April, unless otherwise notified. The holiday luncheon shall be a social event with no business meeting. The spring luncheon may include approval of the budget. The President may call a special meeting of the membership. Business may be conducted by majority rule at a meeting at which there is a quorum.

#### **Article 6: Quorum**

A quorum of a membership meeting shall be one-third (1/3) of the paid membership.

## **Article 7: Parliamentary Authority**

The Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the President. "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised 11th Edition" shall be the authority, and govern the Club in the business procedures on all points not covered by these Articles of Association.

#### **Article 8: Officers**

#### Section 8.1 Officers

The Officers shall include the President, the First Vice President, the Second Vice President, the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer, the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary, the Parliamentarian (appointed by the President), and the immediate Former President, *ex-officio*.

#### Section 8.1.a

Officer positions can be filled by no more than two members working in concert as co-officers. All use of the officer titles in the Articles of Association shall be interpreted as both singular and plural. When a vote of officers is required, each officer position shall have only one vote.

## Section 8.2 Election and Term of Office

Officers shall be elected in the odd year by the membership at the regularly scheduled April meeting. To hold office, one must have been an active member for at least one year. Officers shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, with the exception of the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, whose terms shall be limited to three (3) consecutive terms. No other officer may be elected for more than one (1) consecutive term in the same office. At the expiration of their terms of office, the Officers shall turn over to their successors all records of their Offices.

#### Section 8.3 Installation

Officers shall be installed in May, and begin their term as of June 1st. It is intended that during the period of time after installation until June 1st, the outgoing officers shall assist the newly elected officers in assuming their positions.

## Section 8.4 Officers' Duties and Responsibilities

#### Section 8.4.a President

The President shall preside at all membership and Board of Directors meetings, shall appoint the Parliamentarian, Standing Committee Chairs and shall be authorized to sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer. The President shall be a member *ex-officio* of all committees, except the nominating committee, and shall work closely with the appointed chairs. The President shall call special meetings of the Officers, Board of Directors, committee chairs, and the membership when deemed necessary. The President shall be responsible for all legal documents that shall be kept in the Club files and shall maintain the list of duties and responsibilities pertinent to committees.

#### Section 8.4.b First Vice President

The First Vice President shall work with the President in all matters pertaining to the operating efficiency of the Club, and conduct business of the Club in the absence of the President. The First Vice President shall assist the Second Vice President in the selection of programs for the fiscal year. The First Vice President shall report directly to the President. It is intended that the First Vice President shall succeed the President. It shall be the duty of the First Vice President to order a Past President's Pin to be given to the President at the end of his/her term of office. The pin shall be presented to the President at the May meeting at the expiration of the President's term of office, and the President's Pin shall be given to the incoming President.

#### Section 8.4.c Second Vice President

The Second Vice President shall chair the Program Committee. The Second Vice President shall arrange for the upcoming club year's programs before July 15th, being careful not to repeat topic programs in consecutive years. Confirmation letters are mailed or sent electronically immediately after a speaker has been invited and scheduled, with a reminder phone call or electronic notification two weeks prior to the scheduled date. A small gift or honorarium is presented to the speaker (or the organization the speaker represents) on the day of his/her appearance and a thank you note is provided. The Second Vice President assists in duties related to the office of the President as requested, and assumes the duties of the President and the First Vice President in the simultaneous absence of both of these officers. The Second Vice President is not obligated to succeed to First Vice President.

#### Section 8.4.d Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all money received. All money coming into the Club shall go to the Treasurer, unless otherwise stipulated by the President. The funds of the Club shall be deposited in such banks as may be designated by the Board of Directors. All monies to be disbursed shall be transacted by the Treasurer and in agreement with the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall sign warrants and contracts. The Assistant Treasurer followed by the President shall act as alternates in the absence of the Treasurer and have instruction on how to withdraw funds. The Treasurer shall chair the Finance Committee. All checks drawn upon the funds of the Club shall require the signature of the Treasurer or the Assistant Treasurer or the President. The books of the Treasurer shall be reviewed by the CPA within 60 days of the close of the fiscal year. Receipts must accompany a request for reimbursement, unless approved by the President. Any expenditure within a given budget account that exceeds the budgeted amount by more than \$75, must receive prior board approval. At the expiration of the Treasurer's term(s), all funds, assets, and records of the Club shall be turned over to the successor.

#### Section 8.4.e Assistant Treasurer

The Assistant Treasurer shall serve at the direction of the Treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer and President shall act as alternates in the absence of the Treasurer. All checks drawn upon funds of the Club shall require one signature of the Treasurer or the Assistant Treasurer or the President. He/she shall send dues notices by March 1st via USPS, electronic notice or inclusion in the *Allamanda News*.

## Section 8.4.f Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary shall keep records of the meetings of the Club, be custodian of all records and papers pertaining to this office, and present any recommendations from the Board to the membership. The Recording Secretary shall collect and attach to the minutes of the monthly meetings written reports submitted by officers and committee chairs who addressed the meeting. The minutes shall be forwarded to the webmaster for posting and shall be held on file for five fiscal years.

## Section 8.4.g Corresponding Secretary

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all correspondence as instructed by the President, keep all letters on file, and read incoming correspondence at membership meetings.

#### Section 8.4.h Parliamentarian

The Parliamentarian shall assist the President on points of parliamentary procedure and fulfill the required duties as outlined in "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised 11th Edition".

## Section 8.5 Electronic Voting

If business of an urgent nature occurs before the next BOD meeting, electronic voting may be utilized by the Officers. Electronic voting procedure will follow the NGC Electronic Voting guidelines found on the NGC website Member Resources section under Governing Documents, Policies and Minutes.

## Section 8.5a Meetings

The Officers become the Executive Committee (EC) when the President calls a special meeting of the Officers.

## Section 8.6 Quorum

Officers business may be conducted by majority rule at a meeting at which there is a quorum consisting of five (5) voting officers.

## Section 8.7 Vacancy and Resignation

## Section 8.7.a Vacancy

An Officer's position shall be declared vacant if the member is unable to perform the duties outlined above. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, the First Vice President shall succeed to the office. All vacancies among other Officers members shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

## Section 8.7.b Resignation

A letter of resignation must be submitted in writing to the President as soon as the Officer becomes aware that he/she must resign. A resignation vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

#### Article 9: Board of Directors

## Section 9.1.a Board Membership

The Board of Directors shall consist of all the officers of the Club, committee chairs and two (2) members at large elected by the Board of Directors by majority vote at their first meeting of the club year. The President shall be the Chair.

## Section 9.1.b. Duties and Responsibilities

Ensure that the organization's mission is carried out in an efficient manner, assure adequate fundraising to accomplish the organization's mission, provide fiduciary oversight, set policy, create and periodically update the organizations strategic objective.

## Section 9.2 Management

The management of the Club shall be vested with the Board of Directors. The Board transacts the general business of the Club and considers all questions of policy.

## Section 9.3 New Major Projects/Activities

Major policy matters or new major projects and/or activities shall be presented as a recommendation by the Board of Directors. Approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present at any general membership meeting is required before further action by the Board of Directors. Any commitment involving nonbudgeted disbursements from the Club of more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) shall be classified as a major project or activity.

## Section 9.4 *Meetings*

There shall be a monthly meeting of the Board of Directors the week preceding the general membership meeting unless otherwise notified.

## Section 9.5 Quorum

A quorum at any Board of Directors meeting shall consist of one-third (1/3) of the members of the Board. A majority of such quorum shall decide any question that comes before the meeting.

## Section 9.6 Reports & Transition

Each officer and chair of each committee must submit a written annual report to the President by May 1st or upon resignation. Each officer and chair shall turn over to his/her successor or to the President such books or reports pertinent to his/her office upon expiration or within two weeks of the completion of his/her term or resignation.

#### **Article 10: Committee Chairs**

## Section 10.1 Committee Chairs

The President appoints committee chairs. Committee chairs who wish to address the membership at the monthly general membership or Board of Directors meetings shall submit a written report to the Recording Secretary for attachment to the minutes of the meeting. Each committee chair shall submit a year-end written report to the President, a current or updated list of duties and responsibilities and may make recommendations to the Board of Directors. All chairs shall receive a copy of the current budget to determine the maximum amount of Club funds each committee can spend. The chairs are responsible for keeping accurate records and not exceeding the budgeted amount. Receipts along with expense forms must be submitted to the Treasurer for member reimbursement. Each committee chair shall provide an estimate of their budgetary needs to the Finance Committee by March 15th for the following fiscal year.

## Section 10.2 Resignation of Committee Chairs

Chairs shall submit a letter of resignation, with advance notice if possible, to the President. Within two weeks of resignation, the chair shall submit a year-to-date written report to the President and a current or updated list of duties and responsibilities.

#### Section 10.3 Committee Members

Committee members are selected by the committee chairs for their expertise and interest.

## **Article 11: Standing Committees**

The President shall appoint Standing Committees not provided for in the Articles of Association. The Standing Committee shall remain in existence unless dissolved by the President and ratified by the Board.

## Section 11.1 Articles of Association Amendments and Policy Review

The Amendments and Policy Review Committee shall consist of five members who will meet annually in January. The Chair will be an officer. The Parliamentarian and three members from the Board of Directors will serve as committee members. Willing members of the Board will notify the President of their interest in serving and the Board will vote their approval at the meeting prior to the January membership meeting.

#### Section 11.2 Finance

The Finance Committee shall have as its chair, the Treasurer. The President, immediate Former President, First Vice President and Assistant Treasurer will serve as committee members with input from each member of the Board of Directors who has a budget. By March 15th, each committee chair will provide a Year-To-Date expense report and a forecast for the next fiscal year. The Finance Committee shall prepare a fiscal year budget to be mailed or emailed to members in April and be voted upon at the May luncheon. (The Finance Committee Duties are to 1) advise the BOD in all matters financial, 2) maintain financial health of the club, and 3) to review requests from Committee Chairs on their proposed budgets before finalizing the new fiscal year budget.)

#### Section 11.3 Newsletter

The title of the Club newsletter is *Allamanda News*, which is derived from the Club's logo. The purpose of the newsletter (published five times per fiscal year) is to keep its members informed of club projects, upcoming events, and other news including those related to District X, FFGC, and NGC, and to provide a link for those who cannot attend meetings.

**Allamanda News** helps to expedite the business portion of the monthly meetings by bringing pertinent information to members' attention beforehand.

#### Section 11.4 Website

Our website will provide information accessible to the general public, expedite club members receiving information, and provide a link to members unable to attend a meeting. It will also include a link to our Club newsletter, *Allamanda News*. Any proprietary information will be password-protected.

## **Article 12: Nominating Committee**

#### Section 12.1 Selection

At the February meeting of an election year, the President shall announce the Nominating Committee consisting of four members. The members shall be chosen as follows: the Chair shall be appointed by the President; three members shall be elected from the membership at large. No Nominating Committee member shall be eligible to serve on this committee for two consecutive terms.

#### Section 12.2 Candidates

The Nominating Committee shall prepare a list of eligible candidates, to be read at the March meeting. Nominations shall be in order from the floor at the April meeting, immediately preceding the election of officers. All nominees must have been *active* members (see Article 3, Section 3.3) for at least one year. If there is more than one candidate for the same office, election shall be by ballot and the majority vote shall elect. If there is only one candidate for an office, the election shall be by voice vote.

## Section 12.3 Voting Eligibility

Only members whose dues are paid in full shall be entitled to vote at elections.

#### Section 12.4 Commencement of Duties

The new President elected at the April meeting shall be called "President Elect" until installation at the May luncheon. All Officers elected in April will assume their duties of office as of June 1st.

#### **Article 13: Amendments**

The Articles of Association may be amended after board of directors approval at any general membership meeting of the Club, where there is a quorum (see Article 6), by two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present. The proposed amendment or amendment change must be submitted in writing to all members at least two weeks in advance of the vote.

#### Article 14: Dissolution

In the event of termination of the Wellington Garden Club in any manner or for any reason whatsoever, its assets, if any, shall be distributed to one or more civic projects of the Club or to the community government for a public purpose.

## **Article 15: Net Earnings**

No part of the net earnings of this organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that this organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the mission statement hereof.

#### **Article 16: Restricted Activities**

No substantial part of the activities of this organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on

- a. by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code, or
- b. by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

# Article 17: Annual FFGC State Convention and District X Representation

The President or one alternate shall represent the Club at the annual FFGC State Convention and two District X meetings per fiscal year, with all expenses paid by the Club.



Floral Design to portray Iceland created by Twig Morris and Susie Stevenson for the District X Spring 2025 Meeting.

## Wellington Garden Club Policies Approved March 27, 2024. Effective June 1, 2024.

Matters of the Wellington Garden Club not addressed in the Articles of Association shall be covered under Policy.

Policies shall be effective when passed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at their meeting, provided a quorum is present.

The Policy Committee shall consist of five (5) members of the Board of Directors (BOD). Prior to the first BOD meeting of each new administration, the President shall appoint the Chairman. The Chairman will circulate the current policies to the new BOD prior to the first meeting of the BOD. At this meeting the BOD shall appoint the other members of the committee. All Policy Committee members are required to study and become familiar with the Articles of Association and with the existing Policies of the Wellington Garden Club.

Any member of the Wellington Garden Club desiring to propose a new policy or to alter an existing Policy should email such recommendation to the Policy Chairman of the club. The Chairman of the Policy Committee shall meet with the committee for consultation and study. If the proposal is not contrary to the Articles of Association of the Wellington Garden Club, it shall be presented to the BOD for action.

The present Standing Rules of the Wellington Garden Club shall be included and now become a part of Policy.

## **Board of Directors/Committee Chairs**

The Policies should be effective when passed by the majority vote of the BOD and may be amended by majority vote of the BOD at their meeting, provided a quorum is present. Two weeks' written notice will be provided to members of the BOD.

Any proposed partnership, collaboration, contract agreement, or grant request involving the Club must contain full disclosure in writing of all terms and conditions and then be reviewed in its entirety by the WGC BOD.

Any member intending to apply for a grant shall present the concept to the BOD for authorization to proceed with preparation of a grant application. Prior to its submission, the grant application package shall be reviewed and approved by the President or the President's designee for submission to the BOD for approval.

If business of an urgent nature occurs before the next BOD meeting electronic polling may be utilized by the Officers. Electronic voting procedure

will follow the guidelines as detailed in the NGC Standing Bylaws. The procedure can be found on the NGC website Member Resources section under Governing Documents, Policies & Minutes.

Any unplanned expenditures must ultimately be ratified by a majority of the BOD at the very next meeting.

Committee Chairs are encouraged to actively participate in finding their replacement in cooperation with the President.

Only one co-chair is eligible to vote at a BOD meeting.

Committee members shall be selected by the Committee Chair unless otherwise specified in the Articles of Association.

Policies shall remain in force from the time of adoption until they are changed or repealed. They may be amended or repealed by a majority vote if a thirty-day notice was given, or by a 2/3 vote without notice. The results of any such action by the BOD shall be reported to the General Membership at the following General Meeting.

In the event that a Member-at-Large is unable to serve, the BOD, with permission of the nominee, shall elect a replacement to fill the vacancy.

In Article 11, Section 11.2, "Input from the BOD" may include, but not limited to, former presidents and treasurers.

All Chairmen will receive a copy of the current budget, from the President, to determine the maximum amount of Garden Club funds each committee can spend. The chairman is responsible for keeping accurate records and not exceeding the budgeted amount. Receipts are necessary for Garden Club reimbursement.

If an Officer or BOD member is unable to attend a BOD Meeting, their report shall be sent to the President prior to such meeting.

Committee chairs will be created and be functioning by the first meeting of the fiscal year.



Sagitarria lancifolia (Bulltongue) in Wellington Submitted by Kathy Siena

#### President

The President and the First Vice President will be directed to the Book of Information (BOI) located on the FFGC website.

A standard agenda as found in Roberts Rules will be used to provide information as well as allow for full participation of the members.

If available, agenda items will include backup or support material for members to review prior to the meeting.

Club members may request that the President add an agenda item for discussion at either a BOD meeting or a general membership meeting. A minimum of seven days notice is requested.

An Inventory Manager will be appointed by the President each term.

The president shall share with committee chairs their budgeted line item and their specific committee responsibilities.

The President shall determine, when two members heading up a committee, are either co-chairs or Chair & Vice Chair.

#### Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer

Requests for approved expense reimbursements can be submitted via printed format or electronically by email to the Treasurer. The Treasurer is required to pay all approved expenses upon receipt.

A maximum reimbursement of \$100/fiscal year will be allowed for approved education courses per member upon proof of completion of the course(s) and submission of the completed Meer (Member Education Expense Reimbursement) form found on the WGC website under Member Resources.

Makes all investments and reinvestments at the direction of the BOD upon recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Provides reports of fundraising activities to the BOD based upon income and expense reports submitted by the event chairs.

Files all required Tax Reports in a timely manner.

**Finance Committee Duties:** 1) to advise the BOD in all matters financial, 2) to maintain continuous review of the Club's financial status, 3) to recommend measures to maintain the fiscal health of the Club, and requests Committee Chair proposed budgets before finalizing the new fiscal year budget.

Tax deductible contributions to WGC are welcome from members of the public. Acknowledgements shall be provided by the Treasurer who may delegate this responsibility to the Corresponding Secretary or the Chair of the fundraising event.

#### Parliamentarian

Motion forms shall be provided to members making a motion.

## Membership

The membership roster with names, addresses, e-mail addresses and phone numbers shall not be given out to businesses or organizations for purposes of solicitation or promotion. The e-mail mailing distribution list of the club members shall be used exclusively for communication of Federated Garden Club and garden associated business. Any member may send a qualified email message using the distribution list to all the other club members. However, all messages sent via the distribution list will be monitored and/or reviewed by the president or the president's designee from the BOD.

Businesses and individuals may advertise in *Allamanda News*, the Wellington Garden Club newsletter, via the Advertising Editor, at rates to be established on an annual basis by the BOD.

Courtesy and consideration should be given to officers, speakers, and attending members while any Club business or presentation is given.

No political speeches shall be made at any Garden Club meeting by a member, guest, or invited speaker.

Financial aid, with a maximum amount of 50% per course or educational event with a maximum reimbursement of \$100 per member per fiscal year, may be available to help members defray the cost of completing an NGC or FFGC-sponsored educational course or be used toward tuition for a degree or certificate in a field of study that supports the club's Mission as outlined in Article 2 of the Articles of Association. Members, who receive financial aid, as approved by the BOD, are expected to share the knowledge gained by chairing a committee, presenting a program or writing an article for the club newsletter *Allamanda News*.

Membership applications and records shall be handled and maintained by the Membership Committee. The new member application processor will provide these documents via email or hard copy to the Mentor Chair.

Copies of the Membership spreadsheet shall be distributed to the BOD to encourage involvement of new and current members in Club activities.

New members joining in March or April will enjoy these 2 months as members and the membership dues paid will apply to the following full club year.

Members rejoining the Club after a period of absence will be recognized at their first meeting as a former member.

New members to the WGC will be asked to introduce themselves at their first meeting.

All members are encouraged to participate in the work of the Club by participating on a committee, contributing to fundraisers that support our mission and by frequently attending programs, workshops and Around & Abouts.

Eligibility for voting for officers or on an Articles Amendments requires that dues are paid in full prior to the date the vote is to take place. Prior knowledge of the qualifications or issues is required for informed voting.

Members may not solicit the membership or sell items to the membership for monetary gain.

## Meetings

All meetings of the WGC are open to all club members. Meeting participation is guided by Roberts Rules of order, Newly Revised, 11<sup>th</sup> Edition.

General Membership Meetings and BOD Meetings agendas will be emailed to the membership.

Submitted by Annette Lubsen

#### New Member Orientation

A mentor will be assigned to each new member. The mentor will receive a copy of the new member application.

All new members shall be invited to attend a new member orientation within the first year of their membership.

New Member Reception/Orientation is to follow the suggested agenda.

A brunch is to be held annually.

Officers & Committee Chairs will provide juice, fruit, pastries, etc., paper goods and coffee & tea.

Agenda:

Welcome by President

Introduction of Officers and Committee

Chairs

NGC Video presentation

Committee Chair presentations

Mentors introduce new members

Sign up for committees (need a form)

The mentor will encourage new member participation on at least one committee.

#### **Fundraisers**

All fundraising plans regarding the sale of an item to club members shall include full disclosure regarding cost and surcharge and be approved by the BOD before being submitted to the Finance Committee for inclusion in the budget.

## Inventory

All tangible or reusable items purchased for and reimbursed by the Club for a Club event will be added to the Club's inventory list and stored in a safe and protected location. This listing will be posted on the website in the Member Resources area and given to committee chairs at the beginning of each year by the Inventory Manager.

#### Youth Activities

Youth activities will be evaluated annually.

#### DONATIONS TO THE WELLINGTON LIBRARY

Billington, Jill: Really Small Gardens: A Practical Guide to Gardening in a Truly Small Space

Botanica: The Illustrated A-Z of Over 10,000 Garden Plants

Bowman, Daria Price: For Your Garden: Paths and Walkways

Complete 8-Title Video Series: Gardens of the World with Audrey Hepburn

Crawford, Pamela: Best Garden Color for Florida

Crawford, Pamela: Easy Gardens for South Florida

Crawford, Pamela: Instant Container Gardens

Crawford, Pamela: Easy Container Gardens

Crawford, Pamela: Easy Container Combos: Vegetables & Flowers

Crawford, Pamela: Container Gardens for Florida

Crawford, Pamela: Stormscaping: Landscaping to minimize wind damage in Florida

Darke, Rick: The Color Encyclopedia of Ornamental Grasses

Dirr, Michael: Dirr's Trees and Shrubs for Warm Climates

Herwig, Modeste: Colorful Gardens: contrast & combine your plants & flowers for

spectacular visual effects

Hessayon Dr., D.G.: The Flower Arranging Expert

Jenkins, Mary Zuazua: National Geographic Guide to America's Public Gardens

May, Barbara D.: Designs Made Easy

McDonald, Elvin: Gardens of the World: The Art and Practice of Gardening

Moore, Brenda: Network with Nature

Moore, Brenda & Ohlmann, Jean: The Frightened Frog

Moore, Brenda: The Saved Seed

Moore, Brenda: My Green is Gone

Pridgeon, Alec, ed: The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Orchids

Rogers, George, PhD, ed: Weeds of South Florida

Sutherland, Neil: Step by Step Guide to Creative Patio and Container Gardening

Toogood, Alan (Ed.-in-Chief): Plant Propagation

Welch, Wm. C.: Antique Roses for the South



Thursday, October 16, 2025 Registration Deadline: Monday, October 6, 2025

Location: Vero Beach Country Club

800 30th Street

Vero Beach, Florida 32960

Fall Meeting:

8:30 am - 9:30 am Sign in, Vendors & Raffles, Continental Breakfast

9:30 am - noon District X Fall Meeting

Noon - 1:30 pm Luncheon

1:30 - 3:00 pm One Lagoon & Going Native Presentation and Wrap Up

Registration: Pre-registration is required for the Fall Meeting. Walk-ins CANNOT be accommodated.

 Complete this registration form for <u>each</u> meeting attendee. Your \$50 registration fee includes: Continental breakfast and Luncheon. Cash bar is available.

2. Make your \$50 check payable to GCIRC (Garden Club of Indian River County)

3. Mail completed forms and \$50 check to:

Julie Young 772 563 3598, julie@young-appraisals.com

1924 44th Avenue

Vero Beach, Florida 39966

## Registration Form Available:



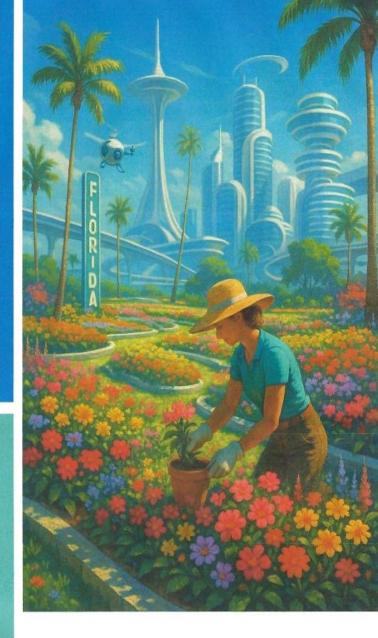
January 22-23, 2026

SAVE THE DATE! More details to come

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