

**Wellington Garden Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 27, 2025
Wellington Community Center**

Attendance: JoAnn Akins, Carol Coleman, Cynthia Craig, Huguette Damas, Carol Dima, Lisa Ferrano, Annette Lubsen, Linda Messina, Dee Rolfe, Jan Seagrave, Kathy, Siena, Danese Sloan-Kendall, Susie Stevenson, Maria Wolfe, Bobbi Ziegler, Kathy Hood.

Meeting was called to order at 9:30am
A quorum was established.
All cell phones were silenced.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Recording Secretary – Minutes from September 29, 2025 BOD Meeting were approved without any changes or additions.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Annette Lubsen Warmly welcomed members back who were gone over the summer.

The District X Meeting in Vero Beach Attended by Marianne Forrest, Bobbi Ziegler, Linda Messina, Maria Wolfe, Huguette Damas, Barbara May, and Annette Lubsen. Very interesting and informative. WGC has an external liaison who will help us in the future to keep WGC informed of events, etc. There were two speakers; one spoke about Seagrass Restoration; the other spoke on Native Gardens.

New Member Meeting Susie Stevenson gave the Report for Ann Hlasnicek. Annette Lubsen hosted a new member orientation and garden walk on October 13, 2025 with nine new members in attendance. Annette Lubsen and Susie Stephenson attended along with five Chairs: Marianne Forrest, Stormi Bivin, Twig Morris, Anne Hlasnicek, and Carol Ralph who discussed their areas of Club interest. This gathering was extremely successful. New members in attendance were Ina Anderson, Diane Barin, Maryann Davison, Marsha Montoya, Kathy Moore, Nancy Saviola, Susan Specht, Jamie Titus, and Claire Valier. Three new members joined at the meeting and two more joined via mail later in the month.

WGC Awards Susie Stevenson. WGC receives many awards which are filed away. Susie recommended having a place to show these awards as we receive them. She will be talking to our Community Center to see what would work.

Environmental Cleanup Diane Rice. WGC received a \$25 check and two tee shirts for the clean up on October 9, 2025 by Diane. Diane gave information to Maria Wolfe for District X. Diane did a great job and picked up two bags of debris weighing 8.5# and 5.5#. Diane requested the money received be designated to the NGC Youth Sculpture Contest of which Kathy Siena is Chairman.

Sunset Social on October 24, 2025 at Kristie and Paul Kamps home; three acres of beautiful property. They did not have a lot of plantings yet. Their trees were beautiful. Their home was lovely, and the family was very hospitable. The Sunset Social on November 21st will be at Margaret and John Tamsberg's home.

Treasurer's Report: Danese Sloan-Kendall for Marianne Forrest. Income for October was \$6,682. The big news is there was a \$5,000 Anonymous Donation to the WGC, with designations that \$3000 should go to Scholarships, \$1,000 to Wekiva, and then \$1000 for WGC as needed. Expenses for the month were \$1627 for basics, including a donation to the Coral Restoration Foundation. The detailed report can be found on our website.

1st Vice President - This position is still vacant.

2nd Vice President: Speaker for November meeting is Tom Ramiccio. Topic is Bromeliads: Orchids of the Tropics. There will be three tables for show and sales. See Page 14 in the Yearbook for details.

Tropical Short Course Maria Wolfe. January 22-23, 2026. Cost is \$95 and is being held again at the Wellington Community Center. Breakfast and lunch are included. Please refer to the flyers, and the website for information.

FFGC Convention (State Flower Show) April 14-17, 2026 Information on the Flower show Schedule and Design entry form are available on the FFGC Website.

Also, FFGC is talking about moving their operations in favor of a bigger and better site.

FFGC District X Meeting April 23, 2026 All members are encouraged to attend. The WGC Presidents will select delegates from the attendees.

Flower Design School in January Boca Raton Garden Club. See the FFGC website for information.

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership Anne Hlasnicek (Not Present at BoD Meeting). Information presented regarding the updated New Member Form and New Member Interests Form. The New Member Interests Form will provide a way for new members to indicate what they would like to participate in and enjoy as part of their WGC membership; as well as, what new members can do to volunteer with and for the WGC. It was also suggested that existing members fill out this form to refresh their own interests. Forms can be printed out on the WGC website.

Floral Design Study Series Carol Ralph and Carol Lazzarino will present a powerpoint at the 11/3/25 Member Meeting to explain everything to the membership about this Study Series. Registration forms will be available at the signup table at the meeting. Registration deadline is 1/15/2026. Have worked up a budget and the fees charged for the Series should be more than enough to cover expenses. Also, plan to have a Ways and Means table asking for donations from members at the Membership Meeting.

WGC Garden Tour "Garden Inspirations" March 21, 2026

Carol Ralph/Carol Coleman. There are seven homes planned for the tour. Vendors will be located on the Westbury Close Cul-de-sac. Permission not required from the Village of Wellington. Advanced ticket price is \$60, and \$75 at the door. Have prepared flyers and informational write ups. Letters for advertisers, sponsors, and donors have been updated. Volunteer signup sheets will be at the 11/3/25 Member meeting. A budget has been prepared and submitted to Marianne Forrest. Michelle Garvey (V of W) has given us permission to use the parking lot in front of Village Hall as a starting point for the tour. Ticket price will be \$30 or \$40 for Volunteers (to be determined). Volunteers will be scheduled for two hour slots, leaving four hours to tour the homes and gardens. Tour advertising has started including Facebook. The properties will be listed in full. A Committee meeting is planned in early December at Carol Coleman's home.

SEEK - Cynthia Craig. Our six students who were waiting to go were disappointed because it was late and students were going back to school. Only three of these students are available and eligible to attend this year. We will have to fill three more seats. This year the program has been revamped and will be held at Withlacoochee Forestry Training Center in Brooksville, FL. See our website and flyers for more information.

Newsletter - This position is still vacant. We will continue to use Mailchimp and prepare a Newsletter in November or December to demonstrate a way the paper could be done. Then, put it out at the Member Meeting to solicit volunteers who will be tutored on the use of Mailchimp. We have the opportunity for five

people to communicate with each other using Mailchimp. In order to have five users, we must upgrade to a higher level at a cost of \$20/month, \$240/year (which is \$84 dollars more per year than currently).

Around & About was Thursday October, 23,2025 at Kimberly Helms home. Kimberly's property was full of beautiful plants, succulents, and trees. Kimberly offered plenty of information and energy. A good time was had by all. Next A&A is to Norton Museum of Art & Sculpture Garden on Thursday, November 20.

A Minute for Gardening - Sandy Plummer will Chair this Committee for the rest of the season. Diane Peaden will be presenting a talk about planting a vegetable garden for our 11/3 meeting.

WGC Club Shirts - Sera Peat forwarded her report to the Board that the embroidery is delayed. We may not have our new shirts for a month.

OLD BUSINESS:

Holiday Luncheon "Magical Mystical Holiday" 12/1/2025 Dee Rolfe. There is a new person in charge at Wellington National Golf Club. All will go along correctly. We have a contract for our next year luncheon. Dee needs more baskets and items for the Silent Auction. The price of the luncheon is \$47. Will have Raffle, Prizes, and Entertainment. Please bring unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots collection. Deadline for signup is 11/21/25.

NEW BUSINESS:

Veterans Day Parade 11/11/25 at 8:15am Need WGC members to participate by walking in the parade. Arrive at Wellington Village Hall parking lot by 7:45am. A short parade route to the ceremony.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am

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

**Wellington Garden Club
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Monday, October 27, 2025 – 9:30am
Wellington Community Center**

- I. Meeting Called to Order**
 - A. A quorum to be established
 - B. All cell phones to be silenced

- II. Officer Reports**
 - A. Recording Secretary** – Minutes from September 29, 2025, BOD meeting submitted for approval.
 - B. President's Report:**
 - District X meeting in Vero Beach**
 1. Received \$50 check projects
 2. Received \$25 check for environmental clean-up and two tee shirts. Diane Rice sent information to Maria Wolf for district X.
 3. Nine new members and 7 board members attended an afternoon meeting at Annette Lubsen's home on October 13, 2025.
 4. WGC awards – How to display them?
 5. Environmental Clean-up October 6, 2025 – Diane Rice
 6. Sunset Social, October 24th and upcoming, November 21st
 - C. Treasurer**
 - a. Treasurer's Report, Danese Sloan-Kendall for Marianne Forrest
 - D. 1st Vice President – This position is still vacant**

- III. 2nd Vice President** – Speaker for November meeting- Tom Ramiccio Bromeliads: Orchids of the Tropics (see page 14 in yearbook)

- IV. Maria Wolfe**
 - a. Tropical Short Course- January 22-23,2026
 - b. FFGC Convention (State Flower Show) April 14-17,2026
 - c. FFGC District X Meeting April 23, 2026

- V. Standing Committee Reports**
 - A. Anne Hlasnicek** - (unable to attend BOD) Attached see New Member Forms
 - B. Carol Ralph**
 - a. Floral Design Study
 - b. Garden Tour
 - C. Cynthia Craig** - Seek
 - D. Newsletter** – This position is still vacant – discuss Mailchimp newsletter

- VI. Special Committee Reports**
 - A. Sera Peat** - Club Polo shirts/unable to attend-report forwarded

- VII. Old Business**
- VIII. New Business**
- IX. Announcements**
- X. Adjourn**

Wellington Garden Club
October 1-22, 2025 Treasurer's Report

Income between Oct. 1st – Oct. 22nd is **\$6,682.00**

Income for October 2025 (to date) is attributed to a generous Anonymous \$5,000 Donation (earmarked \$3,000 to degreed Scholarships, \$1,000 Wekiva Sponsorships, and \$1,000 as needed), individual member payments for group tickets to the King's Academy "The Nutcracker" performance (\$864), sale of custom painted WGC pink baseball hats (\$300), the ongoing collection of 2025/26 Membership Dues (\$180), October Membership Meeting Plant Raffle (\$155), membership basket donations to The Coral Restoration Foundation (\$108), FFGC Award for Garden Club Special Project (\$50) and FFGC Award for Environmental Clean Up (\$25).

Expenses between Oct. 1st – Oct. 22nd are **\$1,627.77**

Expenses incurred in October 2025 are attributed to the purchase of group tickets to the King's Academy "The Nutcracker" performance (\$729), paid deposit for WGC embroidered shirts (\$500), purchase of 24 pink baseball hats (\$48.99), payment of member education reimbursements, donation to The Coral Restoration Foundation (\$108), FFGC membership dues for four new members, storage unit fees, Mailchimp monthly correspondence fees, and reimbursement of hospitality expenses, e.g., coffee, milk, and juice.

See the attached Profit & Loss reports (October & Fiscal Year to Date) for additional details.

Checking Account Balance (as of 10/22/2025): **\$30,193.70**

Marianne Forrest
Treasurer

Danese Sloan-Kendall
Asst. Treasurer

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 June 1 through October 22, 2025

	Jun 1 - Oc...	Budget	\$ Over Bu...	% of Bud...
Income				
4000 · INCOME				
4100 · Inventory Items Fundraising				
4101 · Boutique Items	300.00	100.00	200.00	300.0%
4104 · Plants Sale	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
4106 · Plant Raffle Meetings	290.00	500.00	-210.00	58.0%
4110 · Misc	-257.50	100.00	-357.50	-257.5%
Total 4100 · Inventory Items Fundraising	332.50	2,700.00	-2,367.50	12.3%
4200 · Membership Dues	695.00	6,000.00	-5,305.00	11.6%
4300 · Program Services Revenue				
4301 · Awards & Grants				
4301.1 · Awards	75.00	0.00	75.00	100.0%
4301 · Awards & Grants - Other	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
Total 4301 · Awards & Grants	75.00	300.00	-225.00	25.0%
4302 · Donations & Memorials				
4302.2 Wekiva Sponsorship Donat	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.0%
4302.1 · Donations Other	1,005.00	0.00	1,005.00	100.0%
4411 · Scholarships	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	100.0%
4302 · Donations & Memorials - Other	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total 4302 · Donations & Memorials	5,005.00	100.00	4,905.00	5,005.0%
4307 · Wekiva Campership Income	0.00	1.00	-1.00	0.0%
4308 · Floral Design	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
4308b · Garden Art	0.00	1.00	-1.00	0.0%
4309 · Plant-A-Tree	47.99	1.00	46.99	4,799.0%
4313 · Coral Reef	108.00	1.00	107.00	10,800.0%
4314 · FL Oceanographic Society	0.00	1.00	-1.00	0.0%
Total 4300 · Program Services Revenue	5,235.99	905.00	4,330.99	578.6%
4400 · Special Events				
4401 · Around & Abouts				
4401 · Around & Abouts	550.00	1.00	549.00	55,000.0%
4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income				
4402.1 · Member Meals Holiday Luncheon	0.00	4,500.00	-4,500.00	0.0%
4402.2 · Other Holiday Luncheon Income	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Total 4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
4403 · Spring Luncheon Income				
4403.1 · Member Meals Spring Luncheon	0.00	4,500.00	-4,500.00	0.0%
4403.2 · Other Income Spring Luncheon	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
Total 4403 · Spring Luncheon Income	0.00	4,750.00	-4,750.00	0.0%
Total 4400 · Special Events	550.00	9,751.00	-9,201.00	5.6%
4408 · Flower Show	26.00	0.00	26.00	100.0%
4409 · Fundraising				
4409 b · Fundraising other	84.44	500.00	-415.56	16.9%
4409c · Shredding	0.00	700.00	-700.00	0.0%
4409d · The Kings Academy	2,303.00	4,200.00	-1,897.00	54.8%
4500 · Garden Tour				
4504 · Garden Tour Raffle Income	70.00	0.00	70.00	100.0%
4500 · Garden Tour - Other	0.00	15,700.00	-15,700.00	0.0%
Total 4500 · Garden Tour	70.00	15,700.00	-15,630.00	0.4%
4409 · Fundraising - Other	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Total 4409 · Fundraising	2,457.44	21,600.00	-19,142.56	11.4%
Total 4000 · INCOME	9,296.93	40,956.00	-31,659.07	22.7%
Total Income	9,296.93	40,956.00	-31,659.07	22.7%

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

June 1 through October 22, 2025

	Jun 1 - Oc...	Budget	\$ Over Bu...	% of Bud...
Gross Profit	9,296.93	40,956.00	-31,659.07	22.7%
Expense				
6500 · EXPENSE				
6501 · Inventory Fundraising Expenses				
6502 · Boutique & Logo Items	548.99	200.00	348.99	274.5%
6505 · Plants Sale	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
6507 · Plants Meetings	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
6510 · Tropical Short Course	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
Total 6501 · Inventory Fundraising Expenses	548.99	900.00	-351.01	61.0%
6599 · Fundraising Expenses				
6599 b · Fundraising Other				
6599c · Shredding	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
6599d · The Kings Academy	1,983.00	3,500.00	-1,517.00	56.7%
6599 b · Fundraising Other - Other	160.20	0.00	160.20	100.0%
Total 6599 b · Fundraising Other	2,143.20	3,650.00	-1,506.80	58.7%
6600 · Garden Tour Expense	0.00	3,700.00	-3,700.00	0.0%
Total 6599 · Fundraising Expenses	2,143.20	7,350.00	-5,206.80	29.2%
6700 · Management & General				
6701 · Chamber Dues (Wellington)	150.00	125.00	25.00	120.0%
6702 · Correspondence	52.00	350.00	-298.00	14.9%
6703 · Discretionary	76.99	250.00	-173.01	30.8%
6704 · Historian	0.00	25.00	-25.00	0.0%
6705 · Insurance	582.27	700.00	-117.73	83.2%
6706 · Membership				
6706b · New Member Reception	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
6706 · Membership - Other	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total 6706 · Membership	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
6707 · Newsletter	0.00	450.00	-450.00	0.0%
6708 · Postage	23.47	20.00	3.47	117.4%
6709 · President's Expense	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%
6711 · Treasurer & Accountant	428.88	600.00	-171.12	71.5%
6712 · Website	41.99	400.00	-358.01	10.5%
6713 · Yearbook	786.94	900.00	-113.06	87.4%
6714 · Bank fees	0.00	30.00	-30.00	0.0%
6717 · Miscellaneous				
6717 b · Storage	218.66	700.00	-481.34	31.2%
Total 6717 · Miscellaneous	218.66	700.00	-481.34	31.2%
Total 6700 · Management & General	2,361.20	6,300.00	-3,938.80	37.5%
6800 · Program Services				
6802 · Award & Grants	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6803 · Member Education	65.00	2,000.00	-1,935.00	3.3%
6804 · FFGC & District Dues				
6804.1 · Dues FFGC	160.00	1,625.00	-1,465.00	9.8%
6804.2 · Dues District X	0.00	74.50	-74.50	0.0%
Total 6804 · FFGC & District Dues	160.00	1,699.50	-1,539.50	9.4%
6805 · FFGC Convention Ad	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6806 · Honorary Awards	-100.00	600.00	-700.00	-16.7%
6807 · Floral Design	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%
6807b · Garden Art	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6808 · Habitat	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
6809 · Youth Activities				
6809.1 · Youth Programs	0.00	1,600.00	-1,600.00	0.0%
6809.5 · Designated Youth Activities	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total 6809 · Youth Activities	0.00	1,700.00	-1,700.00	0.0%

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 June 1 through October 22, 2025

	Jun 1 - Oc...	Budget	\$ Over Bu...	% of Bud...
6810 · Meeting Programs/Speakers	-125.00	1,000.00	-1,125.00	-12.5%
6812 · Memorials and Donations				
6812 b · VoW Tea Talk Sponsorship	0.00	330.00	-330.00	0.0%
6812 · Memorials and Donations - Other	0.00	2,700.00	-2,700.00	0.0%
Total 6812 · Memorials and Donations	0.00	3,030.00	-3,030.00	0.0%
6813 · Mounts Membership	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
6814 · College Scholarships	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
6815 · SEEK Capital Fund	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
6816 · SEEK Scholarship	0.00	1,800.00	-1,800.00	0.0%
6817 · Sunshine Fund	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
6818 · Wekiva Camperships	0.00	1,470.00	-1,470.00	0.0%
6819 · Wekiva Capital Fund	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
6820 · Wekiva LIT Program	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
6826 · Plant-A-Tree	0.00	1.00	-1.00	0.0%
6827 · Earth Day	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
6828 · Arbor Day Florida	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
6829 · National Garden Week	171.65	300.00	-128.35	57.2%
6831 · Environmental Education				
6831 b · NGC Environ. Sculpture Contest	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
6831 · Environmental Education - Other	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total 6831 · Environmental Education	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
6834 · Coral Reef Restoration	108.00	1.00	107.00	10,800.0%
6835 · FL Oceanographic Society	0.00	1.00	-1.00	0.0%
6836 · Wellington Landscaping				
6836.b · Wellington Wildflower Garden	85.00	350.00	-265.00	24.3%
6836 · Wellington Landscaping - Other	0.00	350.00	-350.00	0.0%
Total 6836 · Wellington Landscaping	85.00	700.00	-615.00	12.1%
Total 6800 · Program Services	364.65	23,102.50	-22,737.85	1.6%
6900 · Special Events Direct Expense				
6901 · Around &ABOUTS	550.00	100.00	450.00	550.0%
6904 · Holiday Luncheon				
6911 · Holiday Luncheon Other Expenses	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
6913 · Member Meals	500.00	4,500.00	-4,000.00	11.1%
6904 · Holiday Luncheon - Other	-63.98	0.00	-63.98	100.0%
Total 6904 · Holiday Luncheon	436.02	4,800.00	-4,363.98	9.1%
6905 · Hospitality	192.30	100.00	92.30	192.3%
6908 · Spring Luncheon				
6909 · Spring Luncheon Other Expenses	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
6912 · Guest Meals	0.00	225.00	-225.00	0.0%
6914 · Member Meals	0.00	4,500.00	-4,500.00	0.0%
Total 6908 · Spring Luncheon	0.00	5,025.00	-5,025.00	0.0%
6900 · Special Events Direct Expense - Other	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total 6900 · Special Events Direct Expense	1,178.32	10,125.00	-8,946.68	11.6%
Total 6500 · EXPENSE	6,596.36	47,777.50	-41,181.14	13.8%
Total Expense	6,596.36	47,777.50	-41,181.14	13.8%
Net Income	2,700.57	-6,821.50	9,522.07	-39.6%



Wellington Garden Club
Revised List of Interests
Revision 10-23-25

Check	Area of Interest
1	Adopt-A-Street
	Earth Day
	Tree Planting
	Club Garden Tours
	Club Flower Shows
	Community Garden
	Arbor Day
2	Greeter for Club Visitors
	New Member Support
	Food and Beverage
	Holiday/Spring Luncheon
	Member Social Evenings
3	Website
	Social Media
	Newsletter
	Photography
	Publicity
	Yearbook
4	Artistic Skills
	Environment/Conservation
	Field Trips
	Floral Arranging
	Garden Crafts Arts + Crafts
5	Awards/Scholarships
	Camp Wekiva SEEK → wekiva Youth Camp
	Youth Contests
	SEEK (Save earth's Environment through Knowledge) Youth Gardens
6	Horticulture Instruction
	Plant Raffles/Sales
	Vegetable/Plant Gardening
	Butterflies & "Critters"

All members should receive this.

Data Sheet Headings:

1 – Civic/Community Outreach

2 – Hospitality and Membership

3 – Communications

4 – Education – Adult

5 – Education – Youth

Volunteer opportunities

6 - Gardening

Dec) request adding Garden Art

External Events Liaison Report

October 27, 2025

Maria Wolfe

Tropical Short Course – Gardening Into The Future – January 22-23, 2026 at the Wellington Community Center. Cost is \$95.00 and covers continental breakfast and lunch.

Subjects covered are Orchids to Know & Grow, New Species for FI Gardens, Saltwater Intrusion & Gardening, and Community Gardening. Each day finishes with Floral Designers and on Thursday, 4 Flower Show Judges will be given the same container, florals leaves and accents with 30 minutes to create an arrangement as the audience watches. They are: Susan Hillson, Daphna Goldberg, Victoria Bellias, Barbara Campbell, and Faye Estes.

Flower Show School by Susan Hillson

New Flower Show School Series Starting Up

District XI Judges Council in Ft. Lauderdale is planning a new flower show school series. The first two schools will be held at the Boca Raton Clubhouse while the Ft. Lauderdale clubhouse is undergoing construction. Becky Schuberth and Inger Jones are the co-chairs. Plans include:

Course 1: JANUARY 13-16, 2026 Boca Raton, Instructors: Design & Procedure Gina Jogan , Horticulture David Robson

Course 2: MAY 19-22, 2026 Boca Raton, Instructors: Design & Procedure Gina Jogan, Horticulture Teri Ewers

Course 3: NOVEMBER 9-12, 2026, Ft. Lauderdale, Instructors: Design Claudia Bates, Horticulture & Procedure Jan Griffin

Course 4: MARCH 15-18, 2027, Ft. Lauderdale, Instructors: Design Claudia Bates, Horticulture & Procedure Jan Griffin

Flower Show School teaches all you need to know about judging, entering, competing, and chairing an NGC flower show. There are 4 courses each generally scheduled over a 2-3 day period, and each with a specific curriculum that includes horticulture, design, and flower show procedure (FSP). If you know someone who would make a good flower show judge encourage them to attend flower show school. It is also useful for members planning to chair a flower show, or simply want to learn more.

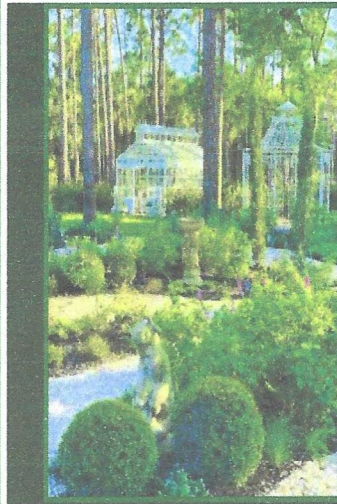
Environmental School – Course 4 via Zoom – You do NOT have to take them in Order... Ft Myers GC is hosting – visit Garden.Club.org for the interactive registration form.

FFGC Convention – April 14-16, 2026 – at Embassy Suites in Kissimmee, Fl. (that means you can fit 3 to a room). Speaker – Neal Sanders author of Gardening is Murder book series and Jacob McCall – a nationally known floral designer. Workshops on making baskets out of Pine Straw, Fun With Flowers. A PJS and Pancakes breakfast one morning with a backdrop for pictures. Please plan on attending. One business item that may be up for discussion is selling the FFGC Headquarters building. Come vote.

District X Spring Meeting at Boca Raton Garden Clubhouse – Thursday, April 23, 2026. Save the Date!!!!

Wellington Garden Club Presents 2026 Garden Tour "Garden Inspirations"

Saturday, March 21, 2026
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



Tickets:

- \$60.00 (Advance Purchase)
- \$75.00 (Day of Event)

Contacts & Tickets may be purchased:

- Online:
www.wellingtongardenclub.org
- In person:
- Carol Coleman (201-739-2013) or
- Carol Ralph (740-243-8843)

Guests will have the opportunity to explore seven beautiful gardens, each showcasing a unique style. The tour features gardens designed with native plants, elegant formal English gardens, and inspiring landscapes that blend native and Florida tropical plants. This diverse selection offers visitors a chance to experience a variety of garden designs and gather inspiration for their own outdoor spaces.

Vendors will be located on Westbury Close near two of the gardens on the tour.

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

Wellington Garden Club is a 501 (c)(3) organization. A copy of the official registration #CH21151 and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling (800) 435-7352 toll-free within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval or recommendation by the state.

Garden Art Workshops

Wednesday November 5, 2025 and

Wednesday, February 4, 2026 from 9am to 1:00pm at the Wellington Community Center

[Click for Information on the November 5 workshop.](#)

Instructors – – Carol Lazzarino & Dee Rolfe

Floral Design Study Series

All workshops will be on Thursday twice a month starting in February 2026 and run from 9:00am to 3:30pm; Instructors are Christine Biscoglio and Susan Hillson. Specific dates are as follows:

February 12, February 26, 2026,

March 12, 2026, March 26, 2026,

April 9, 2026, April 30, 2026

Floral Design Study is a series of six units in basic design. With the objective to develop a unified understanding of the art of flower arranging, FFGC has provided its members the opportunity to learn the art through Floral Design Study. Each unit is held one day with three hours of lecture/demonstration in the morning and a two hour supervised workshop held after the lunch break. The series should be completed within a time slot of one year.

The study series are taught by certified Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Floral Design Study Instructors. Certificates are presented to students after completing all of the first six units. The units are as follows:

Unit I. Containers, Basic Tools and Vertical Designs

Unit II. Conditioning Plant Material & Triangular Designs

Unit III. Elements and Principles of Design & Curved Designs

Unit IV. Table Settings and Horizontal Designs

Unit V. Accessories, Features & Bases

Unit VI. Transporting Materials & Expressive Designs

Any questions contact Carol Ralph at caroltaylorralph@gmail.com or

Carol Lazzarino at clazzar586@aol.com



**Wellington Garden Club
New Member Application
Revision 10-23-25**

Date: _____

Please print clearly (circle) Ms. Mrs. Mr. Dr.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (h) _____

Phone (c) _____

Email _____

Birthday _____

Master Gardener? ___ Yes ___ No ___ State

(Circle) Ms. Mrs. Mr. Dr.

Spouse/Partner _____

Seasonal Address other than above:

Dues payable in: () Cash () Check no credit

Annual: () \$45 single () \$65 couple

Partial year: Jan through March

() \$12.50 single () \$15 couple

Payable to 'Wellington Garden Club' and given or mailed to:

Mrs. Margaret Tamsberg, Data Manager

121 Sulky Way

Wellington, FL 33414-4826

tamsberg@bellsouth.net

561-798-3648

Wellington Garden Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

For more information please call:

Annette Lubsen, Co-President

561-386-5448

Susie Stevenson, Co-President

215-630-5095.

Applicant understands membership requirements, which include participation through willingness to work on committees, support projects and volunteer time for general Garden Club work.

1. Each member of the garden club is asked to provide a food contribution for the brunch table twice a year.

2. Please come to each meeting prepared to sign up for/participate in projects and activities and to pay for each selection when signing (check or cash only).

Applicant's signature _____

____ If you currently belong to another garden club in Florida that is a member of FFGC please check only if Wellington Garden Club is to be your primary club and is to pay your dues to FFGC.

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	Earth Day
	Tree Planting
	Club Garden Tours
	Club Flower Shows
	Community Garden
	Greeter for Club Visitors
	New Member Support
	Food and Beverage
	Holiday/Spring Luncheon
	Member Social Evenings
	Website
	Social Media
	Newsletter
	Photography
	Publicity
	Yearbook
	Artistic Skills
	Environment/Conservation
	Field Trips
	Floral Arranging
	Garden Crafts
	Awards/Scholarships
	Camp Wekiva
	Youth Contests
	Horticulture Instruction
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Revised List of Interests
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Data Sheet Headings:

1 – Civic/Community Outreach

2 – Hospitality and Membership

3 – Communications

4 – Education – Adult

5 – Education – Youth

6 - Gardening

Report on Floral Design Study Series for the BOD Meeting on Monday, October 27, 2026.

The dates were reported at the last BOD meeting. Carol Lazzarino and I will speak together at the November 3, 2026 Membership meeting. We will have a powerpoint which will help explain everything to the members.

We will also have the registration forms available on the signup table. We will need an acrylic stand to exhibit the Info Sheet to draw attention to the registration forms (copy attached).

Once we know how many students we will have we can start purchasing the supplies. Registration deadline is January 15, 2026.

We have worked up a budget. If our calculations are correct, we will have more than enough to cover expenses with the fee that will be charged to the students.

We also plan to have a Ways and Means table and will be asking for donations from members at the membership meeting.

Garden Tour Report for BOD Meeting
10/27/25

*Carol
Ralph*

1. Garden of Denise Bassaline, 13519 Jonquil Place, Wellington - This garden was on the Native Plant garden tour and is a delightful, beautifully maintained garden. It's not a large property, but the variety of plants is fabulous. I spoke with her at the time, and she was interested in having her garden on the tour. I also saw her again at the Earth Day plant sale and she is still interested.
2. Nina Williams, Westbury Close, Wellington. Nina's landscaper, Victor will be selling his books.
3. Garden of Brian Rau, 10694 Paso Fino Drive, Wellington
4. Garden of Lisa Ferrano, 83 Westbury Close, Wellington
5. Garden of Sandy Sklar, 73 Pacer Circle, Wellington
6. Roxanne Henry, 15430 DeHavilland Ct, Wellington
7. Mida Farms, 13803 Gracida St, Wellington

Planning considerations:

- 1) Vendors at the Cul de sac on Westbury Close – Dee Rolfe, Mike Sands Orchids, Kimberly Helms, sell boxes of cards leftover from the Deeridge tour.
- 2) Ticket price will be \$40.00. – tickets will be sold on WGC website and in person
- 3) I have two of the writeups done and will continue as Carol Coleman and I go to the gardens, talk with the owners and take pictures.
- 4) A flyer needs to be created. I will contact Christine Biscoglio.
- 5) I will update letters for Advertisers, Sponsors, and Donors by November.
- 6) We will start talking with members and put out sign up sheets at the November membership meeting.
- 7) Prepare a budget – Carol C and I will complete this.
- 8) Michelle Garvey has agreed for us to use the parking lot in front of Village Hall for our starting point.

Added info as of 10/27/25

- 1) The ticket price in advance is \$60.00 per person.
- 2) The ticket price day of tour is \$75.00 per person.
- 3) Members who volunteer ticket price is \$30.00 or \$40.00 per person. (To be determined)
- 4) There will be no advance viewing of the gardens. We will encourage enough members to volunteer so that each volunteer will have to work just two hours per day which will leave 4 hours in which to go on the tour.
- 5) We will have a volunteer sign up sheet at the November Membership Meeting.
- 6) A budget has been prepared and submitted to Marianne Forrest.
- 7) We are planning a committee meeting in early December (at Carol Coleman's home).

As of ~~10/23/25~~ 10/27/25 the Garden of Sandy Sklar will not be on the tour. I have talked with Diane Peaden; she has not given an answer as yet.