

**Wellington Garden Club
1/5/2026 Membership Meeting Minutes
Wellington Community Center**

Please Use the Refreshment Time to Sign-up for Around &ABOUTS, Volunteer Opportunities, and Visit the Plant Raffle Table

WELCOME - Annette Lubsen and Susie Stevenson

A Quorum was established.

All Cell Phones silenced.

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Called to Order at 9:55am

Introduction of New Members and Guests - Anne Hlasnicek introduced and welcomed today's Guests: Mary Schriener, Rafael Almeyda, Peg Carolla, Jim Mantozos, Steve and Annette Gerus, Lisa Miccolis, Suzann Rose, Bobby Farber, Maria Antuna, Bob Breslin, Ruth Arden, Alan Gurewitz, Ben Liberty. New members: Jamie Titus, Anna Giue, Kimberly Chenoweth, Stephen Levin, Liz Mariaca, and Lisa Miccolis were introduced and called forward to receive their WGC pin, Yearbook, and Succulent Shell Gift.

Speaker Presentation: Robin Hummel-Johnson introduced Bryan Beidleman. Topic: "An Intro to Tropical Weather Bonsai"

Meeting Re-convened at 11:04am

Annette thanked Janet Jones and Hospitality Committee for preparing and managing the refreshment tables. Thank you to the members who brought in food items today. The sign-up sheet was passed for volunteers to bring items for the 2/2/26 meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recording Secretary - Minutes for the 11/3/25 Membership Meeting were accepted with Corrections.

Treasurer's Report - Marianne Forrest. The 11/1-12/31/25 Treasurer's Report, and the 6/2025 thru 12/2025 and 11/1/25-12/31/25 P&L Budget vs Actual was submitted.

Presidents Report - Annette Lubsen and Susie Stevenson

Plant-A-Tree (formerly Penny Pines) - The basket will be passed for donations.

Sunset Social - Thank you to Margaret & John Tamsberg for hosting on 11/21/25. The next Sunset Social is Friday, 1/30/26 at the homes of Linda Messina and Sheila Ewing.

Annual Shredding Event - 1/24/26 from 10a-12p at Wellington Town Center.

Encouraged interested members to volunteers to help.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEEK (Save the Earth's Environment through Knowledge) - Cynthia Craig. FFGC is sponsoring an Environmental Conference the first week of June and open to any high school student entering Grades 9-12. Will be held at the

Withlacoochee Forestry Training Center in Brooksville, FL where students will be fully immersed in the program. The cost is \$300 including lodging and meals. WGC accepts applications with a \$50 non-refundable fee, WGC pays the balance. Flyers and Details are available on the table.

WGC Website Tutorial - Carol Ralph. Members will need a password for access to the Membership Resources specific to the club which the public does not have access to. Contact Carol Ralph for a password if you do not have one. Tickets to our 2026 Garden Tour can be purchased on the website with a small fee (\$2.75) to the businesses who provide this online service. Information on all of the projects that WGC supports throughout the year is listed on the website along with reports, minutes, forms, and information for scheduled events.

Introduction of Maria Antuna - Member of the Wellington Community Council visiting us today.

Around & About - Kimberly Helms. Outing planned to Paradise Palms Botanical and Sculpture Gardens in Delray Beach on 1/15/26 (see Yearbook Pg 15 for information). On 2/19, the free tour will be at Society of the Four Arts and Pans Gardens. There will be a \$10 fee for entry into the Chrysler Art Nouveau Exhibit if desired. Lunch at member expense at Al Fresco Restaurant in Palm Beach. Kim mentioned that some tours give a discount for a minimum number in the group. These tours will be non-refundable to those who cancel so that others who signed up are not penalized. Also, Kim does not coordinate the carpools but does distribute a list of those signed up for carpool. Please check among yourselves as to who is driving from the East or West carpool departure locations.

ULDA 2026 (Unsolicited Landscape Design Award) - Stormi Bivin. Introduced this FFGC Design Award project which is for plantings in the Public or Private sectors that have been completed for at least one year, not nominated by the owner, but only by a garden club member in our District X. Submission deadline is March 12, 2026. Information packets will be emailed to all WGC members in the next week.

Florida Arbor Day - Kathy Siena. Third annual will be celebrated on 1/16/26 at 11am at our Wildflower Meadow at Greenbriar Park. All are welcome to attend and support our tree planting events. Plan to plant a Florida native "wild tamarind" tree. Lisa Ferrano mentioned that volunteers are needed to help clean up the Meadow in anticipation of the tree planting on 1/16. Cleanup is scheduled for 1/9/26 at 8:30am

FFGC Tree Count - Kathy Siena. FFGC Garden Clubs are asked to submit a count of trees planted by their members. Awards are given for clubs planting the most trees. Includes trees in public and private places. The tree count record is on the sign-up table. Please add your tree planting count to the list.

Adopt-A-Street - Annette Lubsen. Co-Chairs are Dale Barnhart and Jim Thompson. Our section for cleanup is in front of the Dog Park. Planned for four times a year. Next on 2/3/26 at 9am. Need member participation.

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Floral Design Study Series - Carol Ralph, Carol Lazzarino. There are six study units to this series starting 2/12/26. Need 25 people to sign up (have 11 now). Cost is \$125. It

is good preparation for entering into the WGC Flower Show next year. Initial supplies and materials will be provided. Information is on the WGC website.

WGC Garden Tour - Carol Ralph, Carol Coleman. 3/21/2026 from 10a-4p. Need approximately 42 volunteers/greeters which would allow for two hour shifts. Volunteer ticket price is \$35. There will be a volunteer meeting on Monday, January 12, at 10am in the Wi-Fi Room at Wellington Community Center. This Garden Tour is the biggest fundraiser for WGC. Flyers and signup sheets are on the tables. Also need members to solicit advertisers for the Tour Program, and sponsors. Carol Coleman reported that Victoria McCullough (Mida Farms) has again offered a coach ride pulled by her Clydesdales this year. Raffle tickets will be sold for this.

Garden Arts & Crafts - Carol Lazzarino. Wednesday, February 4, 9a-1p in the Everglades Room in the Wellington Community Center. Project is making a vase in a book.

FFGC Tropical Short Course "Gardening into the Future" - Maria Wolfe. Will be held on Thursday and Friday, January 22-23, at the Wellington Community Center. Can attend one or both days. Cost is \$95 with continental breakfast and lunch included. The cost is eligible for WGC 50% reimbursement (limit of \$100 per year). A great opportunity to learn.

Free Educational Webinar from FFGC - Maria Wolfe. CJ McCartney will speak on Nature Inspired Landscaping "How to Design Sustainable Wildlife Gardens" on January 29 at 1:00pm. Go to FFGC.org to register.

Minute for Gardening - Lisa Ferrano. Discussion on native milkweed and seed. Fun Fact: Milkweed essence is used in India to incarnate the soul and help strengthen self-esteem. Seeds are commonly available from online. A good source is Florida Wildflower Growers Cooperative. Recommend using Florida ecotype seeds.

New Business - None

Old Business - None

Plant Raffle - JoAnn Akins. Earned \$187 today

Plant-A-Tree - Marianne Forrest. Basket collection was \$73.19

Name Tag Raffle - Winners were Jan Seagrave and Susan Specht.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05p

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

WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB
Membership Meeting Agenda
Wellington Community Center – Ballroom
January 5, 2026 - 9:30am

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- ✓ 4. Introduction of new members and guests - Anne Hlasnicek

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- ✓ 4. Unsolicited Landscape Design Award (ULDA 2026) – Stormi Bivin
- ✓ 5. Florida Arbor Day – January 16, 2026 – Kathy Siena
- ✓ 6. *Adapt A Street*

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Use this form for me today PLEASE (Happy New Year!)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT TO THE MEETING: Date: 1-5-26 _____

1. We would like to introduce guests today and say thanks for joining us. After I call your name, please stand so we can give you our WGC Welcome!

Mary Schriener
RAFAEL ALMEIDA ✓
PEG CAROLLA ✓
JIM MANTROZOS ✓
STEVE & ANNETTE
GERUS ✓

LISA MICCOLIS
SUZANN ROSE ✓
BOBBY FARBER ✓
LIZ MARIACA
MARIA ANTUNA ✓
BOB BRESLIN + RUTH ARDEN ✓

2. I am happy to introduce several new members to our club. When I call your name, please come forward to receive the WGC pin, your yearbook and a small gift. (call everyone up together for Carol to present book and pin; Kimberly will present the gift.)

1. Jamie Titus- plant/pin
2. Anna Giue plant pin
3. Kimberly Chenoweth -plant pin book

PLUS -
ALAN
GUREWITZ
+ BEN LIBERTY

get pin
plant
book
miss all

STEPHEN LEVIN
LIZ MARIACA - butterflies
LISA Miccolis - Beautiful Gardens.com

3. All new members should see our club photographer, Paige, who will take your pic for the yearbook.

4. All new members are reminded that their name tags must be returned before leaving the meeting.

5. Mentors for new members are generally the person who brought them. If not, please see Alison for a mentor assignment.

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Wellington Garden Club
Treasurer's Report - November 1- December 31, 2025

Income between Nov. 1st – Dec. 31st is \$7,527.00

Income for November and December 2025 (to date) is attributed to:

- Member Holiday Luncheon Deposits (\$3,528)
- Holiday Luncheon Raffle (\$1,240)
- Floral Design Series 7 Registrations (\$875)
- Member purchases of preordered WGC Polo Shirts with embroidered logo (\$565)
- Anonymous \$500 Donation earmarked for Wekiva LIT Sponsorships (\$500)
- Ongoing collection of 2025/26 Membership Dues (\$265)
- Membership basket donations to the Florida Oceanographic Society for their Sea Grass Restoration program (\$170.58)
- November Membership Meeting Plant Raffle (\$143)
- Collection of Garden Art workshop fee (\$135)
- Wekiva (LIT) Sponsorship Donation (\$80)
- PayPal Giving Fund (Donations - Other \$17.31)
- PNC Credit Card Rewards (\$8.81)

Expenses between Nov. 1st – Dec. 31st are \$5,142.76

Expenses incurred in November and December 2025 (to date) are attributed to:

- Wellington National Golf Club for Holiday Luncheon Meals (\$2,947.93)
- Purchase of gardening materials for Youth Gardens at Pine Jog Elementary and Palm Beach Central High School (\$522.83)
- Paid balance for 36 WGC embroidered shirts (\$522)
- Holiday Luncheon - Other (Entertainment) (\$250)
- Donation to the Florida Oceanographic Society for their Sea Grass Restoration program (\$170.58)
- Purchase of Individual and Family Mounts Memberships (Raffle Prizes) (\$155.00)
- Storage unit fees for Nov. & Dec. (\$111.95)
- Purchase of Wildflower Garden plants (\$100)
- Holiday Luncheon Other Expenses (\$91.57)
- Purchase of Garden Art materials (\$65.60)
- FFGC membership dues for four new members (\$50)
- Postage Forever Stamps (31.20)
- Mailchimp monthly email correspondence fees for Nov. & Dec. (\$26)
- President's Expense (\$25.23)
- Member Education Reimbursement (\$25)
- Treasurer & Accountant Expense (\$21.06)
- Printing Expense (\$15)
- Awards/Grants expense (\$11.86)

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

Checking Account Balance (as of 12/31/2025): \$32,580.02

Marianne Forrest
Treasurer

Danese Sloan-Kendall
Asst. Treasurer

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 June through December 2025

	Jun - Dec ...	Budget	\$ Over Bu...	% of Bud...
Income				
4000 · INCOME				
4100 · Inventory Items Fundraising				
4101 · Boutique Items	865.00	100.00	765.00	865.0%
4104 · Plants Sale	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
4106 · Plant Raffle Meetings	433.00	500.00	-67.00	86.6%
4110 · Misc	-257.50	100.00	-357.50	-257.5%
Total 4100 · Inventory Items Fundraising	1,040.50	2,700.00	-1,659.50	38.5%
4200 · Membership Dues	960.00	6,000.00	-5,040.00	16.0%
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	1,580.00			
4302.1 · Donations Other	1,022.31	0.00	1,022.31	100.0%
4411 · Scholarships	3,000.00			
4302 · Donations & Memorials - Other	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total 4302 · Donations & Memorials	5,602.31	100.00	5,502.31	5,602.3%
4307 · Wekiva Campership Income	0.00	1.00	-1.00	0.0%
4308 · Floral Design	875.00	500.00	375.00	175.0%
4308b · Garden Art	135.00	1.00	134.00	13,500.0%
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	170.58	1.00	169.58	17,058.0%
Total 4300 · Program Services Revenue	7,013.88	905.00	6,108.88	775.0%
4400 · Special Events				
4401 · Around & Abouts	550.00	1.00	549.00	55,000.0%
4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income				
4402.1 · Member Meals Holiday Luncheon	3,528.00	4,500.00	-972.00	78.4%
4402.2 · Other Holiday Luncheon Income	1,235.00	500.00	735.00	247.0%
4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income - Other	5.00	0.00	5.00	100.0%
Total 4402 · Holiday Luncheon Income	4,768.00	5,000.00	-232.00	95.4%
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	5,318.00	9,751.00	-4,433.00	54.5%
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%
4900 · reconciliation	8.81			
Total 4000 · INCOME	16,824.63	40,956.00	-24,131.37	41.1%

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 June through December 2025

	Jun - Dec ...	Budget	\$ Over Bu...	% of Bud...
Total Income	16,824.63	40,956.00	-24,131.37	41.1%
Gross Profit	16,824.63	40,956.00	-24,131.37	41.1%
Expense				
6500 · EXPENSE				
6501 · Inventory Fundraising Expenses				
6502 · Boutique & Logo Items	1,070.99	200.00	870.99	535.5%
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	1,070.99	900.00	170.99	119.0%
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	78.00	350.00	-272.00	22.3%
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	54.67	20.00	34.67	273.4%
6709 · President's Expense	25.23	1,500.00	-1,474.77	1.7%
6710 · Printing Expense	15.00	0.00	15.00	100.0%
6711 · Treasurer & Accountant	449.94	600.00	-150.06	75.0%
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	329.18	700.00	-370.82	47.0%
Total 6717 · Miscellaneous	329.18	700.00	-370.82	47.0%
Total 6700 · Management & General	2,590.21	6,300.00	-3,709.79	41.1%
6800 · Program Services				
6802 · Award & Grants	11.86	100.00	-88.14	11.9%
6803 · Member Education	90.00	2,000.00	-1,910.00	4.5%
6804 · FFGC & District Dues				
6804.1 · Dues FFGC	210.00	1,625.00	-1,415.00	12.9%
6804.2 · Dues District X	0.00	74.50	-74.50	0.0%
Total 6804 · FFGC & District Dues	210.00	1,699.50	-1,489.50	12.4%
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	65.60	100.00	-34.40	65.6%
6808 · Habitat	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
6809 · Youth Activities				
6809.1 · Youth Programs	522.83	1,600.00	-1,077.17	32.7%

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6809.5 · Designated Youth Activities	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total 6809 · Youth Activities	522.83	1,700.00	-1,177.17	30.8%
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	155.00	150.00	5.00	103.3%
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	170.58	1.00	169.58	17,058.0%
6836 · Wellington Landscaping				
6836.b · Wellington Wildflower Garden	185.00	350.00	-165.00	52.9%
6836 · Wellington Landscaping - Other	0.00	350.00	-350.00	0.0%
Total 6836 · Wellington Landscaping	185.00	700.00	-515.00	26.4%
Total 6800 · Program Services	1,465.52	23,102.50	-21,636.98	6.3%
6900 · Special Events Direct Expense				
6901 · Around & Abouts	550.00	100.00	450.00	550.0%
6904 · Holiday Luncheon				
6911 · Holiday Luncheon Other Expenses	91.57	300.00	-208.43	30.5%
6913 · Member Meals	3,447.93	4,500.00	-1,052.07	76.6%
6904 · Holiday Luncheon - Other	186.02	0.00	186.02	100.0%
Total 6904 · Holiday Luncheon	3,725.52	4,800.00	-1,074.48	77.6%
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	4,467.82	10,125.00	-5,657.18	44.1%
Total 6500 · EXPENSE	11,737.74	47,777.50	-36,039.76	24.6%
Total Expense	11,737.74	47,777.50	-36,039.76	24.6%
Net Income	5,086.89	-6,821.50	11,908.39	-74.6%



SEEK
SAVE EARTH'S ENVIRONMENT
THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

2026 S.E.E.K

Environmental Conference Sponsored by
The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs

Where: Withlacoochee Forestry Training Center in Brooksville

When: Wednesday, June 3-Saturday, June 6, 2026

Cost: \$300 Inclusive

Lodging: Onsite at Forestry Training Center

Meals: Onsite at Forestry Training Center

Who Can Attend S.E.E.K?

Students Entering Grades 9 – 12

Registration Link will be provided beginning January 2026 and registration will be conducted on a rolling basis

How to Get Connected

With

The S.E.E.K. Team

Registrar/Chairperson:

Jennifer Seymore

850-901-7178

352-215-7659 (cell)

seekconferencereg@gmail.com

Send Registration fees to:

Jana Walling c/o FFGC SEEK

2121 Olivia Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32308

Once a student is accepted, checks should

be made out to: FFGC SEEK

Memo line should list student's name

What's New for 2026?

This year we will be fully exploring the concepts of innovation and developing new tools to cope with changes to the environment. The mission of SEEK is to increase student environmental literacy through hands-on and field-based educational experiences. In this endeavor, we hope to inspire student interest and involvement in environmental conservation and protection, to promote student development of environmental stewardship ethics as well as environmental career opportunities, and to promote each student's professional development and academic success.

Some of the activities planned are field excursions and experiential activities at labs on and off the Forestry Training Center. Students will have the opportunity to visit one of the area's best springs, to swim with the manatees, and we will have a nature hike and scavenger hunt built around creative problem-solving. In addition, students will interact with current science undergrad and grad students and explore environmental science and forestry careers.

Facilities: Dorm rooms with 4 attendees per quad. Linens (Twin XL) are provided by the facility, but students should bring their own if they have particular preferences. A "what to pack" will be sent at time of final registration acceptance. Meals and transportation to activities will be provided. Presentations will be at various locations around the Forestry Training Center and nearby locations.

ULDA 2026
“UNSOLICITED LANDSCAPE DESIGN AWARDS”
FOR PLANTINGS IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR

- FFGC award, District by District
- Any garden club member may nominate a property in our District X
- FFGC Landscape Design Consultants do the judging using NGC Standards
- Unsolicited” because they are not nominated by the owners
- Nominees are not notified they are being considered

Four categories of nominations:

1. **Small Business** (such as gas stations, fast food, etc.)
2. **Public Facility** (such as library, park, police station, etc.)
3. **Private Facility** (such as church, hospital, residential community entrance, etc.)
4. **Private Residence** (NOT in a gated community)

Info/rules:

- **All landscaping must have been completed for at least one year.**
- **All landscaping must be viewed from the street. Properties within gated communities are not eligible.**
- **Submit photos with applications.**
- **Winning certificates will be presented at the April 23, 2026, Spring District X Meeting, hosted by the Boca Raton Garden Club**
- **Submission deadline is March 12, 2026**

Information packets will be emailed to all WGC members in the next week.

For more information: Stormi Bivin, sbivin@aol.com or (561) 352-0129

Wellington Garden Club Members Meeting

Monday, January 5, 2026

Report on Arbor Day Celebration

Kathy Siena, Chairman

Wellington Garden Club, in partnership with the Village of Wellington, will hold the third annual Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, Jan 16 at 11 am at our Wildflower Meadow at Greenbriar Park. All are welcome to attend and support our tree planting events. We plan to plant a special Florida native "wild tamarind" (*Lysiloma latisiliquum*) tree. **Please mark your calendars and join us on this Florida Arbor Day.** Any questions, please contact me.

Report on Tree Count

Kathy Siena, Chairman

Every year, FFGC asks each garden club to submit a tree count of trees planted by their members. Awards are given to the clubs that have planted the most trees. Trees can be submitted for the count by members at school grounds, public buildings, garden centers, parks, roadsides, private property, tree giveaways, tree sales, and other places. I trust you have kept a record of the trees you have planted and personally participated in.

The tree count record is on the sign up table for you to add your trees to the list. Thank you for your participation.

Report on the Floral Design Study dated 12/21/25

To date we 11 individuals who have shown interest in taking this series. Seven have sent their registration form and check, total of \$875.00. I have prepared an income summary form to give to Marianne on 12/22/25.

Advertising for this has been placing the registration form on the FFGC, District X websites and sending it to all of the club presidents in District X.

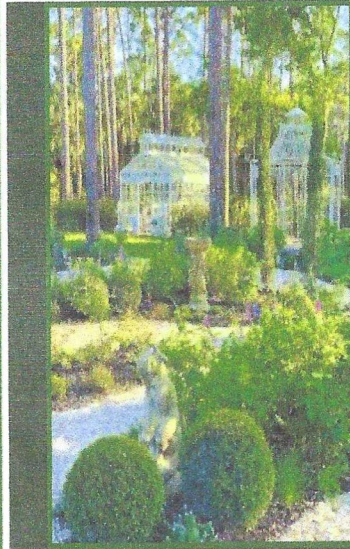
It is now posted on the Wellington Garden Club website (Click on upcoming events, then click on WGC 2026 Floral Design Study Series.) This page contains all information regarding the 6 units included in this series. The registration form is also available on the website.

Carol Lazzarino and I are planning to visit the floral supply shops in January to find out the availability of plant materials and the cost involved.

Carol Lazzarino & Carol Ralph, Co-Chairs

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.

Native Milkweed and Seed Germination

There are 21 native species of milkweed but I'm going to focus on the most common ones.

- *Asclepias tuberosa* aka Butterfly weed is found naturally in dry sandy soil it is named for its tuberous roots. (Orange flower)
- *Asclepias perennis* aka Swamp milkweed is found in wet, shady areas. Perennis means perennial. (White flower)
- *Asclepias incarnata* aka Rose milkweed is also found in wet, shady areas. (Pink flower)
- FUN FACT: A milkweed essence is used in India to incarnate the soul and help strengthen self-esteem.

Seeds for these milkweeds are commonly available from many sources online but I recommend using Florida ecotype seeds. A good source is the Florida Wildflower Growers Cooperative. Packets are \$5.00 and cover 10 sq ft.

HOW TO PLANT??

(show of hands, who has planted seeds in their lifetime) should be everyone

-Seed directly in the prepared garden spot in December or January

-Plant in flats or pots

-Use a moist potting mix, seed starting mix or sand depending on the seed. Place the seed on top of the soil and lightly press into the soil. Don't cover with extra soil because they need light to germinate. Gently water and keep moist in a shady location. When the plants emerge slowly acclimate them to a sunnier location for a few more weeks.

If you planted in a tray those seedlings can be transplanted to cells or pots when they are 2" high with an established root system.

Keep them watered and shaded until plants are 4-6" high before planting in the garden. If you want to keep them in pot just bump them up to larger pots as needed. Remember to keep them watered.

You can check root development by turning the pot upside down and gently lifting off the pot. The roots will show on the bottom and sides of the soil.

Any questions.

Memorial Committee

I was asked by Susie Stevenson to chair a committee for the purpose of finding a standard way to honor our members who pass away. The committee members are John Siena and Kim Helms.

It is our recommendation that we purchase a park bench made of composite material. We would place a small engraved plaque/plate as a memorial installed on the branch as a memorial. A member who has served as an officer would have that distinction indicated on their plaque. The engraving is not expensive. A suggestion for the bench placement would be at our garden by the butterfly garden and the dog park.

A bench can be purchased for around \$400.00-500.00. The Village of Wellington has agreed to install the bench for us, if that is what our decision would be.

Submitted by Jan Seagrave, Committee Chairman



Get ready for an unforgettable evening as the Smith Family Conservatory presents "Night at the Movies." This outstanding concert will showcase TKA's Symphony Orchestra, performing music from some of the most critically acclaimed films in cinema history. Experience the power and emotion of award-winning movie scores that have touched audiences around the world.

From epic adventures to heartwarming tales, this night will take you on a musical journey through some of the greatest movie soundtracks ever composed. Don't miss out on this celebration of film and music - join us for a truly cinematic experience like no other!

- What: NIGHT AT THE MOVIES**
- When: Saturday, February 28, 2026 - 7:00 PM**
- Where: The King's Academy Fine Arts Auditorium
8401 Belvedere Road, WPB 33411**
- Tickets: \$27.00 ALL SEATS**
- Order By: Wednesday, January 7, 2026**

*For ages 10 & up. No babies in arms or strollers permitted in the auditorium.
No children 3 years or under permitted in the auditorium.*

For more info on the production/seating chart, visit: www.tkafinearts.net
Questions: Contact/text Stormi Bivin, (561) 352-0129 or sbivin@aol.com