

**WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB
2/2/2026 MEMBER MEETING MINUTES
WELLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER**

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Income between Jan. 1st – Jan. 30th is **\$6,665.12**

Income for January 2026 (to date) is attributed to:

- Garden Tour Sponsorships (\$1,500)
- Floral Design Series Registration Fees (\$1,500)
- Garden Tour Advance Ticket Sales (\$818.65)
- Shredding Event Proceeds (814.67)
- Garden Tour Advertisement Proceeds (\$750)
- Member Purchases of the Kings Academy "Night at the Movies" Tickets (\$675)
- January Membership Meeting Plant Raffle (\$187)
- Sale of Club Shirts (\$103)
- Garden Art Workshop Registration Fee (\$75)
- Membership Basket Donations to the Plant A Tree Program (\$73.20)
- Receipt of Membership Dues (\$50)
- PayPal Giving Fund and Individual Donations (Donations - Other \$18.50)

Expenses between Jan. 1st – Jan. 30th is **\$1,965.58**

Expenses incurred in January 2026 (to date) are attributed to:

- Purchase of Floral Design Series Supplies (\$640.69)
- Purchase of Group Tickets to The King's Academy "Night at the Movies" Performance (\$550)
- Program Speakers - January & February 2026 (\$275)
- Shredding Event Vendor Fee (\$150)
- Banyon Press Garden Tour Flyers (\$111.12)
- Member Education Reimbursements (\$82.50)
- Storage Unit Fee for January 2026 (\$55.95)
- Correspondence & Mailchimp Expenses (\$52.32)
- FFGC Membership Dues for four new members (\$48)

See the attached Profit & Loss reports: 1) January 2026 (1/1/26-1/30/26) & 2) Fiscal Year to Date (6/1/25-1/30/26) for additional details.

Checking Account Balance (as of 1/30/2026): **\$37,288.37**

Marianne Forrest
Treasurer

Danese Sloan-Kendall
Asst. Treasurer

WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB
Membership Meeting Agenda
Wellington Community Center – Ballroom
February 2, 2026 - 9:30am

PLEASE USE THE REFRESHMENT TIME TO SIGN UP FOR AROUND & ABOUTS, VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES,
AND VISIT THE PLANT TABLE FOR RAFFLES

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Maria Wolfe 3rd VP FFGC

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2. Arbor Day
3. Tropical Short Course
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3. SEEK – Cynthia Craig

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Floral Design Study Series (website) **Carol Ralph & Carol Lazzarino**
2. Garden Tour – **Carol Ralph & Carol Coleman**
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Announcements

1. Plant Raffle total \$ – JoAnn Akins
2. The Coral Restoration Foundation - collection
3. Again, thank you to those who contributed to our complimentary “morning Fare” and again a special thanks to our hospitality committee, who earnestly arrive at 8:00am to start the coffee etc. and arrange the breakfast table.

Name Tag Raffle

Adjourn



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Shredding Profit

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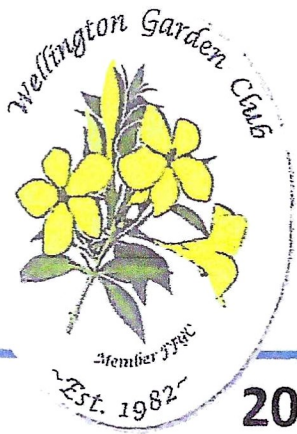
The 1/26/2026 Board Meeting Minutes stated \$885 Gross Income, and Net Profit of \$665.

The 2/2/2026 Member Meeting Minutes stated \$814.67 Gross Profit (According to the Treasurer's Report), and after the \$150 expense for the truck, Net Profit would be \$664.67.

Just wondering if these amounts should be corrected, or just let the Treasurer's Report stand.

Thank you for your guidance.

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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)

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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.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT TO THE MEETING:

Date: 2/2/26

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 Schreiner
LARIE CURTIN
TODD SIENA

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.) 5298660

KAREN SUE ROSSI

JIM MANTROZOS (got book at sign in)

CAROL KRENKEL paid by check renewal
 (RENEWAL)

ERROR

Not a new member - but a renewal for 2026/2027 from a current member.
this was Carol Krenkel

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.

**For Membership table: Send membership applications and check to Data Mgr. who will record info and forward check to the Treasurer and send info to Yearbook editor.

Other notes: