

WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB
Meeting Minutes
Village Park, Pierson Road, Wellington, FL
October 5, 2015

*copies of attachments referenced in these minutes may be obtained by contacting Linda Motzer, Recording Secretary, at lmotzer@aol.com.

- I. Meeting called to order by President Kathy Siena at 10:30am
 - A. Welcome and reminder to silence cell phones
 - B. Reflection – written by John Siena
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance and Camp Wekiva Conservation Pledge

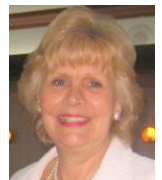


- II. Minutes of the Sept. meeting are waived and can be viewed on the WGC website – Kathy Siena (for Linda Motzer)



- III. **Treasurer's Report** – Danese Sloan-Kendall, Treasurer

WGC began Sept. 1, 2015 with a checking account balance of \$18,414.19. Income since then totaled \$10,519.95 primarily from donations and grants. Pratt Whitney donated \$10,000 to youth garden programs. Expenses were \$3,265.54, consisting primarily of landscaping for Wynnebrook Elementary School, Green Apple Day of Service. Sept. 30th balance in the WGC checking account was \$25,668.60. (See attachment)



- A. WGC Website has been revised and updated. Members are encouraged to use the website.
 - B. Executive Committee meeting attendance policy review – (yearbook page 10)
 - C. New payment policy review – payments for Around & Abouts will be non-refundable if cancelled less than one week prior to the event. (yearbook – Page 10)
 - D. October is Florida Native plant month. Kathy explained what a “Native Plant” is. More information can be found on the Florida Native Plant Society webpage – www.fnps.org.
 - E. Kathy Siena will be making a presentation on The Dangers of Plastic Pollution to the Garden Club of Stuart on Monday, Oct. 12th at 12:30pm
 - F. Thank you to the Hospitality Team and members for the luncheon. More members are asked to sign up to bring sandwiches for the Nov. meeting.
- IV. Jug was passed for donations for Coral Reef Restoration
 - V. **Committee Chair Reports:** (See attachments)
 - A. **Civic/Community Outreach** – Kathy Siena (for Lisa Ferrano)
 - 1. A pollinator garden will be planted at Village Park in Mid-November. This garden will be a joint effort between WGC and Whole Foods.
 - 2. Sept. 26th was National Public Lands Day. WGC worked with various groups from the community that day to plant 700 pine trees at the Wellington Nature Preserve.

B. Camp Wekiva – Kathy Siena (for Harriett Samuels)

1. Members are asked to keep Grandchildren or other children in mind to attend the camp.
2. Twig Morris reminded members to save “Box tops for Education.” These help to raise funds for the camps supplies.

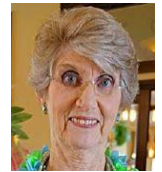


C. Membership – Jim Wenham

1. WGC currently has 151 Members.
2. Jim recognized five guests and three new members in attendance.

D. Garden Tour 2016 – Twig Morris

1. There will be a kick-off meeting Oct. 14th -10:00am at Fire Station 30.
2. At least two more gardens are needed for the tour. Please advise Twig or Barbara Hadsell if you have any garden suggestions.
3. This is our clubs biggest fundraiser - participation and help is needed by all members.



E. External Events – Twig Morris

The District X Fall meeting is being held on Friday, Oct. 16th in Stuart. The cost is \$30 and the deadline to register is Oct. 6th.

F. Environmental – Diane Rice

1. Thanks to all who participated in the ICC Beach Cleanup on Sept. 19th. 68 pounds of garbage was collected. This included 669 cigarette butts and 539 plastic pieces.
2. The first Florida Summit on Fracking will be held Oct. 27th-28th at the Ft. Myers Holiday Inn Airport.



G. Around and Abouts – Diane Patterson

1. The first Around & About will be on Sat. Oct. 10th at the Goss/Cummings Garden in Royal Palm Beach.
2. Monday, Nov. 10th – Adventure Mini Golf in Lake Worth
3. Jan. 21st – Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens

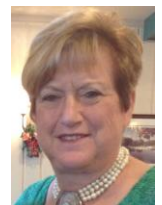


H. Holiday Luncheon – Diane Patterson

The WGC Holiday Luncheon will be held at Mayacoo Lakes Country Club on Dec. 7th. This years' theme is “Cotton Club.” There will be a “Roaring 20’s” costume competition. Cost is \$30 per person. Sign- up sheet is located on the back table.

I. NGC Schools – Barbara Zenker

1. The next class being offered is Landscape Design School on Nov. 10-11.
2. All classes are listed on Page 11 of the WGC Yearbook.



3. Stormi Biven suggested calling the contact person to verify location.

J. Floral Design Workshops – Jayne Kieseewetter

1. The three workshops being held are now full.
2. There is a wait-list if you wish to attend any of the classes. Hand-outs are available today for those who are signed up.



K. Garden Arts and Crafts – Carol Lazzarino

On Wed. Nov. 11th there will be a crafting class with decorative bottles and vases held at Fire Station 30 on Stribling Way. Sign-up sheet and supply lists are located on the back table. There is no cost for this class.



L. Youth Contests and Smokey Bear – Martie Spaier

1. All contest notifications have been sent to the schools, interested parents and several organizations.
2. There was a Smokey Bear presentation at Binks Forest Elementary for the entire school on Sept. 17th
3. Binks Forest Elementary is working to become a Green School.
4. Volunteers are needed to help with the judging of all the various contests. The judging will be done in late November and early December.



M. Wynnebrook Jr. Garden Club and Green Apple Day – Janet Stein

1. All members are invited to attend weekly Wynnebrook Jr. Garden Club activities.
2. An orientation will take place on Wed. Oct. 14th from 3-4pm at the Elks Lodge garden. This will include a nutritional class in the Elks kitchen.
3. The Jr. Garden Club students are well-behaved 4th and 5th graders in the Wynnebrook Aftercare program. The students walk to the Elks Lodge after school.
4. Saturday Sept. 26th was Green Apple day at Wynnebrook. Volunteers from WCG and Pratt & Whitney, along with students and parents, worked to re-do the courtyard with incredible results.



N. Habitat for Humanity of the Palm Beaches – Silke Kieseewetter

1. Habitat for Humanity would like to extend the gift of a small vegetable and pollinator gardening lesson to the complete families (including kids).
2. The lesson will provide materials that will be easy enough to take home and continue growing at home.
3. Barbara Hadsell will aid in providing materials in addition to the funds allocated by the district for H4H.

O. Lighthouse for the Blind Glasses Collection – Cass Stryker



Members are asked to bring in old eye glasses to donate for Lighthouse for the Blind. Please check drawers and cubby holes at home – even broken glasses are accepted. Cass will provide a donation box and deliver them when the box is full.

VI. **Horticulture Moment** – Laurie Hristov

Laurie gave an informative talk about the “Aspidistra” plant.



VII. **Blessing of the luncheon buffet** – Kathy Siena

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 11:30am

IX. Prior to the program Mary Ellen Chestnut drew a name tag for the raffle, and reminded everyone to check their tickets for the plant raffle.

X. Following the name tag raffle, Doreen Baxter introduced the guest speaker, Mary Ellen Chestnut. Mary Ellen gave a presentation on how to “Understand and Enjoy a Flower Show.”

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Motzer, Recording Secretary



Mary Ellen Chestnut and Christine Biscoglio presented
“Understand and Enjoy a Flower Show.”



Thanks to Carol Krenkel for the beautiful and artistic table displays.



Thanks to Jayne Kiesewetter for the beautiful Sansevieria plant awarded a blue ribbon by flower show judge, Christine Biscoglio.

