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The Newsletter of the Wellington Garden Club

MAR/APRIL 2015

www.wellingtongardenclub.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Twig Morris
President 2013-2015

If March is here, can spring be far behind? There are many exciting events planned this spring. I hope you will take part in one or more of them.

"Gardening Makes a World of Difference Day" takes place at the Wellington Amphitheater on Sunday, March 8 from 10 AM to 4 PM featuring free gardening lectures and demonstrations as well as a plant sale, raffle and other educational exhibits. Thanks to all those who have signed up to help. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to attend. This is our last fundraiser of the club year and proceeds will go toward our scholarship, civic beautification projects and environmental programs.

Also in this issue you can read about the many educational opportunities available to members such as Landscape Design Course IV on March 17 and 18 in Miramar and Flower Show School Course II to be held March 31-April 2 in Port St. Lucie. More information and links to registration forms are on pages 15 and 16.

April brings our last Around & About of the club year when we visit the Four Arts Botanical Garden on April 9, followed by lunch at Serenity Gardens Tea House. Be sure to sign up for this at the March meeting. On April 19 we will participate in Wellington's Earth Day celebration at the Wellington Amphitheater. This is always a wonderful event for the whole family.

Also in April is the FFGC Annual Convention "Rhythm of the Tropics" in Boca Raton. I look forward to a great turnout from our members, especially since it's so close to home. It promises to be lots of fun. More convention schedule and registration form at: http://www.ffgc.org/events/upcoming_convention/index.html. Reimbursement for some of the expenses associated with the annual convention and courses mentioned above is available to members. Learn more on page 16.

There's more news of garden club activities past and future on the following pages. As I always say, the Wellington Garden Club offers something for everyone so you'll certainly find something here that is right up your alley. Remember to go to Village Park for our monthly meeting on March 2 when you can sign up for many of these offerings.

Twig

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH – APRIL – 2015

Mar 2	Garden Club Meeting
Mar 8	WGC Plant Sale, Wellington Amphitheater 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Mar 8 – 14	Wellington Garden Week
Mar 17 – 18	Landscape Design School Course IV, Miramar Please note date change
Mar 19	Adopt-a-Street (9:30 a.m. Meet at Dog Park parking lot)
Mar 19	Wellington Community Center Maintenance 8:30 a.m.
Mar 26 – 27	Deep South Convention, Birmingham, AL
Mar 30	WGC Executive Committee Meeting (10:30 – noon)
Mar 31 – Apr 2	Flower Show School Course II, Port St. Lucie
Apr 6	Garden Club Meeting
Apr 9	Around & About – Society of the Four Arts Garden
Apr 17 – 20	FFGC Convention, Embassy Suites, Boca Raton
Apr 19	Earth Day Celebration, Wellington Amphitheater
Apr 28	WGC Executive Committee Meeting (10:30 – noon)

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Danese Sloan-Kendall, Treasurer

January 31, 2015

Wellington Garden Club began January 1, 2015 with a checking account balance of \$25,611.71.

Income since then totaled \$2,639.20, primarily from Around & Abouts.

Expenses since January 1st were \$2,654.01 consisting primarily of payment for Around & Abouts and the upcoming Spring Luncheon.

Balance in the Wellington Garden Club checking account as of January 31, 2015 is \$25,596.90.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Carol Coleman

The Wellington Garden club met on February 2, 2015 at the new location in Village Park on Pierson Road. The club currently has 171 members, including two new members who joined at the February meeting. Here's a little bit about each of them. Please introduce yourself to them at the next meeting.

Mary Barbara Alexander – 1727 Primrose Ln., Wellington; Cell: 508-494-7863; Email: mbas@verizon.net. She is interested in helping with gardening-related activities, civic improvement and hospitality/social events. Her professional background ranges from educator to graphic designer/artist/photographer and work as a zoologist and environmental administrator.

Caroline Kessman – 3068 Florence St., Wellington, Cell: 561-324-8320; Email: ckessman@gmail.com. She would like to help with gardening-related activities, youth programs, civic improvement fundraising and hospitality/social events. She lists her professional background as educator.

2015-16 DUES REMINDER

Members are reminded that 2015-16 dues are payable by May 1, 2015. In accordance with our Articles of Association, Members whose dues are unpaid by June 1 (FFGC dues deadline) cannot be included in the starting membership roster. Those members can be reinstated upon payment of delinquent dues, but unfortunately cannot be listed in the current Yearbook as the Yearbook represents the beginning year membership roster.

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

By Rosemarie Schaefer

On Thursday morning, February 12, 2015, eight new members met with the Executive Committee and Mentors for an informal welcome reception at the home of Rosemarie Schaefer. Everyone had an opportunity to get acquainted in a very relaxed, informal gathering. Twig Morris, WGC President, shared information, local programs and events, and explained how WGC fits into the National, Regional, State and District levels offering a variety of opportunities for new members to become involved beyond the local level.



Left to right, back row:
Barbara Phelan, Martie Spaier, Twig
Morris, Helga Mesmer, Joann Atkins,
Barbara Segura

Left to right, front row:
Petra Russell, Mary Ann Hesser,
Barbara Hadsell, Kathy Siena, Caroline
Kessman, Caren Griffin, Stormi BivIn.

HOSPITALITY

By Jorun Legraid, Spring Hospitality Chair



Garden club members listed below have signed up to bring food donations to March and April 2015 meetings. **Please prepare your food item to cover at least 12 people. A small written description** of ingredients should accompany your donation to help members with food allergies. **Signup sheets** for March, and April food donations and for Table Décor were available at the February 2015 meeting.

If you haven't already signed up, please contact Jorun Legraid at 561-790-6696 or email legraid@comcast.net for April donations of food or Table Décor and for any questions or changes.

	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
SANDWICHES	Martie Spaier Marilyn Rosen Gayle Galle Angela Harper Rickie Pollacchi Heather Stewart Diane Patterson Carol Coleman JoAnn Atkins	
SALAD	Barbara Phelan Natalie Steinmetz Jayne Kiesewetter Uma Bhatti Vody Bushey Betty Naulty Melanie Harwood Linda DeSanti Caren Griffin	Marilee McGinnis Dale Hesser Ellen Rawlings Barb Segura Shirley Horn Margie Sandell Evy Bartley
DESSERT	Diana Guastella Cheryl Karlo Beverley Ginn Dori Green Beth Foos Alice Mueller Barbara Zenker	Mary Ann Hesser Beth Stewart Tom Wenham Gayle Galle Maria Villari Nancy Seagrave Kay Brown Peggy Krajewski Melanie Harwood
CENTERPIECE		

WGC MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monday, March 2, 2015

Commonly Occurring Plant Diseases In Your Back Yard

Dr. Ken Pernezny

Do your garden and landscape need help? Join us for expert advice from Dr. Ken Pernezny, a retired professor emeritus of plant pathology at the University of Florida. His expertise at UF was centered on disease problems facing Florida's vegetable industry. Since retirement, he has been a weekly volunteer at the plant hotline for the Palm Beach County Extension Office and assists county agents and Master Gardeners in diagnosing plant health issues that are found in your back yard. Join us for this informative presentation.

Email: Kenp@ufl.edu



Monday, April 6, 2015

Restoring Florida's Vanishing Coral Reefs

Kayla Ripple



Our April 6 speaker will be Kayla Ripple, Outreach Coordinator for the Coral Reef Foundation in Key Largo. This reef restoration effort is one that has been embraced by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and furthers our club's mission to conserve natural resources and protect the environment.

Kayla is a graduate of the University of Tampa where she received her B.S. in Marine Sciences and Biology with a minor in Environmental Science. While at UT, Kayla focused her studies on coral reefs and fell in love with the wonderful world of coral. Kayla came to Key Largo for a Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF) internship in September 2012. While interning at REEF, she was able to volunteer with Coral Restoration Foundation (CRF) and became a CRF intern following the end of her REEF internship. She now works for CRF as the Outreach Coordinator and Programs Assistant.

<http://www.coralrestoration.org/>

AROUND AND ABOUT – Thursday, April 9, 2015

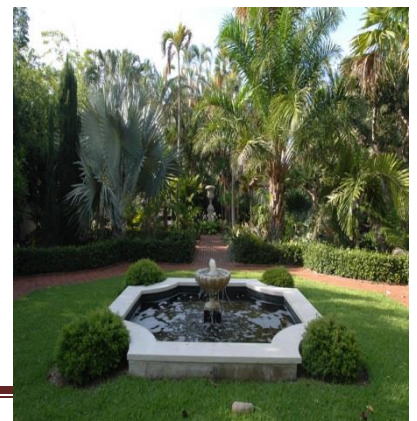
The Four Arts Botanical Garden

Tour begins at 10:30am Join for one or both:

Tour Cost: \$5 Lunch : \$23

Total for both: \$5 + \$23 = \$28

In 1938 the Garden Club of Palm Beach planted seven small demonstration gardens on the Society of the Four Arts property. For nearly seven decades these gardens have served as a guide for homeowners seeking plants which thrive in the sub-tropical South Florida climate. Join our guide, Leslie Diver, as she takes us through a history of Palm Beach and the Botanical Gardens.



Observe the outdoor museum in the Philip Hulitar Sculpture Garden and learn about these important and sometimes whimsical pieces of art. Before you leave, take a few minutes to appreciate the garden's quiet serenity. Then enjoy lunch in a beautiful setting at the Serenity Gardens Tea House located in West Palm Beach

LUNCH: Follows at Serenity Gardens Tea House - 316 Valette Way-West Palm Beach
Phone (561) 655-3911 / www.serenitygardentea.com

CARPOOL: Leaves Ultima Fitness or IHOP at 9:30am

SIGN-UP at a meeting, or contact Diane Patterson (561) 795-7742 / or email at dpatte5353@gmail.com

WEKIVA YOUTH CAMP

By Harriet Samuels, Chairman

HEAR YE. HEAR YE !!!!! WEKIVA CAMPERSHIPS

Deadline approaching for 2015 camperships and financial assistance from the Wellington Garden Club.

Please apply on line to Wekiva Youth Camp.

Application should indicate that Wellington Garden Club is sponsoring your camper and send the registration and fee (\$40.00) for each youngster to the appropriate address indicated on the application.

NEXT: Send a hard copy of the page with the camper's name, address and parental/guardian information to

Harriet Samuels
Wekiva Chair
12598 Majestic Isles Drive
Boynton Beach, FL 33437

For further information or clarification call 561-715-0950.

LET'S HAVE A BUMPER CROP OF CAMPERS ATTENDING IN 2015!

YOUTH GARDEN CLUBS NEWS

By Barbara Hadsell, Jr. Garden Clubs Chairman

Pine Jog Environmental Center Fellowship Program

A few weeks ago, our club began a partnership with the Pine Jog Environmental Center Fellowship Program. This program for high school students is an innovative three-semester program that aims to develop young leaders who are knowledgeable about various environmental issues impacting South Florida. After exploring the major environmental issues, Pine Jog Fellows make a difference in their local community through environmental service

learning and by serving as mentors to school-aged youth. Through our club's partnership with Pine Jog, Fellows are now mentoring the junior garden clubs at Wynnebrook Elementary and Equestrian Trails Elementary.



One of the fellows, Mary Banister, is pictured here. Mary is a senior at A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts where she plays the violin. Her passion for environmental issues has led her to be a part of the Pine Jog Fellowship. Mary has had a passion for the environment from a young age; she especially cares about protecting the ocean and its reefs and is an active scuba diver. She has also spent her summers working with programs focusing on sustainability in Guatemala and India.

Currently, in the third semester of the fellowship, she is teaching a group of students at Wynnebrook Elementary School during aftercare about environmental concerns and, with her partner Connie Valli, leading them in carrying out a project to make their school a greener place. Mary can't wait to work with the kids at Wynnebrook to make a positive impact.

**Pine Jog Elementary School
Coral Reef Restoration Project
Pine Jog Elementary School, West Palm Beach**

The theme for their Artist of the Week contest for January was Coral Restoration Storyboards as they launched their unit in Art and Science on Coral Reefs. Storyboards feature coral and the message of "Saving our oceans, one coral garden at a time." The storyboards were designed to encourage their Kindergarten Art Club members to partner with the 4th and 5th grade STEM Club members to take a personal role in conserving and protecting our oceans. 10-15 students' storyboards were selected to continue on in the contest. In February they were invited to come in two days after school to create a larger version on a tri-fold board that is 36 inches high and 48 inches wide. A storyboard will be contributed to each of FFGC's 12 Districts for display at District meetings and will also be displayed at the FFGC TriCouncil workshop at the 2015 FFGC Convention.



The attached project was sponsored by District X's Wellington Garden Club and FFGC's Coral Reef Restoration Project.

Equestrian Trails Elementary School

By Silke Corredor and Barbara Hadsell

WGC Jr. Garden Club leaders, Silke Corredor and Barbara Hadsell present a thank you for the seeds poster to Rocky's Ace Hardware-Tequesta manager Greg Wilde. The 3rd/4th grade "Master Planters" at Equestrian Trails Elementary created the colorful poster.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Tirado Family

Plantings on Tuesday, February 17, 2015



Those involved in the plantings were Lisa Ferrano, Linda DeSanti, Silke Corredor and Deb Russell.



WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

By Kathy Siena, Youth Contest Chair

“The Dangers of Plastic Pollution” Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful

Kathy Siena, Youth Contest Chair/1st VP gave a PowerPoint Presentation to the Oleander Garden Club with WGC members attending: Phil MacNack, Diane Rice, John Siena, Tim and Barbara Hadsell, Shirley Fennern and Silke Corredor on February 9, 2015 at Pine Jog Environmental Center. There were more than 30 people attending to hear the presentation. It was based on her report “Educator’s Lesson Ideas on the Dangers of Plastic Pollution” that began a couple of years ago. The “Educator’s Lesson Ideas” report was given to teachers and students with the Youth Contests.

She chose six related topics to talk about using not only her information sharing but through live videos and website links. The topics were (1) International and local Coastal Cleanups, (2) The Great Garbage Patch Ocean Gyres, (3) Plastic Waste (4) Lake Worth Lagoon, (5) Marine Debris, and (6) The 4 R’s of Sustainable Living: Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. This was an informative and inspirational talk to help educate garden club members on the dangers that exist with plastic waste and how we can help alleviate plastic pollution, especially in our own back yard here in Palm Beach County.

BEACH CLEAN-UP

By Silke Corredor



A big thanks for all who helped clean the beach on Palm Beach Island on Valentine’s Day, Saturday, February 14th. We had a decent turnout for a chilly day, but then we were gifted with a beautiful morning. In all, we had 35 volunteers. A big thank you to the West Palm Beach P.A.L., South Olive Elementary School Safety Patrol, the Cardinal Newman guys, Equestrian Trails Elementary School, the Butlers, the Landers, the Jacksons, the Bartos and Mr. Paine!

We removed 50 lbs. of trash that went into four large trash bags, which means a LOT of small plastic was taken off the beach and is no longer able to harm the marine life.

We also got caps! Caps that will help get local handicapped children much needed wheelchairs. Thanks to Caps of Love!

Stay tuned for the location details of our next clean up on Saturday, March 14th! Let’s make it another great day!

HORTICULTURE

By Laure Hristov, Horticulture Chairman

Be a Tree Hugger and Plant a Tree!

There are many reasons to keep trees in the landscape and their value goes far beyond aesthetics. In Florida where the sun shines almost all the time, it is almost a necessity to provide shade. Your A/C Bill can be reduced by 20% or more with a few well-placed trees. Did you know that one full grown oak tree puts enough oxygen in the air each day to keep you breathing for up to 24 hours? Trees also help remove pollution from the air and also cut down on noise pollution as well. Trees also attract wildlife. Birds and squirrels nest in the trees and consume millions of bugs, weed seeds and ripening fruit. They also play a role in controlling soil erosion and their roots hold soil against the onslaught of Florida's storms, and last but not least for the pure pleasure of the flowers some of them produce and their fragrance wafting through the air in your garden!

Always plan ahead when planting a tree. Most importantly, know its full grown size! Research whether it is deciduous (loses all its leaves in winter) or not. You certainly don't want to plant a tree that will lose all its leaves and have Bromeliads planted under it or have it be near a pool or patio that is not screened in. Make sure it doesn't have berries or seeds that drop, which can be a nuisance near sidewalks and driveways.

Here are a few favorites of mine: Gumbo-limbo (*Bursera simaruba*), Magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*), Japanese Fern Tree (*Filicium decipiens*) Vera Wood (*Bulnesia arborea*), Dahoon Holly (*Ilex cassine* -there is also a Weeping Yaupon Holly (*Ilex vomitoria pendula*), Ligustrum (*Ligustrum japonicum*), Hong Kong Orchid Tree (*Bauhinia blakeana*(Make sure it's the True Hong Kong Orchid - no Seed), Geiger Tree (*Cordia sebestena*), Cassia fistula, Dwarf Poinciana (*Caesalpinia pulcherrima*), Lignum Vitae (*Guaiacum sanctum*) , Queen Crape Myrtle, Lonchocarpus, Tabebuia imptetigionosa, Satin Leaf (*Chrysophyllum oliviforme*- use in a grouping) Bahama Strongbark, Bridal Veil Tree (*Caesalpinia granadillo*), Ylang Ylang (*Canaga odorata*) Chinese Perfume Tree (*Aglaia odorata*) Joy Perfume Tree (*Michelia champaca alba*) and the Milky Way Tree (*Stemmadenia litoralis*).

ELKS VEGETABLE GARDEN

Volunteers are needed every Tuesday and Friday to work in the Aquaponic Vegetable Garden



Tim Hadsell along with Lisa Ferrano and Linda DeSanti could really use your help on **Friday mornings**. Transplanting seedlings and harvesting mature veggies will go on into early April.

Tim is also working at perfecting the Aquaponics garden system to accompany the new hydroponic garden. Please come out and learn about these new gardening methods and help feed the hungry.

The Elks Lodge is on Belvedere, two blocks east of Jog Rd. on the south side. Tim will be happy to take your calls or just stop in on Fridays at 9 am for an hour or two. Questions? call Tim at 561-670-4790.

WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB MEMBER EDUCATION

POT FUN CRAFTING CLASS

By Carol Lazzarino, Chairman

On Wednesday, February 4th, several of the WGC members met at Carol's class to make decorative plant pots, not only for ourselves, but for the "Gardening Makes A World of Difference" affair being held on March 8th at the Wellington Amphitheater by our club. Unbelievably beautiful.... the pots that some of these girls turned out. I must say, this club is full of "hidden" talent that shows up when put to the test. We had lots of fun learning different techniques that our instructor has mastered. Can't wait for the next class to see what Carol has in store for us



FLORAL DESIGN WITH CANDLESTICKS

By Jayne Kiesewetter and Bernice Correra, Co-Chairs



When you think of the warm feeling a lighted candle gives, you can therefore imagine the camaraderie of spirit that settled over the Floral Design class on January 27th. The base of our design was a candle stick and candle. The theme, though optional, was Valentine's Day. Class instructors Susan Hillson and Chris Biscoglio, set the light-hearted tone by appearing with large, heart-shaped sunglasses. That relaxed us with the reminder that we were there to have fun, even though we were learning as we worked. Principles and Elements of Design were referenced and gentle one-on-one nudging helped move us along to create truly beautiful and unique designs around our candle and candlestick. Chris and Susan had gone out of their way to provide extra-curricular bling which we could add to our arrangements if we so chose. And this, in itself, brought out a flair which some of us might not otherwise have thought we had in us. It was a delightful time, saddened only by the thought that this was our next to last class of the season.



Barbara Phelan



Mary Anne Greely



Suzanne Rares

GARDENING MAKES A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Sunday, March 8th

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Wellington Amphitheater

12300 West Forest Hill Blvd., Wellington

Presented by the

Wellington Garden Club

FREE ADMISSION!

Fabulous Plant Sale

Exciting Raffle Items

Magnolia Tree donated and planted by Austin Outdoor Landscape Services

Beautiful Flowering Tree from Quintessence Nursery

Outdoor Room Furnishings by Pamela Crawford

Gorgeous Window Boxes with veggies and flowers and more....

"Ask the Experts" –Bring your plant questions for our Master Gardeners

FREE SEMINARS

Landscape Makeovers – 1:00 p.m.

Presented by **Pamela Crawford**, nationally known landscape architect and author

Florida Friendly Landscaping

11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Presented by **Inger Jones and Mona Johnston**, Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, National Wildlife Habitat Stewards.

Learn how to turn your yard into a wildlife habitat

Bee Understanding – 10 a.m. to 3 pm

Presented by **Al Salopek**, beekeeper. Learn the important role honeybees play in our food supply chain. View a demonstration hive. Purchase locally-grown honey.

Proceeds Benefit Our Civic Beautification, Environmental and Youth Programs

2016 SECRET GARDENS OF WELLINGTON

Seems like just yesterday we held our 2014 Secret Gardens of Wellington tour and it's time to get ready for the next one. Although the next tour will not be until April 2016, we've already started looking for beautiful gardens to feature next year. If you have a garden you're proud of and would like to show off to the public, or if you know of someone who has such a garden, or happen to drive by an outstanding garden, please contact Joan Kaplan at admiral29@aol.com and give her the details. Preferably, gardens will be either in or close to Wellington, so that would include nearby areas of Royal Palm Beach, Lake Worth, West Palm Beach and Loxahatchee.

AROUND & ABOUT TRIP TO REDLAND ORGANIC HERB FARM

On Thursday, February 5th, Diane Patterson, our Around and About chairman, and 38 members of WGC chartered a bus to Homestead, FL to tour the gardens with Carolyn Coppolo, owner & manager of Redlands Organic Herb Farm where they have been growing herbs since 1994. Unfortunately, it was rather a "soggy" day for our tour, but we managed to stay under our umbrellas while she elaborated on her garden, as well as provided us with a workshop on an economical (aquaponic cycle) S.S. Eco System for inducing healthier, stronger and chemical-free plants. After our tour, a beautiful, exotic lunch was prepared by a local culinary chef in her old 1899 farmhouse built from the old Miami-Dade pine. Lots of folks came home with herbs and goodies from her shop. What a delightful day and lots of fun on the bus ride home. Kudos again to Diane for all the effort she takes to create such interesting Around and Abouts. Never knew this club would be so much fun!!

Added note; especially loved the gate to Carolyn's property made out of an old iron and wicker headboard...quite unique to say the least! We loved her frugality!



A damp & rainy tour begins



White Cockatoo showing off on his trapeze – unbelievable!



Demonstrating SS. Eco System – save money, eat well, live healthy
Alternative custom growing systems





Inside of 1899 first farmhouse in Homestead, FL. Note the stone and mortar fireplace and interior Miami-Dade slash pine and stone walls.



Workshop taking place in growing rooms



Herbs growing in cinderblock

SUNSET SOCIAL
Kevin Foster, Host, with Mary Drexler
Saturday, January 31st

What a fabulous party! Lots of fun, great turnout and the appetizers were superb....so many creative dishes to choose from. There was no shortage of food this night! What terrific weather we had for an outside party, and Kevin's home was the perfect setting for success. He even had a beautiful dance floor for everyone to enjoy. I might add, he even had a "dance-off". See #10 below!



Deb Russell, Bonnie Wenham & her mother



Cass Stryker & Barbara Hadsell



Katherine & Bill Kouba



Kevin Foster, Joe Schaefer, Jerry & Mary Anne Greely, Mary Drexler, Pat & Marilyn Walvoord



Caren Griffin, Kathy Siena, Mary Drexler & Jim Wenham



Doreen Baxter & Marilyn Walvoord

**COURSE IV
LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL
March 17 & 18, 2015
Miramar, Florida**

Members of the Wellington Garden Club are invited to attend Course IV of the NGC Landscape Design School to be held next month on March 17 & 18 in Miramar, FL--an hour south of here, just off of I-75. You need not have taken the other courses to take Course IV. Here is a link to the topics that will be covered over the two days and the link to registration.

[NGC Landscape Design School Course IV
Registration for LDS IV](#)

We have several members enrolled including myself, as proctor and instructor. Other club members attending are Stormi Bivin, Laure Hristov, Fred Gerkin, Barbara May, Bobbie Ziegler and Barbara Zenker. Susan Hillson is a Landscape Design Consultant.

Some attendees commute and some stay overnight. Hotel information is included with the registration form. Please consider joining us.

Barbara Hadsell
NGC Landscape Design Consultant

District X Flower Show School II

By Susan Hillson, Publicity Chairperson

District X Flower Show School Course II will be held on March 31-April 2, 2015 in Port St. Lucie.

The Registration form can be found on the District X website, www.districtx.org

Flower Show School is composed of 4 courses which can be taken in any order, so if you missed course 1, you can start with course 2.

A 2-for-1 CLUB SPECIAL is being offered to those members who wish to take the course for enrichment only and do not plan to become a flower show judge. Contact Susan Hillson for more details. Please get your registration in soon so you will have time to prepare in advance.

Hope to see you there.

MEMBER EDUCATION REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Several years ago, the WGC Executive Committee added Standing Rule #10 to its Articles of Association, as contained in your Yearbooks on page 42. Although the policy is clearly stated in Standing Rule #10, the procedure for receiving reimbursement was never clearly defined. If you plan to attend the FFGC and NGC events listed above, or the FFGC Convention described on the following page, reimbursement for course or program costs may be available under the WGC Member Education Reimbursement Policy.

The Executive Committee has now developed the following reimbursement procedure for member education expenses.

- Member will submit an expense request form and proof of registration to the Assistant Treasurer for approval. All requests for reimbursement must be received 30 days prior to the beginning of the course. Exceptions to the 30-day requirement may be made at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- The request will be reviewed by the Executive Committee on a case-by-case basis and the member notified of the amount of reimbursement. Member will also be reminded that receiving compensation carries with it an obligation to share the knowledge gained as outlined in Standing Rule #10.
- Reimbursement will be made by the treasurer upon proof of completion of the course and member will again be reminded of the requirement to share the knowledge with club members.
- Reimbursement will be made for the cost of the course only. No reimbursement is available for lodging, meals or books.



PLEASE PRINT (Use Separate Registration Form for Each Attendee)

NAME (Last) _____ (First) _____ DISTRICT _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE _____ CLUB/CIRCLE _____
 EMAIL _____ EMERGENCY CONTACT (Name & Phone) _____

CIRCLE ALL CATEGORIES WHICH APPLY TO YOU

- First Time Attendee Delegate Alternate Club/Circle Member Club/Circle/Council President
 FFGC Officer/District Director FFGC Board Member FFGC Former President FFGC Life Member



FULL CONVENTION (Saturday & Sunday) PACKAGE PLAN - Must be postmarked prior to March 20, 2015

(Includes Registration fee, 2 luncheons, 2 evening banquets (Breakfast and Cocktail Hour are included in Embassy Suites accommodations.)

Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, April 19, 2015 \$150.00 \$ _____

PART TIME (Saturday OR Sunday) REGISTRATION/MEAL PLANS - Must be postmarked prior to March 20, 2015

ONE DAY PACKAGE PLAN

(Includes Registration fee, 1 luncheon, 1 evening banquet (Breakfast and Cocktail Hour are included in Embassy Suites accommodations.)

Saturday, April 18, 2015 \$90.00 \$ _____

Sunday, April 19, 2015 \$95.00 \$ _____

ONE DAY A LA CARTE PLAN

FFGC Member One Day Registration – Saturday, April 18, 2015 \$25.00 \$ _____

Luncheon – Saturday, April 18, 2015 \$28.00 \$ _____

Evening Banquet – Saturday, April 18, 2015 \$43.00 \$ _____

FFGC Member One Day Registration – Sunday, April 19, 2015 \$25.00 \$ _____

Luncheon – Sunday, April 19, 2015 \$28.00 \$ _____

Evening Banquet – Sunday, April 19, 2015 \$48.00 \$ _____



OPENING NIGHT DINNER & SHOW

(This special event is complimentary to all FFGC Board of Directors.)

Members, spouses and guests may attend. Opening Night Banquet & Show – Friday, April 17, 2015 \$35.00 \$ _____

Check if attending complimentary show/entertainment only

Any Registration postmarked after March 20, 2015, add Late Fee of \$20.00 \$ _____

Total Amount Due \$ _____

Mail check payable to "FFGC 2015 CONVENTION" with this Registration form to Barbara Horan, Registrar
 2738 Kelly Brooke Lane, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442-7954, 954-698-0109, BarbaraPHoran@msn.com

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND ANY PROGRAMS, MEALS OR WORKSHOPS. NO WALK-INS.

Confirmations will be sent via email. For USPS mail acknowledgement of registration, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. **No refunds after April 2, 2015. Registration Fee is Non-Refundable.**

Dietary Restrictions for extreme health issues must accompany registration. Every effort will be made to meet extreme health issues. The hotel may not be able to honor every request. No fish or shell fish will be served.

Hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel prior to March 20, 2015

Embassy Suites Boca Raton
Reservation Group Code: FFG

661 NW 53rd Street, Boca Raton, Florida 33487; 561-994-8200 or 1-800-362-2779

Use This Link to Register Online: <http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/B/BCTNWES-FFG-20150416/index.jhtml>

Registrar Use Only

Reg. No: _____

Check No: _____

Deposit No: _____

BOYNTON BEACH GARDEN CLUB INVITES YOU TO A DAY AT FAIRCHILD BOTANIC GARDEN TO ENJOY THE DALE CHIHULY EXHIBITION

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015



This exhibit will be Chihuly's most comprehensive garden exhibit to date in Miami and is part of Art at Fairchild, a seasonal program that invites international artists to display their works at the 83-acre tropical oasis.

Chihuly is known for revolutionizing the Studio Glass movement and elevating the perception of the glass medium to fine art. His work is included in more than 200 museums worldwide, including the Norton Museum in West Palm Beach.

We welcome you, your spouses and friends to join us. The cost is \$52 which includes everything for the day – the bus, tip, admission and lunch. If you choose to bring your lunch the cost is \$33.

For more information, contact Mary Scheitler at scheitlerm@bellsouth.net or at 561-491-8033. The absolute deadline for signing up and payment is March 18.

RECYCLING PROGRAMS

Here are some programs in which the club participates that don't cost you anything.

1. Start Saving UPC labels from Campbell's and other products as part of the "Labels for Education Program" helps buy supplies for FFGC Wekiva Youth Camp.

2. Saving Plastic bottle caps for "Caps for Love" helps the disabled by providing them with wheelchairs and service dogs. Click on the following link to find out more.

<http://www.wellingtongardenclub.org/PDF/labels&caps.pdf>

NOTE: Bonnie Wenham and Mary Ann Hesser collect the caps, and Twig Morris collects the UPC labels.

Caps of Love

Many thanks to all the folks who donate the numerous bottle caps. It's important to again mention what is acceptable and what is not acceptable. These caps (pictured) are NOT acceptable as they contain metal discs.

ANY **CAP CONTAINING ANY METAL:** beer caps, aluminum pull tabs, sprayers and pumps (metal springs inside), metal coated plastic caps, Ensure or Pediasure caps, Ragu sauce caps, corks, jelly jar lids, and pickle lids are all **unacceptable**.

Also unacceptable:

Any plastic cap that crunches when bent such as fast-food restaurant drink lids, clear hard plastics like lucite, or any solid hard cap like those found on cosmetic bottles.

Acceptable caps include any cap or lid that is all plastic, i.e.: bottle caps. Paper inserts and any foreign materials must be removed. Examples of **good plastic caps** are from laundry detergents, beverages, toothpaste, shampoo, spray paint, tennis ball can lids, cream cheese and ice cream lids, medicines (must have paper liner removed) and so many others. Look in your pantry, under your sink, and in your garage for other types of plastic caps you may not have considered.

Special thanks to Bonnie Wenham for coordinating this very worthwhile project.

JOIN THE 3R CLUB
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REDUCE landfill
REUSE to make new products
RECYCLE program that pays money to the 3R Club

ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED:

M&M BAGS – All Mars candy (M&M, Twix, Snickers) bags, all sizes

CELL PHONES – Standard cell phones, iPhones, Smartphones (remove all personal information)

INK CARTRIDGES – Ink cartridges, inkjet cartridges, and toner cartridges, all makes and models

PENS, PENCILS, MARKERS – Pens, pen caps, mechanical pencils, markers & caps

COLGATE ORAL CARE – Colgate toothpaste tubes, caps, toothbrushes, outer packaging, & floss containers

PERSONAL CARE:

HAIR CARE - Shampoo, conditioner, spray, gel, paste, includes bottles, caps, tubes, and triggers

SKIN CARE - Lip balm tubes, face lotion bottles, tubes, and plastic jars, body wash containers, soap dispensers, body and hand lotion bottles and dispensers

COSMETIC PACKAGING - Lipstick cases, lip gloss tubes, mascara tubes, eye shadow and bronzer cases and tubes, foundation packaging and bottles, powder cases, eye liner and lip liner cases and pencils, concealer tubes and sticks

PLEASE COLLECT THESE ITEMS AT HOME UNTIL YOU ARE NOTIFIED TO BRING THEM TO A MEMBERSHIP MEETING. NEXT COLLECTION DATE WILL BE IN SEPTEMBER.

Wellington Garden Club Meetings

Our garden club meetings are held at Village Park, 11700 Pierson Rd., Wellington

10:30 am Business Meeting
11:30 am Light Lunch
12:15 pm Program

Guests are always welcome. If you plan to bring a guest please call Carol Coleman, Membership Chair, at 561-792-2290 or email taxi44480@aol.com by the Friday before the meeting so we will plan enough food.

Newsletter

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