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FROM MERRY . . .

I would first like to share with you that we recently received a very nice "thank you" letter from one of this year's scholarship recipients, which is always an inspiration for our ongoing hard work. It's always so refreshing to hear how appreciative these students are for our generosity.

My geraniums and fern purchased from the high school at our annual Fern and Geranium Sale are huge and happy (if I can only keep the deer from eating all of the flowers).

On another note, I hope you enjoyed our June speaker, Sarah Johnson of Johnson's Nursery in Cookeville. She is always a wealth of information and her love of gardening is contagious. While we knew she was going to talk about all the different varieties of coleus, we certainly were pleasantly surprised when she brought so many other various plants! I planted coleus in some of my pots this year and they are beautiful, but there were only a couple varieties available when I purchased my plants before Mother's Day. An extra trip to Johnson's Nursery is always a welcome outing, and I already have plans for using some of the larger leaf varieties next year!

At our July meeting, we will again welcome Don Hazel who is always informative and loves to share his knowledge! Happy summer!

TRIPS IN JUNE

There are no trips for the month of July, but Judy Wade reported June trips as follows:

June 1 - Linda Reiss led 9 members to Erin's Meadow Herb Farm, as well as the Savage Garden.

June 13 & 14 - 5 members traveled to the Atlanta Botanical Garden.



Two of our FGGC members took part in the UT Gardens Tour in Raleigh N.C. This included the Duke Gardens, Ralston Gardens, five private gardens and four garden stores. On the return trip, the bus was loaded with plants, garden art and supplies, in addition to the fifty exhausted, but inspired gardeners.

GARDEN MULCH

Garden mulch is any material placed on top of the soil around the plants in your garden, as a protective covering for the purpose of:

- Reducing weeds around plants
- Increasing or decreasing soil temperature
- Retaining soil moisture around the plant
- Some mulches feed plants as it decomposes.
- Mulches can be organic or in-organic. We hope you choose organic mulches, whenever possible.
- Creating a more attractive appearance. This gets you praise from family, friends and gardening buddies!

Mulch is beneficial for strong and healthy plants. It significantly increases the productivity of your garden, and it saves you time, effort and money. Mulches can be organic such as compost, wood chips, grass clippings, pine needles, or hay. The benefit of organic mulch is that it also enriches the soil. Spread it around any and all of your plants. When using organic mulch, apply a thick layer, so weeds find it next to impossible to emerge from under the mulch.

Source: The Gardeners' Network

JULY DATES TO NOTE

UT DISCOVERY GARDENS CLASSES

Tue. July 2 **10:00am - Noon**

* Daylilies

Lucas Holman

Fee: None

Wed. July 3 **9:00 - 11:00am**

* Garden Tour

Shalena Durkot & Master Gardeners FREE

Tue. July 9 **10:00am - Noon**

* Insects

David Cook

Fee: None

Sat. July 13 **9:00 - 11:30am**

* Fall Vegetable Gardening

Fred Mullen

Fee: None

Mon. July 15 **9:00 - 11:00am**

* Use Of Attractive Plants To Preserve Erosion Along Drainage Areas and Other Waterways

Bill Morgan

Fee: None

Wed. July 17 **9:30 - 11:00am**

* Hypertufa

Shalena Durkot

Fee: TBD

Thurs. July 18 **10:00am - Noon**

* Food Preservation

Fee: \$20

Kelli Roberson & Crystal Blankenship

Tues. July 23 **10:00am - Noon**

* Repurposing With Angela

Angela Witzel

Fee: TBD

Sat. July 27 **1:00 - 2:30pm**

* Cultivation & Propagation Of Bearded Iris

Bob Lauf

Fee: None

To Register: Phone: 931-484-0034

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Over 40 classes are typically scheduled at the UT Gardens/Crossville at the Plateau Discovery Gardens on a wide variety of horticultural, nature, landscaping, and gardening topics. Reservations required.

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A TIP FOR POWDERY MILDEW

Powdery mildew thrives in hot, humid, and wet weather. Watering only in the daytime and keeping the leaves dry while doing so is one way to avoid it.

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3rd Wednesdays of Each Month

FFG Community Church, 521 Snead Drive, Fairfield Glade
Coffee & Socializing at 9am - Meeting starts 9:30

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