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FROM MERRY...

Our August Garden Club Birthday Party held at The Barn was a wonderful success! A huge thank you to the Planning Committee for a fabulous job! The decorations were awesome, our members always provide some amazing food, and the committee provided everyone the opportunity to socialize with friends old and new!

Hearing about the history of our club was so interesting, especially for those of us who are fairly new. Our membership has more than doubled in under five years. While our focus has evolved, we are still very much focused on community service. For a myriad of reasons our club has moved away from actual gardening in various local areas and our projects now consist of those which most benefit our Scholarship Fund. Scholarships given to local students this year were significantly more than those given in previous years so we must be doing something right! I find it very satisfying to be able to provide these scholarships to some amazing local young people which provides us all a connection to our "new" community.

So while it sometimes is bittersweet to look back on what once was, it is equally as exciting to look at the big picture of how far we have come. Our growing membership comes with some upcoming challenges, but also brings additional resources, creativity and new possibilities for the future.

TRIP INFORMATION

The next scheduled trip is September 28 to Stanley's Greenhouse in Knoxville to attend the Smoky Mountain Orchid Society's show and sale. You will also have time to shop for fall flowers. Please contact Judy Wade to register. jwade866@gmail.com

DOGWOOD ARTS ANNUAL TREE-PLANTING INITIATIVE:

Last March our speaker was Vicki Baumgartner who spoke about the Knoxville Dogwood Arts Festival. She shared information on Bazillion Blooms which is their annual dogwood tree-planting initiative held each fall. Many members expressed an interest in purchasing trees. You may now order trees on their website. They must be picked up on Saturday, December 7th from 9am-12noon at the UT Gardens off Neyland Drive in Knoxville. You will find details and order form on their website:

www.dogwoodarts.com/bazillionblooms

UPCOMING CLASSES UT DISCOVERY GARDENS

FALL GARDENING SERIES - GREGG UPCHURCH

Tues., Sept 17 **10am-Noon**

Cool Season Turf Planting

and Weed Control

Fee: none

Tues., Oct 8 **10am-11:30am**

Fall Landscape Maintenance-
Do's and Don't

Fee: none

SEPTEMBER CLASSES:

Sat, Sept 7 **9am-11am**

Caterpillars and Butterflies of the

Tennessee Garden

Fee: none

Ernie Wood

Mon, Sept 9 **9am-11am**

Invasive Plants on the Plateau

Fee: none

Bill Morgan

Thurs, Sept 19 **10-noon**

One and Done (cooking)

Fee: \$20

Kelli Roberson & Crystal Blankenship

Sat, Sept 21 **10-noon**

Garden Tour

Fee: none

Shalena Durkot & Master Gardeners

Mon, Sept 23 **9:30-11am**

Landscaping with Conifers

Fee: none

Dr. Sue Hamilton

Tues, Sept 24 **10-noon**

Repurposing with Angela

Fee: TBD

Angela Witzel

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.

Cumberland Master Gardeners'

Website: www.ccmga.org

3rd Wednesday of each month

FFG Community Church, 521 Snead Drive, Fairfield Glade

Coffee & Socializing 9am – Meeting starts at 9:30am