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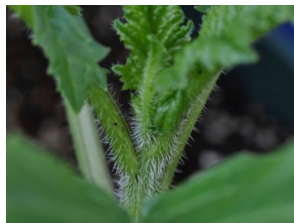
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FROM KATHY...

Well, it is March already and along with March comes dandelions! Most of us pluck them when we see them for one reason or another. My husband, because they mess up his lawn – me, as a child, to give fistfuls to my mom who oohed and awed over them. But did you know that they are an herb that originated in Europe and were employed by beekeepers to attract honeybees? The dandelion has been used for hundreds of years in food and medicine. Its other redeeming qualities are many. According to the Tennessee Gardener magazine “...the lowly dandelion offers so much. The edible roots grow deep, breaking up hardpan and bringing nutrients up to the topsoil, making lawns healthier. As the roots decay, they make perfect tunnels for earthworms as they increase air and water in the soil and break down organic matter to feed plants, all while making fertilizer in the form of castings.” If you have enough of them, you can even roast the roots and make coffee! I, for one, will never look at the “lowly” dandelion the same again. Now if I could only convince my husband!

NEXT MEETING MARCH 18, 2020 – Carrie Smith from the Cumberland County Recycling Center will talk about “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.”

ELIMINATING GARLIC MUSTARD WEED – Suzanne Wade will be meeting to teach us to identify and pull the invasive mustard weed. The date is set for March 17th and will take place on the grounds near the Art Guild. Please contact Suzanne if you would like to assist in her efforts



suzanne.wade52@gmail.com or 608-334-4517.

PLEASE PAY YOUR 2020 DUES

\$15 cash or check made out to FG Garden Club. Pay at any of the general meetings or mail to: Sue Niebuhr, 233 Forest Hill Dr., 38558

ANNUAL FERN & GERANIUM SALE – 4/20–24, 2020

HERB SOCIETY OF NASHVILLE annual herb and plant sale – **APRIL 11TH** at the TN State Fairgrounds Sports Arena Building. Details can be found at herbsocietynashville.org

MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ANY LEADER BOARD MEETING held the Friday prior to general meeting at 9am in the meeting room of the FG Community Church.

UPCOMING UT DISCOVERY GARDENS

MARCH CLASSES

Sat., March 14 **9am-11am**

Summer Vegetable Gardens and Raised Beds

Fred Mullen, Sid Morgan, Master Gardeners

Fee: None

Sun., March 21 **9am-11:30am**

Strawberries, Blueberries, Cane Berries and Grapes

Fee: None

Greg Upchurch and Fred Mullen
Fee: None

Flower, Lawn & Garden Show

Friday, April 24 & Saturday, April 25

9am-5pm

Entry Fee: \$3

Cumberland County Community Complex

UT Gardens-Crossville Plant Sale

Saturday, May 2

Plateau Research & Education Center

To register: Phone: (931) 484-0034

Email: jburns35@utk.edu

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'

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3rd Wednesday of each month

FG Community Church, 521 Snead Drive, Fairfield Glade

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