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## FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT, SUE NIEBUHR...

Hello, friends! Hoping you and yours are well and looking forward to whatever 2021 has to bring. I know you keep hearing it again and again, and disappointing as it may be, we still have no club meetings scheduled for the foreseeable future. But we are not giving up!

Our plan is to continue fundraising efforts for scholarships which are now more crucial than ever. Your leader board is also concentrating on continuing with the other primary purpose of our club – distributing and sharing gardening information and figuring out how to do that without the benefit of our greatly missed general meetings.

Stay tuned for more details about plant sales and other events coming up. As always, feel free to contact any member of the leader board with ideas, questions, comments, etc. It's all more than welcome!

“Ultimately, every garden is an ideology” ... Benjamin Vogt

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**FROM JUDY WADE...** While the endless months of Covid isolation have had MANY negative consequences, there have also been some good ones. I know I have saved a lot of money that I would have spent on eating out, shopping and traveling. (Who needs new clothes, makeup or hair color when we never leave our own house?) Now, what to do with that pot full of money? Well, it's not really a very big pot, but it is available for some discretionary spending.

That brings me to my second good consequence of isolation – TIME. During this period I have had a lot more time to read, explore new learning opportunities, and do some planning. Much of this has centered on my two passions, gardening and travel. I discovered the most of GardenAnswer.com. Laura has been doing videos since 2014, has over 1 million subscribers (including me) and uploads a video on various gardening topics almost daily. I have probably watched over 100 of her videos and I can't believe how much I have learned. I have had so much fun in the last few weeks watching these videos, doing the research, and exploring garden supplier websites that Laura has mentioned (gardeners.com will certainly be the recipient of some of my Covid savings). In the past, my purchases for my gardening have usually been impulse buying when I see something in bloom at the local nursery. This year I am taking the extra time to research and use my new knowledge to plan accordingly. I am putting all of that info into spreadsheets so that it will be organized and easy to access. I plan to share this info on the Garden Club website under the Resource tab. Feel free to use my spreadsheet or maybe it will give you ideas of how to customize your own. I hope you enjoy exploring the videos and the materials I will add to our website in the next few weeks. If you do, I would love to hear your feedback. Happy gardening!

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The Garden Club recently received a thank you note from one of our scholarship recipients, Katelyn Carpenter. Kate wrote...

Dear Fairfield Glad Garden Club,

I have completed my first semester at Tennessee Tech. Even with all the challenges of 2020, I thoroughly enjoyed the semester. I even made the Dean's list. This would have been a difficult feat if FGGC hadn't helped lift my financial burden through scholarship. Thank you again for investing in my education.

Warm regards,  
Katelyn Carpenter

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**DUES REMINDER:** By now you should have received your invoice for 2021 membership dues. We encourage you to complete the Membership Application Form that was included in the mailing and send it in with your dues whenever possible. Even though we are not able to hold monthly meetings yet, our goal remains the same which is to provide college scholarships to local students. Due to the hard work, dedication and creativity of many members we have benefited from various fundraising efforts this year, but our yearly dues will also allow us to continue to provide scholarships in the same manner as we have done in past years. Thank you!

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Remember that the UT Gardens/Crossville at the Plateau Discovery Gardens is a great resource! Even though there are no scheduled classes, the website has lots of great information including some videos. The Plateau Discovery Gardens is open to visitors who wish to view the gardens every day during daylight hours. Please refer to their website for additional details. Website: [www.ccmga.org](http://www.ccmga.org).

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