

FAIRFIELD GLADE GARDEN CLUB April 2021

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FROM SUE...

And just like that, it's spring! Doesn't it make you feel refreshed? Isn't it inspiring? As I'm sure you are, I'm sitting on the porch in the bright sun, breathing in the fresh air, smiling at the perfectly blue sky, noticing the grass getting greener, buds on the trees, and blossoms of all kinds popping up all over the place. Aaaahhhh.....

We are excited about a few other things, too. Like starting our Zoom meetings with speakers; like optimistically seeming to be coming out on the other side of Covid, like (is it possible?) gathering in person again some day; like getting our hands and knees dirty from digging in our gardens. Hope you all feel just as renewed as I do!

“If these are the achievements of man, give me the achievements of geraniums.” - Beverley Nichols

FERN AND GERANIUM SALE AND BAKE SALE – VILLAGE GREEN MALL IN FG

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21ST	8AM – 4PM
THURSDAY, APRIL 22ND	8AM – 2PM
FRIDAY, APRIL 23RD	8AM – 12NOON
BAKE SALE, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21ST	8AM - 4PM

You should have received an email regarding the upcoming Fern, Geranium and Bake Sale. As you all know, this is a big fundraiser for our Scholarship Fund. If you haven't signed up to work or bake, please do so soon. We need all the help we can get.

We need people to:

- **transport plants** from CCHS to the mall on Tuesday, April 20th with pick-up at 2:15pm delivering to the mall at 5pm
- **work** the days of the sale **selling plants** (2-hour shifts – if you can't do 2 hours we can still use you)
- **work** on Wednesday, April 21st **selling baked goods** (2-hour shifts beginning at 7:30am – if you can't do 2 hours we can still use you)
- **bake** for the sale. Baked goods need to be at the mall by **7:30am** on Wednesday, April 21st. Please wrap items in half or full dozens, using see-through plastic wrap (no press and seal please). Suggested baked goods: cookies, brownies, breads, pies, small cakes, muffins, scones...

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST WEAR A MASK. THANK YOU!

Please call Kathy Spancake at 931-202-2980 for volunteer sign up.

Let's make this a great sale and add to the Helena Schmidt Scholarship Fund. Thank you in advance for your support of this fundraiser!

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“O bluebird, welcome back again. Thy azure coat and ruddy vest are hues that April loveth best.” - John Burroughs

The Eastern Bluebird is the official bird of Crossville, Cumberland County, and Fairfield Glade. On Tuesday, April 20th at 10:00am Don Hazel will be the guest speaker at our Zoom General Meeting. His topic will be the Eastern Bluebird. There will be a time for questions following his talk. All members will receive a Zoom meeting invitation for this event.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: In January you should have received an application for membership renewal in the mail. In accordance with the Fairfield Glade Garden Club Bylaws, “Dues for renewing members are due by April 30th. Members whose dues are not paid by May 1st will be considered inactive members.” If your dues are not paid by May 1st you will no longer receive the newsletter, will not be able to access Zoom General Meetings, and will not be eligible to receive a 20% discount at Landscape Solutions. With that said, there is still time to renew your membership for 2021. If you are not interested in renewing at this time we will miss you, but please know that you can re-join the club at any point. Membership applications are available on our website <http://fggardenclub.com> under the “About FGGC” tab in the “Our Meetings” section. If you have any questions or concerns please call or email Kathy Spancake at 931-202-2980 kathy.spancake@gmail.com or Sue Niebuhr at 404-376-4110 fggardenclub@gmail.com.

The Garden Club Leader Board is looking for members-at-large who have an interest in participating in the behind-the-scenes operation of the Garden Club. This is a great way to make new friends while participating in discussions and decisions of our club. You would be attending Leader Board meetings which are held the Friday prior to the 3rd Wednesday of each month (our normally scheduled club meetings). The Leader Board has been meeting via Zoom and hope to resume in-person meetings in the near future. If interested, or if you have additional questions, please contact Sue Niebuhr at uwesue1@gmail.com or (440) 376-4110 or Kathy Spancake at kathy.spancake@gmail.com or (570) 441-5527.

Uthort.com is a website created by Dr. Natalie Bumgarner, UT Associate Professor of Residential and Consumer Horticulture. It contains a lot of useful information for gardening in general, but specifically for those of us who may be new to the area. You will find topics such as plants for TN landscapes and gardens; annuals and biennials; and timely topics for TN landscapes. May through October there is also a virtual class on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10am CT that covers various gardening topics. May’s class will cover heirloom vegetables for the TN garden. Be sure to check out this helpful website when planning your landscape and gardening projects for this year. There is a link to this site on our website at fggardenclub.com.

On behalf of the FG Garden Club and recipients of the Helena Schmidt Scholarship, I would like to thank a longtime member of the FGGC, who prefers to remain anonymous, for her generous gift of \$2,000 to the Scholarship Fund. The gift is given in memory of Lois Megowan Lucas and Regina “Honey” Olsten.

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WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!!! Check it out at fggardenclub.com. Pass it on!

THANK YOU LETTER FROM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT KATE CARPENTER:

Dear Susan,

Thank you and the Fairfield Glade Garden Club for reaching out.

I am doing well here at Tennessee Tech. The last several weeks have kept me busy, so this week's Spring Break has been a long time coming. I am sorry for my recent silence as you folks have been trying to reach me regarding the pending FGGC 2021 scholarship application.

Last year I was overjoyed to learn that I had been selected for this scholarship. A substantial financial burden had been lifted off of my shoulders. Your scholarship has taught me much about generosity and has encouraged me to continue to work hard in order to meet my ultimate goal of a college degree.

Recently, I was again overjoyed to learn that another group of individuals had equally high expectations for my future as the FGGC. As of this semester, I am now on a full tuition scholarship through Air Force ROTC. I feel that FGGC's generosity has gotten me this far, and that I would love for other students to be as blessed as I was last year. I will not be pursuing a scholarship from FGGC.

As I am sure you know, several organizations postponed their scholarship programs last year and this year due to the pandemic. I commend FGGC for continuing to look out for the youth in our community by sustaining your scholarship program. I am one of the lucky ones; I received an overwhelming amount of support from my community last year. I could not bear to take that opportunity from someone else this year.

Lastly, it's always great to know that so many people are invested in my future. I am a big fan of FGGC: I hope that once the pandemic is over and we are able to meet in person once again, you would invite me so I can finally thank you in person for your generosity.

Please consider either forwarding or relaying my purpose for this email to your members; I am very thankful for this organization's support. Several have taken the time to mail or email me their support during this last year and I always appreciate it (even if I am a chronically unreliable responder).

Very respectfully,
Fairfield Glade Garden Club's biggest fan,
Kate Carpenter

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.
