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FROM KATHY...

It is hard to believe that it is May already, but I am glad to see her come. I think May has a freshness about her that makes everything feel new again. The last frost date is in May so we can begin to garden with abandon! No more running out to cover up plants we knew we shouldn't have planted yet but just couldn't resist planting anyway.

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who volunteered to work, bake and/or bought ferns, geraniums or baked goods at our annual Plant and Bake Sale in April. The Helena Schmidt Scholarship Fund enjoyed an inflow of \$4,260.50, \$474.50 from the bake sale, \$3,428 from ferns and geraniums, and \$358 in donations. This important fundraiser requires a lot of hands to make it work, and once again you were there to make it happen.

I would also like to thank this year's Scholarship Committee for handling all of the details, of which there are many, to see that local high school and returning students have financial aid when they head off to college in the fall. Everything was handled via Zoom, emails, and texts. There was a lot of back and forth with the students, but they handled it with ease and professionalism. Sadly, there will not be a Scholarship Luncheon again this year. You will be seeing information about this year's Scholarship recipients in upcoming newsletters. Thank you to Susan Borghi, Chair; Linda Bentz, Quentin Erdahl, Maggie VanDeCarr and Sue Niebuhr

Be sure to read all of the great information in this month's newsletter, and then go out and play in the dirt! Happy Gardening!

May's General Meeting will be on Zoom on Wednesday, May 19th at 10:00am. Our speaker will be from Landscape Solutions located on Peavine Road. The topic will be "What Plant to Grow Where" - sun/shade... It should be very informative. You will receive a Zoom invitation via your email.

UPCOMING CLASSES UT DISCOVERY GARDENS

"Thursday Morning Timely Topics"

At 10am each Thursday morning via an online Zoom conference UT Gardens will address current horticultural/landscape topics to assist homeowners with their landscape, lawns, gardens and orchards. Sessions will be via Zoom because of UT COVID-19 restrictions. Participants must register in advance to view these programs. Please refer to their website at www.ccmga.org to view session and registration information.

May 6 – Home Grown Tomatoes

May 13 – Interesting & Fun Container Plantings

May 20 – Heirloom Vegetables for the Tennessee Garden

May 27 – Ferns, Spleenworts, and Clubmosses

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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