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FROM KATHY... Happy Fall y'all! It was so good to see so many new and familiar faces at the August General Meeting. It's hard to believe that August is behind us, and the beginning of fall is just a couple of weeks away. I must admit, I am looking forward to cooler temperatures and the beautiful colors that bring the change of season even if the next one is winter. I love working in the garden in the fall. Dividing plants and planting new perennials may not bring instant gratification, but it sure gives us something to look forward to in the spring! And then, when spring comes, it is time to get out the heavy watering cans again – wait, there may be a solution to lugging water around! Bob Cooke will be our speaker in September and he is going to show us how to install a drip irrigation system to reach our flower boxes, potted plants, and those hard-to-reach areas. You won't want to miss that!

Keep Calm and Garden On!

Due to recent events, we have established the club's mask policy as follows: **If you are not fully vaccinated for whatever reason, have compromised health, or just feel more comfortable, we request that you wear a mask. We appreciate everyone's consideration and understanding as we try as an organization to keep our members safe.**

The **ANNUAL MEMBER ONLY EVENT** will be held at the Barn at Oaklawn Farms on October 20th. You do need to be a member to attend, and you must sign-up as seating is limited. There will be sign-up sheets at the September General Meeting. You can sign up to attend, to volunteer for the event, and to bring a food item. If you are unable to attend the September meeting and would like to sign-up to attend please contact Kathy Spancake (kathy.spancake@gmail.com, 570-441-5527).

WANTED: Deb Boyle will once again be working on the decorations for this event. She would like to "borrow" wide-mouth glass vases to use in her decorating. You can take them home with you at the conclusion of the meeting. If you have some you would like to lend, please put your name on the bottom of the vase. You can bring them to the September meeting or call Deb at (847) 924-2112 to make arrangements for her to get them. Thank you!

DAFFODIL BULB SALE: There will be a Daffodil Bulb Sale again this year. It will be an in-person event at the Village Green Mall on Thursday and Friday, October 21 & 22. There will be 5 specialty bulbs available to choose from. Visit our website at fggardenclub.com and under the Fundraiser tab you can view this year's selections. They will sell for 5 bulbs/\$10.00. There will also be sign-up sheets at the September meeting for volunteers to help sell the bulbs on either day. All proceeds will benefit the Helena Schmidt Scholarship Fund.

At the same time as the Daffodil Bulb Sale at the Village Green Mall, BirdDog Marketing Group will have a table set up on our behalf. They will be asking people to **open pill bottles**. For every person who stops by their table and tests the bottles the Helena Schmidt Scholarship Fund will receive \$5. An easy fundraiser for us, so please pass the word and stop by to test their product!

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Some time in the next few weeks you will be receiving an email blast concerning officers for 2022. There are a few openings on the board that will need to be filled: Vice-President, Secretary and Assistant Secretary. The email will explain what is entailed in each position. Please consider joining the Leader Board, either as an officer or a member-at-large. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Spancake (570) 441-5527 kathy.spancake@gmail.com or Sue Niebuhr (440) 376-4110 uwesue1@gmail.com.

LANDSCAPE SOLUTIONS FALL GARDEN CLASS SERIES: Landscape Solutions will be holding fall garden classes each Wednesday at 5:30pm beginning September 1st. Spaces are limited so please call Landscape Solutions for more information or to sign-up.

- September 1st – DIY Garden Fountain - \$50
 - September 8th – Powerful Pollinators - \$15
 - September 15th – Monarch Whisperers - \$10
 - September 22nd – Hostas La Vista Baby! - \$50
 - September 29th – Build-A-Bed - \$15
 - October 6th – Yoga in the Garden - \$15
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There are currently no upcoming classes shown on the Cumberland County Master Gardeners calendar. Feel free to continue to monitor their website for any updates at www.ccmga.org.

RECENT INFESTATION OF ARMYWORMS: There has been much discussion, questions, and information recently on various websites including Facebook and Nextdoor Neighbor regarding the recent onset of dying grass and infestation of armyworms. Thanks to Don Hazel for his recent explanation which is included below. The use of Dawn dish soap is a diagnostic tool and is not intended as a treatment. Even though it has been stated that armyworms do not eat the roots of the grass, your lawn may not grow back and may require re-sodding and overseeded.

Don Hazel says: So here is info on the Armyworms that are eating your lawn or soon will. The worms are the larvae of a moth. The moth only ever survives the winter in south Texas. They move north from there each spring. They didn't come from your lawn service, the female moth lays 1000 eggs which hatch and eat vegetation. This is the worst infestation in the U.S. in over 40 years. As stated earlier, pour a gallon of water with a tablespoon of Dawn around the brown patches in your lawn. Best to do it in the cooler parts of the day. After a minute or two any worms will climb up where you can see them. The first instar (babies) are tiny and hard to spot. Early on you may just have some brown patches. As the larvae get bigger they can completely turn your lawn to dirt in a couple of days. Spray Sevin or Bifun yourself or call a lawn service to spray. After those on the lawn are dead, more may start over when another female moth lays more eggs a week later. More than one spraying may be necessary. Or, your lawn may regenerate on its own... maybe.

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