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Sue Niebuhr, President

MEETING ON FEBRUARY 16th

Our February 16th speaker will be Mark Armstrong. He will be speaking to us about the banding results of Hummingbirds as well as their identification, ageing and feeding. Mark spoke to our group a few years ago. His presentation is very interesting and one you won't want to miss.

Please note the attachments to this month's newsletter:

- Minutes from the January 2022 meeting.
We'll be asking for approval of these minutes at the February 16th meeting.
- A list of speakers and topics for meetings through June 2022.
We'll get a list of speakers for the remainder of the year to you once we have confirmation.
- Your Leader Board contact information.
Feel free to contact any of us at any time.

TRIP ON MARCH 3rd

The Travel Committee has coordinated another trip for us. On Thursday, March 3rd, Club members will carpool to Nashville for the first day of the **2022 Nashville Yard and Garden Show** at The Fairgrounds Nashville. The Show features all things green and growing! There will be an acre of live gardens designed by some of middle Tennessee's top landscape and garden companies, and more than 150 vendors in 250 exhibit booths with a variety of plants, seeds, home décor, gardening equipment, books, and free advice to help you succeed in your gardening adventures. In addition, there will be more than 20 of the region's top floral designers showcasing their talents in the floral design gallery. A series of free lecture presentations will offer hints, tips, and practical advice on a variety of horticultural topics. The Show is a great way to get a jump on planning your garden in 2022. Tickets are \$12 per person (\$11 for ages 65+), parking is \$5 per vehicle. We would leave the Glade at 8:15am, return time is estimated at 4:30pm. Admission tickets may be purchased at the gate or online. There will be a sign up sheet at the February 16th meeting. Or, for additional information, you may contact David Dean, dean3fish@aol.com.

FERN & GERANIUM SALE APRIL 18-22

The Committee for this sale will be Liz Musial, Kathy Kuhagen, Pam Orlando, Pat Salveson and Kathy Spancake. This is an important money maker for the Scholarship Fund and requires many hands. This year's sale will be April 18th - 22nd, 2022. There will be a sign-up sheet at the February and March meetings for volunteers to work the days of the sale and/or transport plants from the Greenhouse to the Village Green Mall. Please check your calendars and sign up to help. If you will not be at the February or March meeting and would like to help, please call Kathy Spancake at 570 441-5527 or email her at kathy.spancake@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

January 31st was the due date for 2022 membership renewal payment receipt. You should have received an invoice in the mail. If you haven't already, please send your check for \$15 with the completed membership form to Quentin Erdahl as instructed.

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FG Community Church, 521 Snead Drive, Fairfield Glade
Coffee & Socializing 9:00am - Bring your own Coffee Mug**

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SOIL3 BIG YELLOW BAG COMPOST

One of our members, Judy Wade, has come across a humus/compost we want to make you aware of. And, as an added bonus, the FG Garden Club will earn a percentage of that sale to go toward our scholarships! The **Soil3 Big Yellow Bag** – 1 cubic yard (27 cubic ft) is \$199.99 (or \$169.99 **until Feb 28th**). As a fundraiser, the Garden Club will get \$15 per Big Yellow Bag ordered online **with our fundraiser code**. Members will get a \$5 discount for each Bag ordered online (total of \$35 discount until Feb 28). Additionally, Soil3 is making a quarterly donation of a Bag for educational gardens. We will provide them with the contact info for Plateau Discovery Gardens.

Soil3 Humus/Compost can be used on lawns, raised beds, and garden beds with no other soil additive. It does not require fertilizer during growing season. It helps to retain water with no mulch required. Soil3 is certified for organic gardening. The Bag will be delivered to each member's driveway. It can stay in the bag and be used for several months. As a comparison, Black Cow 1 cubic foot bag is \$5.48 at Lowes. There are 27 cubic feet in 1 cubic yard. 27 cubic feet of Black Cow is \$147.96. Directions on the Black Cow bag says it is not for lawns, needs to be mixed half and half with garden soil, and mulch to retain water is recommended.

Go to www.Soil3.com for more info; make sure to enter **Promotion Code FGGC2022** in order for the Garden Club to get credit for the sale. You can also go to the <https://shop.soil3.com/discount/FGGC2022> link which automatically applies directly to our promotion code. You can also find a link to the site by going to our Garden Club web site.

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No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn.” – Hal Borland

Speaking of winter ... The gardening almanac for our area suggests temperatures can still drop to freezing. Annuals which can take the chill are pansies, viola, and dianthus. Now is the time to clean your annual and perennial flower beds. Add compost to soil and add more mulch. The time to fertilize your houseplants with water-soluble fertilizer is when they show new growth.

LOOK WHAT WE DUG UP!!

By Nathy and Kathy

Cinnamon has antifungal properties. If you are replanting something, you do not want fungus to start growing in place of the actual plant. To avoid it altogether, use cinnamon! Before you plant, dip the root into cinnamon. It will help keep fungus from invading your garden and keep the plants healthier.

Also, dusting cinnamon all over garden mulch helps to control mushroom growth. For more information on the benefits of cinnamon in the garden, click on the following - [8 Reasons why plants love cinnamon \(These really work!\)](#) - [Feathers in the woods](#).

Each month Nathy and Kathy plan to publish a hopefully, somewhat unique, gardening tip. If anyone has a tip they would like to share, please email Kathy at Kathy.spancake@gmail.com.

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