

FAIRFIELD GLADE GARDEN CLUB MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

By Sue Niebuhr

May, more than any other month of the year, is rejuvenating. You see green everywhere you look. The birds are back. Flowers have bloomed. All things seem possible. Windows are open to fresh air . . . and pollen. Aaaahhhh

If you keep reading, you'll see more details about our Fern/Geranium and Bake Sales. I want to sincerely thank everyone for your tireless efforts and contributions toward these wildly successful events. There were also a couple of anonymous and very generous donations which the Club is grateful for. It was a lot of hard work. I couldn't be more proud of us.



GENERAL MEETING MAY 18 - SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The next meeting will be a special one, the one everyone looks forward to each year. This is when we meet the Helena Schmidt Scholarship Award winners for 2022. Meeting these students is the payoff for all of our hard work for the past year. And the winners are impressively terrific!

The May 18 Garden Club meeting will be held at the FG Community Church, 521 Snead Ave. Social time starts at 9:00; the meeting will start at 9:30. Since we will award the scholarships at this meeting, there will be no Sharing Table or guest Speaker.

This meeting will be open to members only. There will be a brunch provided for \$10 per person. There are still seats available for this brunch. To attend you **must** send an RSVP to Susan Flynn, flynnsusan239@gmail.com or 931-287-0561. Checks for the \$10 brunch should be made out to FGGC and mailed to Irene Aubry, 105 Stonewood Drive, FFG. All reservations must be received by May 10th.

FERN AND GERANIUM SALE

What a GREAT sale!! It was indeed a record year! Many thanks to all who volunteered to be on the Committee, those that worked the sales, those that spent three days packing and transporting plants to the Village Green Mall, and those who purchased the beautiful plants. The students at CCHS did a bang-up job with the Geraniums this year! From sales and donations, we added \$6,421 to the Helena Schmidt Scholarship Fund!



BIGDOG MARKETING

A Special Thank you to Diane Duncan and Jennifer LaFerney from BirdDog Marketing. During the Fern & Geranium Sale at the Village Green Mall they set up to test the ease of opening pill containers. Our Scholarship Fund received \$5 for everyone that tested. They also received donations on our behalf. They raised \$369 for the Helena Schmidt Scholarship Fund! In addition to raising money for us they helped carry in plants, help customers pick plants and carry them to their cars. Two of our best cheerleaders. We look forward to working with them again at the Poinsettia Sale in the Fall.

BAKE SALE

The Bake Sale Committee would like to thank all the bakers, the people that helped sell, and everyone that stopped by and bought all the goodies. We had a wonderful selection. We have some talented bakers in our group and your efforts were greatly appreciated. The spring bake sale is always less profitable than a Christmas time one but, thanks to all your hard work, we did really well on the sale and added \$478 to the Helena Schmidt Scholarship Fund!



LOOK WHAT WE DUG UP!!

By Nathy Hill

The Difference Between Potting Soil & Potting Mix

Potting mix and potting soil are two different types of growing media, with each one providing advantages as well as disadvantages.

Potting soil refers to any growth media which contains dirt, either partially or completely, and which is used to grow plants in a container. Potting mix however is any soil-free media specifically developed to provide better gardening results inside containers.

Choosing the right potting mix with all the right features for container gardening can mean the difference between a plant that is just struggling to survive and one that is thriving. A potting mix is definitely your best bet for container gardening. If you are considering large-scale gardening, raised bed gardening, or filling in low spots in your garden, then you should probably use potting soil.

For a closer look into the difference between the two, here is a link to the article.

<https://seedtocrop.net/2020/08/the-difference-between-potting-soil-and-potting-mix/?fbclid=IwAR0Hc2SONMnYeezi4vtsbDNg-YNIoD6HqiPCPljDuw41TqjnJM9lvxELvuA>

Happy Gardening!

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.

MAY FEATURED COMMITTEE - TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE



By Kathy Spancake

Committee members are Leslie Counts, Marie Meibaum, Quentin Erdahl, David Dean, John Randolph, Kathy Spancake and Anita Kummer. With technology moving as quickly as it is, they hope to come up with innovations to streamline some of what we do as a group. The committee members are working on various projects:

Anita is our Newsletter Coordinator. Each month she receives information from various sources and puts them together in Newsletter form to keep you informed about what is happening with your Garden Club.

As some of you know, we have kept scrapbooks and record books for years to tell the story of the FG Garden Club. Leslie and Marie are working on digitizing important information from the past in an online archive. Going forward all records will be kept there. The scrapbooks will eventually be given to the Archives in Crossville for safe keeping.

The website falls under this committee as well. Hopefully, you have all had a chance to look at our website, fggardenclub.com.

There is a plan to have the Fall Bulb Sale online again this year with this committee working on the best way to handle that.

If anyone has an interest in joining this committee or in learning more about it, please contact Kathy Spancake at 570 441-5527 or kathy.spancake@gmail.com