



## FAIRFIELD GLADE GARDEN CLUB



## 2023 NEWSLETTER

### *From the President*

I hope everyone is having a great summer. I know it is tough to go outside to weed our flower beds in the heat. I find the early morning is the best time to weed and with the heavy dew lately, the weeds are easier to pull. After all it is July and we are in TN.

I attended a Pollinator Plant Give Away last month and learned so much about plants for Pollinators. Without our bees, butterflies and birds, we will have no food or any pretty flowers. Let's try to teach our grandkids and, in my case, great grandkids about pollinators.

The Fall Gardener's Festival is coming up on August 29. The speakers this year will be presenting a variety of topics of interest to all of our gardening community.

Let's enjoy our summer because in about 4 months, we will be wishing for this warmer weather. Enjoy.

Rhoda

### ***August 16th meeting***

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will be at the  
**FG Community Church**

**Dr. Robert Lauf**, and he will  
be speaking about  
**“Growing and Breeding the  
Pineapple Lily”**

**September 13th (not the 20th)**  
**Member Only Event**  
**will be at Jake’s Barn**  
**at Oaklawn Farms**



**Member Only Event**  
**THIS YEAR’S EVENT WILL BE ON**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>. at 10:00 am**  
**at Jake’s Barn at Oaklawn Farms**

We have reached the limit of 100 members so attendance is closed.  
If you signed up to attend you will receive an email with directions.

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**The Garden Club will not meet on**  
**September 20<sup>th</sup>!**



## 6"-10"Clay Pot Donations Still Needed

The decorating committee for the September member only barn event needs your old clay pot donations in any condition for centerpieces. Please drop off any time at 464 Lakeview Drive (by the library) or bring to the sharing table at the August meeting. You will enjoy what we do with them, and many of you will be lucky enough to take one home!!

-Mary Stahlhut, Chair, Decorating Committee for September Member Only Event

### ***Be on the look-out!***

Next time you're on the Sculpture Trail next to the Art Guild, look for new additions of not only new sculptures but for a new bench sponsored by your Garden Club. It's a flat bench with our dedication plaque on it. Right now, it's raw wood. But, once it cures, an in-house Art Guild artist is going to stain the bench to match the new sculpture across the path. This is all due to the efforts of our own Deb Boyle and her persistence, patience, and tenacity with the powers-that-be. Go take a look on this wooded, paved, easily walkable, lovely trail.

Thanks, Deb!

### ***From the Travel Committee:***

Hello Gardeners:

I am in the process of locking in a couple new trips for this fall/winter.

Currently we have the October 5th Erin's Meadow Herb Farm locked in and it looks like I have hit my capacity with a wait list. Unfortunately, the farm can only accommodate 25 people. I will see if I can bump that number up a little to accommodate as many as possible. The cost for this trip is \$15.00 per person for the class and the tea. Please bring a check made out to the Fairfield Glade Garden Club (FGGC) to the August meeting to lock in your space.

In the meantime, I will be sending out a separate email with the details of the upcoming trips in the next few days. So, watch your email.

Any questions, you can always contact me.

Darlene Petersen

Fairfield Glade Garden Club Travel Chair

847-714-2153

### ***SHARING TABLE.....SHARING TABLE.....SHARING TABLE***

The sharing table brought in more than \$270.00 at the June meeting!

Bring your fun and interesting items each month and don't forget to purchase a little something too. We at the Sharing Table cannot put prices on the items there. We find though, that our members are more than generous with their offerings. If you do not know how much to offer, we can provide you with a subtle hint.

Those bluebird boxes sell out quickly at the modest donation of \$20.00. (there is a subtle hint, ol) The volunteer who makes these boxes will continue, but he would like to know about how many. If you would like to pre-order a bluebird house, please email Deb Boyle [Debgolfs@comcast.net](mailto:Debgolfs@comcast.net)

Stop by the table to see what "finds" you can bring home. All donations go directly to the Helena Schmidt Scholarship Fund. Hoping for a record-breaking year and lots of fun!

Debora Boyle



Thank you!!

The next time you are passing by the First National Bank on Peavine (back or front) glance over and take a look at the beautiful CCHS grown geraniums. Cynthia Rossister planted them on behalf of the Garden Club as a token of appreciation for our collaboration with the Bank. She, Phyllis Teeter and members of the Leader Board tend to them throughout the growing season.

### ***From the Environmental and Conservation Committee***

***By Suzanne Wade, Fairfield Glade Garden Club Environmental Chair, she is a retired University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension Water Quality Educator.***

STOP – Don't reach for that pesticide!

It's hard to know when a bug is just a bug, doing bug things, and when it will evilly wipe out your prized shrub.

Here are a few ideas to consider before you reach for the pesticides.

- 1) Most bugs are beneficial or harmless.
- 2) A few insects feeding on your plants might be fine; they may leave a little cosmetic damage but cause no real harm.
- 3) Some insects however can do some real damage.

The question is how do you decide which is which?

I like to take a cautious approach; I only use pesticides occasionally and in a targeted way. First I don't want to harm the "good" bugs, those that are predators on the harmful ones, and second I really don't like spreading poisons in my yard.

Here's what I do, I check my vulnerable plants, like roses often. I then decide on what actions I will take. If the damage is severe and caused by a larva I will use a BT product, which will kill them but not my bees. If it is an adult insect that is specific

to just a few types of plants, like the rose chafer. I will spray only the rose every few days, you can try using an insecticidal soap for the most environmentally friendly solution. If that doesn't work then I use Sevin.

For generalists like the Japanese beetle, I just don't have a good solution. I do try to pick them and drop them into a soapy liquid, or use a contact spray, but more will just fly in.

Japanese beetle traps are weirdly satisfying, but they can actually increase the number of beetles in your yard by attracting them from near and far.

I hope this finds you enjoying your favorite beverage in your beautiful yard.

The Fairfield Garden Club Environmental Committee encourages you to make smart conservation choices as they work towards encouraging members to adopt a Tennessee Smart Yard approach to gardening.

You can learn more about controlling insect pests by checking out UT's publication SP503-D An Introduction to Integrated Pest Management of Landscapes.



*Look what I dug up by Nathy Hill*

## **Summer Daylily Care – What To Do With Your Daylilies After They Bloom!**

What should I do with my daylilies after they bloom in the middle of summer? Daylilies are a fantastic choice for the landscape. They are low-maintenance, hardy, and drought resistant. Even better, they are also quite easy to split and divide into new plants.

But as these plants near the end of their big, early summer blooming cycle, many gardeners are at a loss for the best way to care for them after the blooms begin to die off. Here are some tips on what to do with your daylilies.

### **Summer care is important to their long-term health and vibrancy.**

Some varieties bloom for a single session. But many, like the Stella D'oro, can re-bloom several times through the summer, especially if they are given a bit of extra TLC.

Summer care is important to their long-term healthy and vibrancy. Not only can it help foliage stay

strong and beautiful through the long summer months, it can also help the plants to a better, more vigorous bloom cycle the following year.

After the first initial onset of blooms, it is important to remove any flowers that begin to fade past their prime. By doing this, you keep the plant's energy focused on producing new blooms. Removing old blooms helps extend that time to the longer side – no matter which type you are growing.

## **Removing Daylily Scapes & Seed Heads**

Next, let's talk about seed heads and daylily scapes. This topic can be especially important for varieties of daylilies that are able to bloom again.

Once daylilies stop their initial bloom set, they begin to form seed heads. These seed heads, or lily scapes as they are sometimes called, are not necessary for the plants health or growth. But they do use the plant's resources to form and grow.

Because of this, they should be cut back to the base of the plant as they appear. This, like removing spent blooms, forces the plant to use its energy on new blooms and plant strength.

And, if you have re-blooming varieties like the Stella D'oro, this practice also helps create a second bloom cycle much more rapidly.

For any variety of daylily, this is also a great time to give them a bit of all-purpose plant fertilizer. This allows them to build up strong roots and energy for the next bloom cycle.

## **Plant Maintenance In Mid-Summer**

Are your daylilies becoming too large? Believe it or not, unlike many perennials, you can split and divide them right in the middle of summer!

When daylilies become too large and overcrowded, bloom sets begin to suffer. But splitting and dividing allows for plenty of new room, and new plants.

## **Dividing Daylilies In Mid-Summer**

Dividing daylilies couldn't be easier. Simply dig up the plant, and divide through the roots with a sharp shovel.

When dividing in the summer months, use a sharp pair of scissors or hedge clippers to remove all of the foliage down to the base of the plant. This foliage will most likely die off after they are transplanted into the ground. So cutting it off right as you dig them up keeps your transplants from looking sad in your beds while the new growth comes on from below.

Once the plants have been replanted, it will take about 3 to 5 weeks to start seeing some good growth come up through the crown. It's not only a great way to keep plants a manageable, but it's a wonderful way to add new plants to your landscape for free.

You can find more information at

[https://oldworldgardenfarms.com/2021/07/08/daylilies-after-they-bloom-2/?fbclid=IwAR3Ghw4\\_E5MATZtjtggkE7WMDIcxJX0nQVX2UBtlz-9N0clsuUOUZPqy9Wc](https://oldworldgardenfarms.com/2021/07/08/daylilies-after-they-bloom-2/?fbclid=IwAR3Ghw4_E5MATZtjtggkE7WMDIcxJX0nQVX2UBtlz-9N0clsuUOUZPqy9Wc)

### ***Soil3 Big Yellow Bag Compost Promotion:***

Soil3 is an organic humus/compost which can be used on lawns, raised beds, and garden beds with no other soil additive. It does not require fertilizer during the growing season. It helps to retain water with no mulch required.

The ***Big Yellow Bag*** – 1 cubic yard (27 cubic feet) will be delivered to your driveway. The soil can be stored in its re-sealable bag and used over several months' time. Other bagged soil bought locally may be a little less expensive but some are not for lawns and need to be mixed with garden soil for raised beds and mulch is recommended for water retention.


***Plus*** if you use the link or code below you will receive \$5 off regular pricing!

*As an added bonus the Garden Club will earn \$15 for each product ordered which will go into our Scholarship Fund. And, for returned empty bags a Big Yellow Bag will be donated to the Plateau Discovery Gardens.*

Go to [www.Soil3.com](http://www.Soil3.com) for more info; make sure to enter ***PromotionCode FGGC2023*** in order for the Garden Club to get credit for the sale.

You can also go to the <https://shop.soil3.com/discount/FGGC2023> link which automatically applies directly to our promotion code.



	<p><b>Who to call if you have questions about:</b></p> <p>General Information: Rhoda Hiller, (931) 456-7732</p> <p>Membership: David Dean, (503) 928-1867</p> <p>Travel: Darlene Petersen, (847) 714-2153</p> <p>Sharing Table: Deb Boyle, (847) 924-2112</p> <p>Hospitality: Ali Reader, (815) 353-1997</p>
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Leader Board Meeting - Friday before General Meeting - 9:00 am

General Meeting - 3rd Wednesday of month - 521 Snead Drive - 9:30 am

Coffee & Socializing - 9:00 am - Bring your own coffee mug

September - off site meeting - December - no meeting

attachment(s): July 2023 General Meeting Minutes