



FAIRFIELD GLADE GARDEN CLUB



June
2023 Newsletter

Our June 21st meeting
At the FG Community Church
Guest speaker will be John Conrad and he will be speaking about
The Trails in Cumberland County: Past, Present and Future.

July 19th Meeting
will feature Mark Baldwin, Meteorologist

From the President

Good morning gardeners,

I hope all of you gardeners are enjoying this spring weather. The nights are a little cooler but we should enjoy this because summer is just around the corner and we will have warm nights.

Our yard is looking lush and green and we have been mowing twice a week.

I think most of my plants have survived the winter freeze. My Skip Laurel is coming back after trimming it back to the ground. My Fig tree and Aucuba are also making a comeback.



Fig Tree



Skip Laurel



Aucuba

Always look around the base of your plants before digging them up. I know it is tough to look at the bare stems or brown leaves or keep our spouses from digging up the plants. Plants are very expensive but they are also resilient. I love to walk my yard in the mornings and just take in the beauty and possibly find a new leaf or stem of a plant coming back to life.

Rhoda



CONGRATULATIONS

The May Scholarship Luncheon was delightful as always. Those who attended received a wonderful brunch sponsored by First National Bank and best of all were able to hear from the grateful Scholarship recipients. Below is a list of their information.

This year's graduating seniors:

Adesina Davis graduated from Cumberland County High School and will be attending Ashworth College majoring in Agriculture/Veterinary Science.

Kadense Loshbough graduated from Cumberland County High School and will be attending Ashworth College majoring in Agriculture/Veterinary Science.

Jason Reed graduated from Cumberland County High School and will be attending Lee University majoring in Business Management and Turf Management.

Returning students:

Keely Frazier just completed her Freshman year at TN Tech majoring in Animal Science. She is relocating to California and will continue her studies there.

Maci Gernt just graduated from UT Martin with a degree in Agricultural Business. She plans to start Law School in the Fall. Her focus in law will be Agricultural Law, Real Estate Law and Estate Planning.

Kallie Hale will be a Senior at TN Tech pursuing a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Management.

Abbigail Miller will be a junior at TN Tech majoring in Agricultural Education with plans to be a middle school Agricultural Science Teacher.

Maggie Miller will be a Sophomore at TN Tech majoring in Agricultural Business.

Kayla Selby will be a Sophomore at TN Tech majoring in Agriculture and a concentration in Agricultural Engineering Technology.

SHARING TABLE.....SHARING TABLE.....SHARING TABLE

Let's have fun with our table in 2023 and kick it up a notch! Bring ANYTHING garden themed. This means ANYTHING! Puzzles, books, bookmarks, greeting cards, birdhouses, jewelry, scarves, etc. Of course, we will feature your plants, cuttings, and garden supplies as usual.

Stop by the table to see what "finds" you can bring home. All donations go directly to the Scholarship Fund. Hoping for a record-breaking year, and we are well on our way, and lots of fun!

Debora Boyle

From the Travel Committee:

Travel Corner

For information or questions on any trip please contact

Darlene Petersen at petersendarlene@hotmail.com

or call her at 817-714-2153

May: We had a great trip to the Plateau Discovery Garden on May 23rd and learned all about plants, and what does well on the plateau. Thanks to all who attended.

Below are upcoming trips – sign-ups will be available at the June meeting.

Date: Thursday, June 22

[Fair Winds Lavender Farm – 794 Old Hiram Crabtree Road – Jamestown](#)

This is peak time for lavender so prepare to be wowed by the beauty. We will begin this tour with a workshop to create a lavender wand. There is a \$5.00 fee to be paid at the class. Following the class, we will tour the gardens and sample their lavender ice cream and lavender lemonade.

Unfortunately, I am going to have to cut off the sign-ups for this trip because of accommodation issues at the farm. We are close to 60 people signed up at this point, and in speaking with the owners, we will need to stagger the group – so half will do the class first and half will do the tour first – then we will flip.

If you have signed up but cannot make the trip please let me know so I can monitor our numbers.

Time: 10:00 am (to carpool, meet in parking lot next to the Dollar Tree at 8:45 am – the farm is about an hour drive)

Lunch: TBD

Date: Tuesday, July 11th

[Ivan Racheff House & Gardens & Arboretum – 1943 Tennessee Avenue, Knoxville](#)

A hidden gem in the Knoxville area, this is a national historical landmark with beautiful gardens that proves that beauty and industry can coexist. This is the state headquarters for the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs. We will tour the home and have lunch in the gardens. Following lunch, we will board the bus to the following:

[Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum – 2743 Wimpole Ave. B, Knoxville](#)

The Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum is located on 47 acres featuring walking trails, display gardens, unique and historic horticulture and over two miles of distinctive stone walls and timeless buildings. We will be given a private tour by one of their horticultural experts.

Time: Depart Fairfield Glade via bus at 9:30 am – approximate arrival back in Glade about 3:30

Cost: There will be a cost for this trip to cover the bus and lunch. I will send out the exact cost as soon as available. My guestimate is around \$40.00. This cost includes bus, lunch and all tours. We will need a check made out to the Fairfield Glade Garden Club. We will take names for a waiting list and will make every effort to fill your spot, should something come up last minute, otherwise we cannot offer refunds.

Other: The bus holds 24 people, so I will need min/max for the bus. Others can drive if you would like.

Date: Thursday, October 5th

[Erin's Meadow Herb Farm – 132 England Drive – Clinton, TN](#)

“Herbal Teas for Health & Happiness” – Upon arrival we will be served hot tea, followed by a 1 hour class which will include how to grow the healthy herbs. You will receive a handout with some great information on growing these

Healthy herbs. I will have to cap this trip to 24 people – but since there is a cost involved (see below) – I will take a couple people on a standby basis in case someone does need to cancel their attendance.

Time: 10:30 am

Cost There is a \$15 fee for this class which we will need in advance. Please bring cash or check payable to FGGC garden club to one of our meetings prior to this event and sign up.

Lunch: I will be planning a lunch following this trip and will get more information on location as we get closer to the date.

Date: Tuesday, December 5th

[Christmas at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel – 2800 Opryland Drive - Nashville](#)

More details to come for this exciting adventure. We plan to have a bus drive us into Nashville and will include a horticulture tour, lunch and an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful holiday decorations. I am taking pre-orders to get an idea of interest in this trip. Our plan is to take a motor coach so we will need a minimum of 52 people. Working through costs and details on this trip – guestimate around \$75 to cover expenses.

We can all thank fellow member Cynthia Rossiter for submitting the following very interesting and helpful information.

The Art of Companion Planting: Flowers with Fruits and Vegetables

“The right companion plants can increase yields, keep bugs away, and more. Conversely, the wrong plants can stunt, or even ruin, a crop” according to Sandy Lindsey in an article published in The Epoch Times newspaper. She also says to plant flowers in clumps rather than single plants to make them more effective. If you add the right flowers between fruits and vegetables, they attract pollinators and repel pests.

A few of those flowers are listed below:

French Marigolds – repel tomato hornworms, slugs, cabbage moths, and bean beetles as well as nematodes in the soil. Tomatoes, bush beans, potatoes, broccoli, squash, eggplant, and kale love them.

Calendula – known for having thick roots which grow in dense patches that act like living mulch.

Borage – Bees love it! Tomatoes, cabbage, squash, and strawberries love it too. Traps aphids and repels tomato and cabbage worms. Its roots aerate the soil and you can till them back in when they are done as they make good fertilizer.

Cornflower- Good for pollinators. Attracts cutworms and *Microplitis mediata*, a larval parasitoid of the cabbage moth.

Zinnia – Hummingbirds are attracted to them. They keep aphids and thrips off melons, repel Japanese beetles. Companion plant for asparagus.

Nasturtiums – Attract aphids away from tomatoes, potatoes, lettuce, greens and peppers and their strong smell repels cabbage loopers, squash bugs, and whiteflies.

Cosmos – Also attracts pollinators and traps aphids. White and bright orange are the best colors as they attract lacewings which in turn eat aphids, scale, and thrips.

Sunflowers – Make a great living support for climbing plants such as beans, cucumbers, squash, and melons. They attract insects that eat cucumber beetles. Note: They will inhibit the growth of potatoes and can attract squirrels to your garden.



The Hospitality Committee is currently looking for members to host the Hospitality Table. It takes two people per month, and we are only asking you to volunteer for one month (or more if you really want to). You would be responsible for being at the church at 8:00 on meeting day, making the coffee and setting up, “hosting” the table during the social time and cleaning up at the end. The items needed will be brought downstairs and returned upstairs for you. Complete instructions will be provided. Other people will have signed up to bring the goodies. The months left this year are July, August, October and November. If you have a friend and want to do it together that’s great! If you would like to sign up as just half of the duo that won’t be a problem. We will match someone up to be the other half. We all love our goodies, but we can’t have them without the help to put them out there. Please email Kathy Spancake at Kathy.spancake@gmail.com if you are able to help.

Come see us!
3321 Peavine Rd
Crossville, TN 38571



931-456-9050

Remember to bring your Garden Club badge to receive your 20% off on plants



Member Only Event at Jake's Barn

PLEASE NOTE:

THIS YEAR'S EVENT WILL BE ON

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH.

This is usually held on our regular meeting date, but the Barn wasn't available that day, so we had to change the date this year. Hopefully that won't inconvenience too many Members.

We are in the planning phases for this event. There will be a planning meeting in Room C at the All-Purpose Building on Lakeview Drive on Thursday, June 29th at 9:00 am. If you are interested in being on this fun committee, please email Kathy Spancake at

Kathy.spancake@gmail.com to let her know if you will be at the meeting. If you can't make the first meeting but still want to help, there will be more planning sessions to follow! Just let Kathy know.

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 for more info; make sure to enter **Promotion Code 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.

Please save your bags! Sometime in July Rhoda Hiller will collect your bags and return them to Knoxville for credit benefiting the UT Discovery Garden.

Submissions for publication in this newsletter should be emailed to Kathy Spancake at kathy.spancake@gmail.com by the 28th of each month.

Website - fggardenclub.com
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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): April 2023 General Meeting Minutes