



Fairfield Glade Garden Club



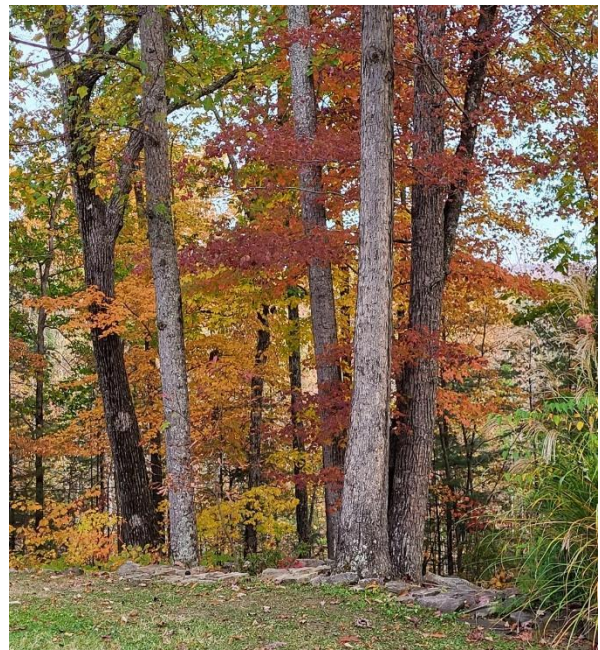
November 2023 Newsletter

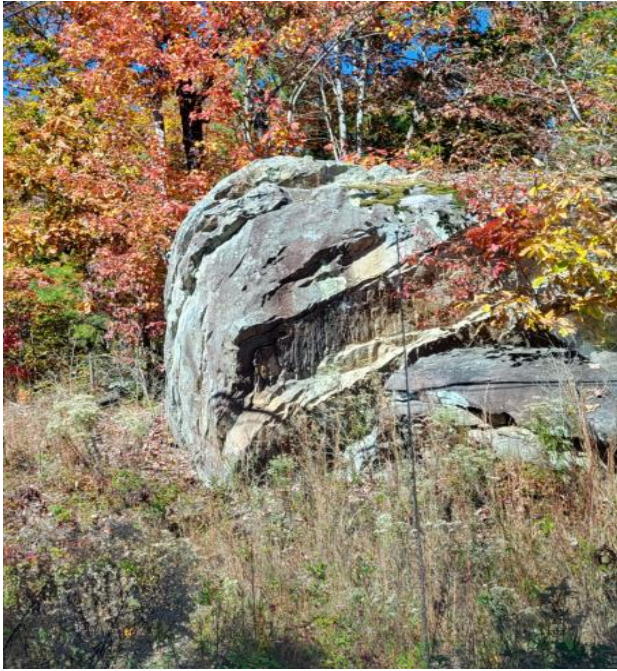
From the President

Hello FFG Garden Club,

As we head into the fall season, I just want to remind everyone about smart gardening. Try to take breaks when you feel tired and stay hydrated. We watch our yards fill up with leaves and think we need to rake them and bag them right away. Your muscles and your joints will thank you tomorrow if you take it a little slower and maybe tackle the leaves at a slower pace.

This week has been so beautiful here in the Glade.





These pictures were taken this week in my yard, on the lake and in my travels on Catoosa. I hope all of you are enjoying the bright yellows and reds mingled with the green pines.

One last note: The New Member reception was a big hit. I enjoyed meeting our new members and we had some laughs while getting to know each other. A big thanks to Sue for all the planning and execution.

I hope to see everyone at the next meeting and we will learn all about recycling.

Rhoda Hiller



FG Garden Club Leadership Positions for 2024

Treasurer's and Assistant Treasurer's Positions

Just a reminder that we are still in need of someone to volunteer to fill the above two positions. We will be voting on the entire slate of officers at our November meeting. If you are interested in either of these positions please call Kathy Spancake, 570-441-5527 by November 10th .



Our November 15th meeting is at the FG Community Church. Membership meeting begins at 9am

Our **November 15th** speaker will be **Carrie Smith** from the Crossville Refuse/Recycling Center and she will be speaking about Recycling.

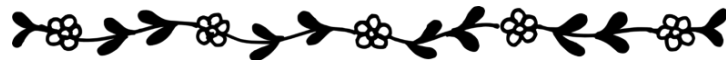


POINSETTIA SALE

Your help is needed!

Sign up sheets will again be available at the November meeting for the annual poinsettia sale scheduled the week of December 4-7.

Any questions on the plant sale, contact Darlene Petersen - petersendarlene@hotmail.com. We look forward to another successful year!



Travel Corner

Our final trip is coming up on **Wednesday December 6th**. We are very excited to be touring **Falcon Rest** and enjoying lunch and the show. **This trip is totally filled**. No additional seats available. No refunds can be given.

Darlene Petersen



New(er) Member Reception

The New Member Get-Together was quite a success. We had a record turnout - about 27 of us. That perfect number of people and the informal setting certainly allowed us to get to know each other so much better. With snacks and a lot of laughs, what a terrific time we had. Thanks to all of you who helped set up the event. And, especially, thanks to all of you who attended. Tell the new friends you make all about it. The next Get-Together will be sometime in the Spring. We'd love the chance to get to know more about you.



Look what I dug up by Nathy Hill



WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR LEAVES?

1. Move your raked leaves off the lawn and into the garden beds.
2. Leave the leaves in place -- under the trees. A garden under the tree canopy is known as an "Underplanting." Fallen leaves should simply remain in place in an underplanted area. This creates a superior, natural habitat.
3. Create leaf piles and let them decompose. The resulting leaf mold can be used as a soil amendment. Leaves that are compacted from the weather can be used as mulch. Leaves improve soil structure and water retention.
4. Build a brush shelter. Along with branches, sticks and stems, leaves can be used to make brush piles that shelter native wildlife.
5. Add leaves to your compost. Combine fallen leaves with grass clippings and other "green material" for a nutrient-rich compost to add to your garden next spring.

LEAVE THE LEAVES! Leaves are good for us and for other living things.

I found this information on the Prairie Nursery Facebook page. A link to them is prairienursery.com



If you are out walking on the path behind the Art Guild, check out the beautiful bench that your Fairfield Glade Garden Club had built and placed there. It is beautiful and very comfy to sit on and enjoy nature and the surrounding artwork. Thanks again to Deb Boyle for making it happen!



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