



Fairfield Glade Garden Club



October 2024 Newsletter

From the President

Hello fellow Garden Club members,

The Club's Member Only Event (MOE) was held last month at a new venue at Cumberland Mountain State Park. Everyone I've talked with tells me how lovely the event was. The salad bar, venue and decorations are mentioned in all comments. The entire MOE team worked very hard on this event and the attention to detail shows. Thank you to the entire team!

The comments about the meeting at the park were so overwhelmingly positive, I went ahead and made the executive decision to make the deposit to hold the MOE at the park again in 2025. Refunds are available, but I doubt we'll need them.

LEADERBOARD REPORT:

We will start discussing the speakers for 2025 at the Leaderboard (LB) meeting on October 13. I have been gathering ideas all year, but I would love to add your thoughts to the list as well. You don't have to have a specific speaker in mind. You provide a suggestion, and with the Club's help, I'm sure we can find a

presenter.

November is the month the LB will start work on the 2025 budget. Once again, I've been tracking the ideas I've been given this year, but more ideas are always welcomed. The LB wants to make decisions that match what the members want.

Anne Bolter, Vice President, and I have been reaching out to members so that we can fill the slate for the officer elections next month. We have important positions open at this date (9/28). The list changes daily; please call me or Anne directly if you want to volunteer.

The LB welcomes visitors to our meetings. We meet the Friday before the general membership meeting at 9:00 at the Community Church. Let me know you are coming and I'll send a meeting agenda to you.

As always, please contact me directly if you have questions or comments about the FGGC.

All my best,

Susan Borghi

President

Fairfield Glade Garden Club



Our **October 16th** meeting is at
the **FG Community Church**.
Membership meeting begins at
9:00 am

The **October** speakers are
Sadie Adams
And
Troy "T. Wayne" Williams
They will talk about
Future Farmers of America



Dear Fellow Members:

Our October meeting is the time when we are to present a slate of officers to choose from for next year 2025.

As you are aware our Leaderboard consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer and a minimum of 5 Members at Large who shall constitute the Leaderboard and voting body at all Leaderboard meetings. The Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Leaderboard.

The positions each may have several nominees and the membership shall choose among them at our November Meeting.

As of this writing 9/25/24, We have 5 members who are thinking about filling our current vacant positions for Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Sharing Table and Flower sales co chair.

The Following positions remain with no nominees.:

The Vice President Position -one year term, conducts the business of the Club in the President's absence, assumes the office of President if the elected President is no longer able to lead, signs checks in the absence of the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and President. Serves as President the following year.

Committee position:

Member Only Event: Chair: Our once a year event of Member Fellowship and a meal together. A time to enjoy each other and get to know who is who- Now that we are 263 members strong, we don't always get to meet everyone.

Another Committee Position that remains unfilled as of this writing are the Bake Sale coordinator for our two yearly sales, one day each, in April and December during the Geranium sale and the Poinsettia sales at the Village Green Mall. In the past we have had many wonderful members bring in scrumptious baked Goods for these sales.

It is my belief that among our 263 members there will be members willing to come forth and volunteer for these positions as they are very much needed for the future of

the Garden Club.

Sincerely,
[Anne Bolter](#), Vice President



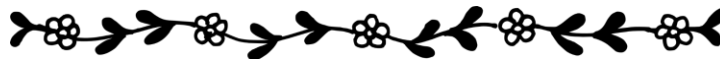
October Speakers - Future Farmers of America

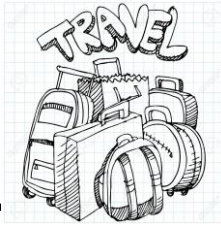
Sadie Adams is the Operations Coordinator for the Tennessee FFA Foundation. As Coordinator she manages communications with sponsors, coordinates events, oversees financial records and invoicing, and cultivates relationships to support the Foundation's mission.

A native of Crossville, Tennessee, Sadie attended Stone Memorial High School, where she was an active participant in the FFA program and other extracurricular organizations. She graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, earning a degree in agricultural education.

Sadie and her husband are both Club Helena Schmidt Scholarship recipients, and now hold professional positions while managing their own small farm.

Troy "T. Wayne" Williams - A member of the Woodbury FFA and student at Canton County High School, T Wayne was elected Tennessee FFA State President, representing 33,000 FFA members statewide. His achievements include Development Events, as well as earning the Tennessee FFA Star in Agriscience and other top honors in agriscience and proficiency awards.





Travel Corner

Just a reminder of our 2 upcoming trips.

October 22nd - UT Arboretum - Oak Ridge - this trip is sold out.

November 13th - Bristow Road Winery - Crossville - space is still available for this trip. If you haven't been to this winery, you are in for a treat!

Cost: \$35 - includes a flight (4) of wine (choose either white/red/mixed) and 1 charcuterie board per 2 people. We will also have a short talk on wine and weather permitting will tour their newly planted vineyard. The atmosphere at this winery is wonderful, and this will be a great time to get together with fellow garden club members to relax, enjoy good wine before the rush of the holidays. This is a driving trip and we can carpool. Directions will be sent to your email prior to the trip.

Reminders:

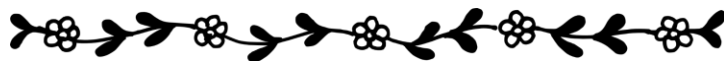
- If you have signed up for a trip and are unable to attend, you will need to find someone to take your place. We cannot issue refunds.
- An email goes out 2-3 days prior to each trip with all of the details you need. If for some reason you do not receive, please let me know as soon as possible.

[Darlene Petersen](#)

Fairfield Glade Garden Club Travel Chair

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2024 Annual Poinsettia Sale

Hello Gardeners:

It is that time of year again for our annual poinsettia sale, benefitting the Cumberland County High School Greenhouse program and the Helena Schmidt Scholarship program. For those of you who are new to the club, the CCHS greenhouse program provides students with education on growing and caring for plants and are graded on them. They provide us with the beautiful poinsettias for our sale. The Fairfield Glade Garden Club Helena Schmidt Scholarship Program benefits students in the Crossville area by providing college scholarships for those who are going into a field that is related to gardening/farming/food sources.

Sale Dates/Locations

- **Monday, December 2nd** - 8:30 am - 2:00 pm - CCHS Greenhouse
- **Tuesday, December 3rd** - 8:30 am - 2:00 pm - CCHS Greenhouse
- **Wednesday, December 4th** - 12:00 - 2:30 pm pack plants - CCHS Greenhouse
- **Wednesday, December 4th** - 2:30 pm - Transport plants to the Village Green Mall
- **Thursday, December 5th** - 7:30 am - 5:00 pm - Village Green Mall
- **Thursday, December 5th** - Transport plants to Village Green Mall as needed

We need your help!

Shifts are typically 2 hours. As a volunteer, your role is to:

- Help customers pick out their plants
- Help carry them out to their car
- Keep plants stocked and looking nice
- Keep floor swept (at mall)
- You will not be responsible for taking money - there will be a committee person in charge each day and is responsible for the cash box.

Signup sheets will be available at the October and November meetings. If you

cannot make either meeting but would like to volunteer to help, feel free to reach out to me. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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Fairfield Glade Garden Club Plant Sale Chair
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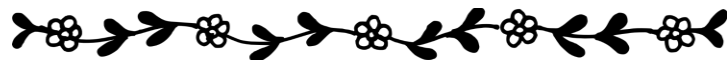
Hi gardeners:

APRONS

The aprons are here and look great! If you ordered one but did not pick up at the members only event, I will have them again at our October 16th meeting. If you will not be able to attend that meeting, let me know how I can get your apron to you.

If you did not order an apron, but would like one, I did order extras that are available. Cost is \$21 and again, will have them available at the October meeting. Any questions, feel free to contact me.

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“A Taste of the Garden”

2024 Member Only Event

With a membership of 268 and growing, we needed to find a big venue. We did and you came! The weather was perfect and the food was amazing!

As the title (M.O.E.) suggests, this was not just a luncheon, but an event. We enjoyed fellowship, shopping, the Memory Road Duo, the Big Red Antique truck for photo's and the grounds of the State Park. We took yummy food items home if desired, and loaded our arms with decor and unsold items from the Farmer's Market. Wowsie!

The Farmer's Market made \$ 715.00 from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Wonderful. This dollar amount has been deposited into our operating fund to keep the club growing and ongoing. We thank our teams of “Chicks” for their creativity and endless hours of preparation. And let us not forget the food buffet team of “Chicks”.

Finally, a special thank you to all who attended. We used the participate and partake as your ticket in and you did your part in the whole scheme of things to make our event a success. See you next year!



Deb Boyle
2024 Chairperson

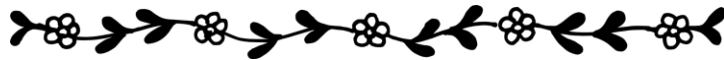


The Member Only Event mentions

A few of our “***worker chicks***” dealt with some helpful small businesses who advised and contributed. Please keep our friends in mind when you are out and about.

Willow Catering
Cumberland County Soil/Water Conservation District

Landscape Solutions
Dowlen



Sharing Table

We have October and November meetings to give and/or purchase at our fun Sharing Table. Please bring in what you would love to share, and have fun buying! See you there!



The Environmental Committee was pleased to see a number of articles this summer on the problem of invasive plants on the Plateau.

Since fall is the perfect time to plant new shrubs, we thought it was a good time to remind our members of the many native species that can be used instead.

The Tennessee Invasive Plant Council has a list you can save as a reference. It can be found at: https://www.tnipc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/alternatives_printableweb2016.pdf

Just a reminder that if you live in Fairfield Glade the Community Club has a short list of 14 invasive species which you cannot grow. This includes burning bush, Japanese honeysuckle and Japanese knotweed. The list, with pictures, can be found by logging in on the members page, then clicking on the “My Property” dropdown tab and selecting Property Policies.



Look what I dug up by Nathy Hill



There's A Deadly Plant Growing In Tennessee Yards That Looks Like A Harmless Weed. Poison Hemlock should be avoided due to its severe toxicity!

Poison hemlock is toxic to both humans and animals, including livestock. It is important to know this plant's unique characteristics and regularly check for it.

This nonnative weed is highly toxic to humans and animals.

It grows along roadsides and in ditches, pastures, and riparian buffers along streams and rivers.

If you have poison hemlock in your yard, keep children away from the plant and spot treat it with glyphosate directly onto the plant. Be sure to keep children out of the treated areas until the plants are dried and brown.

Unfortunately, this plant can look somewhat similar to nontoxic plants like wild parsnips, parsley, and Queen Anne's Lace, so it is important to get familiar with this plant's unique characteristics to avoid potentially deadly confusion. Queen Anne's Lace is most commonly 1 to 2 feet, but can grow up to 4 feet tall. Poison hemlock can grow up to 8 feet tall, but averages about 6 feet. The stems of poison Hemlock contains purple spots and the flowers contain multiple bunches or compound umbels.

In addition to the dangers it poses to humans and livestock, poison hemlock degrades wildlife habitat, decreases biodiversity, and limits food availability for livestock.

It produces huge quantities of seeds, which remain viable for up to 3 years, and is not picky about germination conditions.

As a result, a few plants can quickly grow into an infestation.

The best strategy for removing poison hemlock depends on several factors, including how you are using your land, the terrain, the level of infestation, and other plants in the area.

Control methods can include mowing to reduce seed production, tillage, herbicides, prescribed fire, and manual removal; usually the most effective strategy involves at least a couple control methods.



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For more information check out the following links:

<https://www.facebook.com/TNAgriculture/posts/poison-hemlock-is-toxic-to-both-humans-and-animals-including-livestock-it-is-imp/850685827093444/>

And <https://www.facebook.com/WilsonCoExtension/posts/poison-hemlockpoison-hemlock-is-found-throughout-the-state-and-is-poisonous-to-b/7566369720071079/>



Come and help us to plant a meadow!

Update: Eight FGGC members have already signed up!

There will be an optional training and information workshop Saturday October 19th from 1-2pm at Shelter One at the park. Rain or shine. Participants can enjoy a free hot dog lunch at 12:30pm. Our plant purchaser Andy Linville of Obed Forest Gardens will speak.

The Friends of Cumberland Mtn State Park (FCMSP) have been purchasing and planting many shrubs and trees near the start of the ADA trail at Cumberland Mtn State Park with grant money from the state's Iris Fund. We will need volunteers in the first two weeks of December (dates to be announced later) to install 3,800 plant plugs!

We will remove the 6 big tarps you see there now late November and wait for a good rain, hopefully within two weeks in December. Then we will get the exact date out to those who signed up to volunteer to plant. If you want to help us plant this meadow, text Secretary Laurie Snyder 615-969-7612 with your contact

phone number or email address so she can let you know the date. There will also be a signup sheet at the October FGGC meeting.

Last year we had drought in November and December! So, we hope for rain in early December this year to let the plugs get a good start. We have had to hand water the 50 bushes and trees we planted already due to the dry spells! Hopefully we won't need to do that for all these plugs.

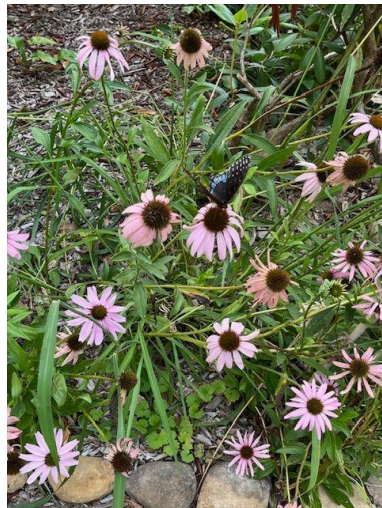
We received a large grant from the state Iris Fund for this project. When you buy a Tennessee license plate, with the native dwarf crested iris flower on it, a portion of the money goes to Tn State Parks for grants to improve the parks. You can do this through our local county clerk's office when you renew your auto license. We encourage you to do that!

All the plants are required to be native not only to Tennessee but to Cumberland County and will provide host plants and food for pollinators like the Monarch Butterflies! 19 varieties have been selected like common milkweed. Planting native plants has several advantages because they are adapted to our climate and already have resistance to local diseases.

We look forward to some of you joining us to plant a beautiful flower garden at the start of the ADA trail in December.

[Laurie Snyder](#)

Secretary/ Treasurer of Friends of Cumberland Mtn State Park





FAIRFIELD GLADE GARDEN CLUB

TREASURER'S REPORT

Aug, 2024

Operating Fund

Balance at 8/1/2024 \$10,298.58

Income:

Trip payments - Winery \$700.00
 Mem Dues \$30.00
 Trip payments - UT Arboretum \$230.00
 Payments for Aprons \$588.00

Total Income \$1,548.00

Disbursements

Checks: 1508 FG Comm Church - Aug donation (\$100.00)
 1509 FG Comm Church - A/V (\$25.00)
 1510 Jennifery Gaffney - Aug mtg setup (\$75.00)
 1511 Mary Stockton - MOE supp salad bar (\$150.00)
 1512 Deb Boyle - MOE supplies (hospitality budget) (\$73.22)

Total Disbursements (\$423.22)

Balance at 8/31/2024 \$11,423.36

Scholarship Fund

Balance at 8/1/2024 \$13,088.46

Income:

Sharing Table \$92.00

Total Income \$92.00

Disbursements

Checks:

Total Disbursements \$0.00

Balance at 8/31/2024 \$13,180.46

Total Balance \$24,603.82



Who to call if you have questions about:

General Information:

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Membership: David Dean, (503) 928-1867

Travel: Darlene Petersen, (847) 714-2153

Sharing Table: Deb Boyle, (847) 924-2112

Hospitality: Ali Reader, (815) 353-1997

Submissions for publication in this newsletter should be emailed to Peggy Mitchell at pamitch23@comcast.net by the 28th of each month.

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Attachments: September 2024 meeting minutes