



Fairfield Glade Garden Club



September 2024 Newsletter

From the President

Hello fellow members,

*The Member Only Event (MOE) is this month on September 18. The MOE team has been working all year to make this a very special event. Please see the details in Deb Boyle's article below. (There will NOT be a regular monthly meeting at the church in

September).

*Theo Wellington was our guest speaker at the August meeting. She gave a very interesting presentation about light pollution and how it impacts our entire environment, including wildlife. We can easily do a few, small tasks to make lights productive and less glaring in our neighborhoods. Learn more about the Dark Skies initiative at Darksky.org.

*The Leader Board (LB) will soon be meeting to discuss the slate of speakers for next year. We bring together ideas from all sources and create a list of varied topics that we think will be interesting to our members. Please send any speaker / topic suggestions you may have to my attention at the email below.

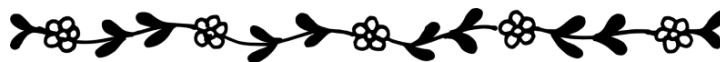
*The LB works very hard to control costs, but as we all know, everything costs more these days. This includes the behind-the-scene costs it takes to keep the FGGC the great club we all enjoy. Costs include, but are not limited to, meeting room stipends, hospitality supplies, membership materials, and Member Only Event provisions. Dues have held steady at \$15 since at least 2017, but the LB thinks it is time to increase our annual dues to \$25, effective January 1, 2025. This increase will be presented to the membership at the October meeting for a formal vote of approval. Please contact me directly if you have any comments about this change. I will present your ideas at the next LB meeting.

Take care,

[Susan Borghi](#)

President

Fairfield Glade Garden Club



*There will be
no September meeting
due to the*

Membership Luncheon.



Dear Fellow Gardeners,

We need a few good women or men to share their talent as we look forward to 2025.

Our Club enjoys fun, fellowship, learning from our speakers as well as our monthly trips. Our numbers keep going up, as of this writing we have 263 members. We also help our County School Children and their Families by offering scholarships to High School Graduates that are ongoing as long as the student maintains the requirements.

Our club is a “feel Good” experience for each of us. The volunteers who make up committees and the leaderboard enjoy each other and serving. There is always someone to assist each member. Our work is not difficult, common sense, collaboration and willing helping hands are needed. It's not intentional, fair or healthy for the club to have the same leaderboard year after year. Therefore our by- laws reflect nominations each year for the next.

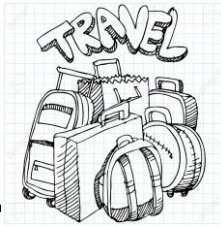
We have two meetings a month. One is a planning meeting (Leader Board Mtg) always the Friday before the general meeting on Wednesday the next week. Both mtgs are within the Community Church.

Each Committee Chair-Works with their committee members and reports to the leader board each month. The new member packet each of us received as new members includes information about each committee and leader board member's responsibility.

Our Garden Club needs a Vice President, Secretary and Assistant Secretary for next year. We also need committee chairpersons for the Sharing Table, The member only event and a co chair for our biannual plant & bake sales.

Please contact any member of the Leaderboard with any questions you may have.

Thank You,
[Anne Bolter](#) VP



Travel Corner

Hi Gardeners:

Our October 22nd trip to the UT Arboretum in Oak Ridge is filled and I have a short wait list. I will let everyone know the restaurant once I have that confirmed for lunch.

New Trip

If you were at our meeting this month you heard me announce. But for those of you who could not make the meeting, see below:

Date: Wednesday, November 13th

Location: [Bristow Road Winery](#) - 416 Bristow Road - Crossville, TN

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Cost: \$35.00 pp (cost includes wine flight (choice white/red/mixed) and charcutteri board (one per 2 ppl), weather permitting tour of vineyard, and discussion of wine and growing grapes.

This is a driving/carpool trip. No bus.

If you have not been to this winery, it is a beautiful facility, and the surroundings should be exceptional in the fall as well. They are wine from California, Washington State, and Oregon. You are also welcome to stay longer to enjoy the wine and the surroundings.

If you did not pay for this trip at the August meeting, please be sure to mail your check to FGGC, PO Box 1589, Fairfield Glade, TN 38558.

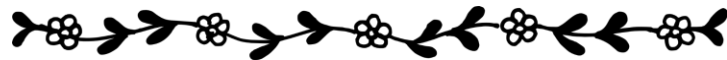
Be sure to make all checks out to FGGC, and include at the bottom memo section what the check is in payment for.

Reminder: An email comes out approximately 2-3 days prior to each trip with all the details needed. Please be sure to let me know if you have not received it for any reason. Also a reminder that the

email comes from my personal email box. You may want to add me to your contact list so that it does not go into spam.

As always do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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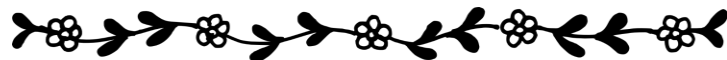
Hi gardeners:

Aprons

Thank you to those of you who ordered the garden club aprons. As mentioned at the meeting, we should have them available at the members only event in September. If you are not planning to attend that event, not to worry. We will get the aprons to you. We have also ordered additional should anyone who was unable to get their order in time want to purchase any.

Any questions, do not hesitate to contact me: [Darlene Petersen](#) - petersendarlene@hotmail.com

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“A Taste of the Garden”

FINAL CALL
“A Taste of the Garden”
Our yearly Member Only Event
Wear your Garden Party Finest or your Gardening Dungarees

Wednesday September 18
Doors open at 11:00 A.M.
Luncheon 12:00 - 2:00

Cumberland Mountain State Park Recreation Lodge
Directions: Peavine/Miller to left on 127 at Baptist Church.
127 to right into the State Park.
Turn left onto Swim Drive to the end at the parking lot.
(If you have reached the bridge at the park, you have gone too far.)

- * Salad Bar Buffet !!
- * Farmers Market !! Bring your cash or checks, it will be a fun shop!
- * Music by Memory Road Duo !!
- * Pictures with your friends at our Red Antique Truck !!
- * Stroll the Park paths about The Lodge !!

THE CUT OFF DATE IS SEPTEMBER 6. We have about 8 seats available as of September 1

To make a reservation, please CALL [Mary Stockton](#). 253-549-5575
For general inquiries or to cancel, please CALL [Deb Boyle](#). 847-924-2112



New Member Get Together

I hope everyone is enjoying this summer. We all know autumn is just around the corner with cooler temps and lots of fall color. If your trees are dropping their leaves earlier than usual, it is only because the weather has stressed them. The trees conserve their energy by dropping their leaves. They should be ok and will leaf out next spring and be beautiful again.

I want to let everyone know about the New Member Get Together on Sept 24 from 10 am to 12 pm. We will meet in the Fireside Room at the Community Church, where we

have our regular meetings.

If you are a new member or a new member that has never been to a New Member Get Together, please come and join us. We will have light snacks, lemonade and ice tea. Some of the Leader Board members will join us and explain the workings of our club. This is a good way to get to know each other and understand our club works and possibly want to help out.

Please let me know if you are going to attend by texting me at 440-213-0865 or emailing me at rhodaworld@aol.com or call me at 931-456-7732. An email will be going out to new members from the last 6 months but if you would like to attend and do not get an email, just let me know.

Thank you,

Rhoda Hiller



Look what I dug up by Nathy Hill



National Geographic

By: Olivia Wrenlee

Do you know what Mycelium is?

Mycelium, or mycorrhysis, is a fungus that expands underground, creating a network of connections between all plant species, something like the Internet, which allows them not only to communicate, but also to take care of themselves, protect themselves, feed themselves and stock up on the water.

When a tree in the forest is cut down, this mycelium communicates to many trees in the forest that one of them is dying and all the other trees through the mycelium begin to care for the remaining trunk to try to save that life. They feed it with water and protect it because that dying trunk is part of the forest family.

Everything has a language. It is the universal language.

We learn to reconnect with this non-verbal language, understanding that we are all part of the same thing.

We still have a lot to learn from our older brothers, from the trees and the forest and above all from Our Mother Earth.



Come and help us to plant a meadow!

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 September FGGC member meeting at the park September 18th and an optional training Saturday October 19th at 1pm at Shelter One at the park.

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. Indian Pink at the

Aviary is in the picture above. 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.

INDIAN PINK



[Laurie Snyder](#)

Secretary/ Treasurer of Friends of Cumberland Mtn State Park



FAIRFIELD GLADE GARDEN CLUB

TREASURER'S REPORT

July, 2024

Operating Fund

Balance at 7/1/2024 \$11,913.65

Income:

Trip payments - Hermitage \$210.00
 Mem Dues \$90.00

Total Income \$300.00

Disbursements

Checks: 1501 Deb Boyle - Member Only Event expenses (\$101.07)
 1502 FG Comm Church - July donation (\$100.00)
 1503 Janice Murphy - church setup July (\$75.00)
 1504 FG Comm Church - A/V (\$25.00)
 1505 Lucas Holman - speaker - reimb mileage (\$120.00)
 1506 Hermitage - trip expenses (\$950.00)
 1507 FG Community Center - bus for Hermitage (\$544.00)

Total Disbursements (\$1,915.07)

Balance at 7/31/2024 \$10,298.58

Scholarship Fund

Balance at 7/1/2024 \$27,491.46

Income:

Sharing Table \$97.00

Total Income \$97.00

Disbursements

Checks: 1032 Scholarship - Leilah Crawford (\$1,500.00)
 1033 Scholarship - Abigail Miller (\$1,700.00)
 1034 Scholarship - Kayla Selby (\$1,700.00)
 1035 Scholarship - Keely Frazier (\$1,700.00)
 1036 Scholarship - Maggie Miller (\$1,700.00)
 1037 Scholarship - Sophie Helton (\$1,700.00)
 1038 Scholarship - Alison Tollett (\$1,500.00)
 1039 Scholarship - Ashley Josey (\$1,500.00)
 1040 Scholarship - Lexi Christian (\$1,500.00)

Total



Who to call if you have questions about:

General Information:

Susan Borghi, (916) 203-9178

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.

Web site - fggardenclub.com email - fggardenclub@gmail.com

Attachments: August 2024 meeting minutes