



## Fairfield Glade Garden Club



## November 2024 Newsletter

### ***From the President***

This is part two of an article I wrote much earlier in the year.

Our new house in Fairfield Glade had a focal point near the driveway. It was a neatly defined square – covered with decorative rock. My thought – “we can do better that.” So I devised a plan for the space. Let’s call this Plan A.

**Plan A** – a beautiful tree (dwarf Japanese maple?) surrounded by a few colorful flowers at the base.

Plan A exploded when I found out the decorative rock was covering a huge slab of rock.

Time for **Plan B**.

A container garden! I planned for months. I got all kinds of containers. Big, small and tiny. All different materials. Ceramic, metal, clay. I decided to use a mixture of colors for the containers. I wanted bright colors – yellow, orange, vibrant blue. I gathered the soil and fertilizer I would need. I bought stands for height variation.

Now I need the flowers. I learned through FGGC that deer eat anything, so I carefully took notes about the flowers that were in bloom in the Glade. I only bought plants from this list. Full sun was another important factor to remember. I wanted to get this right.

The big day came one Saturday. I gathered all my supplies. It took me hours to choose the best plant for each pot, plant the flowers and to set up the stands. I moved everything

around many, many times. I went to bed that night so excited about the new focal point in my front yard!

I went outside Sunday morning to water my new garden. I don't have to tell you what I saw. The deer had enjoyed a spectacular midnight buffet. My colorful garden was a shadow of its former self. One or two blooms remained, but I was devastated to find a bunch of empty containers. The deer came back at dusk. No blooms left. I had served dessert as well.

Now comes **Plan C**.

I couldn't leave just a rock in the corner. Plan C – buy a beautiful metal bench shaped like a butterfly and paint it a lovely turquoise color. Add an outdoor pillow with colorful flowers on it.

My previous newsletter article was about my love for the wildlife in the Glade. My container garden fiasco didn't change my opinion. But I learned a valuable lesson. Container gardens can work in FG, just be sure you keep them up on the deck – away from the deer.

Happy gardening all!

*Susan Borghi*

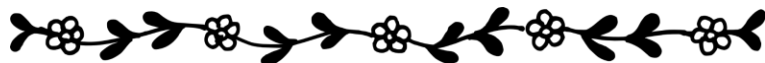
President

Fairfield Glade Garden Club



Our **November 20th** meeting is  
at the **FG Community Church**.  
**Membership meeting begins at**  
**9:00 am**

The **November** speakers are  
**Kathy Knapp**  
She will talk about  
**Holiday Floral Decorating**





**There will  
be **No**  
December  
Meeting**



### **POINSETTIA SALE**

Your Help Is Needed:

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 (all shifts could use additional help, but especially Thursday help is needed)

- **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 November meeting. If you cannot make the meeting but would like to volunteer to help, feel free to reach out to me. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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### **BAKE SALE**

Hi Bakers! We are looking for baked goods for our annual bake sale in conjunction with our Poinsettia sale.

Date: Thursday, December 5

Time: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm or until we run out of goodies (Please bring your goodies from 7:30 - 8:00 am)

We are looking for any type of baked goods (cookies, breads, cakes, brownies, etc.). Gluten free, sugar free, nut free, etc. are always great and be sure to clearly mark your items to that effect. We will have a sign up sheet at our November meeting.

We also need people to work the bake sale and will have sign ups at the November meeting as well.

All proceeds from the bake sale also go to the Helena Schmidt Scholarship fund benefiting local students .



Dear Fellow Members,

The beauty that surrounds us here in the Glade this autumn is spectacular! I hope each

of you are enjoying the colorful vistas here.

As Nomination Chair, I wanted to communicate that there is still time to volunteer as secretary or as Vice President for the coming year. The Garden Club depends on membership volunteers in order to operate smoothly and successfully.

Nothing we do is solo or difficult as our members are always willing to assist each other. It *does* take a village much of the time and it's fun and rewarding to see the results of your efforts.

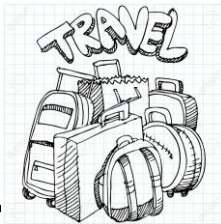
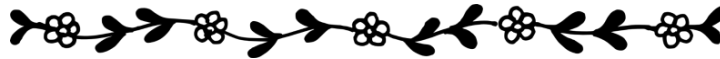
The Holidays are coming fast it seems and I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

[Anne Bolter](#)

Garden Club Vice President

Nomination Chair



## ***Travel Corner***

### **November Event**

Date: November 13

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 pm

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

Cost: \$35.00 pp (includes wine flight, charcuterie board (1 per 2 ppl) all taxes and service/gratuities) Also planning something fun!

This is a driving trip. Details will come out prior, but we will offer car pooling for anyone interested. As always, watch for final details 2-3 days prior to the trip.

Since the venue has space for 80+ people, I do not have a wait list. Therefore, if you are unable to attend for any reason, you will need to find a replacement to recoup your funds.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy some downtime before the hectic holidays. Hope to see

you all there!

### **October Event**

We had a great trip in October to the UT Arboretum! The weather was perfect and our speaker, **Stephen Lyn Bales**, a local naturalist and bird specialist, had a lot of fun and gave us some great information on local birds. We hope to have him come to one of our meetings next year as well.

For anyone interested, the UT Arboretum offers monthly Zoom meetings covering various topics. To participate in these programs, you can use the link below:

[Monthly Programs | UT Arboretum](#)

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### **Sharing Table**

We will have our last sharing table of 2024. Although many plants may not come in, think about bringing your new or gently used tidbits that might entice another member to purchase as a holiday gift.

I will be moving on after a few years of chairing this fun station at our meetings, and am happy to announce that we have a new 2025 Sharing Table chair! Mary Stockton who, by the way, organized that crazy good food buffet at the MOE. Just think of what she might surprise us with at the monthly sharing tables. Thank you Mary!

Please contact Mary if you can help now and then. It does not have to be a yearly commitment.

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## ***Look what I dug up by Nathy Hill***



### **Why Do Worms Come to the Surface When It Rains?**

Scientists don't fully understand this phenomenon, although a few theories exist as to why worms engage in this behavior during a good rainfall. One theory is that coming above ground when it rains helps worms move more quickly than they are able to while burrowing tunnels underground, according to Scientific American. Above ground travel is only possible when it's raining or right after because they need moisture and cannot travel across dry ground.

The vibrations created by raindrops may also draw worms to the surface when it rains, Scientific American reports. Worms may think the vibrations are from predators like moles moving through the soil. And just like worms will move toward the surface to escape a nearby mole, they may move the same way when it rains, thinking the vibrations caused by the rain are caused by predators.

For many years, scientists thought worms surfaced during a rainstorm as a way to prevent themselves from drowning when water filled their burrows, Scientific American reports. However, we now know this isn't true and worms won't drown when it rains. They actually need moisture in the soil to breathe, because they breathe through their skin. Worms can even survive for days fully submerged in water.

No matter why they come to the surface in the rain, we frequently see evidence that they don't always make it back down underground quickly enough after it stops. You can help a worm or two after it rains by moving them off the pavement or sidewalk and onto the nearest patch of dirt or grass. This will allow them to more quickly burrow back underground.

We benefit from having earthworms hard at work under our feet. While they are not essential for healthy soil, the presence of earthworms is an indicator that the soil is healthy, according to the University of Illinois Extension. All their digging and crawling through dirt has several benefits. Worms help improve the soil's water-holding capacity and increase filtration, they create channels to allow plant roots to grow, they mix soil and they stimulate microbial activity, which aids in plants being able to take up nutrients from the soil.

Good to know they don't come to the top to keep from drowning like I always thought. You can check out the article for more info at the following link: <https://www.reconnectwithnature.org/news-events/the-buzz/nature-curiosity-why-do-worms-come-above-ground>





FAIRFIELD GLADE GARDEN CLUB			
TREASURER'S REPORT			
Sep, 2024			
<b>Operating Fund</b>			
Balance at	9/1/2024		\$11,423.36
<b>Income:</b>			
		Trip payments - Winery	\$315.00
		Mem Dues	\$50.00
		MOE - Farmer's Market	\$715.00
		Payments for Aprons	\$273.00
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>\$1,353.00</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>			
<b>Checks:</b>			
	1513	Pro Logo Depot - Aprons	(\$894.99)
	1514	Dennis Hill - MOE Memory Road	(\$100.00)
	1515	VOID	\$0.00
	1516	Cumb Mtn State Park - dep for 2025 MOE	(\$329.25)
	1517	Stephen Lyn Bales - UT Arboretum trip	(\$100.00)
	1518	UT Arboretum - admission	(\$100.00)
	1519	Future Farmers of America - speaker donation	(\$100.00)
<b>Total Disbursements</b>			<b>(\$1,624.24)</b>
Balance at	9/30/2024		<u>\$11,152.12</u>
<b>Scholarship Fund</b>			
Balance at	9/1/2024		\$13,180.46
<b>Income:</b>			
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>			
<b>Checks:</b>			
<b>Total Disbursements</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
Balance at	9/30/2024		<u>\$13,180.46</u>
<b>Total Balance</b>			<b><u>\$24,332.58</u></b>



**Who to call if you have questions about:**

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Attachments: October 2024 meeting minutes