



Fairfield Glade Garden Club



January 2025 Newsletter



From the President

Happy New Year 2025

One of my favorite sayings is;

Tomorrow is one of the most important things in life. It comes to us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it comes to us and puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday.

Our Garden Club is about learning from each other. Each of us brings our past knowledge to share with each other, our speakers share their knowledge about growing plants, trees, flowers and teach us about the forest and wildlife we live in; here on the plateau. Our monthly trips are planned by Darlene to be especially interesting and fun. It is said that the best cosmetic in the world is an

active mind that is always finding something new.

Also, our support and work with the High School growing and sale of Poinsettias, Ferns and Geraniums to enable Students to further their education in an awesome way. Some Helena Schmidt Scholarship winners have even said they graduate debt free. Indeed some students would not have been able to further their education without receiving scholarships. The sharing table presents yet another avenue to raise funds for scholarships.

I pledge my best efforts as your president to continue the work of our Garden Club. I know I must count on your support and cooperation. With it I cannot fail.

But, On that note, without a VP, Be mindful that I must be calling on different members each month to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and to share the Meeting Housekeeping issues.

In closing, I want to thank Susan and all the past presidents without whose inspiration our Club, which has been so Successful, Would not even have begun.

Hope to see you January 15th

[Anne Bolter](#), Your President

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

Our January speaker will be
Derek Weaver
Crossville Herb Shop



ONLINE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & NEW NAME TAGS

The new online membership renewal process kicked off on January 1. By now, you should have received an email from the Club with a link to the online Membership Renewal Form. If you wish to proceed with the online renewal process, click on that link and it will bring you directly to the online renewal application.

If you did not receive the email with the link to the online application, please check to see if it went into your spam folder. If the email is not in your spam folder, and you wish to renew online, please request that the email from the Club with the link to the online Membership Renewal Form be re-sent to you by emailing David Dean (Membership) at dean3fish@aol.com.

You are NOT required to use the online application to renew your membership. You still have the option to use a paper application. You can obtain the 2025 paper application either by picking one up at the next membership meeting you attend or downloading the application from the Club's website. To find the application on the Garden Club website (www.fggardenclub.com), click on the "ABOUT FGGC" button, and then click on the "MEMBERSHIP FORM TO PRINT" button located about halfway down the left side of the page. Clicking on the "MEMBERSHIP FORM" button will bring up a blank Membership Application. Print it out, fill it in and either mail it back to the Club, along with your dues payment, to the address at the top of the application or bring your completed application and dues payment to the January or February membership meeting.

The January general membership meeting comes early this year. Usually, the general membership meeting falls in the third full week of the month. However, due to the fact that New Year's Day was on a Wednesday, the 2025 January general membership meeting falls on January 15th in the second full week of the month.

In addition to starting the online registration process in January, the Club will also begin the distribution of the newly designed 2025 name tags which will be attached using a lanyard rather than a pin. The new name tags will identify the members of your leader board and the leaders of the Club's various committees. They will be enclosed in new plastic holders that are clearer and easier to use with the beautiful new lanyards designed by our very own Darlene Peterson.

Members must pay their 2025 dues before being eligible to pick up their 2025 name tags and lanyards. At the January 15 meeting, where you pick up your name badge and lanyard will depend on whether you have paid your dues prior to coming into the meeting. As usual, you are required to check in at the front attendance desk. What happens next will depend on whether you've already paid your dues and submitted your membership application. If you have either registered online or mailed in a paper application and have paid your 2025 dues, you'll be directed to pick up your 2025 name tag and lanyard at a separate table located towards the back of the room. If you bring your 2025 dues payment to the meeting or wish to submit a paper membership application, you will be directed to the membership desk, located directly behind the check-in desk, to submit your paper application and/or drop off your 2025 dues payment ONLINE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & NEW NAME TAGS Page 2 of 2 and then pick up your name tag and lanyard. If you wish to delay renewing your membership and/or paying your dues until February, you can simply take your seat after checking in.

The January meeting is usually one of our busiest meetings of the year. Because of the changes in the registration process and the distribution of the new name tags and lanyards, it is expected that the check-in process will be more congested and slower than usual so PLEASE COME EARLY AND BRING AN EXTRA OUNCE OF PATIENCE.

If you have any questions or problems with the renewal process, you may contact [David Dean](#) (Membership) via email at dean3fish@aol.com.



[Derek Weaver](#) - Owner Crossville Herb Shop

Derek is a certified Herbalist through the School of Natural Healing and a Comprehensive Certified Iridologist via Bernard Jensen International. With fifteen years of experience helping people in health food store environments, having worked for major national supplement companies, and working one on one with clients, he's learned many things. His passion for natural living and practical healing has led him around our nation touring factories and farms as well as engaging CEOs and formulators of well-known natural healthcare companies. Topics he's well versed on include (not limited to):

- Iridology & Reiki

- Organics & GMOs
- Herbs & Mushrooms
- Digestive Health CBD / Cannabis – Pros & Cons
 - History of modern medicine
 - Veganism & Nutrition
 - Iridology & Reflexology

Derek enjoys working one on one with people and has worked with many people in the Glade. Please come prepared with your questions to ask Derek.



Travel Corner

Check your calendars. We will begin taking sign ups at our January for the following trips coming up in 2025. Please bring a check to confirm your seat at these events. They are going to fill up fast.

Date: Thursday February 6

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 pm

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

Cost: \$42.00 pp

Max: 40 people
Trip type: Driving/carpooling

Activity: Bread Making Class presented by Monica of [Cumberland Creative Handcrafted Goods](#)

You will learn the skills of great bread making. This trip will include the class and take-home sourdough bread starter and one charcuterie board per table to share. Beverages will be available for purchase including wine by the flight, glass or bottle, beer and soft drinks.

Date: Thursday, March 6

Time: Depart: 8:15 am (Clinton is in the Eastern time zone) Class begins at 10:30 am - ???

Location: [Erin's Meadow Herb Farm](#) - 132 England Lane - Clinton, TN

Cost: \$30.00 pp

Max: 25 people

Trip type: Driving/carpooling

"Grow a Edible Container Herb Garden for Fresh Flavor all Season"

This has been one of our most popular locations to visit, and this year will be our third year. Each time we learn something new and valuable from Kathy. This class will also include how to harvest and dry your herbs. Cost includes the class and all handout materials and lunch. If you haven't been to one of her previous classes, you won't want to miss it. She also has greenhouses filled with plants and herbs, as well as a shop with herbal teas and skin care for purchase.

Date: Wednesday, April 2nd

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (event start time is 10:30 am)

Location: [Harmony Lane Farms](#) - 285 Harmony Lane - Smithville, TN

Cost: \$50.00 pp

Max: 39 people

Trip type: Bus

This was probably our most popular trip last year. If you missed it last year you won't want to miss it this year. This trip includes a round-trip bus, farm tour (including milking goats, wagon tour), baby goat snuggling (most popular), samples of some of their goat milk products and you will each receive a goody bag to take home. Lunch will be at the farm's organic restaurant at a separate cost (lunches range around \$8-\$10).

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, April 30th - [Mill Creek Farms](#) (Scottish Highland Cow Farm) - More details will come soon!

Reminders:

- Detailed email goes out to all registered attendees 2-3 days prior to each trip (including confirmation of time, location, other details to make the trip enjoyable.)
- No refunds are available - A wait list will be available should you be unable to attend. You will be responsible to contact someone on the wait list to recoup your cost.
 - All trips are rain or shine.
- Bus trips, buses always depart behind the Fairfield Glade Community Center - 128 Stonehenge Drive

We look forward to another fun filled year!

**[Darlene Petersen](#) - Fairfield Glade Garden Club Travel Chair
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Sharing Table

It's a brand new year and the time to purge and organize! How about donating an item or two to our Sharing Table that benefits the Scholarship Fund? Last year we raised a whopping \$824!! Yes, thanks to all those who brought in the much needed items and gave generously for their purchases. It really IS a WIN-WIN scenario!!

And if you are looking for a way to volunteer at the Garden Club, consider being a part of the Sharing Table Team. The responsibilities are to arrive by 8:15 to help display items, assist with purchases and box up unsold items to be put out for next month. No need to worry about missing the speaker...things will be all wrapped up by that time.

Thanks again, and please feel free to contact me with any questions. Happy New Year!

Mary Stockton

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By-Laws Changes

Please review the attached revised by-laws when you have a chance. They've been revised, just slightly, to refine some operating details.

- Information about dates and the membership status have been adjusted to reflect the new on-line registration process we'll be using in 2025.
- We have deleted conflicting information about the terms for the Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary positions.
- The third change clarifies the expenditures that do not require additional approval from the membership.

There will be a vote at the January membership meeting to approve these by-laws. I've also attached a copy of the 2025 budget that was approved by the LeaderBoard at the December 13, 2024 meeting. As always, please remember that a budget is used as a guideline of how the club funds will be used during the upcoming year. Budgets can, and do, change as additional information is received.

It has been an honor to serve as your president in 2024. I look forward to seeing how the club changes and grows under Anne's leadership in 2025.

Take care all,

Susan Borghi

Immediate Past President

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Look what I dug up by Nathy Hill



Be Like A Deer ... Eat A Flower!

Have you ever eaten a flower? The only flower I can remember eating is a deep-fried squash blossom and it was pretty yummy! If you are adventurous and want to try eating some flowers, here is a list of edible flowers and what you can expect them to taste like.

Bon Appetite!

EDIBLE FLOWERS

Flower	Main Taste
Sunflowers	Nutty
Elderflowers	Sweet
Calendula	Peppery
Chamomile	Sweet
Peonies	Floral
Lavender	Earthy
Hibiscus	Tart
Lilacs	Floral
Roses	Sweet
Pansies	Sweet
Nasturtium	Spicy



FAIRFIELD GLADE GARDEN CLUB				
TREASURER'S REPORT				
Nov, 2024				
Operating Fund				
Balance at	11/1/2024			\$11,378.12
Income:				
		Trip payments - Winery		\$140.00
Total Income				\$140.00
Disbursements				
Checks:	1524	Nathy Hill - Pres gift	(\$13.15)	
	1525	Bristow Road Winery		(\$1,348.55)
	1526	FG Community Church-Nov Donation	(\$100.00)	
	1527	Jennifer Gaffney - Nov mtg setup	(\$75.00)	
	1528	Anne Bolter - Pres gift	(\$55.48)	
	1529	Darlene Peterson - Winery misc, supplies	(\$195.27)	
	1530	FG Community Church - Dec donation	(\$100.00)	
	1531	FG Community Church - Sep donation	(\$100.00)	
	1532	Cash - startup \$ for plant sale	(\$300.00)	
Total Disbursements				(\$2,287.45)
Balance at	11/30/2024			\$9,230.67
Scholarship Fund				
Balance at	11/1/2024			\$14,688.21
Income:				
		Sharing Table Nov	\$164.00	
Total Income				\$164.00
Disbursements				
Checks:				
Total Disbursements				\$0.00
Balance at	11/30/2024			\$14,852.21
Total Balance				\$24,082.88



Who to call if you have questions about:

General Information:

President: Anne Bolter, (931) 337-2463

Membership: David Dean, (503) 928-1867

Travel: Darlene Petersen, (847) 714-2153

Sharing Table: Mary Stockton, 253-549-5575

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: November 2024 meeting minute
Copy of the Garden Club By-Laws
Yearly Budget