



Fairfield Glade Garden Club



February 2025 Newsletter



From the President

We must not hope to be mowers, and to gather the ripe gold ears, unless we have first been sowers and watered the furrows with tears. It is not just as we takeout, this mystical world of ours, life's field will yield as we make it. A Harvest of thorns or of flowers. Johann Von Goeth.

Winter, Coldest season of the year between Autumn and Spring, the name comes from an old germanic word that means "Home of Water" and refers to the rain and the snow of winter.

It is commonly regarded as extending from the winter solstice, (years shortest day) December 20 or 21 to the vernal equinox (day and night are equal in length), March 20 or 21 to September 22 or 23.

The Solstice, the 2 months during the year when the sun travels the shortest path through the sky and therefore has the least daylight and longest night. After the solstice the days get longer and the day this happens on has become a

day of rebirth to us gardeners.

The season of dormancy, particularly in relation to crops, some plants die leaving their seeds. Others merely cease to grow until spring. Many Animals also become dormant, especially those who hibernate, and numerous insects die.

The appeal of gardening is multifaceted and wide in range. The garden is often the only place where someone without special training can exercise creative impulses of a designer, artist, technician and scientific observer in addition to many find it relaxing and therapeutic.

Is it not surprising that the garden, accorded respect as a part of nature and a place where contemplation holds a special place in the spiritual life of man.

February is a great month for contemplation, a great time to choose what plants we want to grow, read those seed catalog pages and decide where to plant and nurture our plants in our gardens this coming spring.

Beauty is everlasting and dust is for a time.

[Anne Bolter](#), Your President

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Our **February 19th** meeting is at
the **FG Community Church**.
Membership meeting begins at
9am

Our February speaker will be
John Hoenink
Gardening in Costa Rica



Membership

Thank you to all of you who attended the January 15th membership meeting for your patience and cooperation with the new registration process. The process went much more smoothly than anticipated. We expect another large group in February. Therefore, we will be using the same registration/check-in process for guest and member check-in, dues payment, new member and renewal applications, and for picking-up the new name tags and lanyards.

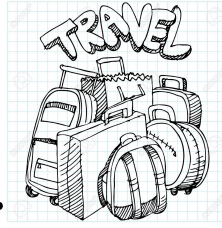
Just a reminder for those 2024 members who have not yet renewed the memberships, the deadline for renewal is March 1. Members who have not renewed by March will be moved to inactive status, as a result of which they will not receive any further Club newsletters and will not receive the 20% discount at Landscape Solutions.

If you have lost the email with the link to the online registration form, the link is available on the Club's website (www.fggardenclub.com). Under the "FGGC" tab, click on the "Online Membership Form" button to be brought to the online application. Fill out the application form online and then click the Submit button at the bottom of the page. If you don't want to submit an application online, click on the "Membership Form to Print" button to print out a paper application. Fill it in and then either mail it with your dues payment to "FGGC Dues, PO Box 1589 Crossville, TN 38558 or bring payment to the February membership meeting. You also have the option of waiting to come to the February meeting to pick up and fill out the application and pay your dues at that time.

If you need any assistance with the renewal process, please feel free to contact David Dean at dean3fish@aol.com.

David Dean
Membership





Travel Corner

Hi Gardeners. The following are all upcoming trips. The first trip is just confirmed and new. This trip should fill up fast so let me know if you would like to attend. This is a bus trip, so I need a minimum of 25.

NEW TRIP

Date: Wednesday, April 30th

Cost: \$50

Estimated duration: Leave around 9:45 am return around 1:30 (BUS TRIP)

Location: Mill Creek Farms - Cookeville

Description: This is a Scottish Highland cow farm right here in Tennessee. The cost of this trip includes a round trip bus, a tour of the farm and lunch. You will learn all about these majestic animals and will be able to interact with them. I expect this trip to fill up quickly so let me know as soon as possible if you are interested. I will also have the signup sheets at the February garden club meeting.

Date: Thursday, February 6th - SPACE STILL AVAILABLE

Cost: \$42

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 pm - (CARPOOLING TRIP)

Location: Breadmaking Class at Bristow Road Winery - Crossville

Description: This is a 2-hour class on bread making. You will learn everything you need to know about bread making and will walk away with a bread starter. You will be able to sample the wonderful breads that Monica makes as well as charcuterie boards with meats and cheeses. Wine, soft drinks and beer are available for purchase.

Date: Thursday, March 6th - THIS TRIP IS CURRENTLY FILLED

Cost: \$30 (includes class, materials and lunch)

Estimated time: 8:15 am departure - class begins promptly at 10:30. Return ???
(CARPOOLING TRIP)

Location: Erin's Meadow Herb Farm - "Grow and edible herb container for fresh flavor all season"

Wednesday, April 2nd - THERE IS CURRENTLY 1 SPOT STILL AVAILABLE

Cost: \$50

Estimated time: 9:00 departure 4:00 pm return (BUS TRIP)

Location: Harmony Lanes Goat Farm - Smithville, TN

Description: Cost includes round trip bus, tour of the entire farm, educational program on goats and milking, samples of some of their wonderful goat milk products, and baby goat snuggling. We will have lunch at the farm at their farm to table restaurant for an additional cost. This was our most popular trip last year.

Do not hesitate to contact me via email or text (below) with any questions or to sign up for any of the available trips.

Darlene Petersen - Fairfield Glade Garden Club Travel Chair

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Fern/Geranium Plant Sale Fundraiser - Mark your calendars!

We have confirmed dates for our spring fern/geranium plant sale fundraiser as follows:

Monday, April 21 - Cumberland County High School

Tuesday, April 22 - Cumberland County High School

Wednesday, April 23 - Plant moving date from CCHS to Village Green Mall

Thursday, April 24 - Village Green Mall

Friday, April 25 - Village Green Mall

The bake sale will be in conjunction with the plant sale on Thursday, April 24th at the Village Green Mall.

For many of you who are new to the garden club, this is our largest fundraising event of the year. All proceeds from this event either goes back to CCHS to cover the cost of their greenhouse program and the balance goes to the Helena Schmidt Scholarship Fund, which grants college scholarships to local students who are going on to college majoring in something within the worldwide food web, which would include sciences, agriculture, etc. Our scholarship committee is currently working on finding students who qualify for these scholarships, and you will have the opportunity to meet the

scholarship recipients at our May Scholarship reception. More details will come as we get closer.

We will have more details in the March/April newsletters. Volunteer signup sheets will be available in the March and April meetings.

Any questions on this event, do not hesitate to contact me.

[Darlene Petersen](#)

Fairfield Glade Garden Club Plant Sale/Bake Sale Chair

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MEMBER ONLY EVENT 2025

Dear Fellow Members : We have 3 CO- Chairmen for the MEMBER ONLY EVENT !!!

Thank You Thank You And Thank You to Deb Boyle, Tamiko Roberts and Mary

Stockton For Co-Chairing this special event.



Look what I dug up by Nathy Hill



Snow: A Poor Man's Fertilizer

Snows before or after the ground has thawed can yield some great benefits to your soil. As precipitation falls through the atmosphere, it collects atmospheric nitrogen which is in the NH₂ form. When snow collects on thawed soil, it slowly melts, allowing a slow-release of NH₂ into the soil profile.



Did you know that **Snow** delivers about two to twelve pounds of nitrogen per acre per year from the atmosphere to the soil.



10 SIGNS YOUR GARDEN'S INVADED YOUR LIFE

1. You stay up until 2 a.m. poring over your library of garden books and catalogs.
2. Your trowel ends up in the dishwasher.
3. You have photos of your garden next to photos of your kids on your desk at work.
4. The thought of receiving eight tons of dirt for your birthday thrills you.
5. You have a personal vendetta against an ornery squirrel.
6. You hire a garden babysitter when you go on vacation.

7. You are lusting over your neighbor's pile of manure.
8. You weed despite the 100-degree heat.
9. Every dish you make contains zucchini.
10. On bad hair days, you get out pruners.



FAIRFIELD GLADE GARDEN CLUB
TREASURER'S REPORT
Dec, 2024

Operating Fund

Balance at 12/1/2024 \$9,230.67

Income:

Apron - pmt \$21.00

Total Income \$21.00

Disbursements

Checks: 1533 David Dean - Membership supplies (\$119.34)

1534 Pro Logo Depot - Lanyards (\$403.89)

1535 David Dean - badge holder (\$15.35)

Total Disbursements (\$538.58)

Balance at 12/31/2024 \$8,713.09

Scholarship Fund

Balance at 12/1/2024 \$14,852.21

Income:

Poinsettia sale - donations 12/2 \$61.00

Poinsettia sale - plants 12/2 \$2,025.00

Poinsettia sale - plants 12/3 \$540.00

Poinsettia sale - donations 12/3 \$6.00

Poinsettia sale - cash box startup \$ \$300.00

Poinsettia sale - donations 12/5 \$45.00

Poinsettia sale - Caps 4 Kids 12/5 \$160.00

Poinsettia sale - Bake sale 12/5 \$976.00

Poinsettia sale - plants 12/5 \$3,146.00

Poinsettia sale - extra plants 12/5 \$216.00

Poinsettia sale - extra donations 12/5 \$2.00

Total Income \$7,477.00

Disbursements

Checks:

Total Disbursements \$0.00

Balance at 12/31/2024 \$22,329.21



Who to call if you have questions about:

General Information:

President: Anne Bolter, (931) 337-2463

Membership: David Dean, (503) 928-1867

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Sharing Table: Mary Stockton, 253-549-5575

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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: January meeting minute