



Fairfield Glade Garden Club



March 2025 Newsletter



From the President

The Spirit of St Patrick is in the air. The wearing of the green is on Monday the 17th this year.

I believe our members are like four leaf clovers. All of us are lucky to find and enjoy knowing each other!

Communicating some things we missed sharing due to the cancellation of our February General Meeting.

Darlene, Laurie and I were able to visit our storage unit and found it only 1/3 full. We determined there is no need for a larger one. We will move the plant sale items nearer the door so as to make it more convenient to those who utilize the items for our annual sales.

Our yearly audit was conducted 1/29/25 with no adverse findings. Thank You To Laurie, Jean, Susan and Sue N. I appreciate your helping me to get this completed.

Our [Scholarship brunch](#) will be on [May 21,2025](#) instead of our usual meeting.

Members who can assist Cynthia Rossiter with the first National Bank display case decoration on or before 4/1/25. Contact [Cynthia 931-456-1225](mailto:cynthia.rossiter@frontiernet.net) or rossiter1@frontiernet.net

I am extending the **registration and dues** deadline to **March 21st** as this will enable those who planned to register last meeting will have a chance to do so in March.

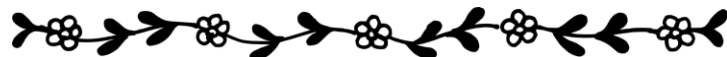
I also am interested in ideas for our areas of interest and possible 2026 speakers for our Club.

Yours Truly,
Anne Bolter



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

Our March speaker will be
FG Fire Chief
Kirk McLaughlin
Fire Prevention



Membership

I had hoped that we would be finished with the vast majority of membership renewals by March 1st but we were thwarted by the weather. Because the cancellation of the February General Membership Meeting prevented many members from renewing their memberships in February, the deadline for membership renewal is being extended to Friday March 21 – the Friday immediately after the March 19 Membership Meeting.

I would encourage everyone who has not yet renewed their membership to renew their membership online or by mailing in a membership application rather than waiting for

the March Membership meeting to renew your membership. The link to the online registration form 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 would rather submit a paper application, click on the "Membership Form to Print" under the "FGGC" tab to print out a paper application. Complete the application and then either mail it with your dues payment to "FGGC Dues, PO Box 1589 Crossville, TN 38558" or bring the form and your dues payment to the March 19 membership meeting . You also have the option of waiting to come to the March meeting to pick up and fill out the application and pay your dues at that time.

Members who have not renewed by the March 21 deadline 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.

We expect another large group in March. 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 as we used in January. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

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

NEW TRIP

Date: Wednesday, May 7th

Time: Class begins promptly at 10:00 am - This is a driving trip - carpooling for anyone interested (be sure to allow room for any plants or garden materials you may want to purchase at Johnson's. We typically will receive a discount on all purchases that day).

Cost: \$10.00

Event: [Johnson's Nursery](#) - "May is Here - Let's Garden"

Johnson's Nursery in Cookeville is 5th generation owned, voted in top 100 nurseries. Sarah Johnson will conduct the class about basic gardening tips. You will be able to ask questions and learn how to make your garden beautiful, whether you are a seasoned gardener, or a beginner. If you haven't been to Johnson's nursery you will be amazed with the quantity and quality of the plants and garden items.

Lunch will follow immediately (12:00 noon) at [Be sure when registering for this trip that you confirm you will be having lunch with us so I can confirm reservation]:

[Mauricios Italian Restaurant](#) - 232 North Peachtree (if you haven't been here before, you won't want to miss!)

Other upcoming trips:

Thursday, March 6 - Erins Meadow Herb Farm - Clinton, TN - SOLD OUT

Wednesday, March 2nd - Harmony Lanes Goat Farm - Smithville TN - 1 seat remaining - \$50 cost for bus, tour, baby cuddling, samples. Lunch additional cost.

Wednesday, April 30th - Mill Creek Farms (Scottish Highland Cow Farm) - Cookeville - SOLD OUT - Wait List Available

NEW TRIP

Date: Tuesday, May 20th

Time: 10:00 am - approximately 1:00 pm (this is a driving trip, so carpooling available for anyone interested.)

Cost: \$15.00 pp - includes lunch

Event: [UT Discovery Garden](#) - Crossville

We will learn about soils here on the plateau from a Master Gardner, then will have a tour of the spring garden. Lunch is included in the cost and will be brought in from Long Road Cafe. Whether you have visited this garden before or are new to the area, there is always something new and different to enjoy in this educational garden. Weather permitting we will eat outside in the garden's

Darlene Petersen - Fairfield Glade Garden Club Travel Chair

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Fern/Geranium Plant Sale Fundraiser - Mark your calendars!

Our annual Fern & Geranium sale is right around the corner. This is our largest fundraising event of the year. All proceeds go to the CCHS Greenhouse Maintenance Program and the FGGC Helena Schmidt Scholarship Fund which grants college scholarships to local students in the Crossville area. The students at CCHS students grow our plants as a curriculum and are graded on them.

The dates of our Fern & Geranium sale are as follows::

Monday, April 21 – 8:30 am - 2:00 pm - Cumberland County High School Greenhouse

Tuesday, April 22 – 8:30 am - 2:00 pm - Cumberland County High School Greenhouse

Wednesday, April 23 - pack and move from the greenhouse to the Village Green Mall and set up

Thursday, April 24 - 7:30 am - 5:00 pm - Village Green Mall

Friday, April 25 - 7:30 am - 12:00 noon

We cannot do this fundraising event without the help of our volunteers. Signup sheets will be available for each day at the March and April Garden Club meetings.

Schedules are typically a 2-hour shift. As a volunteer your responsibility is to:

- help the customer pick out their plant(s), and bring to payment table
- help carry the plant(s) to the customers car
- re-arrange plants as needed to keep the area stocked and at the mall we need to keep the floors clean

In addition to working the sale, volunteers are also needed to transport plants back and forth from CCHS to Village Green Mall.

Any questions on the plant sale, contact Darlene Petersen - petersendarlene@hotmail.com. We look forward to another successful year!

[Darlene Petersen](#)

Fairfield Glade Garden Club Plant Sale/Bake Sale Chair

[847-714-2153](tel:847-714-2153)



The Scholarship committee update

Scholarship application is updated and is now posted on the website. Stone and CCHS have received the flyer and applications to include in all packets that are to be distributed.

A scholarship committee planning meeting will be scheduled to take place in mid to late March.

Anyone interested in helping on this committee may contact me by email at carolinechamp3@gmail.com or phone at [985.709.1060](tel:985.709.1060) for more information. Many helpers are needed to help make the May Brunch a success. Please consider taking part on the Scholarship committee.



New Member Reception

We are going to have a New Member Reception for all the new folks in our FFG Garden Club. We want to welcome any new members since September to a short reception to let you all know what we do as an organization and find out about our new folks.

Members from our Leader Board and committee chairs will be there to let you know about some of our fun events.

The date is **March 25, 2025** from **10am to 12pm**. We will have some snacks and iced tea.

If you have never been to a new member reception you are welcome also.

Please sign up at the March meeting or text me at [440-213-0865](tel:440-213-0865) or email me at rhodaworld@aol.com.

Come on out and get to know us.

Rhoda Hiller and Sue Niebuhr



Sharing Table

Greeting:

While visiting my step son's family in Knoxville, my daughter-in-law handed me a bag with a couple of items in it and told me to take them to the Garden Club for the Sharing Table. It surprised and delighted me that she remembered I suggested she keep us in mind the next time she was going to donate to the thrift store. Feel free to mention our scholarship fund to your family and neighbors...perhaps they will hand you a bag of goodies one day, too.

Thanks again for your generous donations of items and purchases. We'll see you this month at the Sharing Table.

[Mary Stockon](#)

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS! MEMBER ONLY EVENT 9/17/25 CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

Co-chairs:

Deb Boyle 847-924-2112

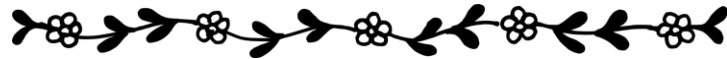
Tamiko Roberts 931-248-4030

Mary Stockton 253-549-5575

We are very excited to be co-chairing our event this fall! We love what we do! Some things will be the same, with many surprises to come! Of course we focus on recycling and upcycling and so we are calling on you for your unwanted donations. Please bring these items and anything relatable to the sharing table area each meeting and place them in the marked box.

Artificial flowers and greenery
Floral wire, floral tape, floral blocks
Colored paper, packing paper, roll of paper
Bottled paints (acrylic, water color, oil) no gallon house paint
Large empty frames
Plaster of Paris
Foam spray

Call any co- chair with questions. It will be a “**BLOOMING**” good time



The Conservation Committee will again be pulling garlic mustard along the Sculpture Trail at the Art Center. We will be working at least two days for about an hour each time. The first date will be in late March and the other will be in early April. If you'd like to help, send an email to suzanne.wade52@gmail.com or call or text [Suzanne Wade](tel:608-334-4517) at 608-334-4517.

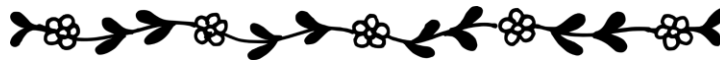


Look what I dug up by Nathy Hill



There's a lot to learn from other creatures.

What an amazing discovery! Scientists have discovered that ants, after collecting the grains and seeds that they need for winter, break those seeds down into halves before storing in their nests because breaking them in half keeps them from germinating even through rain and the most perfect germinating conditions. But scientists were stunned when they discovered that coriander seeds stored in the ant nest were broken down into 4 pieces instead of 2 pieces. After lab research, scientists discovered that a coriander seed will still germinate after being divided into two, but it won't germinate after it's divided into four parts. So how do these tiny creatures know all this? Humans know very little, there is a lot to learn from other creatures.



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				
Jan, 2025				
Operating Fund				
Balance at	1/1/2025			\$8,713.09
Income:				
		Redeposit Cash for change at Jan mtg	\$200.00	
		Mem Dues	\$3,075.00	
		Donations	\$10.00	
		Trip payments: Winery		\$926.00
		Trip payments: Erin's Herb		\$690.00
		Trip payments: Harmony Farm		\$850.00
Total Income				\$5,751.00
Disbursements				
Checks:	1536	Kathy Spancake - Web site costs	(\$274.68)	
	1537	FG Comm Church - Jan mtg donation	(\$100.00)	
	1538	Cash-for change at Jan mtg (mem dues)	(\$200.00)	
	1539	FGCC Post Office - 12 stamps	(\$8.76)	
	1540	FG Comm Club-dep on bus for Mill Creek Farms		(\$86.00)
	1541	FG Comm Club-dep on bus for Harmony Farms		(\$101.00)
Total Disbursements				(\$770.44)
Balance at	1/31/2025			\$13,693.65
Scholarship Fund				
Balance at	1/1/2025			\$22,329.21
Income:				
		Sharing Table - Jan mtg	\$61.00	
Total Income				\$61.00
Disbursements				
Checks:	1042	CC High School - Poinsettia sale	(\$4,371.00)	
	1043	Village Green Mall - dep for spring plant sale	(\$150.00)	
Total Disbursements				(\$4,521.00)



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

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Attachments: January meeting minute