



Fairfield Glade Garden Club



April 2025 Newsletter



From the President

Dear Fellow Members

Happy Spring!

April gets its name from the latin word “Aerie”, meaning “to open (BUD)” because our plants begin to grow in April. April 1 is April Fools Day - suspiciously close to the Vernal Equinox-When Mother Nature tricks us with unpredictable changes in the weather.

April, in addition to April fools day is a refreshing gateway to spring known for its blooming flowers and trees, unpredictable weather, a month that bridges the warmth of the sun with the freshness of a vibrant Spirit of renewal.

Another theory suggests a connection to the Greek Goddess “APHRODITE” (The Roman Venus). The term “aprilis” might be derived from her symbolizing love, beauty and fertility associated with April.

There are many festivals, celebrations, observances and holidays in April including :Ramadan, Passover, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Also many funny eccentric days such as Nation Hug a new person day & National Hug your dog day.

Let's enjoy April by Learning from our speakers and resources and using our knowledge to plan, grow, nurture and care for our gardens and reveling in the beauty they give back to us as we “Garden On Together”. Remember our gloves and watch out for poison Ivy and hidden critters.

Anne Bolter



Our **April 16th** meeting is at the **FG Community Church**. **Membership meeting begins at 9am**

Our April speaker will be **Stephen Lyn Bales** naturalist and author **hummingbirds**



Travel Corner



You can now find trip information on our website. fggardenclub@gmail.com

Prior to registering for a trip, please review our procedures.

Adhering to these guidelines will help us continue to offer fun and educational experiences.

Before signing up for a trip, check your calendar - because trips are non-refundable.

If you can't make it, and want to recover your cost, you'll need to find someone to take your place.

Trips occur regardless of weather, please keep that in mind when signing up.

After signing up for a trip you will receive an email containing all the trip details a few days prior to the departure. If you do not find it, please check your spam folder. If it is still not there, contact Darlene Petersen at petersendarlene@hotmail.com.

Space is still available for the following 2 trips:

Wednesday, **May 7th**

Johnson's Nursery - Cookeville

Time: 10:00 am - class begins promptly at 10

Cost: \$10.00 pp

This is a driving trip. Carpooling will be available.

Sarah Johnson will conduct a class talking about all aspects of gardening. She is 5th generation gardener and is very knowledgeable and will be able to answer any questions you may have.

Lunch will follow immediately at Mauricio's Italian Restaurant in Cookeville. This is an extra cost. When registering please confirm that you will be staying for lunch as I need to let the restaurant know the number of people.

Tuesday, **May 20th**

UT Discovery Gardens - Crossville

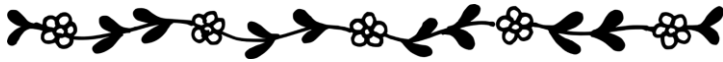
Time: 10:00 am

Cost: \$15.00 pp - Cost includes lunch provided by Long Road Cafe

This is a driving trip. Carpooling will be available.

We will have a tour of the spring gardens as well as a class on soil on the plateau. Whether you have been to the garden previously, there is always something new and exciting to see in the garden. The director of the garden will be conducting the tour and we will have master gardeners there who will be able to answer any questions about gardening you may have.

Darlene Petersen - Fairfield Glade Garden Club Travel Chair
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2025 Spring Fern/Geranium Sale



Just a reminder 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 CCHS students grow these plants as part of their 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 at mall

Thursday, **April 24** - 7:30 am - 5:00 pm - Village Green Mall (**Additional help is needed on the 7:30 - 10:00 am and the 10:00 am - noon shifts**)

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

We cannot do this fundraising event without the help of our volunteers. As a volunteer your responsibility is to:

- help the customer pick out their plant(s), and bring to payment table (you will not be responsible to collect money)
- help carry the plant(s) to the customers car
- re-arrange plants as needed to keep the area stocked and at the mall keep the floors swept and clean

- If you are able to help on the above shifts, or any questions on the plant sale, contact Darlene Petersen - petersendarlene@hotmail.com.
 - Be sure to tell your neighbor and friends to stop by to pick up their ferns and geraniums.
 - The cost of plants is \$8.00 for geraniums and \$15.00 for ferns.
 - We only accept cash or check at this sale. No credit cards!

We look forward to another successful year!



2025 Bake Sale - Bakers Needed

In conjunction with our plant sale, we also have our annual bake sale on **Thursday, April 24th from 7:30 am - 2:00 pm (or until we run out)**. All proceeds from the bake sale go directly into the Helena Schmidt Scholarship Fund benefiting local students.

We have enough volunteers to work the sale. But bakers are needed! So all you bakers out there, bake your hearts out and bring your treats to the Village Green Mall on Thursday, April 24th by 7:30 am.

Be sure to mark your baked goods (we will price them when we get them):

- What it is (brownies, cookie type, etc.)
- If it is gluten free or has nuts/no nuts

- Any other pertinent information you have for the consumer

Any questions on the bake sale, you may contact Darlene Petersen (petersendarlene@hotmail.com).

Darlene Petersen

Fairfield Glade Garden Club Plant Sale/Bake Sale Chair
847-714-2153



Scholarships

The Scholarship Committee continues to grow! Next meeting is April 3rd at 10 am in the Glade. Ali Reader has graciously offered for us to meet in her home this time. Those signed up for the Scholarship committee will receive an email with more info.

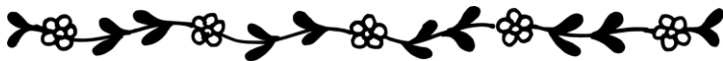
Attendance at the April 3rd meeting is mandatory if you would also like to attend the student interviews at 9 am on April 8 and 9 at the high schools- Cumberland County and Stone Memorial. A committee member may only attend one day or both days for interviews, as desired.

Sign-in sheet for the committee and the brunch will also be available at the April FG Garden Club meeting. There is limited seating for the brunch on May 21 so sign up to reserve your spot!

Thank you to all committee members getting involved and helping to prepare for another great brunch.

Happy gardening!

Carolyn



Sharing Table

Hello everyone and Happy Spring! Now is a great time to get outside and dig up some of your plants to bring to our Sharing Table along with labels stating any pertinent information you deem helpful. Last month we had an abundance and thanks to your generosity, we brought in a whopping \$167.00 for our scholarship fund.!! What a great job! Let's see if we can top that in April to help make up for the lost opportunity in February. Feel free to call anytime with questions and I'll see you soon.

Mary Stockton

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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

The Environmental Committee will be pulling garlic mustard at the Art Center
on **Friday, April 18 at 1:00.**

Wear long pants and bring garden gloves.

If you'd like to help, send an email to suzanne.wade52@gmail.com or call or
text **Suzanne Wade** at **608-334-4517** if you have any questions.



Look what I dug up by Nathy Hill



What Does a 32,000 Year Old Plant Look Like?

One day around 32,000 years ago, an arctic ground squirrel ate parts of a plant, silene stenophylla, including its seed. The squirrel was digesting it when its life ended.

Its body was recovered from permafrost and examined.

Scientists germinated this plant seed.

This silene stenophylla just bloomed.

It is 32,000 years old.



I hope everyone is enjoying our spring weather and the burst of color here in the Glade. We have some events coming up sponsored by Cumberland County Master Gardeners.

Spring Flower, Lawn and Garden Festival:

Apr 25, 2025, – Apr 26, 2025, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Cumberland County Community Complex,

[1398 Livingston Rd, Crossville, TN 38571, USA](https://www.cumberlandcountytn.gov/1398/Livingston-Rd-Crossville-TN-38571-USA)

Annual Spring Plant Sale:

Saturday May 3rd 9am -3pm CDT. New and award-winning annuals, perennials, vines, and shrubs.

Location: Plateau AgResearch and Education Center, [320 Experiment Station Rd, Crossville, TN 38571](https://www.ccmga.org).

Classes in the Garden:

Go to www.ccmga.org for class schedule. These are free classes about gardening topics.

Spring Bulb Sale:

Go to www.ccmga.org to order Spring Bulbs before May 15, 2025.

Get out and enjoy our weather and spring colors.

Rhoda Hiller



Monthly Speaker Information

Like the colors of a rainbow, hummingbirds have pizzazz

Our hummingbirds are returning. There are over 330 hummingbird species but they are only found in the New World. They may be small but they are colorful. These vibrant flower-loving pixies occur in a wider range of colors than all other bird species combined. Purple, yellow, green, crimson, blue, like the colors of a rainbow. Wow! The wintertime Rufous Hummingbird is even bathed in UT Orange. Yet, the Ruby-throated is our most familiar summertime hummer.

Stephen Lyn Bales is a naturalist and author from Knoxville. He has written three books all published by the University of Tennessee Press.



FAIRFIELD GLADE GARDEN CLUB			
TREASURER'S REPORT			
Feb, 2025			
Operating Fund			
Balance at	2/1/2025		
Income:			
		Mem Dues	\$335.00
		Trip payments: Winery	\$124.00
		Trip payments: Erin's Herb	\$30.00
		Trip payments: Mill Creek	\$950.00
		Trip payments: Harmony Farm	\$150.00
Total Income			
Disbursements			
Checks:	1542	Winery - Breadmaking	(\$910.00)
	1543	Winery - 13 Charcuterie boards	(\$158.04)
	1544	FG Community Church - Feb donation	(\$100.00)
	1545	Erin's Meadow Herb Farm - 25 people	(\$700.00)
Total Disbursements			
Balance at	2/28/2025		
Scholarship Fund			
Balance at	2/1/2025		
Income:			
Total Income			
Disbursements			
Checks:			
Total Disbursements			
Balance at	2/28/2025		
Total Balance			



Spring Hours:
Mon - Fri 8-5pm
Saturday 8-4pm
Sunday 12-4pm

Come see us!
3321 Peavine Rd
Crossville, TN 38571

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Remember to bring your Garden Club badge to receive your 20% off
on plants



**Who to call
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