



## Fairfield Glade Garden Club



## December 2025 Newsletter



### *From the President*

As we enter the holiday season I would like to wish everyone a **Merry Christmas** and a Happy New Year. I am so grateful to have the honor of working with such a generous and caring group of people.

Stay safe and warm

Allison Stanley, Vice President 2025



**There will be no  
December meeting.  
See you in  
January.**



## **Exciting Changes to the Garden Club's 2026 Membership Registration Process**

As we prepare for another vibrant year at the Garden Club, we're introducing important updates to our membership registration process for 2026. These changes are designed to make registration smoother and more reliable for all members.

### **Why the Change?**

Our 2025 online registration system presented several challenges:

- Payments were received separately from registration forms, causing tracking issues.
- Registration data was generated in GoogleDocs and had to be manually imported into our Excel spreadsheets, increasing the risk of errors.
- The online system did not produce a usable paper registration form.

### **What's New for 2026?**

**All registrations will now be completed using paper applications.** Dues will remain at \$20 and must be paid by check or cash at the time of registration.

Here's how it will work:

- **Existing Members (Renewals):**

- By the end of the week of December 15, every 2025 FGGC member will receive an emailed membership application with their **contact information prefilled**.
- Members should **print the form**, verify or update their contact information and select any volunteer opportunities in which they are interested in receiving additional information. The completed form **with dues payment** should then be returned either by mail or at the next membership meeting.
- Dues payments sent by mail should be paid by check only made payable to **FGGC**. If you wish to pay by cash, submit your completed application and dues payment **together** at a membership meeting

- **New Members & Those Preferring Not to Use the Emailed Prefilled Application:**

- Option 1: Print a blank registration form from the FGGC website, complete it by hand, and **submit it with your dues** payment either by mail or at the next membership meeting.
- Option 2: Pick up and complete a blank registration form at a membership meeting and pay dues in person by check or cash.

### **Looking Ahead**

We appreciate everyone's patience as we transition to this improved process. Our goal is to ensure every member's information is accurate and that registration is as convenient as possible. If you have questions or need assistance, please reach out to [Dale Jacobi](mailto:dalejacobi2021@gmail.com), Membership Chair; [dalejacobi2021@gmail.com](mailto:dalejacobi2021@gmail.com); 631-953-6057.



### **Thank you from the Bake Sale Committee**

We would like to thank the Plant Sale Committee, all who participated in the bake sale with your baked goods, sale participation and those who gave

monetary donations. We also received an additional donation from the Elk's Club members of \$225, thank you Sharon & Larry Flair!

The bake sale was extremely successful, with a variety and plenty of baked goods. We closed up shop about 1:15 with only a few items left, which were taken to the Fire and Police departments, to enjoy.

**Our Figures are as follows:**

<b>Donations Wed meeting</b>	<b>\$1,035</b>
<b>Caps for Kids</b>	<b>\$105</b>
<b>Bake Sale Donations</b>	<b>\$553</b>
<b>Bake Sale</b>	<b>\$907</b>
<b>Elks Club Donations</b>	<b><u>\$225</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,825</b>

Again, thank you members of the Garden Club for stepping up to help the new Bake Sale Committee with our first event to recoup the loss of the plant sale funds for this year's event.

[Dixie Bernsteen and Jean Parks](#)  
[Bake Sale Committee](#)



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



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**An oak tree isn't just any old tree, it's a towering sanctuary. One single oak can shelter more than 2,300 species, from mosses and insects to birds, fungi, and mammals. Even the humble ash tree supports around 1,000 forms of life, weaving an entire ecosystem through its bark, branches, and roots.**

**Trees hold back floodwaters, offer healing through traditional medicines, and link us to the land and each other across time.**

**In the old tales, every mighty tree was thought to be home to a spirit, a Dryad, quietly dwelling in its heartwood, guarding the grove. So next time you pass beneath the shade of a tree, remember, you're stepping into a living world, one that breathes, watches, and remembers.**

**-Woodlarking**



Woodlarking

**A single tree is a world of life.  
One oak can support over 2,300 species.  
Ash hosts around 1,000, and even yew  
shelters birds, bats, insects, and rare lichens.  
Trees are vital habitats, alive with moss,  
fungi, wings, and whispering life.**

**-Woodlarking**



FAIRFIELD GLADE GARDEN CLUB				
TREASURER'S REPORT				
Oct, 2025				
<b>Operating Fund</b>				
Balance at	10/1/2025		Trips	\$9,949.18
<b>Income:</b>				
		Mem Dues	\$20.00	
		Bristow Road Winery	\$480.00	\$500.00
<b>Disbursements</b>				
Checks:	1594	FG Comm Church - Oct mtg donation	(\$100.00)	
	1595	VOID		
	1596	FGCC Men's Fellowship - Oct mtg setup	(\$75.00)	
	1597	FGCC - Oct mtg A/V	(\$25.00)	
	1598	Tamika Roberts - MOE expenses	(\$234.75)	
	1599	US Postal Service - new PO Box - 1 year bal due after refund from old PO Box	(\$40.00)	
Total Disbursements				(\$474.75)
Balance at	10/31/2025			\$9,974.43
<b>Scholarship Fund</b>				
Balance at	10/1/2025			\$12,460.04
<b>Income:</b>				
		Sharing Table - Oct mtg	\$214.00	
		Cash for Kids at MOE (cash)	\$100.00	
Total Income				\$314.00
Checks:	1058	Dixie Bernsteen - Bake sale expenses	(\$9.88)	
Total Disbursements				(\$9.88)
Balance at	10/31/2025			\$12,764.16
Total Balance				\$22,738.59



Question?

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

General Information:

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Membership: Dale Jacobi, (631) 953-6057

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Sharing Table: Mary Stockton, (253) 549-5575

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