

FAIRFIELD GLADE GARDEN CLUB 2020 TRIPS

Mon, Jan 27 – *A trip thru your own yard:* This hands-on workshop will be *a trip thru your own yard* to create a personalized garden journal. This journal can be used to document what you have already done to your garden or landscape, or to plan the changes you would still like to make. We will meet in the downstairs room of the FG Multi-purpose building from 9:30 to 11:30. If you currently own a copy of the Cumberland County Master Gardeners Almanac, please bring it with you. If you don't have a copy, one will be available for purchase at the workshop for \$5. Also, please bring with you a new or used 3 ring binder.

Feb 20 – We will take a trip to Johnson's Nursery in Cookeville for a class with Sara Johnson on the selection and care of indoor plants. Date and time to be set soon.

Thurs, Feb 27 – Nashville Lawn & Garden Show:

Start your garden year out right with a visit to the Nashville Lawn & Garden Show at Nashville's brand new Fairgrounds Expo Center. Walk through the show's numerous display gardens to get new ideas for your garden, attend a lecture and then shop (or just look) at the over 100 vendors. Depart Fairfield Glade at 8 am and return between 4 to 5 pm. Ticket price: \$12 (\$11 for seniors)

Thurs, Mar 26 – The Hermitage in Lebanon and Demeters Common Herb and Healing Store: Round trip to Lebanon, TN (210 mi, departing at 7:30 a.m., returning between 4:30-5 p.m.). for following activities: Estimated cost pp \$19 + lunch:

Join us for a trip to The Hermitage, home of Andrew Jackson, in Lebanon, TN. The past President's "homeplace" is primarily known for the preserved and restored period home, but the elegant formal gardens are also of special interest. Featuring tree and shrub plantings to define the garden's architecture, the real feature in spring are the multiple bulb gardens...hopefully blooming! Our tour of the large formal house will be guided by a docent or with self-guided audio devices depending on the number in our group. Grounds and garden exploration will follow introductory comments by the docent on staff. After lunch at a place of your choice*, we will reconvene at 1:30 p.m. at Demeter's Common, a "teaching" grocery dedicated to home grown herbs and healing plants. Our host will provide

a presentation on "small space home growing" of common native plants which not only flavor food but have demonstrated (and well researched) healing properties.

*Options will be provided,

Thurs, Apr 9 – Genesis Azalea Gardens and Wolf River Farms Nursery:

Genesis Gardens is a jewel of a private garden right in our own back yard. We will try to hit this beautiful display of over 100 varieties of azaleas and rhododendrons right at their peak of color. After wandering through this local garden, we will travel to Wolf River Farms Nursery in Pall Mall TN, about a 2 hr trip, to visit their many greenhouses of annuals and herbs.

Fri, Apr 24 – Dogwood Festival and Williams Nursery:

Once again, we will travel to Knoxville and drive the beautiful dogwood trails and maybe a private garden. On the return home we will stop by Williams Nursery in Harriman TN to shop their greenhouses of annuals and perennials.

Wed, May 6 – Thurs, May 7 – Gibbs Gardens and Georgia State Garden:

Join us for a visit to a two day trip to visit two of the premier botanical gardens in the Southeast – the 220 acre Gibbs Gardens in Ball Ground GA and the even larger State Botanical Garden of Georgia on the campus of the University of Georgia in Athens. Gibbs Gardens is composed of 16 separate gardens including 3 feature gardens – Manor House Garden, Japanese and Waterlily Gardens. The State Botanical Gardens consists of 5 separate gardens, a Hummingbird trail, hiking trails and nature areas. The Rhododendrons and spring flowers should be in full bloom at the time of our visit. Cost –\$110-\$150 per person + meals.

Wed, June 10 – Crabtree Farms and Rock City Gardens in Chattanooga:

Round trip tour to Chattanooga, TN (approx 200 mi round trip, departing at 7:30 a.m., returning at 3:30- 4:00 p.m. (Note: Chattanooga is on eastern time, hence early leave time). Estimated Cost pp = \$5-8 depending on number of travelers

(First venue requires a group minimum of \$60, the second, a free will gift of so inspired).

So where does our (hopefully) healthy food originate? Most of us know the answer but our time at Crabtree Farms will introduce us to an ambitious project in "city farming." Growing veggies to feed our bodies and flowers to feed our souls, Crabtree's mission is to provide healthy versions of all plant types to urban dwellers as well as function as a teaching facility for those 4-84 yrs. old. Crabtree will be our first stop, followed by lunch at a (healthy?) place of your choice. (Recommendations provided). After viewing the growing process and enjoying our lunch we will meet at Reflection Riding Center, an arboretum and nature center. Gentle paths and wooded areas abound with wildflowers and tree and shrub spaces indigenous to Tennessee. The quiet shady spaces are perfect for an after lunch walk and learn tour.

Fri, Jun 20 – Sat, Jun 21 – Roane Mtn Rhododendrum Festival: On this overnight trip, we will travel 3 hrs to Roane Mountain in East TN to see the mountains covered in the blooms of the Catwba Rhododendron. The 2 day Rhododendrum festival is held to celebrate the most gorgeous display of natural beauty on the North American continent. The trip will be topped off with a visit to Roan Mountain State Park where you can enjoy handmade crafts, local food, and a variety of traditional music. Travel times and expenses will be posted shortly.