

Feed Fannin Inc.

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## Feed Fannin Garden



As we close on the Summer season of plentiful gardens, we give thanks for all of the fresh vegetables we were able to produce for many families in need. We provided many varieties of vegetables to the food pantry. We thank all the wonderful volunteers that worked hard in the garden this year.

green beans, okra, yellow squash, butternut squash, bell peppers, and sweet potatoes to the local Food Pantry.

The Ada Street farm is a beautiful location and we are so thankful to the Fannin County School Board for allowing us to be here.

For more information on the garden call Feed Fannin Chairperson, Connie Galloway at 706-374-4372.

We have had a wonderful year at the Ada Street location. We have taken over almost 6,000 pounds of cabbage, potatoes, tomatoes,

## Calendar of Events:

*March 21, 2015*

*Bowls of Hope Event*





### Master Gardener Advice - Organic Mulch

Mulches are useful additions to landscapes for several reasons. Many plant wastes can be recycled as organic mulches that aid plant growth in several ways.

Mulches reduce weed-growth around plants. Organic mulches, such as wood chips, must be three to four inches thick to effectively keep weeds down. Organic mulch eventually breaks down improving soil, which means you'll need to replace it after several years.

Mulches save water in the garden because they reduce evaporation from the soil surface. Inorganic mulches, such as rock, can also hold in moisture. Mulches also improve water penetration and minimize soil crusting.

Some people prefer to use spun or woven landscape fabric under wood chips or gravel. Unlike solid sheet plastic, which is no longer recommended, these materials promote air and water exchange within the soil.



*Volunteer Garden Coordinator, Bob Seeger, is working up a plan for the next crop with volunteer, Jim Yacavone.*



Allotment holders met to discuss how to proceed now that everyone has enjoyed a bumper crop of what they planted. We were advised to plant some winter crops such as broccoli and collards from plants rather than seed.

### Allotment Gardens

Many members are interested in keeping their gardens growing for as long as possible and will renew their membership next year. However, there will be available allotments if anyone is interested in renting one next year. Please contact Catherine Sugg at [cksugg@aol.com](mailto:cksugg@aol.com).

*Left photo - Some of the allotments earlier in the year. Photo below - Bountiful allotment gardens*



### Contributions

*Below - Feed Fannin receives donation from the Seward, Radcliffe, Galloway Foundation*



Feed Fannin recently received a \$3,000 donation from the Roderick Seward, Flossie Radcliffe and Helen M. Galloway Foundation, Inc., to purchase farm equipment. The Atlanta based foundation is a charitable foundation that assists in education, health care, food initiatives, and medical research.

Feed Fannin Chair, Connie Galloway, attended the Grand Opening of the new Walmart located in Blue Ridge. They presented several checks to local non-profits showing their support of the community and Feed Fannin was one of them.

We are grateful to The Galloway Foundation and Walmart and so many other local businesses for the support that is given.

## Feed Fannin's Youth Garden Club

The Feed Fannin Cool Kids Grow Garden Club began another year of learning and fun in September 2014. The club met twice monthly for the duration of the school year at Blue Ridge Elementary School (BRES) in Blue Ridge, GA. This program combines a unique gardening-based curriculum and instruction, community service, character education and service based learning. Members will become certified Junior Master Gardeners at the conclusion of the year long program. The program is geared for youth ages 8-10. It is designed to incorporate science, math, language arts, and nutrition into "hands on" gardening, arts and crafts and food preparation activities. This is the fourth year this program will be held at BRES.



For questions about the program contact Kate George at 706-207-8476

*Walt & Kate George are seen here with the Youth Garden Club members. They worked very hard on the landscaping of the tree out in front of the Feed Fannin allotment gardens. The tree can be seen from Ada Street as you drive by so keep an eye out for this wonderful sight!*

## Food Pantry Distribution

Thanks to a bountiful garden at Ada St this year, the Feed Fannin volunteers have been picking fresh vegetables since July 7th and taking them to the Family Connections Food Pantry. Faith Presbyterian Church and Cherry Log Christian Church also grew over 1,100 pounds of produce for Feed Fannin.

Once the produce is delivered to the Food Pantry, volunteers weigh everything, then wash or wipe the vegetables before distributing to the families.

As part of our sustainable foods program, Feed Fannin began supplying the Food Pantry with dozens of fresh eggs each week. We started with 60 dozen and are now supplying 90 dozen every week.



*Volunteers clean and sort all produce before it is placed in the boxes.*



*Kyah Mull, Maggie Curbow and Jane Kimzey are working hard at distributing the fresh produce.*

## Our New Program

### Remember Feed Fannin in Future Plans

You can consider Feed Fannin when you make a bequest of assets in a will or trust, which could be a specific amount of money or assets, a percentage of the money or assets, or the residual money or assets of the estate. Ask us about it. Contact information is listed below:

**Email: [feedfannin@gmail.com](mailto:feedfannin@gmail.com) or  
Call Connie Galloway, Chair, at 706-374-4372**



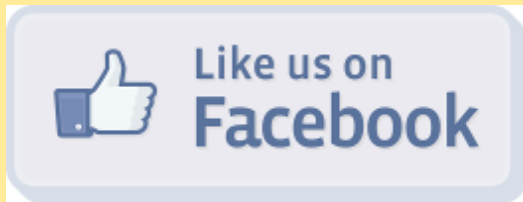


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*We appreciate your support of our local community.*



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## Feed Fannin's Programs

**Community Garden** – We manage Community Gardens, located on Ada Street in Blue Ridge and at other sites in Fannin County, that provide space for local residents to grow fruits and vegetables.

**Food Pantry** – We support the Food Pantry by providing volunteer workers, food, and money to mitigate the costs of feeding the hungry in Fannin County.

**Education Classes** – We provide information, education, and training to those who want to learn to be more self-sufficient in growing, preserving, and preparing their own food.



*The hard working Forge Mill volunteer garden crew*

## Volunteer with the Feed Fannin Family

If you're into hard work and having fun we would love to have you join us! Gardeners from all over are welcome. It is that time and we need your help more than ever. However, you don't have to like to garden to be part of Feed Fannin. We have other things you can do.

To volunteer, contact Zora Herr at [feedfannin@gmail.com](mailto:feedfannin@gmail.com), or call (706) 946-1001 and leave a message. If you would like to speak with our Chair, call Connie Galloway at 706-374-4372.

## Donate



### Feed Fannin Gift Form

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be added to our email list to receive information about Feed Fannin? Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_

Amount of gift donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Need a tax receipt? Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:

Feed Fannin, Inc

Mail form and donation to:

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**YOUR GIFT IS  
GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

## OUR MISSION

*Working together to educate and encourage our  
community towards self-sufficiency while  
providing food for those in need.*

*"Feed Fannin is a 100 percent volunteer organization"*