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Garden Gate

Fairbanks Garden Club Newsletter

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Message from the Co-Presidents

Greetings to our Membership

with young families!

June and July have brought us busy times and lots of gardening in the community. Lucy and I (Co-Vice-Presidents) would like to give you some updates on these projects.

We have an active Garden Club where we can count 31 or more people working, volunteering for Hostesses or helping with various projects over the year.

On July 19th, the Friends of Creamer's Field invited the Fairbanks Garden Club to participate in Dairy Days at the Refuge. This year (we have done this for 2 years) we set up our table with the now sought out "Seed Game" created by Liz Masi. Lot's of kids love the game and we always enjoy answering questions about the Anna Creamer vegetable garden. A great connection

Anna Creamer's Historical Vegetable garden is doing great again this year. Under the leadership of Althea St.Martin, and with the expertise of 8 or more Garden Club members, we have been growing tomatoes, rotating crops, trying out zucchini varieties, maintaining a composter over the winter and over-wintering potatoes for summer planting. We

also maintain the flowers around the Visitor's Center. We have a good

time together! Come join us this summer on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the garden next to the Visitor Center.

Big THANK YOU to all of you who helped with The Fairbanks Garden Club's The Farthest North Standard flower Show, *Music in the Garden*, July 14-15, 2023! There were 78 entries. It was early this year and many who entered had limited types of flowers due to the late spring and earlier days for the show! A special THANK YOU to Becky as the coordinator of the flower show! There were several entries this year from The Denali Center! They had a great time arranging their flowers!! Thanks go to Liz Masi for thinking of the volunteers by bringing coffee

FGC Committees. *Chairman

Awards (State, Pacific Region, National)

*Barbara Honner-Miller

Blue Star Memorial

*Gwenn Davies Guy

Community Beautification and Outreach

*Carol Slater

Conservation and Green Moment

*Janet Brower

Creamer's Historic Flower & Vegetable Gardens

*Althea St. Martin

Flower Show

*Becky Hassebroek

Fundraiser

*Barbara Horner-Miller

Gaming Permit

*Becky Hassebroek

Garden Tours

*Marlene Wright

Georgeson Botanical Garden

*Lucy Smyth

History/Biographies

*Janet Brower

Horticulture

*Gwenn Davies Guy

Installation of New Members and Officers

*Becky Hassebroek

Kitty Hensley House *Janet Matheson and donuts! A big **THANK YOU** for to the judges who came up from Anchorage, Chris Wood and Marty Black, and locally Crystal Risse and June Rodgers.

The Blue Star Memorial is doing fantastic (look at those white petunias) as per the photo! Great job after a little bumpy start!

The FGC bed at the Georgeson Botanical Gardens was weeded and cleaned up in June by Mary Fenno and Lucy Smyth! The bed needs some weeding as the grass has crept back in! Thank you garden club members for all that you do to make our community beautiful!

Sincerely,

Lucy and Susie

Fairbanks Garden Club NEWS and Events

July 2023 meeting:

July 19, 2023 10:00 AM Garden Tours

Meet at Raven Landing to Carpool for Tour

12:00 Noon Regular Monthly Meeting

Hostess: Kristen Haney Co-Hostess: Yvonne Temple

Address: Cyndie Warbelow's Garden, Please Phone Regrets to Barbara: (907)

479-9419

Roll Call: What is your greatest pleasure in working in your garden?

Horticultural Moment / Conservation Tip



Nominating Committee to present slate of officers - Nominations accepted from the floor (odd numbered years)

August 2023 meeting

August 16, 2023 10:00 Garden Tour

Meet at Raven Landing to Carpool for Tour 12:00 Noon Regular Monthly Meeting Hostess: Betty Anne Marshall Co-Hostess: Marlene Wright and Beverly

Please Phone Regrets to Barbara: (907) 479-9419

Roll Call: What is your favorite public garden?

FGC Committees * chairman

Library Holiday Tree *Althea St. Martin

Member of the Year *Gwenn Davies Guy

Membership *Becky Hassebroek

Newsletter *Amanda Ross

Nominating

As elected by Members

Photography *Denise Bates

Programs *Susie Crevensten/Lucy Smyth

Publicity *Barbara Horner-Miller

Scholarship *Katie DiCristina

Scrapbook *Amanda Ross

Sunshine *Sheila McCleary

Telephone/Non-Email * Janet Brower

Website

*Liz McGlothen

Wildlife Gardening *Wendy Anderson

Yearbook. * Barbara Horner-Miller

Youth Gardening / Garden Therapy *Carol Slater



"Preserving Historic Gardens"

41 members strong

http://www.fairbanksgar denclub.org/

President: Barbara Horner-Miller 2021-2023

Horticultural Moment / Conservation Tip

Debrief Flower Show Vote on New Slate of Officers (odd numbered years)



You can spend your whole life traveling around the world searching for the Garden of Eden, or you can create it in your backyard.

~ Khang Kijarro Nguyen

Horticulture moment: How to keep Geraniums Blooming

Geraniums are a favored plant due to their versatility, bright vibrant colors, and low maintenance. They are easy to grow and last throughout the summer. The zonal geranium (Pelargonium x hortorum) are the most commonly known variety. They exhibit large, clusters of flowers in a variety of vibrant colors set within attractive, dark, velvety leaves. Ivy geranium (Pelargonium peltatum) are trailing and have ivy leaves. They are best used in hanging baskets, deck ledges, or window boxes.

To keep them blooming throughout the season it's important to provide adequate sunlight, and proper watering.

A minimum of six hours of direct sunlight is preferable.

Geraniums prefer slightly moist soil but water logging can cause roots to rot. Water thoroughly watching for water to drain from the bottom.

In addition to well-draining soil geraniums require regular feeding with a balanced fertilizer to optimize their growth.

A good mix of ingredients contain: 1 part peat moss, 1 part perlite, and 1 part potting soil. If using a water-soluble fertilizer, choose a balanced N-P-K ratio. If fertilizing routinely a good schedule includes:

Spring feeding when you notice new growth.

Monthly feeding consists of once a month

Fall feeding tapers off as the weather begins to cool.

If using a slow release, choose a high phosphorus content. Slow release can cut down on feeding frequency.

In addition, it's important to keep deadheading throughout the season before they develop seeds. Deadheading will keep your plants looking healthy and promotes new blossom growth. It allows energy to be utilized for continued flowering rather than seed setting.

The best time to prune geraniums is early spring; right after winter dormancy or just before new growth begins. Pruning helps promote healthy growth, improve air circulation and overall plant appeal.





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National President 2023 - 2025

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National Garden Clubs

Microplastice – The Effect and Dangers by Harriet Robinson

When I recently attended <u>NGC's</u> <u>Environmental School</u>, I learned about the dangers of microplastics.

The issue was underscored by a talk from a specialist at a district meeting I attended as state president. What are microplastics? They are pieces of broken plastic that breakdown into smaller and smaller pieces. They also may start as tiny fibers that blow off synthetic clothes

and are distributed by air. Besides being an eyesore, they are an environmental hazard. They are in our water supply, they threaten marine life, and the smallest pieces can cross cell walls. We can see these plastics in their larger forms, such as the discarded water



bottle or plastic bag on the roadside. These plastics never biodegrade. They just get smaller.

Continue to read the blog at :

https://gardenclub.org/blog/microplastics-effects-and-dangers

Pacific Region Garden Club

Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.

https://pacificregiongardenclubs.org/

Comprised of Washington, Arizona, California, Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, Alaska, and Hawaii (= WACONIAH)

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https://www.alaskagardenclubs.org/

Anchorage Garden Club fb page:

https://www.facebook.com/anchorage.gardenclub/

Greater Eagle River Garden Club fb page:

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Fairbanks Garden Club http://www.fairbanksgardenclub.org/















Greater Eagle River Garden Club facebook Page Alaska club hard at

work... Note the vests and stocking hats, must be cool

Several garden club members and other volunteers spent time planting the Eagle River welcome sign. Thank you all for coming out to volunteer to plant the bed.

#ChugiakEagleRiverChamber coordinated the flowers with Parks and Rec.



anchorage Garden Club

Yesterday we planted the Della Barry Memorial Flower Bed. Della was a long-time member of the Anchorage Garden Club. The bed will fill in as the summer goes on. It is located at the northeast corner of Spenard Road and Benson.



Fairbanks Garden Club June and July Events:

FGC meeting Wednesday June 21, 2023





Meeting at Becky and Mary's home. Touring their lovely garden.







Flower donation June 2023 to Denali Center. Jessica receiving what Amanda donated.





Touring at Cindy Potters' home.



Pat Douthett and Amanda Ross delivering donated flowers to Angie Bass at the Denali Center for The Flower show arrangements. Gary and Theresa Kallberg donated some of their lovely flowers to Denali Center July 13, 2023.









Angie delivered and entered those arrangements. Denali residents ("THEY HAD FUN") enjoyed making the arrangements.





















Carol's hydrangea:



Lucy Smyth:



This is my hydrangea has new growth but no flowers yet!

Lucy has a Flare

Susie Crevensten:



Hydrangea Project Report

Last spring 13 FGC members embarked on the Hydrangea Project, planting one of the three varieties (Flare, Pinky Winky, or Pink Diamond) they choose from the Plant Kingdom. All hydrangea were planted in members yards in a variety of locations and microclimates within the Fairbanks region.

During the summer reports were offered together with photos marking the growth and acclimation of member's plants. Everyone seemed pleased.

In the fall of '22, members discussed a variety of methods they intended to employ to safely winter over their plant. As Winter turned to spring '23 and gardeners carefully peeled back leaves of mulch many members indicated concern as their plants showed little, if any life. Perhaps the cool spring kept them in dormancy.

When May flipped to June, more plants started to emerge, however, it was noted by two members that their plants met their demise inadvertently by the snowplow. During the month of June four members reported a full recovery and new growth on their plants. A few members reported concern that their plants failed to show any life.

An update from July's report is attached. Included are photos and comments from those members.

Carol Slater: I have a Flare which grew well and bloomed last summer. I mulched with leaves in the fall, but saw no signs of life in the spring. In June I pruned it down to the ground and have watered frequently and fertilized some. Now it's a healthy little plant.

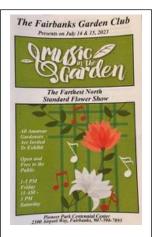
Barbara Horner Miller: Flare, did not survive the winter.

Pat Babcock: My hydrangea Pinky Winky no longer exists, due to a new snowplow man this past winter. :-(

Janet Matheson: Alas - snowplow took out my hydrangea; will try again with a new plant in a different location - I plan to plant the same variety again, Flare.

Stay tuned for the next update of the Hydrangea Project in the August Edition of the Garden Gate.

Submitted by Gwenn Davies Guy









The Fartest North Standard Flower Show

Music in the Garden

The Fairbanks Garden Club

Presents on July 14 & 15, 2023



The Farthest North Standard Flower Show



Pioneer Park Centennial Center 2300 Airport Way, Fairbanks, 907-590-7895

I. Designs

Plant material used in a design does not have to be grown by the exhibitor. Accessories and bases may be used at any time. Only one entry is allowed in each class per exhibitor. All designs must contain fresh or dry plant material Fresh" as used below means the majority of materials used will be fresh. Artifi-ial plant material is not allowed. Designers have complete freedom of style in all designs. Space is limited - maximum space available for designs 1-11 20"wx20"d. Creativity is used to express the title of each class.

1. Jazz
Jazz up this fresh floral design with herbs and/or vegetables

2. Blues

3. Salsa
Fresh floral design features hot, spicy colors

4. Rock

Rock(s) are a component of

5. Country ter complete this fresh floral design

6. Reggae
This dry arrangement celebrates movem

7. Classical

High and low notes of fresh floral color are surrounded by an orchestra of green

8. Hip Hop oral creation using two contain

9. Electronic

10. Soul - NOVICE

Black and white is featured in this fresh floral design er who has never won a blue ribbon in a design class

11. Western - Youth (18 Years or Younger)

Fresh flowers tell a story based on a nursery rhyme

12. Pop

The fresh flowers in this petite design will pop out at you -not to exceed 8 inches in any direction Space available 8"wx8"dx8"h

D. Garden Collection

This exhibit will be judged for horticultural perfection and number of varieties represented (minimum of 5). Can be cut or potted, flowers or vegetables, should be pleasantly displayed and botanically named.

III. Educational Exhibits

At least 18 sq. ft. of surface area. See Handbook pp 85-86.

Exhibit 1 - Music in the Garden Exhibit 2 - Fairbanks Garden Club

IV. Youth 18 Years or Younger. See Handbook pp 87-89.

Exhibit 1 - Design (See I. Designs 11. Western)
Exhibit 2 - Garden Collection (Same as II."D" Garden Collection above)

V. Ikebana (Judged by FGC Members) siation of the subtle beauty of flowers and natural materials

VI. For Exhibition Only (Not to be Judged)

General Rules

General Rules

There are no entry fees. All entries will be received between 8:00 - 10:00 AM on July
14th. Entries can be driven into the Park from the Moore Street entrance. Entries
shall be removed Sunday, July 16th from 8:00 - 10:00 AM. Entries must conform to
the schedule to be eligible for judging. Entrants should try to list all plant material
by botanical and common names - assistance will be available at the show, if needcl. The complete schedule includes the Rules Pages 5-8 Which can be obtained from
www.slaiksagardenclubs.org, www.fairbanksgardenclub.org, or by calling the Show
Chairman Becky Hassberok 465-1066, cell 507-895, e-mail BeckyHassBeolac Com.
This Flower Show conforms to the standards established by NGC's Mandbook for
flower Shows (HB) 2017 Edition, revised January 2022, available at
www.gardenclub.org, the authority for all issues not covered by the 5chedule.

Awards

First Place Second Place Third Place rable Mention Award of Design Excellence Award of Horticultural Excellence Youth Top Exhibitor Sweepstakes Award (Most Blue Ribbo Educational Top Exhibitor Award Viewer's Choice (Favorite Entry)

Red Ribbon Yellow Ribbon White Ribbon

Gold Rosette Green, Orange, Blue Rosette Red, White, Blue Rosette Green & White Rosette Brown & White Rosette Pink Special Award

II. Horticulture



material must be fresh and grown by Exhibitor.
entry in each flower type and size per exhibitor.
iot Listed - any # of entries allowed, but only 1 per
pe and size. Containers should be clear, preferably
glass bottles. provided but he F-Allier.

A. Annuals B. Perennials and Biennials

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exhibitor's possession for at least 60 days. Multiple and combo p growing together and in exhibitor's possession at least 6 weeks

1. Foliage (any kind)

2. Flowering (in bloom, any kind)

3. Hanging (any kind)









Photos by Gwenn



Judges, Marty Black, Crystal Risse, June Rodgers, and Chris Wood







Awards!

FGC members working at Creamer's Garden

Pictures from last Weds. July 5, 2023, of the FGC Crew working at Creamers Garden. Photo from Mary Fenno



Mary, Althea, Betsy Sturm, Carol, Susie and Janet. Below, Marlene, Beverly and Janet.



BILL CONTROLL

July Birthdays:

Carol Adamczak 7/10

Carolyn Foelsch 7/19





Blue Star Memorial July 10, 2023



Georgeson Botanical Gardens

Lucy weeding the adopted plot at GBG.
Still needs help weeding ya'all!





Creamer's Dairy Farm Day



Prizes donate by Liz. Nice poster. FGC members at Creamer's Dairy Day







Janet's lettuce



Gwenn's plants:







FGC members sharing

- 1. What is growing great in your veggie/flower garden? OR/and
- 2.Do you have any disappointments?? OR/and
- 3. Whatever you want to share. Pictures would be great to share.

Janet Brower: I just finished harvesting the lettuce I started inside (the 5 plants produced abundantly for over a month in a pot on the deck). Now the various varieties of lettuce directly seeded in my garden are ready to start eating. Perfect timing. Disappointing are some shriveled yellow broccoli and cauliflower plants. Why?

Amanda Ross: I am pleased with the tomatoes and peppers in the greenhouse. But my carrots were very slow to germinate. I am praying for much longer growing season this Fall. I have a white delphinium blooming and two rose bushes finally bloomed.

Gwenn Davies Guy: I agree, summer was slow in coming but has been wonderful with warm temps and just the right amount of rainfall to offer a reprieve from hand watering. Here's a few comments and photos from our garden for the newsletter. Gary is the vegetable gardener, and he is bringing in cucumbers, lettuce, and tomatoes regularly.

Liz Masi: I was glad to see my asparagus come back.

Sheila McCleary: My garden is doing great! Lots of cabbage, purple cauliflower, zucchini, yellow squash, kale, strawberries and chard. My eggplant is trying; there's a small one so far. Already gathered the rhubarb. I can see broccoli and brussels sprouts starting. Potatoes and even sweet potatoes have good foliage - will be interesting to see how they are doing underground later. Some small peppers, but oddly, they

are all green while they are "supposed" to be red and orange. Doesn't matter to me, as long as they grow! Lots of different mint and other herbs that I've been dehydrating. Lettuce and spinach in smaller containers are thriving. Not sure if the bush beans will produce. The delphiniums are so tall and beautiful! I'm just thrilled that I finally have gardens again!



July Word Search - Enjoy!

A felt thank you to all for the articles, photos and information offered for this newsletter.

