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Garden Gate

Fairbanks Garden Club Newsletter

FGC officers

President:

Jane Gt

Vice President:

Mary F

Treasurer:

Carol S

Secretary:

Janet B

Past FGC presidents:

Amanda R

Susie C

Barbara H.M.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – OCTOBER 2023

Now that the gorgeous colorful days of Autumn are behind us and winter quietly settles itself in, we can turn from the bounty of the harvest season and look forward to the giving spirit of the holiday season. My theme for the next two years is: 'Cultivating Community Connections.' Just as we cultivate and nurture gardens into productive and beautiful places, we can continue to invest our time and energy into building helpful, meaningful, and lasting community connections. My theme blends well with National Garden Club President, Brenda Moore's theme of 'Go Green – Plant America', as well as her 2023-2025 Project: 'Plant America Feed America'. We can all work our part to make our communities more 'Green', and in doing so, the small things that we do can have an impact on our surroundings and community. The 'Plant America, Feed America' Program is a campaign to feed the hungry throughout America by the donations of produce grown by garden club members. I encourage our club to think of new ways in which we can build and expand on our efforts to help feed the hungry in our wonderful community of Fairbanks. Please take time to go and explore both the National & Pacific Regional Director's Projects web pages. They are full of interesting information, ideas, and interesting links.

<https://gardenclub.org/programs>

<https://pacificregiongardenclubs.org/directors-project>

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Fairbanks Garden Club President for the next two years. I will try my best to continue the tradition of promoting gardening and serving our community during my tenure.

Best Wishes,

Jane

Fairbanks Garden Club NEWS and Events

This Month's meeting:

October 18, 2023

12:00 Noon Regular Monthly Meeting

Potluck

Hostess: Janet B Co-Hostess: Althea S

**Walden Estates Community Center
1108 Hampstead Avenue**

Please Phone Regrets to Janet:

Roll Call: What perennial grows best in your garden?

Horticultural Moment / Conservation Tip

**Program: "Seed saving vs GMO" with Janet Brower
and Carol Slater**

**Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by
the seeds that you plant.**

Robert Louis Stevenson



Horticulture moment:

How to save seeds YouTube video link:

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We are looking forward to Carol and Janet's talk on saving seeds.

Bittersweet "see ya later"
and
"THANK YOU, gift,"

FGC Committees. *Chairman

**Awards (State, Pacific Region,
National)**

*Barbara H

Blue Star Memorial

*Gwenn D

**Community Beautification and
Outreach**

*Carol S

Conservation and Green Moment

*Janet B

**Creamer's Historic Flower &
Vegetable Gardens**

*Althea

Flower Show

*Becky H

Fundraiser

*Liz M

Gaming Permit

*Becky H

Garden Tours

*Marlene W

Georgeson Botanical Garden

*Lucy S

History/Biographies

*Janet B

Horticulture

*Jane G

**Installation of New Members and
Officers**

*Becky H

Kitty Hensley House

*Janet M

FGC Committees * chairman
 Library Holiday Tree *Althea St. Martin
 Member of the Year *Becky Hassebroek
 Membership *Becky Hassebroek
 Newsletter *Amanda Ross
 Nominating
 As elected by Members
 Photography *Gwenn Davies Guy
 Programs *Mary Fenno
 Publicity *Jane Gibson
 Scholarship *Katie DiCristina
 Scrapbook *Amanda Ross
 Sunshine *Sheila McCleary
 Telephone/Non-Email * Janet Brower
 Website *Liz Masi
 Wildlife Gardening *Susie Crevensten
 Yearbook. *Jane Gibson
 Youth Gardening / Garden Therapy
 *Amanda Ross



Barbara Ho, FGC president for the past 4 years, is going on an adventure not in Alaska. THANKS, Barbara, for your continued leadership with Susie for two years and two more years with your executive committees. We will miss you deeply but know you will zoom with us when you can.



Best wishes from the FGC members at the September FGC meeting and others that couldn't make it.

Thank you outgoing President Barbara H, for your hard work cheerfully leading our club the past 4 years. Your computer skills and Zoom kept us functioning even during Covid isolation. We presented a wrought iron fireweed gift to decorate her home in Colorado. Thank you out going Co-Vice Presidents Susie Crevensten and Lucy Smyth for your many contributions and leadership.

Members attending: Marilyn, Janet, Gwenn, Mary, Janet, Agnes, Mary Beth, Becky, Barbara H, Liz, Grace, Lucy, Althea, Caroline.

Guests: Joseph, Abby, and Lorna Y who is this year's AFFECT student.

 Fairbanks Garden Club

“Cultivating Community Connections”

45 members strong

<http://www.fairbanksgardenclub.org/>

President: Jane G 2023-2025



September meeting held at Stone Soup: arranged with Abby Waldorf, Café Manager . THANKS!

New Officer Installation by Becky H was creative and fun. A letter of the alphabet with descriptive words and gift was assigned to each office (person).

- President: Jane G; V for vim, vigor, vitality, V8 juice
- Vice President: Mary F; O for outstanding O Cereal
- Secretary: Janet B L for legible, legal, a clock
- Treasurer: Carol S; U for not usury, a calculator



BIG THANKS to Jane, Mary, and all for setting up speakers, getting hostesses, places to meet and photos and Becky for Printing for our FGC 2023-2024 Yearbook!




National Garden Clubs, Inc.
E-Mail:
headquarters@gardenclub.org
Website: www.gardenclub.org
National President 2023 – 2025:
Brenda Moore



Brenda Moore, NGC President, theme for 2023-2025 is

“Go Green–Plant America”.

Watch saving seeds from NGC August 16, 2023

<https://gardenclub.org/blog/seed-saving-secrets>

National Garden Clubs We can make a difference. Everyone plants native plants that the pollinators will love. Take the challenge. Share with your friends and neighbors.



Pacific Region Garden Clubs

Pacific Region Convention

Aug 21-23, 2024 Alaska

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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Treasurer – Carol Norquist
Secretary- Rhonda Barnklau

AKGC Web site:
<https://www.alaskagardenclubs.org/>

Anchorage Garden Club fb page:
<https://www.facebook.com/anchorage.gardenclub/>

Greater Eagle River Garden Club fb page:
<https://www.facebook.com/greatereaglerivergardenclub>

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



Encourage youth in your area to enter the NGC Poetry Contest. The theme for this year's contest is "I Spy With My Little Eye, Something Green Outside - Celebrating Our Green World" More information can be found at www.gardenclub.org/poetry-contest

Event by [Pacific Region Garden Clubs](#)

[Harvest Hall](#)

Duration: 2 days
Public · Anyone on or off Facebook

Hosted by the Ceres Garden Club Course 1 'The Living Earth' Explore the challenges and opportunities for the human population on how to impact the environment as either harmful or beneficial. Explore the value and role of every plant species in the ecosystem. Nonrenewable vs renewable resources. Is sustainability achievable? Enjoy a provocative local nature discovery field trip. \$90 Information Brochure: <https://www.californiagardenclubs.com/.../2023Environment...schoolsuld@gmail.com>



Greater Eagle River Garden Club says:



[Anchorage Garden Club](#) facebook page shared the following:
[Matanuska Experiment Farm and Extension Center](#)

Potato Harvest 2023 day 1!

Chef Amy Foote, Senior Area Executive Chef, at the ANTHC [Alaska Native Medical Center](#), along with several colleagues harvested the Tlingit & Haida potatoes that grew in our field again this year. They harvested over 280 pounds and we are excited to continue this collaboration with them.

The [Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium](#) (ANTHC) provides health services to Alaska Native and American Indian people in Alaska. Amy and her team uses about 60% traditional ingredients in the

food they serve. Traditional food helps to bring a familiarity to those who have traveled a long way to be cared for and nourished back to health. It's amazing work they are doing!

Nana Management Services
[#traditionalfoodshealourpatients](https://www.facebook.com/traditionalfoodshealourpatients)

<https://fairbanksgardenclub.org/>



2023 - 2024 Theme

Cultivating Community Connections



We are a 501(c)(3) Non Profit Organization 907-131-9171.

The Fairbanks Garden Club was established in 1914. Our Club is a member of: National Garden Clubs Inc., Pacific Region Garden Clubs Inc., and Alaska Garden Clubs.



Georgeson Botanical Gardens



Although the Garden is closed, we are still working! These beautiful benches were just installed today. Come visit them next summer

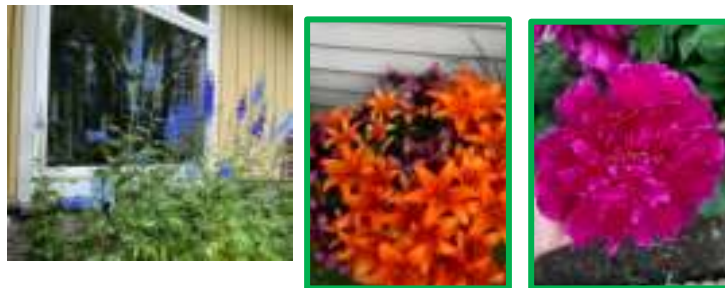
(don't say we didn't give you an invitation in advance 😊).

[Georgeson Botanical Garden](#)

FGC members sharing

What perennial grows best in your garden?

Sheila M.- My delphiniums are definitely the best perennials.



Carol S.- I love my Peonies and Asiatic Lilies.

Amanda R.- Veronica attracts so many pollinators. I love the columbine and delphiniums also.

Mary F.- The perennial grows best in my garden is my strawberries. I have maintained a huge hillside patch since 1984 and they keep producing! I've had a new ones over the years and they continue to do well. That said this year, I'm going to change my giant patch into raise beds in parts of it to grow more food instead of just strawberries!



FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY





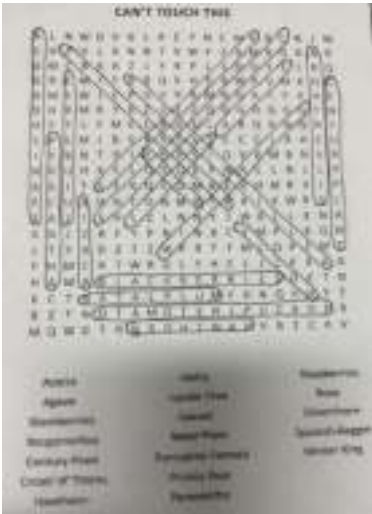
October Birthdays:
 Amanda Ross 10/27
 Carol Slater 10/30



September and October Word Search – Enjoy!

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

Answer to August month's word find.



BOUQUET

H L S E I S I A D B N J Q Y L W L M L
 B P S N D K B A B Y ' S B R E A T H E
 R E W N K L N M R R D N U Q V R O R A
 V G L F O M W W R D V P R T H R W T T
 Y C K L R G W M A Q S D K Z C Y R T H
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 P A H Q R J L N L S X N B D S X N B N
 F R D F E P B T P A O R L V L B S T M
 V P M Q F F P D M L C R K T A B Z R N
 M S P S E I R R E B M U C I R E P Y H
 L L I L Y G R A S S L F E J Q L R T Z

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| Alstroemeria | Eucalyptus | Orchids |
| Aster | Ferns | Rose |
| Baby's Breath | Hypericum Berries | Salal |
| Bells Of Ireland | Larkspur | Snapdragons |
| Carnations | Leather Leafago | Spray Roses |
| Dahlia | Lily Grass | Stock |
| Daisies | Mums | Wax Flower |

