

Garden Gate

Fairbanks Garden Club Newsletter



Happy New Year 2024!

Hello Everyone! I hope this finds each of you well and cultivates plans for your future garden adventures! Our hard-working president, Jane G, is Outside, so I stepped in her insulated boots to bring you this message! With the new year, comes some creative ideas to further our mission, along with our ongoing projects, such as our Plant America Feed America donations, quilt raffle and logo contest! First, a couple reminders: please bring your completed PAFA donation sheet to our January 17 meeting at Denali Center. Althea will collect these and she will also have quilt raffle tickets to give to members to sell. Our FGC logo contest deadline for submissions is February 10. If you are a novice designer, such as myself, it may help to go online and find information to make and submit your unique art. I found [wikihow.com](http://www.wikihow.com) to answer my questions and free trials for graphic programs to use! Don't let the format deter your artistic ambitions; you can do it! Our new projects include reworking our annual FGC flower show and sharing our club through membership packets! Becky H has thoughtfully offered several ideas on how we may change and improve our flower show and also compiled an informative packet for all members and others who are interested in joining. We hope you will reflect on what you think would improve our flower show, bring your ideas to discuss at our meeting and preview our new membership packets too! Have a wonderful week, stay warm and be strong! Hope to see you at our January 17 meeting at Denali Center!
Sincerely,
Mary F, FGC VP

Fairbanks Garden Club NEWS and Events

This Month's meeting:

January 17, 2024

11:30 Regular Monthly Meeting

Address: Denali Center Nursing Home, 1510 19th Avenue

Hostess: Carol S Co-Hostess: Mary F

Phone Regrets to Carol S

Roll Call: What gardening resolution should you make this year?

Horticultural Moment / Conservation Tip

Program: "Virtual Garden Tours and Members' Flowers"
PowerPoint Presentation by Denise Bates, Fairbanks Garden Club Spring
Bulbs Presented to the
Denali Center Green Thumb Garden Group Wildflower Bingo Game with
the Seniors



Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID:

Passcode:

To forget how to dig the earth and tend the soil is to forget ourselves.

~ Mahatma Gandhi

Horticulture moment:

Fairbanks Gardener's Winter Affliction

Catalog Fever is a locally occurring disease among gardeners. The disease is prevalent in January after the holiday rush when the garden catalogs arrive. Its symptoms are multiple order blanks from as many catalogs as possible and lengthy lists of catalog things we just must try this year. There is no known cure until the herbs come in! It does seem to mitigate the symptoms if you inventory stock on hand. It may also help to ask yourself the following questions and thus minimize the orders.

1. How many plants do I want? How many do I have room for?
2. How many plants can I take care of?
3. Do I know anything about this herb? Or do I want to learn about this herb
4. How much of this herb will I really use?

From the amazing local book: Adventures with Herbs in Interior Alaska
by Virginia Damron and Marsha Munsell

The Most Beneficial Late Winter Garden Chores

Consider making a tool cleaning station for the garden season to come. Find a bucket with a diameter as big as your widest tool. Fill the bucket with play sand, then add and mix in enough oil to darken the sand. Stick an old putty knife into the sand that you can use to remove large clumps of dirt that might stick on your tools. Every time you finish using your tools, knock the large blobs of soil off heads, then plunge them in the bucket to clean and oil them before putting them away. This will increase the efficiency and life of your garden tools.

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December 13, 2023 Holiday Potluck Meeting pictures
Walden Estates Community Center
Hostess: Lucy S Co-Hostess: Marilyn B + Potluck
link to google album: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/NUzqAKcUsaZ2gL3GA>

National Garden Clubs

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

“Go Green–Plant America”.

<http://nationalgardenclubs.org/>



winter 2024 *The National Gardener*

link: <https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2024-01/tng-winter-2024.pdf>

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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Pacific Region Garden Clubs



Pacific Region Convention

Aug 21-23, 2024 Alaska

Latest WACONIAH [see link below:](#)

<https://img1.wsimg.com?bbox=2bc4715-d441-4740-9844-4e781966e01c/downloads/Nov23.pdf?ver=1699393624106>

Alaska Garden Clubs 2023-2025

President: **Sharron Jordon Carlson**
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Vice President – Chris Wood
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>

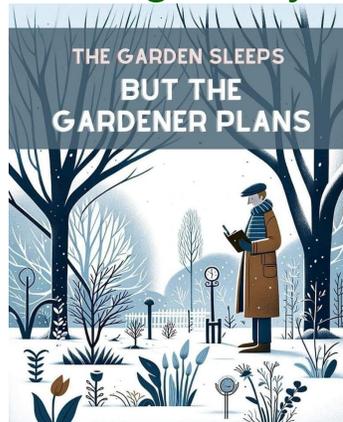
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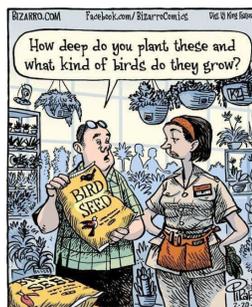
Lovely Quilt for the raffle made by Marilyn B. Althea has raffle tickets for the FGC members to sell. \$5 per ticket or a book of 5 for \$20. 500 tickets were made. Marilyn suggested a ticket would be a good gift for your friends and family.
 January Birthdays:
 Janet B 1/16

Betty Anne M 1/16
 Carol Ann L 1/18
 Betsy S 1/26

Getting ready for the next growing season.



Gardening Humor:



The main reason you were given hands:



Paving the WAY at the National Garden Clubs Headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri; About the Path



The permanent home and endowment trustees have approved the addition of a walking path to the NGC grounds: The NGC Path of Success

Roughly 1/4 mile long, the Path of Success will be a walking path located on the grounds of NGC's headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri and will link to the Missouri Botanical Gardens, spreading more awareness of NGC than ever before. This project will also serve as an educational platform, showing the rich history and mission of NGC.

Fairbanks Garden Club Members Sharing How They are Preparing for the 2024 Growing and Harvest Season:

April S: My big project this year is designing and installing a drip irrigation system for our high tunnel.

Working with Drip Works this week!

Betty M: Forget me not seeds to augment poor turf soil and hopefully to have a splendid display

FGC Officers

President Jane GB

Vice President
Mary F

Treasurer
Carol S

Secretary
Janet

Past Presidents
Amanda R
Susie C
Barbara H

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 S

Flower Show

*Becky H

Fundraiser

*Liz M

Gaming Permit

*Becky H

Garden Tours

*Marlene W

Georgeson Botanical Garden

*Lucy S

History/Biographies

FGC Committees *
chairman

Library Holiday Tree
*Althea St. M

Member of the Year *Becky H

Membership *Becky H

Newsletter *Amanda R

Nominating

As elected by Members

Photography *Gwenn D

Programs *Mary F

Publicity *Jane G

Scholarship *Katie D

Scrapbook *Amanda R

Sunshine *Sheila M

Telephone/Non-Email *
Janet B

Website *Liz M

Wildlife Gardening *Susie C

Yearbook. *Jane G

Youth Gardening / Garden
Therapy *Amanda R