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Fairbanks Garden Club Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – July 2024

Mid-Summer Greetings Everyone,

By now our gardens are in full peak, or nearly so, with all the healthy delicious bounty of harvest coming upon us. There is so much fun, learning, and pride that goes into growing and producing fresh produce for the table. Then comes the inspirations for new and creative recipe ideas, as well as canning and preservation techniques and methods to store up the summer's haul for the winter months to come. I hope you all have been having a wonderful productive gardening season.

As a club, we have a couple very important events coming up:

FLOWER SHOW – This is next Saturday July 20th, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. @ Pioneer Hall at Pioneer Park next to the museum. Speaking of gardening efforts, this is the time to show off your flower growing talents with as many entries as you like. Don't be shy. Refer to the 'Flower Show Schedule' which was emailed out again last week. And if anyone wants to sign up to help with the event, who hasn't already volunteered, just contact Becky Hassebrook directly for more information.

GARDEN CONVENTIONS

Alaska Garden Clubs Annual Convention – Tuesday, August 20th, Anchorage. Deadline to register is August 1st. <https://www.alaskagardenclubs.org/> registration link and information.



Pacific Region Garden Clubs Convention – Wednesday, August 21st through Friday 23rd, Anchorage. Deadline to register is August 1st.
<https://pacificregiongardenclubs.org/convention-2024> registration link and information.

This coming Wednesday the 17th is our regular July meeting. Garden Tour of Georgeson Botanical Garden @ 10:00 a.m., potluck lunch and meeting to follow at Mary's home.

See you there 😊 .

Best Wishes,

Jane

Fairbanks Garden Club NEWS and Events

This Month's meeting

July 17, 2024 10:00 AM

Garden Tour - Georgeson Botanical Garden

Meet at Raven Landing to Carpool for Tour

12:00 Noon Regular Monthly Meeting

Hostess: Mary F. (at her house... see Jane's email for directions)

Co-Hostess: Millie P.

POTLUCK

Roll Call: What plant or vegetable makes you smile every time you see it and why?

Horticultural Moment / Conservation Tip



July 20, 2024



***Bloom or
Bust***

Fairbanks Garden Club FREE Flower Show

“Bloom or Bust”

Dedicated to our Long-Time Partners

Pioneers of Alaska Igloos #4 and #8

Pioneer Hall at Pioneer Park next to the Museum

Entries 8 – 10 AM, Judging 10:30 AM Viewing 1 – 6 PM, Entry Removal 6 – 7 PM

***For Information please call 907-590-7895 or email
beckyhassse@aol.com***

Ribbons will be awarded

Entries can be driven into the Park from the Moore Street entrance

***Please list your plant material by at least its common name – assistance
will be available at the show***



***The Club is collecting items for two baskets for the upcoming
August Pacific Region Garden Convention. We have two themes:***

1.) "Into the Wild"

2.) "Interior Alaska"

***We are asking for donated items for these baskets. Please feel free
to bring in something nice you would like to donate.***

July Horticulture moment:



TOMATOES: Pruning or not pruning tomato's.. suckers or not?? determinate or indeterminate.. I did a few videos of a determinate (a determinate amount of tomatoes will be produced) and an Indeterminate (they will keep producing an indeterminate amount) tomato with the pruning I do.

If you don't like listening to videos this is basically what I say: determinate will get bushy and do not need pruned unless you want to keep them neater which is what I do (shown in video)

Indeterminate I prune the lower branches but leave the suckers as it will produce tomatoes (shown in video) as I do with determinate tomatoes. I will start pruning any new suckers in early July as it won't have time to produce.

Disclaimer: I have grown in Fairbanks for over 20 years (14 years in my own garden) . I get 100-300 lbs of tomatoes a summer and grow inside a greenhouse and outside in raised beds but I am not a master gardener.

Here is the horticulture moment with a video!

<https://www.facebook.com/fawndixon/videos/787867439814690/?idortv=111501582357280&mibextid=W9rl1R>

How to care for your tomato plants to get the best yield!

From Fawn Dixon!

Found it to be very beneficial....from Lucy Smyth.

June 19, 2024 FGC meeting pictures and notes:



Members Attending: Marilyn B, Janet B, Susie C, Gwenn G, Mary F., Becky H, Carol Ann L., Millie P, Amanda R, Brenda S, Carol S, April S, Lucy S, Althea S, Beverly W, Marlene W..
Guests: Lacy H, Directing Manager of Georgeson Botanical Garden, and Maggie H, FGC 2024 scholarship recipient.

Maggie, who studied Natural Resource Management, is our 2024 Scholarship Recipient. The \$1,000 check was presented to her.

June 19, 2024 meeting at Becky's. Enjoy.

Hostess: Becky H and Co-host Mary F.

link to the google album <https://photos.app.goo.gl/qnVixNtFMCFDqwt67>

March 20, 2024 Potluck meeting pictures

Hostess: Mary F. Co-Hostess: Jane G. Pioneer Hall, Pioneer Park
2300 Airport Way

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/x5gBUCSBvMjt1xnX7>

February 21, 2024 Potluck meeting picture

Hostess: Althea Co-Hostess: Mary Pioneer Hall, Pioneer Park 2300 Airport Way

link to google album: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/oaNuZKuqoAtgkjkjK9>

January 17, 2024 Denali Center Lunch meeting pictures

Denali Center Nursing Home

Hostess: Carol S. Co-Hostess: Mary F.

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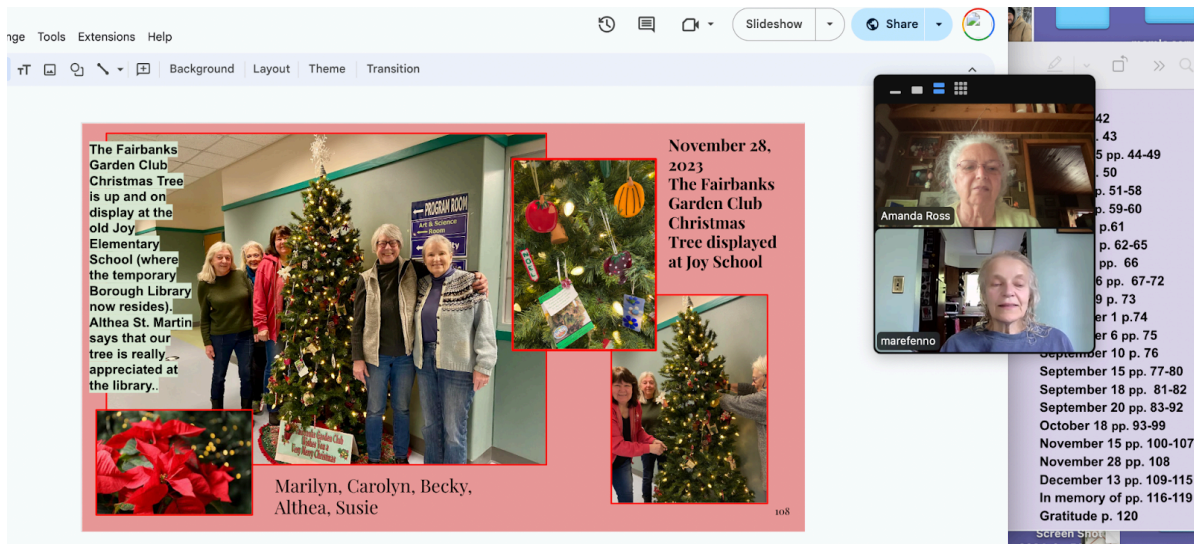
December 13, 2023 Holiday Potluck Meeting pictures

Walden Estates Community Center

Hostess: Lucy S. Co-Hostess: Marilyn B. + Potluck

link to google album: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/NUzqAKcUsaZ2gL3GA>

Working on the 2023 Scrapbook:



Mary F and Amanda R worked over zoom to finalize the pages for the 2023 FGC Scrapbook. THANKS to all who contributed and participated in the many FGC events, taking pictures, writing up the event and the monthly minutes. It is our hope that this book shine on all the many wonderful events FGC members do. Cost was over \$150 but thanks to a code we were able to purchase the 8 by 11 inch book for a bit over \$50.

Flowers Planted at Kitty Hensley House - 6/29/24

Janet M. reported: Here are photos of the flowers that I furnished & planted yesterday at Kitty Hensley House with Debbie O. & Roberta G. We also added new topsoil to all the planters.



Blue Star Memorial Update July 15, 2024



The Blue Star Memorial is bursting with color thanks to the team effort of Carol Slater, Lucy S. and Gwenn D. G..

Keeping with the Red, White and Blue color theme, this year the memorial has a combination of over-wintered & new red geraniums. White petunias and lantana provide a nice spread to include the blue lobelia. All plants are looking healthy and entering the phase of full bloom.



Update on Creamer's Garden July, 2024

Kale in the front was planted the first of June. Next to the Kale are the beet starts planted in early June. The Kale is from Hospice Sale and the beet starts are done by Carol Slater. Althea said, "Rain really ramped up the garden growth"

National Garden Clubs



Brenda Moore, NGC President
Theme for 2023-2025 is

“Go Green–Plant America”.

<https://www.gardenclub.org/>

Fun was had at the National Garden Clubs annual convention in Westminster, Colorado June 2-5, 2024.

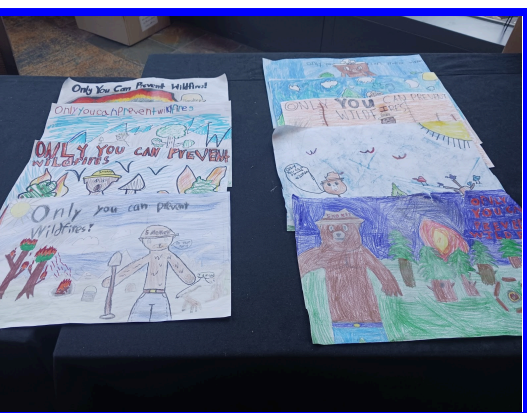


The **Summer 2024 issue** of "The National Gardener" can be found here:
<https://gardenclub.org/.../files/2024-07/tng-summer-2024.pdf>

[spring edition of *The National Gardener* magazine.](https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2024-04/tng-spring-2024.pdf)
<https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2024-04/tng-spring-2024.pdf>

[winter 2024 *The National Gardener* link:](https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2024-01/tng-winter-2024.pdf)
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Youth Poetry Contest Winners Pacific Region



Fifth Grade - Amelie R.

Klamath Falls Garden Club

Oregon

National Honorable Mention

A GARDEN

A garden is a place of peace
A place of love and wonder
Climb a tree, pick a fruit,
Maybe even play the flute
Tread a book,
Plant a flower,
Just be calm.

<https://gardenclub.org/2024-smokey-bear-woosy-owl-poster-contest>

NGC smokey the Bear contest winners link above. Here is a picture of some of the winner's pictures.

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.

How to Contribute

Order Your Paver

Today! Check Payment Order Form

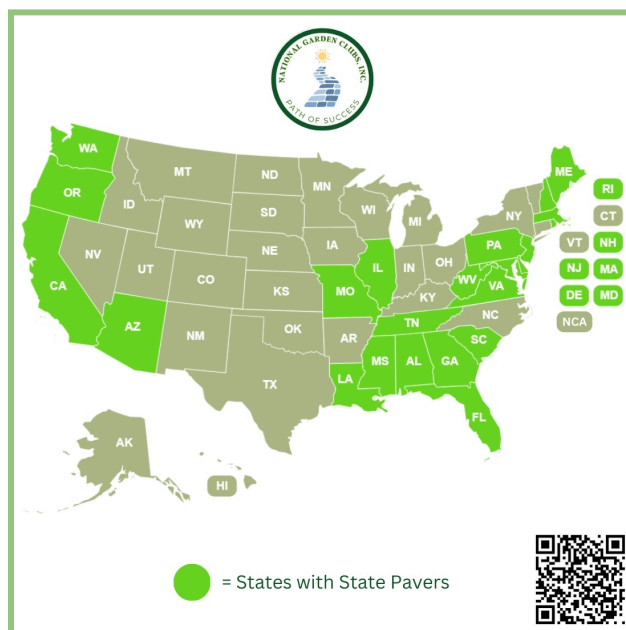
Donate to the NGC Path of Success



I hope you have enjoyed this newsletter. I do enjoy crafting the "sent" information, pictures and what I find on FB that might interest us gardeners. Sincere gratitude to all that support the items in the newsletter. Always suggestions/additions/corrections are appreciated.

Take care all.

Amanda R.



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<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/>



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 Convention August 21-23, 2024 Anchorage, Alaska

convention link:

<https://pacificregiongardenclubs.org/convention-2024>

Latest WACONIAH [see link below:](#)

<https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/a2be4215-dd41-4740-9844-4e781966e01c/downloads/Nov23.pdf?ver=1699393624106>



FGC Raffle in full swing: 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.

July Birthdays:

Carol A. 7/10

Carolyn F. 7/19



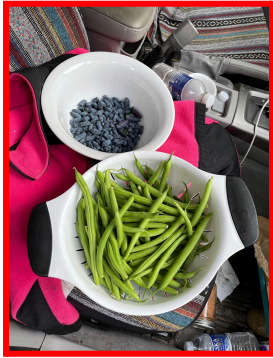
Plant America Feed America

Fairbanks Garden Club

Food Donation Tracker for

Date	Circle Item donate	Name	Contact #
		estimated weight	Organization receiving donation
	Fresh Produce		
	Seeds		
	Live Plants		
	Other donated food		
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	Seeds		
	Live Plants		
	Other donated food		

FGC is participating in **Plant America Feed America**. At the January meeting, Althea handed forms to everyone who contributed food to the community last summer and reminded us to estimate, complete, and return forms to her. All members can track their donations of produce to non-profits, friends, neighbors and others. The form (see screenshot above) covers donations made between May 4, 2023 to May 4, 2025. The program encourages garden club members to help fight hunger in America. Over 5M kids go hungry daily.



Fairbanks Garden Club Members Sharing

The request this month, July, is the following:

1. What are your plans/excited about for the Flower Show July 20th?

OR/AND

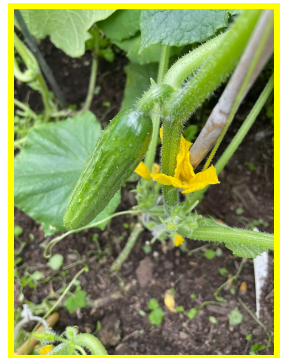
2. What have you harvested so far from your garden... flowers? veggies?

OR/AND

3. Whatever else you would like to share!

Liz M: Not sure that will have much to enter for flower show with the rain, but we will see. Everything was early this year and some flowers have already bloomed.

From the garden we have eaten bok choy, onions, cukes, zucchini, lettuce, spinach, green beans, banana peppers, radish, and snap peas, eggplant is flowering so we might get some yet! Sweet corn has tassels starting ! Kohlrabi is not quite ready yet but coming along as well as the yellow summer squash . Now if I could catch up on weeding I would be happy!!



Marilyn B: I plan to sell LOTS of raffle tickets at the Flower Show. Last week I delivered 2 loads of vegetables to Stone Soup and 15 heads of lettuce and zucchini to Bread Line. Can't wait to see the scrapbook. Wow! \$50!

Denise B:

Attached is some picture of the flowers in the new planter (see picture at the right) her husband installed, peonies (see picture at the left) and a sweet picture of Denise with permission. Link for her lovely garden:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/bRCZ4haVMPYN5JB66>



Amanda R: I have been planning my containers for the flower show arrangements and looking at the flowers I have here on the property. I have harvested cilantro for some good salsa. I visited Denise a week ago and have some pictures of her lovely new flower raised bed.



Barbara HM: All that I have harvested from my new front garden is a couple of red double knockout roses and a couple of orange Floribunda roses. Everything else is just putting energy into first-year growth so that hopefully next year I will get some flowers. Oh yes, and I dried a bunch of basil from the garden.

The Fairbanks Garden Club Presents



Bloom or Bust

Free Flower Show
Saturday, July 20th, 2024

Everyone is Invited to Exhibit

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Future events for FGC members:

- Flower Show - Saturday July 20th, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. @ Pioneer Hall at Pioneer Park next to the Museum. Set up on Friday evening, July 19th. Volunteer sign up sheets available at the May meeting. Contact Person: Becky H
- Blue Star Memorial Planting. TBA - end of May. Contact Person: Gwenn D-G.
- Team GBG & Team Creamer's. TBA - end of May. Contact Person: GBG: Lucy S, Creamer's: Althea S.
- Quilt Ticket Selling Events - Mary F has received permission from Festival Fairbanks for FGC to sell tickets @ their summer concerts in the Plaza. And we can sell @ Anne's Greenhouse. Mary will have volunteer sign-up sheets w/ times/dates available at the May meeting. Contact Person: Mary
- **Creamers Dairy Days. Sunday July 21st Noon- 4. need helpers please. email Jane.**

Every tree planted
is an anchor cast
into the soil
of our planet,
securing a future
of greener
tomorrows.



GardenTabs.com



“ Everything that slows us down and forces patience, everything that sets us back into the slow circles of nature, is a help. Gardening is an instrument of grace. ”

May Sarton



“Food for thought”

When life is kinda stressful so you buy more plants:



Garden Humor:

Summer Hack:

If your house is a mess, spend all day in the garden so you don't make it any messier.



BUTTERFLIES & CATERPILLARS

of North America

