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Fairbanks Garden Club Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – JUNE 2024

Greetings Fellow Members,

Summer is in full swing and it has been a robust and busy month of gardening and successful FGC projects. Proud highlights include:

- * Golden Heart Plaza Planting
- * Raven Landing Basket Planting & Distribution
- * Children's Museum – Marigold Planting
- * Quilt Ticket Selling Events – Anne's Greenhouse, Downtown Plaza, 1st Friday @ Risses Greenhouse
- * Fabulous Garage & Plant Sale
- * Blue Star Memorial Planting
- * Team Creamers Garden Planting
- * Team GBG Plot Tending

Huge thanks to all our wonderful & dedicated members who made each of the above events a grand success. The club is lucky to have you on board and I appreciate every one of you!

It is that time of year to seriously start thinking and planning for the upcoming Alaska State & Pacific Region Garden Club Conventions. Both



will be held at the BP Energy Center in Anchorage August 20th – 23rd. Let's show a strong delegation of support from the Fairbanks Club!

Links for more information and registration applications can be found here:

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

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

I look forward to seeing you soon. Come enjoy a lovely luncheon & meeting Wednesday June 19th @ Becky's home. Help to congratulate FGC's 2024 Scholarship recipient, Maggie H. from UAF. And enjoy a tour of Becky's beautiful garden following the lunch & a brief meeting.

Best Wishes,

Jane

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Fairbanks Garden Club NEWS and Events

This Month's meeting :

Wednesday, June 19th at 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm.

Where: Marv & Becky's Home. **NOT** potluck

Hostess: Becky H. Co-Hostess: Mary F.

Roll Call: What are some things you have done to attract pollinators?

Horticultural Moment / Conservation Tip

Sign Up Sheets for Flower Show / Finalize Plans

Program: Annual \$1,000 Scholarship Presentation



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"

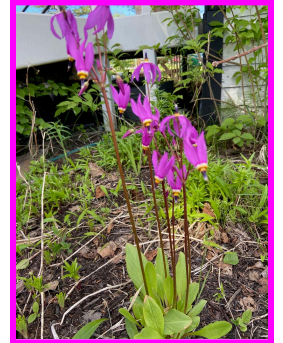
We are asking for donated items for these baskets. Please feel free to bring in something nice you would like to donate.



June Horticulture moment:

From-- Susie C.

In the first 2 weeks of June our Alaskan wildflowers began showing us their beauty. We can find them around Fairbanks, the Boreal Forest and especially on 12 Mile Eagle Summit. Around Fairbanks we see the Wild Roses, Chiming Bells, High Bush Cranberry, and Forget-me-Knots coloring our very green landscape. When these flowers pop—summer has arrived! Amazingly, there is a Shooting Star now blooming in the Visitor Center Flower garden at Creamer's Field. (see Picture) In the Boreal Forest around our cabin on the West Fork of the Chena River, a surprise wildflower find was a Fairy-Slipper orchid in full bloom. This plant requires very precise soil content and conditions that make it a very rare treat to see. (see Picture) I hope we all enjoy noticing what nature has given us every year to celebrate the beginnings of summer!



May 15, 2024 FGC meeting pictures and notes:

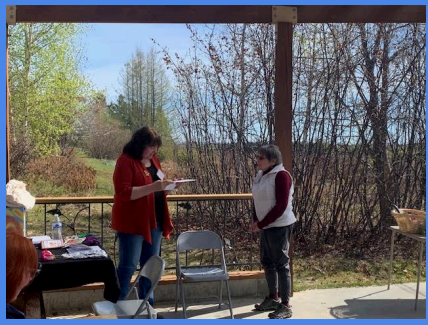


Members present: Marilyn B, Janet B, Gwenn G, Mary F, Jane G, Becky H, Patty K, Liz M, Sheila M, Brenda S, Carol S, April S, Lucy S, Beverly W, Marlene W.

Program: Georgeson Botanical Garden Update presented by Lacey H, who recently became in charge. She is a former FGC scholarship recipient, hurray! The list of improvements includes: the Hassebroek promenade, new retaining wall, work in iron and steel by Thomas Hart, and archways for climbing plants. In the future there will be new signage, a water station for visitors to fill their containers and a back entrance. Horticulture work continues with peony cultivars, apple varieties, and trying to develop choke cherry alternatives. FGC member Janet M leads in the care of roses, along with member Millie P. The Georgeson Botanical Garden publishes a



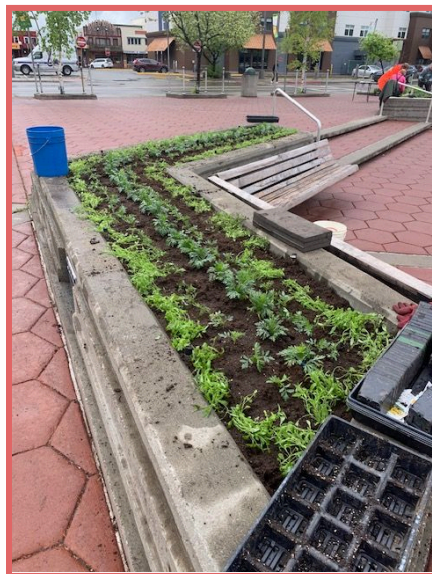
quarterly newsletter and has many events scheduled for this summer.



Induction of new member, Brenda S, by Becky H. After saying yes to FGC responsibilities, Brenda received gardening gloves and roses.

Conservation tip by Janet B. Let's conserve our bodies by limiting or avoiding fruits and vegetables containing harmful chemicals from pesticides. Consumer Reports May-June Issue lists testing results. Thus another positive reason to garden and grow our own.

May 24, 2024 Planting at Golden Heart Plaza FGC members braved rain to help Festival Fairbanks Plant the flowers.



Children's museum May 31, 2024

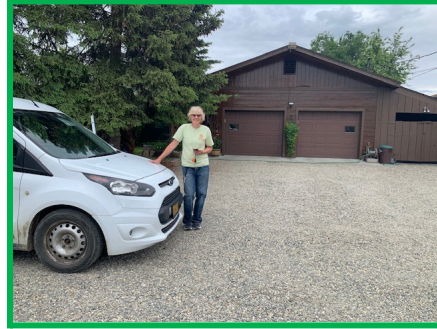


Fairbanks Garden Club,

We love this now
annual event!
Your members + marigolds
bring so much joy
+ great memories to
the Fairbanks Children's Museum
and our visitors!
Thank you!
-Team Woolly

June 1, 2024 FGC Plant and Garage sale





Garage sale clean up...
THANKS for all the hard work and time given to make this event successful!



Blue Star Memorial Planting



Creamers Garden first planting June 5, 2024

Althea, Janet , and Marlene and Beverly, and me (Susie) did our first team planting today June 5th at creamers. Plants were donated by Marilyn B. and Susie C. as well as our plants we purchased from the Hospice sale. It's looking great!!





Creamers Garden Competition June 12, 2024

Althea, Susie and Janet worked at Creamers on Wednesday, June 12th and decided to have a “longest grass-root “ competition. Althea judged and Susie won!

We also planted beet starts from Carol and pea seeds. The garden looks great!

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/oaNuZKugoAtgkjk9>

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

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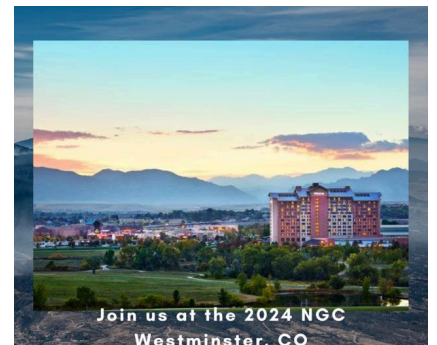
National Garden Clubs



Brenda Moore, NGC President
Theme for 2023-2025 is

“Go Green–Plant America”.

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





Join us June 2-5, 2024, for the National Garden Clubs annual convention in Westminster, Colorado. We are going to have lots of fun!

link here: <https://www.gardenclub.org/2024-ngc-convention-details>

spring edition of *The National Gardener* magazine.

<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>

Alaska state president, Sharron Carlson at NGC convention in Utah.

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Smokey the Bear Song- Eddy Arnold (1952)

Get Your Smokey On: <http://facebook.com/smokeybear>

<http://smokeybear.com> -Eddy Arnold pl

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Myz93sXW66Y>



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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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.

June Birthdays:

Barbara H-M 6/26
Gwen D-G 6/12

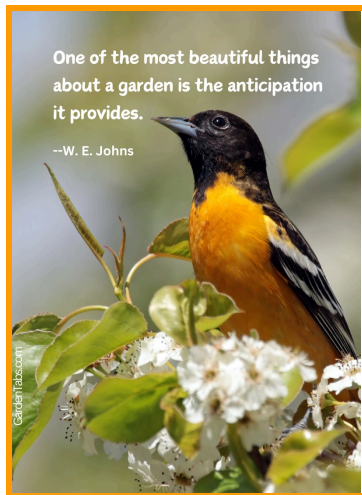


Plant America Feed America Fairbanks Garden Club

Food Donation Tracker for _____

Date	Circle Item donate	Name estimated weight	Contact # Organization receiving donation
	Fresh Produce		
	Seeds		
	Live Plants		
	Other donated food		
	Fresh Produce		
	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 of June is the following:

1. What is growing well in your garden/area besides weeds?

OR/AND

2. What are you planning on doing now that the majority of the garden is in?

OR/AND

3. How are you enjoying the growing season?

OR/AND

4. Anything else you would like to share.

Liz M: had some parsnips overwinter! Going to let them go to seed if possible and collect seeds. Everything else is in. Self Sowing Spinach is ready to harvest and some of it is already making seeds for next year. Red worm colony is growing and is very happy. Cherry tree had blossoms along with the apples. Looking promising!

Marilyn B. 1. Garden is growing vegetables. Eating Swiss Chard, lettuce and Kale. Too much Arugula. 2. Plan on reading on my sunny deck. Also keep ahead of the weeds. Irrigating as I type. Tomatoes are growing daily on my sunny south deck.

Denise's husband:

Attached is a picture of the new planter that I had installed for Denise. If that fits in the newsletter that would be great.



Amanda R. The garden weeds are doing well! I have two surprise daisy plants in my veggie garden. I must have had seeds on the bottom of my boots for free planting. I have purple poppies coming back. YEAH. Almost 50 feet of carrots seeds (tape for most of that) are planted late so still waiting for them to sprout. I usually get my garden in LATE!

Carol S.from May's ??s: My mother loved to garden. I remember our yard in Anchorage was bordered with beautiful flowers. She also dug from the woods and planted 13 birch trees in one day. That was over 70 years ago. When I drive by the house I grew up in they are still there along with the Siberian Pea hedge. Proof that the gardening done today has a lasting effect on our world.

Mary F. As far as my garden goes:

All of my perennials are doing well but I am sad to say my Pinky Winky hydrangea didn't make it through the winter. I am curious to know how many hydrangeas have survived from our Garden Club hydrangea experiment. In the garden, my potatoes and carrots are up and everything survived while I was Outside for two weeks but, oh boy, the grass and weeds are winning on all sides of the house = I am thinking I need a herd of miniature goats to tackle this plethora of PITA plants!

The Fairbanks Garden Club Presents



Bloom or Bust

Free Flower Show
Saturday, July 20th, 2024

Everyone is Invited to Exhibit

*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*

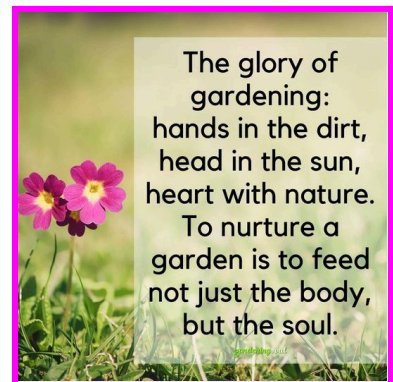
Future events for FGC members:

- 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-M.
- 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



Has a bee ever landed on you, and instead of getting scared, you appreciate the possibility that you got confused for a flower

"Food for thought"



Garden Humor:



