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Garden Gate

Fairbanks Garden Club Newsletter

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Message from the President

Hi Everyone,
Summer is here and seems to be very busy! I still have strawberries, zucchini, tomatoes and a perennial living in 4" pots outside my back door. Between the cool weather, the rain and the overgrowth of weeds where I want to plant these items, I just haven't gotten there. I do however have a zuch, some cherry tomatoes and some strawberries on little scrawny plants outside the back door.



I am looking forward to our first garden tour on Wednesday and would like to thank Marlene for making the arrangements. At the meeting we will be finalizing plans for the flower show so please come prepared to volunteer to help with items that are still not filled. In particular we really need a hostess on Saturday from 11-5 (which can easily be broken into two shifts if that helps. We also desperately need someone to help with scientific names!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone
Barbara

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

Fairbanks Garden Club NEWS and Events

June's meeting:

June 21, 2023 10:00 AM Garden ToursMeet at Week's Field to Carpool for Tour **12:00 Noon Regular Monthly Meeting** Hostess: Becky Hassebroek Co-Hostess: Lucy Smyth

Please Phone Regrets to Becky: (907) 456-3066

Roll Call: What, if anything, do you put inside the holes when you plant seeds?**Horticultural Moment / Conservation Tip****Selection of Nominating Committee (odd numbered years)****Sign Up Sheets for Flower Show / Finalize Plans**

July 14-15, 2023 - Flower Show

**“Music in the Garden”
Pioneer Park Civic Center**

July's meeting:

**July 19, 2023 10:00 AM
Garden Tours**Meet at Weeks Field 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**

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

Horticulture moment: How to fertilizer your dahlias

As your plant grows, you will need to stake it to give it added support. Fertilize your dahlia monthly with a low-nitrogen fertilizer.

You should use a low-nitrogen fertilizer on your dahlias. If you already have fertilizer for your vegetables, the chances are that you can use the same one on your dahlias because it is probably 5-10-10 or 10-20-20. You should fertilize when you first notice them poking through the ground. Then, starting mid-summer, you should feed them every month until shortly before the first frost is expected.

Dahlias are beautiful plants that you can easily grow inside or out. They require very little care as long as the soil stays moist, and you fertilize on a monthly basis. Be careful, however, because growing dahlias can become addictive with a large number of choices available. 😊

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41 members strong

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

President: Barbara Horner-Miller 2021-2023





National Garden Clubs

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Brenda Moore

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National Garden Clubs: Who are we and where did we come from?

We are a 501(c)(3) organization that aims to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility. But where did we start?

The idea to have a garden club came from Dr. Edwin Dorset Newton in Athens, Georgia in 1891, an Athens physician keen on horticulture. Twelve

women met in the home of Mrs. Edwin King Lumpkin on a January day in 1891 to form the Ladies Garden Club of Athens. These women dedicated themselves to the study of horticulture and the exchange of plants and ideas for betterment of their community-much in line with what we are doing today! Taken from NGC Facebook page.



What did Fairbanks Garden Club members do to celebrate National Garden week? It all started on June 2, Friday, setting us for our Annual Plant and Garage sale at Becky Hasebroek's chaired by Barbara Horner Miller. Members brought their plants and items. Then early on June 3, the sale was in full swing with members, Liz, Amanda, Carol Slater, Becky and Barbara manning the area. Many a happy gardener left with nice plants donated by our FGC members. Others left with a new treasure or two. Flyers for the July 14-15th Annual Flower Show Schedule were shared with interested customers as well as an invite to join our FGC with an application handed to them.

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.facebook.com/PacificRegionGardenClubs/?view_public_for=167928073784482



Pacific Region Garden Clubs:

PRGC Director Carol Norquist

Happy [#NationalBlackBearDay](#)! As a black bear myself, I know how bear- important these creatures are for our ecosystem! Help protect black bears' habitat by doing your part to prevent

human-caused wildfires. 🐻 🌲 ❤️

[#OnlyYou](#)

June 2, 2023



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.



Let's meet NGC, Inc. Member
 Introducing: Carol Norquist
 NGC, Inc. Social Media: Facebook Chairman

Who is Carol Norquist?
 She is one of the 114 members of the three Clubs in the State of Alaska, who has served as President of the Anchorage Garden Club, AK State President, PR Awards, as a Facebook Editor, and now serves NGC, Inc. President Brenda Moore as Facebook NGC Chairman. Personally, she has been a "digital Guru" to many of us who have reached out when having any type of internet problems.

Yet, she takes time and enjoys to garden, make Jelly, and grow potatoes on tubs!

Carol loves to visit gardens and often shares images of the beauty of nature.

Carol, often speaks fondly of Alaska, describing the State's natural splendor made of pristine glaciers, tall mountains, and transparent waterways.

Alaska Garden Clubs 2023-2025

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Treasurer - Becky Hassebroek
Secretary- Rhonda Barnklau

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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/>

[anchorage Garden Club](#)

Yesterday we planted the Della Barry Memorial Flower Bed. Della Barry 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 May and June Events:

FGC meeting Wednesday May 17, 2023



Katie DiChristina introduces scholarship recipient. Susan Glade receiving scholarship check for \$1,000 for the Conservation Award Scholarship.

THINGS I DO IN MY SPARE TIME

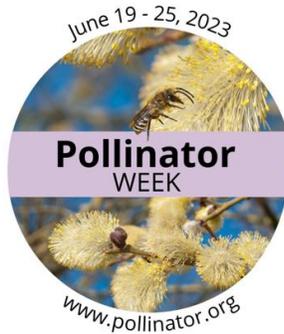


Katie gives an update on GBG improve ments 2022-2023.



Gary Guy presenti ng on tomatillo s & seed saving.

Fairbanks Garden Club sharing Marigolds with our Fairbanks youth....



Check out these pollinator signs throughout the GBG! They are part of the Midnight Sun Pollinator Exhibit. The content of these signs were developed by the Smithsonian Institute!

BE BEE-FRIENDLY

PLANT:

- Local, wild & organic seeds
- Bee balm
- Coneflower
- Clover
- Chamomile
- Hyacinth
- Hellebore
- Thyme
- Pennyroyal
- Cosmos
- Lavender
- Chives
- Crocus
- Primrose

DO:

- Build a hive
- Provide a suitable house
- Provide accessible water
- Provide a chemical-free environment
- Plant a variety of colors
- Grow flowers, fruits, and vegetables
- Plant herbs
- Give up weeding- let dandelions & clovers grow in your lawn
- Naturalize your yard



@ RCHERBALS

June 3, Plant and Garage sale



Plants, treasured items, flower show schedule, membership form at the Fairbanks Garden Sale. Lucy and Barbara. Liz and customer.



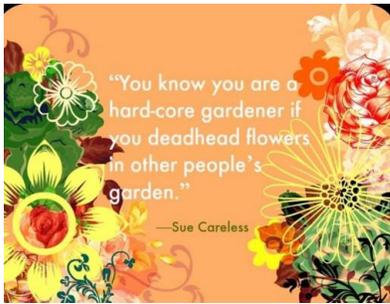
FGC sign at the garage sale. Carol collecting the \$\$.

FGC members working at Creamer's garden planting and getting the composter started up.



Althea planting potatoes and other members enjoying the feel of the soil.

They said hanging baskets in your garden would improve the look. I'm not convinced.





Beverly, Marlene, Janet, Carol and Althea making sure the garden gets good attention for the season.



Gwenn, Barbara, Carol, and Haley and Ashley putting the finishing touches on the Blue Star Memorial flowers.

Blue Star Memorial June 6, 2023



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Georgeson Botanical Gardens Lucy weeding the adopted plot at GBG.



2023 Planting SEASON has started:

Raven Basket Planters!



May Birthday:

Dorothea Ott 5/17

Denise Bates 5/28

Susie Crevensten 5/1

June Birthdays:

Barbara Horner Miller 6/26

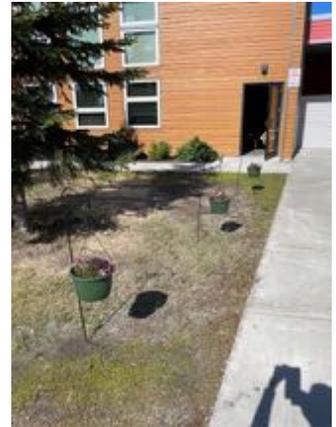
Gwenn Davies Guy 6/12



Denali Center donations 2023. Jessica receiving the marigolds from Amanda.



Raven landing basket planters... Barbara, Lucy, Janet, Mary, ?? (Sorry Carol and Gwenn. Thanks Carol for hosting this planting party. Carol delivered the planted baskets to Raven Landing.



More Children's Museum pictures:



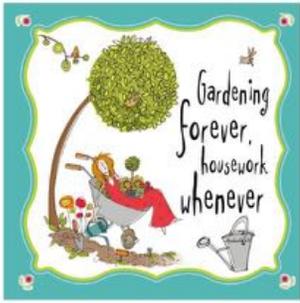
Janet, Carol and Amanda helping the youth plant the marigolds that Carol Slater grew from seeds. The children were so excited to plant in the 4 inch pot, water and then put their name on the pot to be picked up on their way home.

She's not available today.
The wildflowers have
summoned her
and asked her out
to play.
-Ann Marie Eleazer-
She's Magic & Midnight Lace

when you no longer have
a place in your flower bed



Garden HUMOR



**EASILY
DISTRACTED
BY
FLOWERS**



FGC members sharing surprises found in your perennial garden, new flower garden(s) plans and fruition of those plans, or whatever else you would love to share.

Carol Slater: I'm sharing a photo of the delphiniums given to me by Amanda last year. They're not quite blooming but are so much bigger than when I planted them!

Amanda Ross: Thankful my forget-me-nots are coming back and the lily of the valley Joan Robson gave me a few years back are doing great. Surprise also to see a big wood frog at my garden gate twice.



The songbirds are very active in the spring in northwest Michigan trying to attract a mate and the air is full of their songs.

Here is an interactive poster you can use to identify the birds by their songs. Check out this interactive bird song poster - click on the link, then click on a bird and you will get it's bird song. From our friends at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/.../bird_songs_interactive.html



Mary E. Fenno: This summer I found some surprises in my perennial garden. First, I found a big wood frog. That day in early June I saw four or five other frogs in my strawberries, and I normally see them in May, so I thought I had missed them, or heaven forbid, the late cold spring took them, but no, they came in early June, so I think they were running behind, as everything seems to be! Second, I found that my Lily of the valley flowers had spread everywhere; they're coming up in the lawn, in the garden boxes, literally, in all of the beds, so I don't know what happened to them, but they are very prolific this year! Also, in the garden at Creamers just days before they fledged and left, I got a picture of the five little white crowned sparrows that were born in a nest in the strawberries at Creamer's Field and held up our planting of that half of the garden for a couple weeks! Next year we're hoping mom finds a different place to raise them! We shall see! Happy trails!



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

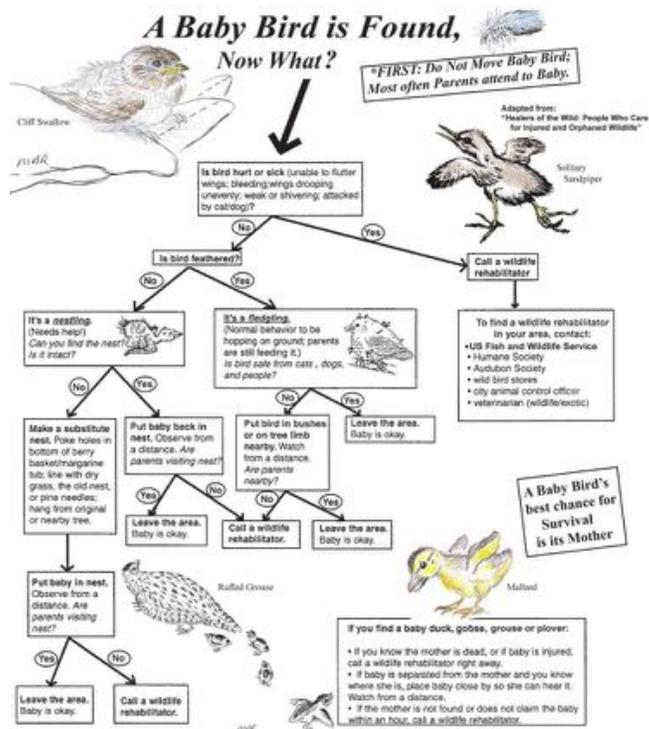
Planting at Golden Heart Plaza



with Festival Fairbanks May 30, 2023



FGC members helping are Janet, Barbara, Jane and her granddaughter, Liz, Becky, Becky's friend, Mary, and Amanda





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

Answer to last month's word find

IT'S ALWAYS GREENER

Aerate	Kentucky	St-Augustine
Bentgrass	Mower	Telf
Bermuda	Plugs	Timothy
Clover	Ryegrass	Turfgrass
Drought	Scotch	Weed And Feed
Fertilizer	Shade	Zoysiagrass
Fescue	Spreader	

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