

Homer Garden Club Newsletter

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Homer Garden Club Gardeners' Weekend

by Roni Overway, Committee Co-chair

With the frenzy of our annual plant sale behind us (please give co-chairs Barb Kennedy and Michael Linden pats on the back and kudos for a job really well done!), it's time to look ahead to our next garden club summer event, the 5th annual Summer Gardeners' Weekend. In case you need a reminder, it's happening the weekend of August 6th and 7th. The committee began its garden search last fall and believes it has found another six gardens you will enjoy visiting. On this year's agenda you will find rock gardens, veggie gardens, perennials, annuals, themes, water features..... a myriad of gardening delights meant to inspire and educate you.



So, a quick run-down of the featured events: **Saturday night, August 6th**, at 7:00 PM, enjoy Dan Hinkley's presentation "Exclamation, Accen-

tuation, Punctuation". Dan uses digitally altered images for comparison, stressing design elements in the garden, including textural foliage, repetition of color and form and the importance of the vertical element. In the May Newsletter we introduced you to Dan, but if you'd like more information, just google Dan Hinkley. You will be as impressed as we are. Gardeners across the country know him by the wit and wisdom of his writing as well as the

credentials he brings with him. His talk will be held at the Islands and Ocean auditorium. Those of you new to the club might not know that Dan has been here before. But it was several years ago, and,

for heaven's sake, it was in the WINTER, so although we are excited to have him here, we are also looking forward to introducing Dan to a summertime Homer!

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The next Homer Garden Club meeting will be in September, with the Harvest Dinner and meeting.

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Sunday, August 7th, you will tour six local gardens from 11:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Because of the increasing number of gardeners who attend our event we want to urge to you get together with your friends and families and **CAR POOL!** We try to provide good information about parking issues on our tour map, but things will go much more smoothly if you ride together. Remember, we've had around 300 attendees the last two years so four in a car rather than two in a car will cut down on traffic snarls significantly!

As in the last four years, we will conclude this gardening festival with a reception at its conclusion at Bill and Dorothy Fry's Bear Creek Winery, from 5:00 PM until 6:30. We cannot say enough about the enthusiasm and assistance these two have provided us with in the past. If you plan to attend then, please also plan to say thank you to them for allowing us to wind up our weekend in such great style!!

Can't bring this to a close without another request for volunteers! Nothing we do as a club can be accomplished without the willingness of members to help out. We can still use a few alternate garden hostesses (who will fill in if our regularly scheduled host or hostess is suddenly unable to attend). Would-be host/hostesses can call Saraphine Bailey at 235 1402. If you can help putting up posters and/or distributing brochures please call Barb Landi at 235 1809 or Roni Overway at 226 3404 or 242 1966.

Another opportunity to help actually comes during the week following the event. One day during the following week we will host a mini-tour and catered luncheon for our tour garden owners. Although the committee will make arrangements for food and spirits, we can use some help simply setting up for that luncheon and cleaning up afterwards. You would work with the committee in putting this popular event together for our much-deserving owners. They work so hard to present gardening perfection and this year with the additional frustration of the damage RABBITS have wrought!!

So.....now it's up to you! Please call Roni at 242 1966 or 226 3404 or Brenda Adams at 235 3763 if you have questions about what a specific duty might entail or to sign on. Working on this

club event is more fun than you can imagine and you will be helping us with another event from which we derive the funds for the fabulous speakers we host during the year.

Tickets will be available at the Homer Bookstore and the Chamber of Commerce on July 1. Prices are the same as last year. Let friends and neighbors know that they can also find information on the club's website: www.homergardenclub.org.



Treasurer's Report

by Peggy Craig, Treasurer

May 2011

Income	
Membership	\$ 55.00
Books	<u>630.00</u>
Total Income	\$685.00

Expenses	
Meeting	\$150.00
Venue	100.00
Program	50.00
Plant sale cash	180.00
Gardener's Weekend	<u>125.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$455.00

Beginning balance 5-1-11	\$10,233.10
Income	685.00
Expenses	<u>(455.00)</u>
Ending balance 5-31-11	\$10,463.19

Plant Sale fun



REMEMBER: Dues are now due October 1st. Members are encouraged to have the newsletter sent to them via e-mail as it is much less expensive for the club and you will then receive it in fabulous color.

THE HOMER GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Date: _____ Membership Type: Basic (\$10) __ Supporting (\$15) __ Business (\$25) __

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

May we send your Newsletter via E-Mail? Yes ____ No ____

Are you interested in vegetable gardening ____ ? flower gardening ____ ?

How would you like to participate in the Garden Club?

(please check any activities you may be interested in)

- Meeting Refreshments Board of Directors Nominating Committee Newsletter
 Programs/Speakers Spring Plant Sale Harvest Dinner Pioneer Garden
 Baycrest Garden Gardeners' Weekend

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