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The September HGC Harvest Dinner has not been scheduled.



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May 22 Plant Sale Was a Success

In spite of the chilly weather of this spring, the HGC Plant Sale on May 22 was a rousing success. An excellent selection of plants was donated by our fellow Homer gardeners, as well as a generous donation from Cookie's Greenhouse. There were vegetables, house plants, perennials and annuals. Homer gardeners were waiting on the stroke of 11:00 to make their selections and by 12:00 the tables were bare. Our treasurer Louise Ashmun has advised that the sales totaled \$2,273.50, which is a new record. Since this is the club's major fundraiser for the year, the community's participation is greatly appreciated.

Special thanks goes to our plant sale co-chairs Barbara Kennedy and Sally Coleman. They spent many hours collecting and organizing the items needed. As usual, numerous volunteers came to set up tables, sort and label plants, and handle the myriad details. This sale could not be held without the assistance of the garden club membership.

The Pratt Museum has also extended their thanks to our club for coordinating our sale to coincide with their own plant sale. They have advised us that theirs also was a success.

Plans for the 2021 Harvest Dinner in September are still in abeyance. Members will be notified when this is scheduled.

Treasurer Report

by Louise Ashmun, Treasurer

Monthly Treasurer Report for May 2021

Income

| | | |
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| Membership | \$125.00 | |
| Book Sales | \$143.88 | |
| Aprons | \$25.00 | |
| Garden Share Event Tickets | \$160.00 | |
| Newsletter Ad Revenue | \$120.00 | |
| Plant Sale | \$2,273.50 | |
| Total Income | | <u>\$2,847.38</u> |

Expenses

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| Honoraria-Apr/May meetings | \$250.00 | |
| Donation Peony Festival | \$250.00 | |
| Plant Sale | \$66.71 | |
| Baycrest Garden | \$279.50 | |
| Total Expenses | | <u>\$846.21</u> |

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| Checking Beginning Balance 05/01/2021 | \$ | 3,386.11 |
| Income | \$ | 2,847.38 |
| Expenses | \$ | 846.21 |
| Interest | \$ | 0.17 |
| Ending Balance 05/31/2021 | \$ | 5,387.45 |
| Money Market Beginning Balance 05/01/2021 | \$ | 15,061.69 |
| Interest | \$ | 1.28 |
| Money Market Ending Balance 05/31/2021 | \$ | 15,062.97 |
| Total Ending Balance 05/31/2021 | \$ | <u>20,450.42</u> |

In Case You Missed the May Meeting

Hopefully everyone is well into gardening for this year and enjoying working the soil again after the long, snowy winter. Our May garden club meeting was recorded and you are welcome to view the Zoom meeting recording by clicking on the following link (note that you will need to enter the passcode):

https://zoom.us/rec/share/YvyHCnvL55uJ9fDZx5uP95UI8fheegcu7npp0GDp3pFZq7ENGhr92mCKjske3Af.GzSUle_p4aktqCnS

Passcode: xw&2cLAE

REPORTS

Sally Coleman presided over the meeting in the absence of Kathy Dube with technical help from Barb Kennedy

Gardeners Weekend. There will be a modified event this year. 2 mini neighborhood 'gardens in progress' tours. One in the Elderberry vicinity and one in Kachemak City area. Dates are July 8th and 22nd. Thursday afternoons from 3 – 6. \$10 Tickets (covers both of the events) will be for members only, available at the Plant Sale and through Louise by sending a check to Box 2883. A limit of 75 people.

Speakers. Today Don McNamara of Oceanside Farms will speak on Drip Irrigation and Saskia will teach how to treat soil for holding and conserving water. Recordings of the presentations will be available through the Homer Garden Club website.

This is our last meeting for the season. Hopefully in the fall we can be back to meeting at the Aspen, once again mingling with our fellow gardeners.

Baycrest Garden. Despite postings and mailings, Brenda Adams reported a very disappointing show-up for Saturdays clean up. The 2 or 3 volunteers were only able to get a very small area done. This has not been an issue in the past when as many as 25 people have been there to help. Brenda reminded club members that there had been a commitment (show of hands) at one point, of willingness to take responsibility for managing this show piece. So, she rightfully expected a team of workers. There was some discussion about when to reschedule. Some friendly coercion from Brenda and some enthusiastic support from Sally resulted in a commitment from a dozen ladies to turn up after the plant sale on Saturday 22nd. Brenda offered to provide Pizza at 12.30. Party time!

Newsletter. There will be one more issue for the early summer.

Plant Sale. May 22nd in the Chamber of commerce parking lot. Barb is doing a great job of tending to details.

PLEASE BRING PLANTS!!!
(LABELED)

Help is needed with set up starting

at 8.30 am. Brenda and Gloria will be pricing.

Barb was ecstatic when Paula offered the use of her truck for transporting equipment from the storage shed.

We are sharing the space with the Pratt Museum. They are cleaning out their gardens and hoping to raise some funds from the sale of plants to help cover costs of gathering new specimens.

Ronnie Overway will manage the non-plant sales table and Louise Ashmun will handle memberships and tour tickets. Board members and a couple of extras will work as Cashiers.

Louise requested that folks please be available for clean up after the sale.

Harvest Dinner. Definitely interest in having it happen. Perhaps not at Homer United Methodist Church because of their Covid requirements. Other venues may be explored.



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BAYCREST GARDEN CLEANUP

Right after the plant sale on May 22 numerous volunteers met at Baycrest Gardens for the spring cleanup. Brenda Adams supplied pizzas from Fat Olive's. These were greatly appreciated as most

of the volunteers had worked all morning at the club's plant sale. With all the volunteers, the garden was cleaned up, fertilized and mulched in a short time and everyone had fun doing it.

If you can possibly volunteer for a week to maintain the garden during the summer, contact Brenda Adams at brenda@gardensbydesign.com



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Baycrest Garden Cleanup



Plant Sale



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Garden Visits

Thursday July 8th 3PM- 6PM - Downtown
Homer

- Rosemary Fitzpatrick
- Ruth Dickerson
- Louise Ashmun
- Debi Poore and Charlie Gibson

Thursday July 22nd 3PM - 6PM - Kachemak
City area

- Annie Oberlitner
- Neil MacArthur
- Jane Wiebe

Each garden is a work in progress. The garden owners have specific items they want to share with you. The **Community Gardens - Sharing Ideas** event coincides with the Homer Peony Celebration 2021.

Cost - \$10 for all 7 gardens

This event is for Homer Garden Club members only with a limit of 75 tickets.

For tickets, they are available at the Plant Sale or mail \$10 (make check out to HGC with Garden Sharing in the memo line and mail to PO Box 2833) to the address to the left. If you have questions about tickets, call Louise Ashmun at 299-6360. Maps and information will be emailed to ticket purchasers or can be picked up at the gardens.

Covid Precautions

We are asking that you follow safe protocols during the event. If a Garden owner wishes you to wear a mask, please cooperate.

Cookie's Country Greenhouse

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from 9:00 to 6:00**

MONTHLY GARDEN CLUB MEETING SPEAKERS —NEED SUGGESTIONS

Jan Peyton and Sally Coleman, co-vice-presidents, are requesting the membership to send them suggestions on the speakers you would like to see and hear at our monthly meetings this coming year. We are hoping that starting this fall we can go back to our in-person meetings. Jan and Sally have been doing an excellent job with finding great speakers for our Zoom meetings, but they would like to hear suggestions on speakers you think could offer information on what you are interested in. The effort is always made to find a variety of speakers so that, no matter what your interests are, some speaker is going to offer the perfect solution for your gardening challenge, whether it is flowers, vegetables or soils.

Please text or email Jan or Sally with your suggestions. Their information is on the Board of Directors list on page 1.

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Lawn Winter Kill

by Paula Riley

As I walk around town I notice that my lawn is not the only one with yellow dead patches in it. This is small consolation as I hopefully walk through it looking for some brave little green blade poking through the dead turf.

Maybe this advice from Delaware Valley Turf will be of some assistance in understanding the problem.

CROWN HYDRATION

When it comes to winter lawn damage, crown hydration is the king. This terrible winter lawn ailment can happen any time during the winter, causing death

and destruction to your turf. Crown hydration happens when temperatures climb above freezing and then quickly drop back to below freezing. When the temperatures rise, it tricks the grass into thinking that it's spring. The grass reactivates and starts to draw in water through its roots, storing it in the crown. The rapid change to below freezing causes the water in the crown to freeze and expand, bursting through the cells in the crown and causing total plant death.

Crown hydration isn't something that can really be prevented. If the weather shifts, there's not

much we can do about it. One way to prevent it is to provide your lawn with consistent lawn care and proper lawn maintenance throughout the year. Getting your lawn as healthy as possible before the winter hits makes the lawn more resilient against environmental issues, like rapidly fluctuating temperatures.

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