

# Homer Garden Club

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The next meeting of the Homer Garden Club will be an in-person meeting May 15 at 2:00 pm at the Aspen Hotel Conference Room.

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**The May 15 Homer Garden Club meeting will be IN PERSON at the Aspen Hotel at 2:00. There will also be a concurrent Zoom meeting for those who prefer that venue. See instructions on page 2.**

**The May 15 IN PERSON meeting at the Aspen Hotel will feature Yarrow Hinnant on Food Preservation**

As gardeners, we all love growing as much food as we can, sometimes perhaps a bit too much. This month, Yarrow Hinnant will be presenting ideas for preserving the harvest so you can enjoy the fruits (and vegetables) of your labor for the long winter months. The focus of the



talk will be on preserving fruits and vegetables through fermentation, from classic sauerkrauts and pickles to more advanced processes. We will talk about root cellar-ing, exploring design concepts that can be applied to a wide range of materials, labor and costs. We'll quickly

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cover some of the basics of freezing and dehydrating and wrap up with methods for oils, vinegars and other extracts.

Yarrow Hinnant is a life long plant lover, alpinist, backcountry explorer

and forager. He has been gardening and farming for 15 years and has been settled in the Homer area for the past five years. Yarrow

became fascinated with fermentation during his first season working on a small farm in Oregon when Sandor Katz visited the town and

gave a two-day workshop on fermentation. Yarrow has been expanding his experiments and learning ever since. Yarrow has been working with plants as a forager and herbalist since the age of 19 and currently produces tinctures, salves, fire ciders, syrups and teas under the brand Fog Yeti.

## Notes from Our HGC President

by Kathy Dube', President

### Lots of May Garden Club Activities; It Might Actually Be Spring?!?!?!?!?!?

Happy Spring everyone, it looks like it might finally be getting here after so much snow this Winter. I am looking forward to getting out and planting things and working in the dirt again! We have several great activities scheduled during May for the Garden Club.

First is the Baycrest Garden Cleanup on Saturday May 14 at 10 AM. Our Sunday May 15 meeting will be in person at 2 PM the Aspen Hotel – the first time since You Know What hit and stopped us from meeting in person. And on May 21 we will be holding our annual Plant Sale at the Chamber of Commerce. Please see the announcements in the newsletter for details of these events. And please be respectful of everyone's comfort level with meeting in person or not, wearing a mask or not, etc. We all want to stay healthy and safe.

Since we know that not everyone may be ready to meet in person, we are hoping to do a Zoom session for the May meeting so that those who would like to participate in the meeting but prefer not to gather in groups can still be part of the meeting. Please note that if I can't get a good Wi-Fi signal at the hotel, this may not work, but I will give it my best shot! Here's the link; hope it works.

Kathy Dube is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: May 2022 Homer Garden Club Meeting

Time: May 15, 2022 02:00 PM Alaska

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86849968358?pwd=dm5oRVJ2eVNZTktYMWZsYTlid0tvZz09>

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# April Treasurer's Report

by Louise Ashmun, Treasurer

## Homer Garden Club Treasurer Report April 2022

### Income

Newsletter Ad revenue	\$240.00
Book Sales	\$141.94
Membership	\$35.00

**Total Income** **\$416.94**

### Expenses

Speaker Honorarium	\$100.00
AK State Business Registration	\$25.00
Website Domain Registration	\$24.85
Microsoft Office License Fee	\$75.48

**Total Expenses** **\$225.33**

Checking Beginning Balance 04/01/2022	\$	7,067.29
Income	\$	416.94
Expenses	\$	225.33
Interest	\$	0.29
Ending Balance 04/30/2022	\$	<u>7,259.19</u>
Money Market Beginning Balance 04/01/2022	\$	15,075.53
Interest	\$	<u>1.24</u>
Money Market Ending Balance 04/30/2022	\$	15,076.77
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## April 20 HGC Meeting

by Connie Cavasos, Secretary

Homer Garden Club  
Membership Meeting via Zoom  
April 24, 2022

Meeting called to order at 2:04 by Co-VP Sally Coleman sitting in for Kathy Dube'.

30 attendees; no new announcements.

Secretaries Report – Nothing to report

Treasurers Report – Louise: No unexpected windfalls or expenses, full financial report is in the newsletter. Current assets total \$22,143.

Committee Reports:

Gardeners Weekend – Francie: members only event is on July 24, have 2 gardens signed up (Jan and Sandy). The July 17<sup>th</sup> public event is looking like 6 gardens so far thanks to suggestions from Elaine and Brenda.

Speakers Report – Sally: Next meeting will be in person on May 15 at the Aspen. Yarrow scheduled to present fermenting and dehydrating.

Baycrest Garden – Sally: Clean up scheduled for May 14. Brenda: 10:00 start, please bring your own hand tools. We will clean, fertilize and top dress. Then need two people to volunteer each week for maintenance; multiple people signed up during the meeting.

Social Committee – Michael: Will be in Anchorage that weekend so need volunteers for snacks.

Data Base – Barbara: Have 8 more members signed up.

Plant Sale – Sally: May 21 at 11:00 at the Chamber. 9:30 for volunteers to show up for set up. Janice: Baycrest Greenhouse donated starts and the Hahn family donated asparagus plants. If anyone has plants to donate, please label.

Business meeting adjourned by Sally at 2:25.

Jan introduced Don and Donna Rae of Oceanside Farm to present Korean natural gardening.

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## Gardeners' Weekend

by Francie Roberts

### GARDENER'S WEEKEND - Gardens for the Soul -

Mark your calendars for July 17th and July 24th. Gardener's Weekend is happening in a great way this year!

On July 24th, six local gardens will be shown to the general public ticket holders. There are four featured gardens in the center of Homer. For those who wish to, one can park and walk to all four of these gardens. The other two gardens are out of town. Five of the gardens have never been on the tour before. High tunnels, garden art, flowers, and vegetables will be vibrantly on display. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 a person. The first time tickets will be available is at the May 14th Homer Garden Club Meeting. Tickets can also be purchased at the upcoming Plant Sale.

The July 17 Garden Tour is for Homer Garden Club Members Only and is limited to 100 persons. Ask for a ticket at the upcoming Garden Club meeting or the Plant

Sale. These two gardens are exceptional for their flowers, fruit trees, and vegetables.

### IMAGES FROM 2021 GARDENERS' WEEKEND



*The 2022 Annual Plant Sale is on for May 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 11:00 am!*

Calling all HGC Members! There is still snow in the upper elevations but on the Bench and in town the soil is warming and hopefully you are able to get into your gardens to start dividing and transplanting your perennials and/or have extra "starts" to share.

The sale format should be pretty similar to years past:

Tents and Merchandise will need to be picked up from the storage room the day before

Our tents, if needed, will go up about 9am and you can help by showing up and assisting in raising them and placing the tables that we are borrowing from the Chamber.

We'll have lots of plant signs and tape to attach them to the tables

We need a couple of Price Setters

We will be selling our books and aprons also – and signing up new members

We will have 2 or 3 tables for Cashiers and their helpers

We always need people to receive, stage for the Pricers and transfer to the sale tables when they are ready...It takes a Village!!



**Plant drop-off begins at 9:30am**

**Sale begins promptly at 11:00am with the ribbon cutting.**

I would love for people to contact me about helping. I should be available most any time and a phone call or text is the safest way to reach me. My cell phone is 907-299-0343 and don't hesitate to leave a message. Barbara is taking a well-deserved break from the Sale and, although I have worked at most of them since 2010, being in charge is a whole 'nother ball-game!

Hope to see you all there!!

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from 9:00 to 6:00**

## Baycrest Garden Cleanup

by Brenda Adams

**Join us all at the HGC garden at the Baycrest Overlook, Saturday, May 14th at 10AM.** It's time to do the spring clean-up of the garden. **This is truly a fun event!** With many hands, it takes only about 1½ to 2 hours. *Bring your favorite hand tools, your calendar so you can get first pick of your week to do touch up during the summer, and something to drink.* Feel free to bring a friend as well. **All are welcome.** Senior gardeners will be there to guide inexperienced folks.

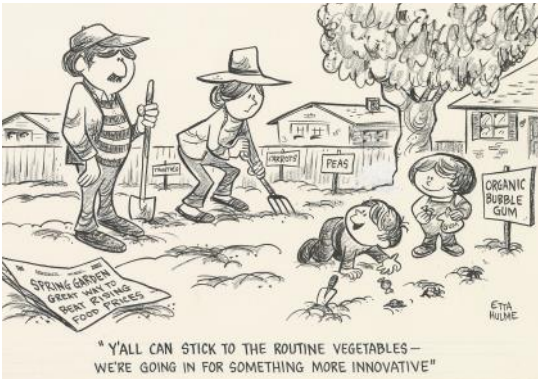
We'll provide trash bags, long handled tools, compost and top dressing. Those of you who need vegetation for your compost pile are welcome to take the spent foliage home.

We've all been cooped up for too long. **Let's get out and garden together – rain or shine.** Be there!



Questions?  
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