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The next HGC meeting will be held February 19 at 2:00 pm via Zoom or in person at the Aspen

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February 19 HGC Meeting Will Feature Jeff Dean Speaking on Art in the Garden

A lifelong Alaskan, Jeff has been a professional artist since completing his studies at The Naguib School of Sculpture in 1981. You'll find his work in homes and businesses throughout the country and public places in Alaska. In addition, he and his wife, Ranja, an artist and avid gardener, host their Dean Homestead and Art Studio tours throughout the summer in Homer.

He is titling his presentation "Art in the Garden—A Curated Stroll Down the Garden Path." The presentation will explore historical and contemporary examples of enriching gardens with art, emphasizing art with gardens, gardens as art and artwork inspired by gardens.



The Feb 19 meeting will be a hybrid meeting on Zoom and also in person. Directions for the Zoom meeting are on page 2

Treasurer's Report

by Louise Ashmun, Treasurer

Treasurer Report January 2023

Income

Membership	\$60.00	
Book Sales	\$240.00	
Total Income		<u>\$300.00</u>

Expenses

Meeting Venue	\$150.00	
Meeting Speaker	\$200.00	
File storage (annual charge)	\$119.88	
Total Expenses		<u>\$469.88</u>

Checking Beginning Balance 01/01/2023	\$	11,957.67
Income	\$	300.00
Expenses	\$	469.88
Interest	\$	<u>0.51</u>
Ending Balance 01/31/2023	\$	11,788.30
Money Market Beginning Balance 01/01/2023	\$	15,091.33
Interest	\$	<u>3.20</u>
Money Market Ending Balance 01/31/2023	\$	15,094.53
Total Ending Balance 01/31/2023	\$	<u>26,882.83</u>

Instructions for Zoom Meeting February 19

by Kathy Dube'

Happy February everyone! Evidently Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow this year so we will have 6 more weeks of winter – and the National Weather Service long-term forecast that our January speaker told us about is also predicting lower than normal temperatures and precipitation over the next 3 months, so maybe Phil is on to something! While I do enjoy the snow for cross country skiing and snowshoeing, about this time of year I am ready for some warmer temperatures. I guess we will have to work on garden planning, ordering seeds, and wishing for warm days instead.

Our February Meeting will be in person at the Aspen Hotel and we look forward to seeing all your smiling

faces. However, if you prefer to watch on Zoom, the login is below:

Topic: Homer Garden Club February Meeting

Time: Feb 19, 2023 02:00 PM Alaska

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85366847163?pwd=MHICWUpCVmtQNytsZURDY1NPbVZSQ09>

Meeting ID: 853 6684 7163

Passcode: 854831

January Meeting Minutes

by Connie Cavasos, Secretary

Homer Garden Club
Membership Meeting
at Aspen Hotel and via Zoom
January 15, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Kathy Dube' at 2:00

Announcements: Janice – we have an older projector if anyone is interested in taking it, let Janice know.

Secretaries Report: Nothing to report – Paula moves to approve the membership meeting minutes of November 20, 2022, Michael seconds, no discussion, motion passes unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Louise – currently have \$27,000 total in accounts. Three years ago someone was stealing plants from Baycrest Garden and was caught on the camera. Small claims filed with the court and finally in December the Club received \$225.00 in restitution.

Committee Reports:

Gardener's Weekend – Annie: Francie will be out of state for

at least 3 weeks. Currently have four unique confirmed gardens, would like at least 1 or 2 more. Looking for small gardens for members only tour, looking for suggestions. Main tour will be July 16 this year.

Speaker's Committee – Janice: February will be Jeff Dean on garden art, March we'll have Lindsey Olsen on kelp farming, April we'll have Jason Davis on making mead, using berries and working with bees. May is still open.

Baycrest Garden – Kathy: nothing new to report

Plant Sale – Julie: looking at May 20th this year

Social Committee – Michael: refreshments for the meetings are covered, but only have 1 person signed up for April, need 1 more.

Data Base – Barb: as of today we have 89 members

Charitable Giving Workgroup – Kathy: new committee being headed by Julie to redo Club giving guidelines and to make suggestions for projects that HGC might support. In response to member comments, Louise explained that the project suggestions that came out of the group's first meeting are educational efforts that fit the guidelines in the current HGC bylaws. Giving to organizations or projects that are not educational (like city beautifying projects) would require a change in the bylaws. The Committee will update the current donation policy for the Board's consideration. Meetings are via Zoom, contact Julie for participation.

Kathy adjourns meeting at 2:30, next membership meeting will be February 19th at the Aspen.

Jan Peyton introduces Dr. Jessica Cherry with NOAA to speak on climate and temperature changes over the years and how to access NOAA climate data.



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2023 HGC PLANT SALE

by Julie Parizek

I know it's only February but it's time to start thinking about the HGC Plant Sale!!! It will be on May 20th at the Chamber again this year. As I am writing this, I am still in Arizona wishing I was home planting my seeds and getting an early start on the growing season! Please remember us when you are planting your flower and veggie seeds and dividing those perennials that seem to take over or come up in places where they are not intended in the Spring. As you all know, this is our largest fund-raiser of the year and depends entirely on our members' contributions. For those of you who haven't helped in the past, we start setting up at about 9:00am but that is entirely dependent on the weather. We always have to set up tables but if the weather is not inclement we don't need the tents and that requires a lot less time and effort! The sale starts at 11:00 and is over by noon and cleanup is generally finished by 12:30-1:00. My point is that we are always looking for volunteers to help setup, move plants to the tables as they come in, cashier and tear down. If we have enough help most would only need to work for 30-45 minutes and it's a lot of fun!

I won't be at a meeting until next month but if you would like to volunteer, you can reach me either by email (j3parizek@outlook.com) or by text (907-299-0343). Also, if you have a lot of plants to donate that need moving or divided and would like some help, let me know and I will put something together!



YOU KNOW YOU'RE A GARDENER IF:

1 You consider well aged feces a thoughtful gift.	6 You sometimes forget your to-do list because the plants need staring at.
2 When you see someone trimming trees, you wonder if you could use a cutting of that.	7 You think store bought tomatoes are disgusting.
3 You have taken bags of leaves (i.e., other people's trash) off the street to use as mulch.	8 A sale at the nursery is more exciting than a sale at the department store.
4 You have saved pits or seeds from fruit you liked, in your purse or pocket, to sprout at home. If they sprouted, you were momentarily intoxicated with your godlike ability to create life.	9 When you meet someone who likes to garden, you feel an immediate and unbreakable bond with them. You also wonder whether their harvests are better than yours.
5 You hoard yogurt containers, plastic bottles and egg cartons. What? They're useful in the garden!	10 You would not be reading this if it were not about GARDENING! Laras_Garden_

Every avid gardener knows that ladybugs are the sign of a healthy garden. Now you can have lady bugs in your garden the entire year and upcycle your old golf balls. This clever DIY project turns boring white golf balls into bright, beautiful lady bugs that you can nestle in your garden beds for a pop of color.



An upcycled chandelier planter makes an elegant way to display hanging plants on your porch or patio. This planter is so easy and inexpensive to make, and the end results are stunning. You can leave the chandelier with its original metallic finish or paint it the color of your choice depending on the style you desire.

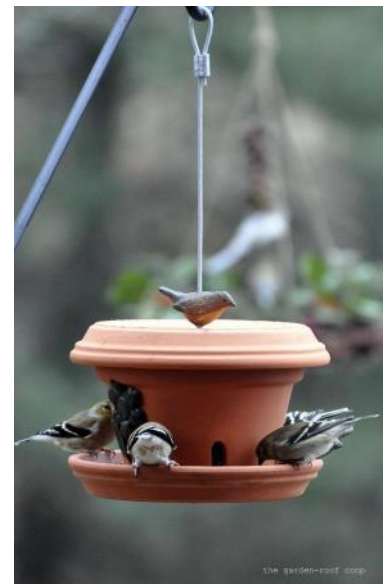


Add an element to your garden that you can enjoy after the sun goes down with these fun glow in the dark planters. This is a design that kids and adults can both enjoy. You can add a coat of glow in the dark paint to any container to instantly turn it into a softly lit planter in the dark.



Garden stakes make it easier to remember what you planted and where you planted it, but they can also be a wonderful decorative addition to your garden. Instead of boring store-bought stakes, you can make your own with this easy DIY and Mason jar lids. You will have fun choosing pictures to match your style, and your garden will be beautiful.

This bird feeder made from terra cotta containers is the perfect look for someone who prefers simple, neutral garden decor. The bird feeder is simple to construct and the end result is a beautiful place for birds to gather. As an added bonus, the opening is too small for crafty squirrels to steal a snack.



Hooks come in all forms of designs, but to go vintage, get yourself some vintage spoon hanging basket hooks. This idea is perfect for those who are little on space but still want to have a touch of green to her home, but you can also install these hooks onto the walls of your garden.



These dragonflies are simply stunning. The bodies are made from old table legs, and the wings are made from old fan blades. Some of the wings have designs carved into them. Each one is totally unique and has a life of its own. You could even add paint to yours for a completely different look.



*****Our Membership Year is October 1st to September 30th*****

THE HOMER GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

Name _____ Phone # _____

You will receive the newsletter by E-Mail. This saves us printing and postage costs.
Plus, the E-mailed version is in fabulous color!

E-Mail Address _____

How would you like to participate in the Garden Club *this Membership Year?*

(please check any activities in which you would like to help)

Meeting Refreshments Board of Directors Nominating Committee Newsletter
 Spring Plant Sale Harvest Dinner Baycrest Garden Gardeners' Weekend

Suggestions for future Topics or Speakers _____

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