

# Homer Garden Club

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## Newsletter

September 2023

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## SEPTEMBER 17 FALL HARVEST MEETING WITH HORS D'OEUVRES TO BE AT ASPEN HOTEL

Our September 17th 2023 Fall Harvest meeting will be at the Aspen Hotel from 4:00-6:00 p.m. There will be elections of officers and an opportunity to just gather and meet new people as well as visit with old friends.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring hors d'oeuvres to share. Coffee and tea will be provided as well as plates, napkins and utensils as needed. Bring a favorite finger food, dip, cider, dessert, spread, etc., to share with others.

In addition to election of officers, there will be an update on future meetings and upcoming presentations and a request for people to sign up for snacks at each event. You are welcome to bring friends and encourage newcomers to Homer who might

be interested in garden club events and activities.

Since there will not be a speaker at this meeting, it will not be available on Zoom.



# Treasurer's Report

by Louise Ashmun, Treasurer

## Homer Garden Club Combined Treasurer Reports for June, July, and August 2023

### Income

Garden Tour Tickets	\$3,290.00	
Book Sales	\$574.85	
Donation	\$500.00	
Membership	\$75.00	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b><u>\$4,439.85</u></b>

### Expenses

PO Box Rental	\$204.00	
Newsletter copies/stamps	\$102.25	
Garden Tour Costs	\$2,364.03	
State Farm Insurance	\$400.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b><u>\$3,070.28</u></b>

Checking Beginning Balance 06/01/2023	\$	5,287.93
Income	\$	4,439.85
Expenses	\$	3,070.28
Interest	\$	<u>0.77</u>
Ending Balance 08/31/2023	\$	6,658.27
Money Market Beginning Balance 06/01/2023	\$	6,109.24
Interest	\$	<u>3.08</u>
Money Market Ending Balance 08/31/2023	\$	6,112.32
CD Beginning Balance 06/01/2023	\$	15,000.00
Interest [received at maturity (02/19/2024)]	\$	<u>-</u>
CD Ending Balance 08/31/2023	\$	15,000.00
<b>Total Ending Balance 08/31/2023</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>27,770.59</u></b>

**The fiscal year 2023-2024 Homer Garden Club memberships  
are due **October 1!****

Plan to renew your membership by paying your dues:

At the Harvest Hors d'oeuvres meeting on September 17th  
Regular membership meeting on October 15th  
By mail — send your payment check along with membership form to:  
Homer Garden Club, Box 2833, Homer, AK 99603



### Welcome to a new year of Garden Club.

What a different weather year...It was interesting to see which native and cultivated plants in my yard thrived and which ones struggled. We are starting our new Garden Club year and have a great lineup of speakers already. Please join us on Zoom or in person for meetings and don't forget to renew your membership.

Our first meeting in September will be in person only at the Aspen Hotel for potluck Harvest Hors d'oeuvres. We will also have elections for the Garden Club Board. Speaking of Board members, we desperately need a recording secretary and publicity/webmaster. Please consider volunteering for one of these so our club can continue to function. The Board is a great group of fun folks and we have been working hard at our posts for many years but we now need some new members.

### NEW GARDEN CLUB BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!!!

We need the following two board members in order for the club to remain functional. PLEASE consider volunteering. We have lots of fun.

#### **Recording Secretary:** Required for our club to function!!!

Approximate time commitment 4-5 hours per month

##### Duties:

- Attend Board meetings and type notes (Word or email format work well). About 9-10 meetings per year via Zoom. We can record meetings if you are not able to attend some of them.
- Attend monthly Garden Club meetings and type notes summarizing business meeting and speaker presentation. 8 meetings per year.

#### **Publicity Chair:**

Approximate time commitment 2 hours per month

##### Duties:

- Maintain web site, add information about monthly meeting, update calendar
- Post announcement about monthly meeting on our Facebook page, provide meeting schedule to Homer newspaper and KBBI

The following position is also desperately needed.

#### **Audio/video setup person** (non Board position, just at club meetings)

Approximate time commitment 2 hours per month at regular meetings

##### Duties:

- Set up and take down computer, screen, projector at Garden Club meetings at the Aspen Hotel
- Run Zoom meetings during the meeting, letting people in to the meetings and keeping tabs on Chat for questions
- Store equipment at your house/garage (needs to be warm and dry) and transport to meetings
- Checklist and training provided!!!

## October and November Speakers

by Jan Peyton, Vice President

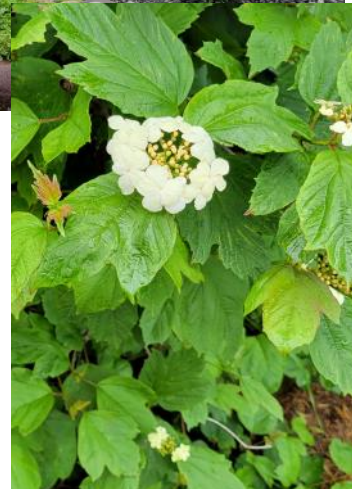
In October we will hear from the Director of Kachemak Bay Campus, Reed Brewer, about the status of their high tunnel and Agricultural classes offered through KBC.

In November, Don Bladow will speak to us about his experience with the Master Gardener courses and creating gardening boxes for seniors.



# Homer Garden Club Garden Tour

In spite of the damp weather, the HGC Garden Tour was enjoyed by all who braved the inclement weather to see the gorgeous gardens that were exhibited. Not all the tickets were sold, so in 2024 be sure to grab a ticket and enjoy our beautiful local gardens, no matter what the weather brings. The following pictures, as well as the ones on page 1, will show you something of what you missed!





# 10 Ways to Share Extra Garden Harvest

by Ami, "Creative Simple Living"

**Offer your extra produce to guests when they visit.** I love sending visitors home with some fruits or veggies when I have extra. Just be sure that you aren't forcing it on them.

**Take your extra goodies to church or work.** There are many gardeners in our church and they will often bring their extras and bless others with them. But if you do this, be sure to take home whatever others don't take. You don't want to leave a "mess" for others to clean up. That really isn't a blessing.

**Call your local nursing homes and ask if they would like some fresh produce.** They normally have meals planned out weeks in advance but I know some who would love to be able to squeeze some fresh vegetables or fruit into the plan.

**Don't forget your local homeless shelters or women's shelters.** Many times these places are underfunded and do not have access to fresh fruits and vegetables. Also, because they are very transient places, it is hard for those running the food service to justify purchasing fresh produce because they may have 20 residents one day but only 10 a few days later and so they just stick with non perishable food.

**Start a FREE produce stand in your yard.** People put free stuff out on the curb all the time, why not put your extra produce out on a table and bless your neighbors. It might take them a while to get used to it but I'm sure they will appreciate your generosity. Who knows how your neighborhood will change because of it.



**Do a little bartering.** Sharing doesn't always have to be one way. I've traded produce for many cool things, like comfrey rootstock, homemade balms and lotions and dried medical herbs. You have to be open and willing to ask. We're hoping to one day have our fruit trees producing well enough that we can barter for our meat.

**Preserve some of the extra and give it as gifts.** Each year we give jam to our children's Awana leaders and all the families at co-op. Many people don't feel comfortable preserving food but love to get it as gifts.

**Donate the extras to your local food bank.** Some food banks won't take perishable items, which is a shame, so do your research before taking a load over.



**Send a care package to a friend.** Depending on the produce you might just be able to send the fresh produce but you might have to preserve it first. My mother in law has fun memories of sending boxes of permissions "back to the folks" when she and my father in law were stationed in California. This spring a dear friend sent our family some stewed rhubarb because we had never tasted rhubarb. It's a common thing in her neck of the woods and a rarity in mind. My family loved it and we've had to put limits on how much one person can eat when we open a jar. This was such a treat for our family.

**Use your extras to teach other.** It's really important that we pass our skills and knowledge onto others and when we have extra produce is a great time to do it. You can get some help in the kitchen canning, freezing and dehydrating and the others can learn a new skill. But preserving skills aren't the only thing that we can teach. When we have a bounty and share it, people get to taste the difference between store bought produce and really fresh produce. Hopefully, that will be part of their journey to being growing some of their own food and sharing with others.

\*\*\*\*\*Our Membership Year is October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>\*\*\*\*\*

## 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 \_\_\_ Gardener Tour

**Suggestions for future Topics or Speakers** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to "Homer Garden Club" and mail along with this form to:  
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