

SCG
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February 1, 2023

Hello Gardeners,

February 1st is the start of a new season for the Sisters Community Garden. We hope you will be joining us this year.

For ten wonderful years, Sisters Community Garden has been a jewel nestled on the edge of town. It has been a resource, even a respite, for those who love to garden and others who enjoy visiting the garden to see what is *growing*.

In order for this garden to prosper each year our garden community commits to a mutual commitment to care for and maintain the entire premises. This commitment ensures that the garden will thrive in the years to come; not only does each gardener harvest their carrots and peas, but they look after the berm, the compost piles, and the paths.

Each growing season, each gardener is expected to participate in two work parties that focus on the communal areas—beds, borders, paths, and improvement projects. If one is unable to attend the work parties, it is mandatory they contact the Garden Manager and make alternate arrangements to fulfill their quota of community garden hours—a total of 8 hours each year.

Gardeners are expected to maintain their plot with personal supplies and tools. For gardening on site, compost, soil, bark chips, and aged manure are available and must be used for garden beds on site. But ground cloths, covers, seeds, and special amendments are the responsibility of individual gardeners. If plots are neglected, gardeners will be notified. They are expected to reply in a timely manner.

Members are expected to contact the Garden Manager if they plan to alter the existing structure of their plot. In addition if gardeners need help maintaining their plot due to vacations, illness, or other reason, the Garden Manager is the one to call.

It is essential that we each respect our garden neighbors. Members are here because they love to garden. Get to know them. Share your successes and tips. Let them know if you plan to make changes that might impinge on their plot.

Our goal is to have a vibrant growing season each year, one that brings enjoyment to every gardener and a sense of pride in belonging to the Sisters Community Garden.

Look to the whole garden each time you visit. Our motto has ever been “see a weed, pull a weed”. It still holds true.

LOOKING AHEAD

Every person who plans to garden in 2023 must send in a new application. Returning gardeners and new gardeners alike must register before March 15th.

All gardeners will be able to register between February 1-March 1,2023. Returning gardeners have until March 1 to secure their 2022 plots, after that date, plots available will be reassigned. Returning gardeners who request a new plot will be assigned any plots available after March 1st.

New gardeners can begin registering on February 1st although their plots will not be assigned until after March 1st. New garden plots will be assigned based on the date their applications are received.

Registrations will be considered "complete" when the signed Liability Release form, completed 2023 Application , and fees have been received. At that point plots will be assigned.

SPRING 2023 CALENDAR

February 1, Wed—Registration Materials available on [Website](#). and in the Garden Shed
Registration open from February1-March1.

Returning gardeners have until March 1 to claim their previous garden plots.

Plots available for New gardeners will be processed on a first come first served basis beginning Feb 1 Plots will be assigned to them beginning on March 1.

February 4, Sat —10 hours of daylight!

February 16, Thurs—Ad in the Nugget: SCG accepting Applications for new members starting March, 1

Feb 18, Sat—Grow your own transplants—seed starting in the Greenhouse
Seed exchange—free seeds

March 1, Wed—Registration Deadline for Returning Gardeners—

Returning gardeners can request to regain 2022 plot or be reassigned to a different available plot, based on order of applications received.

New Gardeners plot assignment begins. Plots assigned based on order of applications received.

March 11 ,Sat—WORKSHOPS

Growing in our climate

“When to Plant What”—plant overview

Frost protection

March 28, Tues—Finalize outside plot assignments for 2023

April 1, Sat—Garden open for 2023 season with a GARDEN ORIENTATION & WORKSHOPS

Plot Irrigation tips

Rodent protection

Design your plot for best productivity

Stewardship information and registration

Sign up teams for Lunch in the Garden

April 8 Sat—WORKSHOPS

Growing in our climate.

“When to Plant What”—plant overview.

Frost protection.

April 15, Sat — WORK PARTY

Opening the Garden Celebration

Cleanup of paths, garden perimeter, berm, and amendment piles.

Greenhouse plot lottery (19 plots).

GH East Wall lottery (approx. 15 spaces).

Back 40 Lottery (approx 16 spaces).

Winter GH season ends

Summer GH season begins

Water to plots/GH

GH actuators installed

April 20, Thurs—Annual Meeting & Potluck + Board election

Immediately following Annual Meeting there will be a Board Meeting for election of officers

April 29,Sat—PLANTING PARTY

Join together with the 2023 gardeners as we plant our peas, lettuce and strawberries with morning music, coffee, tea, and snacks!