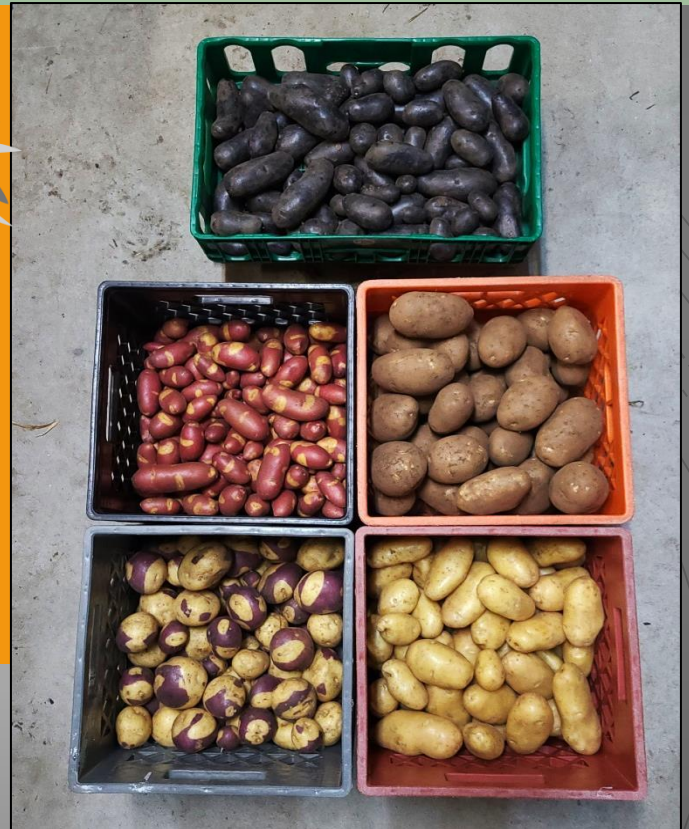


# *Welcome to the*

# **Juneau Community Garden Fall Membership Meeting**



Oct. 9, 2023

# Agenda

1. Introduction – John Thedinga
2. Garlic planting review – John Thedinga
3. Fall Wrap-Up: Garden and plot winterization – JT
4. Plot Renewal – Odette Edgar
5. Service Hour Opportunities – John Thedinga
6. Board Member Elections – Alan Davis & Sharon F.
7. Special Events – Cynthia Krehbiel
8. Compost Project update – Joel Bos
9. Charity Plots: 2023 Production – Sharon Fleming
10. Questions & Comments

# **Growing Garlic**

# **Plan Your Garlic Bed**

- **Plan in spring (or winter)**
- **Prepare soil**
- **Keep soil dry**

# Caring for planted garlic

- **Fertilize in spring - N**
- **Cut scapes in June**
- **Harvest garlic late July**
- **Plant cover crop after harvest**





# Preparing & Planting Garlic

- **Cover up Cover Crop – 6 wks**
- **Keep box covered until time to \_\_**
- **Plant garlic after Fall Equinox**
- **Fertilize bed (IRT plastic)**
- **Make holes with dibble – 6” apart**



# Preparing & Planting Garlic

- **Fertilize holes and mix**
- **Plant cloves 2" deep**
- **Record varieties you plant**
- **Mulch: 6-8" (seaweed, straw)**
- **Cover box with black plastic**

# Harvesting Garlic

- **Harvest when 2-3 leaves yellow**
- **Check a couple for maturity**
- **End of July – Dig & clean bulbs**
- **Bunch 6-8 & hang to dry (~6 wks)**
- **Temp. & humidity (dehumidifier)**



Juneau  
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Harvest Fair  
Juneau Community Garden  
Exhibit Entry

Division (letter/name) C - Herbs  
Class (letter/name) Garlic  
Lot (#) 7  
Prize





# Fall Wrap-Up

- **Saturday Oct. 21**

**Tool & Garden Cleaning  
Day (11-2), then**

**\*2- 4:30 Halloween Fun  
at the Garden**

- **October 26**

**Turn off water (Water  
remains in tank)**

- **November 6**

**Dumpster & Porta Potty  
removed**



# Prepare your plot for winter



**Remove**

**Plastic pipe and fleece covers**

**Clean-  
up**

**Remove crops & WEEDS (Bag  
tomato & potato vines & diseased  
plants – put in dumpster)**

**Add**

**Amendments – compost, brewery  
grain, lime and sea weed**

**Cover &  
Secure**

**Black plastic or opaque tarp**





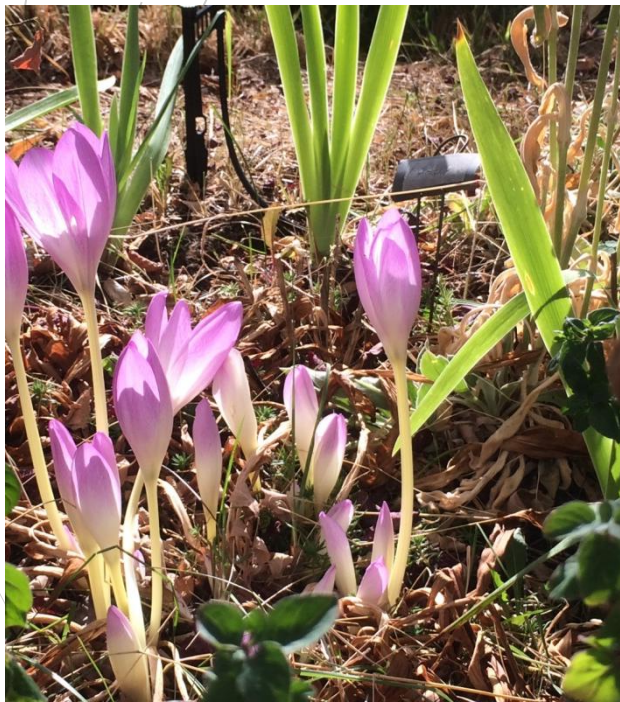
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snow to fly**



# An Alaska Gardener's Fall & Winter To-Do List

## Fall To-Do List

- ☒ **Remove crop residues from garden plots.** Most crop residue can be composted. Removing it also helps to prevent disease and insect pests, such as root maggots, from overwintering and returning.
- ☒ **Remove and store poles, trellises and portable frames.** Avoid the effects of winter damage and weathering. Needed repairs or refinishing can also be accomplished now. Mark perennials for spring. A marked stake can indicate location and provide information on what should be emerging next spring.
- ☒ **Apply mulch.** Mulch provides a protective, insulating layer around sensitive perennials. Avoid conditions and timing that would allow rodents to overwinter in the mulch. Use grass clippings or leaves or, even better, straw and weed-free hay. Mulch conserves moisture, reduces erosion and leaching, prevents rapid temperature fluctuations and improves soil structure after it is incorporated. Don't forget spring removal.
- ☐ **Surround perennials in containers with insulating mulch.** The amount of soil in containers is not sufficient to buffer the fluctuating extremes of winter weather. Other options would be to place the container in the ground or store the plant in a sheltered location such as a crawl space or cool garage.
- ☐ **Put away hoses and sprinklers.** Drain completely. Check for cracks and other damage. Store in a location where they will not be subject to physical damage.
- ☐ **Store clay and terra-cotta pots out of the weather.** Clean thoroughly if they have been used. Store in a dry location away from activities that may cause breakage.
- ☐ **Keep evergreen and deciduous shrubs well watered before the ground freezes.** Watering prevents winter desiccation. Plants can lose water even during dormancy. Watering is ineffective after the ground freezes. Insufficient moisture, frozen ground and winter wind combined can result in drying or winter kill.
- ☒ **Carry out any garden expansion plans at this time.** Fall is usually a time of decreased activity, which allows opportunity for these projects. Conduct a soil test on the new garden area to determine fertility and liming requirements. This may be a good time to construct raised beds and improve the soil for their use.
- ☐ **Plant bulbs.** Soil should be well drained. Fall planting allows time for root development so that the bulb can produce and push forth leaf growth as soon as spring soil conditions allow.



# Plot Renewal – Odette Edgar

# RENEW YOUR PLOT FOR 2024

Work all service hours, as required  
to renew your plot

To report hours, go to Juneau  
Community Garden website:

1. Click on *Service Hour* tab
2. Click on *Service Hour* Form
3. Fill in your Hours on-line

Put your plot to bed for the winter

Re-apply & pay Nov 1 - Feb 1, 2024

## Juneau Community Garden Service Hours

Document your service hours here.

[Sign in to Google](#) to save your progress. [Learn more](#)

\* Indicates required question

Your Name \*

Your answer

Date you completed service hours \*

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Plot Number \*

Your answer

What task did you complete? \*

Your answer

Number of hours worked \*

Your answer

Submit

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## **Re-apply & pay Nov 1 - Feb 1, 2024**

**Go to Juneau Community Garden Website:**


- 1. Click on *Apply for a Plot* tab**
- 2. Click on *Member Renewal* and fill in form**
- 3. You will be sent a PayPal invoice, or you can send a check**



# Service Hour Opportunities



- Tool cleanup
- Water shut down
- Clear outside of fence line
- Weed whacker repair
- Wheelbarrow maintenance
- Children's bikes & toy maintenance
- Repair or make a new weathervane
- Clear weeds from weed pile walkway
- Weed reclamation plots
- Winterize mower & weed whackers
- Charity plots – See Sharon
- Compost Project jobs



# Board Member Election

Alan Davis  
&  
Sharon Fleming



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# Special Events

## Cynthia Krehbiel

# 2023 Activities

- Spring Plant Sale
- Orientation Potluck
- Rhubarb Fest
- 3 Garden Work Parties
- Harvest Fair
- Halloween at the Garden – Saturday, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>



# Plant Sale – Safeway Parking Lot





## Plant Sale Helpers & Shoppers \$2,853 Net Proceeds





# Rhubarb Fest Helpers



# Sunshine for the Rhubarb Fest!





# \$3,010 Net Proceeds For Harvest Fair!



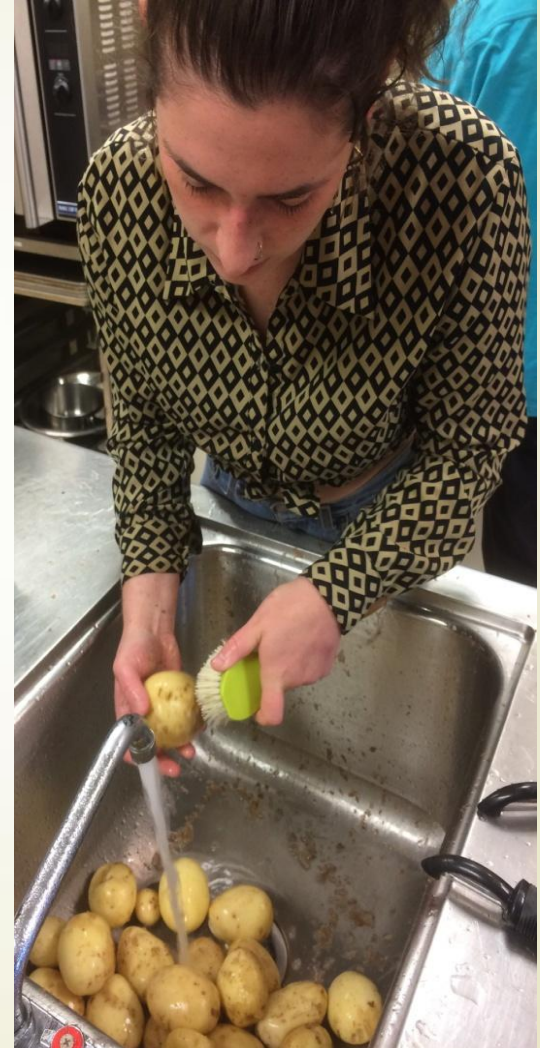
Tasty Carrot



Salad Dressing Sold Fast!



# Harvest Fair Soup Making Crew





**Thank you to all  
who made our  
2023 activities  
possible!**



Harvest Fair  
Fun



# Compost Project Update

JUNEAU COMMUNITY GARDEN 2023

# What we have been up to lately

- ▶ Making high quality compost using mostly brewery grain and wood chips, also some seaweed & sawdust
- ▶ Spreading wheelbarrows of compost on the charity and Master Gardener plots.
- ▶ Delivered ½ yard of compost to the school gardens of Kaxdigoowu Héen & Sit' Eeti Shaanáx; plan to put another ½ yard on these gardens prior to next season
- ▶ We had been allowing 6-five gal. buckets/plot this season. Today it will increase to 10-five gal. buckets to allow members to amend their plots this fall. The 10 buckets is cumulative for 2023.
- ▶ Improved a drainage ditch and made a plywood wall to facilitate woodchip delivery





# Rules for getting your hands on some of this black gold!

1. Take the compost from the left side of the compost structure. As the left side empties we will shovel the pile over to the left.
2. 10 buckets per plot total for 2023





Compost is made from woodchips, so you may want to sift them out before you add it to your plots.





# What can you do to help?

1. Turn the piles!
2. Water the piles
3. Bring seaweed
4. Clean out the drainage ditch
5. Fix the sifter for the wheelbarrows





# This pile is cooking!



The piles need lots of water to Keep microbes happy and doing there job. Takes about ½ hr to thoroughly water the piles.

There is a hose that is longer and will reach from the middle aisle across the road to the structure. You typically do not have to water the pile on the left

# Frequently asked questions

Can I add my food scraps, animal manure, garden wastes, etc. to the pile?

**No**, but thanks for the offer  
rodents  
e. coli  
clubroot

Please feel free to collect rock free seaweed and add it to the pile on the right within the roofed area and earn service hours.

# Many thanks!



Devil's Club Brewery

Juneau Composts



and all of the members who  
have volunteered their time  
and energy over the years



How do I get involved with  
the compost committee  
and earn my service hours?

Send me an email to:

**joelboster@yahoo.com**

# **Charity Plots**

## **Sharon Fleming**

# Charity donations (pounds)

	Kale	Carrots	Spuds	Garlic	Rhubarb	Misc. Greens
2023	3	154		5		
2022		423	240	8		
2021		475	398			
2020	21	259	303	4		14
2019	134	446	607		12	16
2018	28	465	603			
2017	66	250	389	2	4	
2016	43	98	290			





Plant Your Garlic!

**Thing about what you'd like  
to grow to enter at the 2024  
Harvest Fair!**



Happy Gardening  
&  
Harvesting !

