

**HALCOTT COMMUNITY GARDEN
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
SEASON 2021 APRIL 15-OCTOBER 15**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TEL NO. _____

EMAIL _____

ATTN: IN RESPONSE TO COVID 19, GARDENERS ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW NY STATE PROTOCOLS FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING & WEARING A MASK WHEN IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DO SO. FIND UPDATED INFORMATION HERE

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>

ALSO PLEASE JOIN OUR GARDEN BLOG AND ACCESS OUR EVENT CALENDAR HERE:

<http://halcottgardeners.blogspot.com/>

ALL MEMBERS MUST AGREE TO AND SUBMIT A SIGNED COPY OF THE UPDATED RULES & REGULATIONS BEFORE BEING ALLOWED ACCESS TO THE GARDEN.

PLEASE REVIEW COMPLETE MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES ON BACK OF FORM AND **CIRCLE** ONE

- FRIEND OF THE GARDEN** **\$5.00 MIN. FEE OR FREE WILL DONATION OF GREATER AMOUNT** FOR USE OF THE GARDEN WITHOUT GARDENING PRIVILEGES, OPEN TO BOTH TOWN OF HALCOTT RESIDENTS AND NON-TOWN RESIDENTS ALIKE. \$20.00 AND UP DONATIONS AFFORD A SHARE OF COMMUNAL CROP DISTRIBUTION UPON FALL HARVEST.

- MEMBER OF THE GARDEN** **\$20.00 FEE** FOR USE OF THE GARDEN WITH FULL GARDENING PRIVILEGES OPEN TO TOWN RESIDENTS AND FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN WITH PRIORITY GARDEN PLOT ALLOCATION GIVEN TO TOWN RESIDENTS.

- PATRON OF THE GARDEN** **FREE MEMBERSHIP** FOR DONATION VALUED AT **\$250.00** OR MORE FOR USE OF THE GARDEN WITH FULL GARDENING PRIVILEGES, OPEN TO TOWN RESIDENTS AND NON-TOWN RESIDENTS ALIKE WITH 1ST CHOICE PRIORITY FOR SINGLE GARDEN PLOT ALLOCATION IF REQUESTED.

IN A FEW WORDS BELOW, PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF AND WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN. PLEASE INCLUDE ANY SPECIAL SKILLS YOU MAY HAVE TO SHARE . . IDENTIFY ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS, BOOKKEEPING, GRANT WRITING, CARPENTRY, CRAFTS OR OTHER AREAS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN

MEMBERSHIP TO THE GARDEN IS OVERSEEN BY THE HALCOTT COMMUNITY GARDEN STEERING COMMITTEE AND PLOTS ARE ASSIGNED AT IT'S SOLE DISCRETION. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM ALONG WITH THE GARDEN RULES DOCUMENT, WHICH MUST BE READ, AGREED TO AND SIGNED BY YOU. MAIL THESE FORMS AND ANY APPLICABLE FEES OR DONATIONS (CASH IS PREFERABLE OR CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO THE HALCOTT COMMUNITY FUND) TO THE ADDRESS BELOW. UPON REVIEW OF YOUR APPLICATION WE WILL NOTIFY YOU REGARDING PLOT LOCATION.

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HCG STEERING COMMITTEE

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HALCOTT COMMUNITY GARDEN MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

Welcome to the Halcott Community Garden. Our mission is to identify gardeners, community friends and others residing in the town of Halcott and its environs who have the interest, desire and commitment to participate in the creation of a garden that serves both the town of Halcott and its neighboring hamlets. Our short term goals are to build the garden to provide garden plots to Halcott residents for producing food & flowers for personal use while establishing a structure to the garden and its membership that supports the long term goals of

- fostering community support both within the town and in the region for locally grown, fresh, nutritional food.
- providing education on good garden practices and landowner stewardship for long term environmental sustainability.
- creation of a beautiful town center for public gatherings

The annual memberships to the garden will be organized in the following way. All levels of membership must agree to abide by garden rules and submit a completed application along with a signed copy of the garden rules and any applicable fees to gain access to the garden.

Friend of the Garden – a **\$5.00 min.** annual fee or **free will donation** of any greater amount

- open to residents of the Town of Halcott and non Town residents alike
- Provides access to the garden and its programming without access to garden plots
- “Friends” can apply for a full membership at any time to engage in gardening activities and for access to individual garden plots as they become available.
- Donation of \$20.00 or more provides “friends” with a distribution share of the communal crops upon harvest in the fall.

Member of the Garden – a **\$20.00** annual membership fee

- open to residents of the Town of Halcott and Friends of the Garden with a priority for individual plot assignment given to Town residents.
- Provides (1) garden plot approximately 4' x 8' x 12" with access to composted manure and soil amendments as required plus access to rainwater as collected on site. Tools are also provided on site.
- Members are allowed a share of the communal plots if they participate in planting and maintenance of these areas. These areas are planted on Group task force days which will be identified on the garden calendar
- Members are expected to provide a minimum of 2 hours of community service to the garden over the course of the season fulfilled by participating in group task force events, manning the table at the annual town fair or time spent weeding or otherwise maintaining the common areas. They also must garden and maintain their own plot and must participate in the end of season cleanup.
- Members can request to garden (2+) plots dependent on availability

Patron of the Garden - a **free** membership

- offered to anyone who supports the garden with a cash or charitable donation with **value over \$250.00**
- Provides full access to the garden and its programming
- Provides priority consideration for (1) garden plot assignment as requested.

HALCOTT COMMUNITY GARDEN GARDEN RULES

SEASON 2021 **APRIL 15 - OCT 15 ; IN COMPLIANCE WITH COVID 19 NY STATE REG'S**

This document outlines the rules that pertain to anyone who has access to the garden as well as those assigned a plot in the Garden. Failure to abide by the rules may result in termination of rights for access to the garden. Please review these rules carefully and signify that you have done so and are in agreement to comply by signing at the bottom. **Note: In response to the outbreak of COVID 19, All Community Gardeners are encouraged to help maintain the safety of the members and community and must agree to abide by all state regulations currently in place, including practicing social distancing in the garden as well as having a mask on hand while in the garden in the event social distancing is not possible. Find up to date information here <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>**

The garden leadership will revise and update these rules as needed to stay current with recommendations from the state and the Greene County Health Department.

Patron / Friend / Member Rules for those allowed access to the garden without gardening plots.

- I will make sure that the garden gate is properly secured upon exit
- I will not disturb assigned plots in anyway
- I will harvest from the communal plots only as agreed to by garden leadership
- I will not leave any trash or litter in the garden and leave any picnic area clean
- I will supervise any visiting children and pets in the garden

Member with Plot Rules

GARDENERS ARE ENCOURAGED BUT NOT REQUIRED TO UTILIZE THE GOOGLE CALENDAR TO INDICATE THEIR PRESENCE IN THE GARDEN AS IT WILL ENCOURAGE SOCIAL INTERACTION AND ALLOW GARDENERS TO SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR PLANTINGS AND CONFER ON SHARED ISSUES IN THE GARDEN. ALL COMMUNITY GARDENERS CAN TRULY BENEFIT FROM THE DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE WITHIN THE GROUP AND ARE ENCOURAGED TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE.

FIND THE CALENDAR ON THE BLOG <http://halcottgardeners.blogspot.com/>

- I will refrain from using any synthetic pesticides (including but not limited to herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides and miticides) unless first reviewed and approved by garden leadership prior to use.
- I will plot tall plants where they will not shade any neighboring plots
- I will pick only my own crops unless given permission by other plot user and will harvest from the communal plots only as agreed to by membership
- I agree to assist with upkeep of the common areas for a minimum of 2 hrs each season to include mowing the grass, weeding of the flower beds, securing the perimeter fence and clean up of the tool area.
- I agree to maintain common areas and participate in fall cleanup at end of season.

- If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand I will be given notice to clean it up and unless I do so, my plot will be reassigned or turned over.
- If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the garden leadership.

I have read and understand the guidelines and rules above and agree to abide by them. Furthermore, I understand that neither the garden group nor the owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE HALCOTT COMMUNITY GARDEN ,THE TOWN OF HALCOTT, IT'S MEMBERS, AND THE OWNER OF THE LAND FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE HALCOTT COMMUNITY GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

PRINTED NAME

DATE

SIGNATURE