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### Hollenback Community Garden - Meeting Agenda March 17th 2021 at 6pm via Zoom

#### Introductions (Deema)

- Welcome to the Hollenback Garden 2021 Season!
- Ice breaker: Your name and (1) thing you'd like to grow this year. Please add this to the chat in the Zoom.

#### Steering Committee for 2021 season

- Co-Presidents: Claire and Deema
- Ops: Ernesto and Yoni
- Membership: Rose and Emily
- Treasurer: Mark
- Events: Andrea and Maria
- BQLT Rep: Eric.
- BQLT alternate: Dana

#### Covid-19 and the Garden (Claire)

- BQLT is leaving it to the discretion of gardens how to reopen. Hollenback will have a 'normal' season [events TBD]. All membership requirements are intact.
  - C: Last year the BQLT (Brooklyn Queens Land Trust oversees us + ~15 gardens) had us close to the public. We're allowed to be open this year!
- NYS Rules for public outdoor gatherings loosened as of March 22nd
- Masks must be worn at ALL times while in the garden, except when eating/drinking
  - This will help us keep the garden open and safe!
- Adhere to at least 6 foot social distancing criteria
- Gate stays open when members are in the garden. Questions/concerns, see Claire and/or Deema directly.
  - Word community: want to think about re-opening and re-welcoming and engaging more with each other, hold the word community to the forefront this year.
- No area/grill reservations in the garden. As a community garden, when member(s) are present, the space is open to all. Inform the garden as a FYI and be inclusive. All are welcome.

#### Membership Committee (Rose and Emily):

Rose Thomas Bannister: [rosethomasbannister@gmail.com](mailto:rosethomasbannister@gmail.com) 917-626-2647

Emily Sommer: [emilysommer@gmail.com](mailto:emilysommer@gmail.com) 919-619-8379

- Membership requirements are: Dues & 3 Meetings/ 3 Workdays/ 4 Open Hour sessions
  - Memberships can be in pairs
- Membership will pass out bylaws to be signed at second meeting (April); by signing, you agree to abide by Hollenback Garden regulations
- Garden is open **Saturday and Sunday, 10am-6pm**; gardeners complete open hours during these blocks or during other blocks of time. Open hours get recorded in binder in the toilet.
  - Expect an email for more details about open hour signup
- Plottery during April workday. All members who qualify, pick your 'plottery' number & pick from available garden plots
  - There are additional opportunities to earn credits through workshops and sharing
- Plant your plot by June 15th, or forfeit it
- New members and being an apprentice
  - Shared herb garden
  - Children's garden
  - Looking for apprentice coordinator
  - If you're new, email: [emily.sommer@gmail.com](mailto:emily.sommer@gmail.com) with your email address, phone number, name, and if you plan to share a membership your partner's name and contact info.

### **Operations Committee Update (Ernesto and Yoni):**

- Coordinate physical projects that need to happen. Can email Hollenback email with project ideas
- Rebuild raised beds--separate workday
  - ^ Let us know if your bed needs rebuilding
  - Please bring your power tools to share and use!
- Wood chip order
  - Helps cut down on mosquitoes & weeds. Big delivery, need folks to help move it into garden from sidewalk.
- Early season goals include: cleaning up from winter, spring city water hookup, hooking up rainwater harvester, grapevine trellis, replacing beds, sealing shed/toilet
- Prune Apple tree, likely in first workday
- Compost Committee:
  - Has to be turned. Need to find interested folks to coordinate. Let Ernesto or Yoni know if interested!
- Water Committee:
  - Simple -- keep water barrels filled and put mosquito things in there. Let Ernesto or Yoni know if interested!
- Trash--M, W, F (take out Sun., T, Th--trash + recycling)
  - Take out on night before
  - Please take out if you see it full or fill it or if you grill or add food
- Plot maintenance (eg things overgrowing; surrounding pots)
  - Please be mindful of things overgrowing and blocking walking ways and access to others' plots.
- Review fire pit protocol
  - C: lots of folks using over the winter. Protocol: before you leave, make sure it's out and you've cleaned out the ash and put it in the ash can. If you can, tip the fire pit back over so it's inverted and doesn't collect water. Remove trash if you've had an event or gathering. Both of wood piles are covered with tarps.
- Compost! Ours doesn't get to heat that city compost used to so please no meat or animal products or paper. Please review the plaque above the compost and cover with a handful of greens and browns. Primarily, cover up the food to keep critters at bay.
- Seedlings: GrowNYC order to come! We'll send an email when they arrive. Also an order coming from GreenThumb.

### **Treasurer (Mark):**

- Pay your dues, on a sliding scale from \$10-50, by June 15th. Use paypal: @HCGBK, or use [paypal.me/HCGBK](https://www.paypal.me/HCGBK). Venmo is not an option.
- Email garden related purchase requests directly to Deema and Claire for approval (send to Hollenback email above) prior to making any purchases. Once approved and purchased, send reimbursement materials to Mark.
- Items that exceed \$200 require community vote. Once approved and purchased, send reimbursement materials to Mark.

### **BQLT Updates (Eric and Dana):**

- What is BQLT?
  - Brooklyn Queens Land Trust: 35 community gardens as members
  - Liability insurance, nonprofit status, city water, maintenance support
  - Protected land
- Water will be turned on during last week of March/early April (likely by first week in April)
- BQLT Annual Meeting is April 10--all are invited to vote on Board Members! Dana will represent us!
- Inviting BQLT reps, Domica and Alonso to April 17th garden meeting--opportunity to meet BQLT folks and learn more! ← Domica is our "ambassador"
- Emails full of info from BQLT to come!

### **Events Committee Update (Andrea and Maria)**

- We will continue with educational talks before workdays; if you're interested in learning about something or sharing your knowledge, speak with Andrea and Maria.
- Fundraising Ideas: Plant Giveaway/Sale (grow our own seedlings and/or purchase from Go NYC plant sale), Sidewalk Sale during Workdays, DIY Workshop Ideas
- Please start propagating house plants! People love them!!! :D

#### Email Protocols (Claire and Deema)

- **Listsrv purpose;** Yoni is the point person, Emily will help.
- **Only use listsrv email for announcements and events that relate to gardening;** ex: BQLT updates, events happening w/ Green Thumb, educational opportunities with BBG, watering requests, sharing gathering info with garden. **Please do not reply all.**
- **It's NOT MODERATED** so use sparingly.
- **Proposals, ideas, concerns, questions--send directly to Claire and Deema** (send to Hollenback email: [hollenbackcommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:hollenbackcommunitygarden@gmail.com)) who will share with SC and respond accordingly.

#### Fun Stuff

- Free seeds from BBG in the composting toilet in a white envelope.
- Also little seedling trays available

#### Season schedule:

- A. Garden Meeting/Workday schedule:
  1. Wed. 3/17 at 6pm. Meeting (Virtual)
  2. Sat. 4/17 at 11am. Meeting and Workday
  3. Wed. 5/12 at 6pm. Meeting
  4. Sat. 5/15 at 11am. Workday
  5. Sat. 6/19 at 11am. Meeting and Workday
  6. Wed. 7/14 at 6pm. Meeting
  7. Sat. 7/17 at 11am. Workday
  8. Sat. 8/21 at 11am. Meeting and Workday
  9. Wed. 9/15 at 6pm. Meeting
  10. Sat. 9/18 at 11am. Workday
  11. Sat. 10/16 at 11am. Meeting and Workday
  12. Sat. 11/20 at 11am. Closing Workday