

**HALCOTT COMMUNITY GARDEN**  
**MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES**  
**SEASON 2019, APRIL - OCTOBER**

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 water.
- Members are allowed to garden in the designated communal plots with understanding that proceeds are to be shared and may be intended for designated charitable donations, garden celebrations and fundraising events.
- Members are expected to attend (2) meetings per season or provide the equivalent of (4) hours of community service per season from April through October,
- Members must maintain their plot and participate in the end of season cleanup.
- Members can request up 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 2019 , APRIL - OCTOBER**

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.

**Patron / Friend / Member Rules**

- I will make sure that the garden gate is properly secured upon entry and exit.
- I will not disturb assigned plots in any way either by sampling or tasting from beds
- I will pick from the communal plot as prearranged with garden leadership
- I will not leave any trash/litter in the garden and will leave any picnic area clean.
- I will ensure that any tools/equipment/furniture I use are cleaned and stored properly
- I will supervise my pets in the garden
- I will supervise my children in the garden

**Member with plot Rules**

- 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 attend a minimum of (2) meetings per season or provide the equivalent of (4) community service hours.
- 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

HALCOTT COMMUNITY GARDEN  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
SEASON 2019 , APRIL - OCTOBER

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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 1<sup>ST</sup> CHOICE PRIORITY FOR SINGLE GARDEN PLOT ALLOCATION IF REQUESTED.

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 . GARDENING SKILLS ARE WONDERFUL BUT NOT NECESSARY TO BEING A MEMBER. IDENTIFY ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS, BOOKKEEPING, GRANT WRITING, CARPENTRY, CRAFTS OR OTHER AREAS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN AND MAY BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT

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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 ( CHECKS ONLY MADE PAYABLE TO **THE HALCOTT COMMUNITY FUND**) TO THE ADDRESS BELOW. UPON REVIEW OF YOUR APPLICATION WE WILL NOTIFY YOU REGARDING PLOT LOCATION IF APPLICABLE.

WELCOME TO THE GARDEN!

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