

Rose Roots Community Garden Agenda

Rose Roots 2022 Season Planning Meeting

Tues April 5, 2022, 6:30 pm, Location: online

Steering Committee Meeting: meet.google.com/pex-qpha-pcu

Monthly all member meeting link: [http://meet.google.com/kuo-eeig-icz](https://meet.google.com/kuo-eeig-icz)



Steering Committee Attendance					
Erin Newton, President		John/Laura, Membership		Jim Richards, Operations	
Patty Sacks, Vice President		Laura Bennett, Administrator		Gary Williams, Operations	
John Malito, Treasurer					

6:30 Call to Order-RR Mission: To restore bonds between people, food and nature and to work together to create a better local food system for future generations.

Officer Updates

President: toilet ordered through DUG, appx \$600. Newsletter to go out this week. Education plot available-recruit workshop leads. Calendar updates highlighted. Melinda from NCSU sent request to check weather station for Bee Study with map.

- 1. April Newsletter:** Produce Donation write up from Cindy, Westside landscaping updates, vegetable planting timing, layouts, food bank veggies, cucumber research, sunflower reminders, calendar updates of upcoming events, Officer updates, membership summary, finances summary
- 2. 2022 Season Calendar:** review added dates. May 14: DUG Great Day of Gardening sponsoring food truck and workshops with Rose Roots as host. As leaders we can schedule 4 1 hr shifts from 8:30-12:30.
- 3. April 16: Kick Off Work Party/Brunch Potluck/Easter Egg Hunt:** Easter eggs ordered. Sing "Garden Song" and introduce leadership, 9 am: work party, Easter Egg hunt at 10 am, Brunch at 11 am. Need evite and sign-up for potluck. Wear nametags. Compost may be available. Move puppy parking project.
- 4. 10 Yr Anniversary Celebration Planning Team:** Potluck, square dance, Llamas, homesteading, invite CSA
- 5. Key Jobs to Fill:** Newsletter Writer, Website Updater, Social Outreach, Sign Up Genius/Evite organizer, Kiosk Manager, Ten Year anniversary team

Vice President

1. WLP Spring 2022 progress: contacted Omar, working on scheduling grading, then can schedule workdays to install pathways and plant trees and ground cover. Quoted \$2,200 for grading from city grant match.
2. compost order update: two 6 yard trucks, \$360 compost, \$250 delivery, \$610, last year was \$488.
Motion approved to order compost.

Treasurer

1. **2022 Budget Updates/Revisions:** Added \$500 for portalet for 6 months, \$1,300 for barn revisions re-allocated to Maintenance (total for season \$3,475) and Gardener Amenities. Weed mitigation: increased to \$300, \$500 for compost, \$4,500 for Westside landscaping project. Carry over from 2021: \$9,157.22 per DUG. \$600 for year end celebration. Nematode costs removed.
2. **Membership Registration Updates/Outstanding service hour balances:** 17 people left to pay plot fees. Revenue estimated at \$4,480 (with DUG's fees removed): \$5,740 paid, \$1,725 still to pay plot fees. Dug has taken \$2,145. Two plots haven't sold. Plot 22 needs maintenance. Will have 2 half plots available. **Monday April 10 final date to pay plot fees and service hour fees.**
3. Circle up on Budget for Season Events including music (\$600) 10 Year Anniversary Celebration (\$600), and Season End Harvest celebration/community outreach (\$600). Musicians \$150 paying.

Administrator/Membership: summary from Laura below

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Operations: Raised beds were reinforced this year instead of rebuilding, next season will be rebuilt. ADA plot repair \$900 will be redistributed for this season. Changed out rubber seals to fix leaking faucets.

Adjournment: 7:49 pm

References

2022 Plot Registration

- 1) Available through DUG: **English:** <https://form.jotform.com/denverurbangardens/plot-application>
- 2) Preview Rose Roots Garden Rules, update on website, link to Newsletter: <https://www.roserootsgarden.org/gardener-policies>, add Barn rules once approved

2022 Rose Roots Calendar

- Feb 2022 Assign plots and send Registration letter to returning gardeners
- **March 8** Next Steering Committee Meeting, Send registration link in Newsletter to all gardeners
- **April 5** **Next RR Steering Committee Season Planning Meeting**
- March 17 St. Patty's Day-Plant your Peas!
- March 19-27 Jeffco Spring Break
- April 10 Arvada Kite Festival
- April 15 appx City turn water on
- April 17 Easter Sunday
- **April 16 (sat) 9 am Kickoff Work Party/Potluck Brunch/Easter Egg Hunt**
- **April 22 9 am: Workshop with Gina: "Set Up Your Garden for Easy Planting, Watering, Harvesting. One hour workshop with Gina from SHEGROWS who will teach you how to get the most out of your garden-set it up to be a Production Workhouse! Plot 56"**
- May 8 (sun) Mother's Day (typical seedling planting start)
- **May 9-13** DUG Seedling Distribution week for Grow a Garden Packets
- **May 14** **DUG Great Day of Gardening Event: Rose Roots Hosting/DUG Sponsoring**
- May 19 6:30 pm Workshop: Jim offering Tips and Tricks from Years
- May 26 Jeffco Last day of School
- **June 1** Plot planting deadline
- **June 23 6:30-8:00 pm: Music in the Garden: Laurie Dameron: (6:30 social, music at 7)**
- **July 1** Food Donation collections begin
- July 4 City of Arvada Independence Day Fireworks, Stenger Soccer Complex
- **July 10 (Sun) 10 year Anniversary Celebration BBQ Lunch Potluck 4 pm**
- **July 21 6:30-8 pm: Music in the Garden: Tim Merkel (6:30 social, music at 7 pm)**
- Aug 16 Jeffco First day of School (Tues)
- Oct 20-23 Jeffco Fall Break (Oct 20-23)
- **Oct 29 (sat)** Final Work Party and BBQ Potluck Celebration, food donation collections end
- **Oct 31** Plots need to be cleared/organized/Service hours completed or paid
- Nov TBD Arvada Harvest Festival
- Nov 17-27 Jeffco Thanksgiving Break (Nov 17-27)

Repeating:

- Rose Roots Steering Committee Meeting-All Gardeners Welcome! First Tuesday, 6:30 pm, at garden.
- Third Thurs Gardener Market/Work Party/Potluck 6:30 pm:
May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug 18, Sept 15, Oct 20
- Food Donation Collection twice weekly: **Days to be determined.**
- Sunday Pollinator Garden Work Mornings

To be Determined Dates:

- Youth Leadership Kick Off Social
- Compost Training-Julie Gleason
- Sip and Paint
- Garden Veggie Cooking Class and Potluck

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- Community Service day with DUG Sister Garden

Current Leads

- Membership: John Malito and Laura Bennett
- Thursday Work days: Julie Lesnick/Patty Sacks
- Food Donation: John Malito-Delivery workers: Alyson Katz, Theresa McKinney, Amy Ahrent, Tina Lonardo,
- Youth Group: Margaret, Rubi
- Social Outreach: Judy Newton
- Social Media: Amy Ahrent
- Compost: Glen Andrews
- Kiosk: Need volunteer
- Westside Landscaping Project: Patty Sacks
- SE Quad: Christi Morin/SE Quad: Danae Davison

Membership Registration Notes from Laura Bennett:

A few things for the agenda that came out of my new gardener orientations:

- A woman called me that is a bee keeper that just moved from Loveland and wanted to host her two bee hives at the garden. She would be glad to meet with us and explain her thoughts, she was very interested in putting them north of the barn hidden in the trees. (she put orange posts north of the barn) where she would like to put them.
 - Her name is Julie Madigan, jmmadiganco@gmail.com, 720-347-9675
- Please add Dan Donaldson to emails (Sue Donaldson partner) as he is not getting emails. dancdonaldsongmail.com. They should be paid by now
- Jackie Guz is paid (I hope)
- Karissa from the garden has done sign up genius and wants to help us out, as he has free time
- Temple and his wife (plot 109) would like to be a big part of the community and they can help with Newsletter, graphic arts, and website help. I forgot his wife's name, so sorry but they are plot 109 and paid
- Dan Balantine's wife, Evie is a yoga instructor and would love to do yoga in the garden (paid or volunteer hours). Her name is Evie 720-900-5976
- AdriAnn has paid, garden plot 7
- Joan plot 8 should have paid by now
- Casey plot 6 should have paid by now
- Andrea Nordgren, plot 50, her son and husband are musicians and are interested in volunteer hours
- The lock on the shed is very challenging to open, and sometimes gets stuck. During my new gardener orientations I would ask people to open it, and it often got stuck. BTW-would love bigger numbers so we could read it:~)
- All new gardener orientations completed. Bathrooms were a big deal, so glad we are getting them. Great feedback and excitement. People were receptive to reducing tall sunflower planting.
- **John can you please send me the 17 gardeners who have not paid.**
- Looking forward to use of education plot. Herb plot Geremi and Sterling Boom are looking forward to taking care of. Kendra offered to garden a food bank plot if we have an extra one.

Notes from Patty Sacks on Westside Project:

I am ramping up to work with our contractor and volunteers to complete the West Side Project this season. I am working with the DUG contractor to schedule site grading in late April. Once the rough

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grading is complete we can schedule volunteer work days to complete edging of the beds and graveling pathways and the farm to table area. That will take care of most of our material stockpiles.

I am also working on a planting plan for the windbreak and will work with DUG's wholesale nursery to come up with an estimate and budget for trees and shrubs.

Once this work is complete we can acquire the trees and schedule volunteers to complete planting.

Lastly, we'll consider adding site furnishings, the path entry arbor, and additional native perennial plantings.

Once I set dates for the initial work we can schedule the volunteer days.

I can come up with a flyer for our newsletter and "bulletin board." We plan to move the puppy parking to a shady area near the pollinator garden and then use/improve the existing puppy parking sign as a bulletin board for the garden. So, we have many volunteer opportunities coming up.