

HOCG MEMBERS MEETING 1

09 MARCH 2022 / 7:00 PM / ZOOM

ATTENDEES

Andy Valdes, Kathie Giri, Rick Pereira, Sandy Wolfe, Vijaya Keshari, Amy Pelina, Nick Felicione, Karl Schaefer, Judith Snyder, Les Nagy, Marge & Stan Tom, Rachel Valenzano, Carol Farber, Helen & Steve Goldstein, Larry & Karen Diamond, Barbara, Marie Early, Andrea Hayes.

AGENDA

Welcome Members!

1. Intro to groups: Compost, Herb, Plant-A-Row (PAR), Monarch Waystation, Pollinators, Education & Workshop
2. Everyone is encouraged to join the groups at HOCG.
3. PAR produced a total of 2,799 lbs. of produce last year. This year there are 19 PAR areas available with 11 volunteers. More volunteers are welcome. Grow what you like, plus use of greenhouse.

Water Usage

Water bill for 2020 was \$682, and in 2021 it went up to \$1,700. No leak. Everyone is encouraged to conserve water.

Treasurer Report

Leafy Vegetable Plants Sale has been canceled. Sandy Wolfe will be reaching out to all who placed orders to issue money back. Going forward, we will offer the sale during the early months of December or January.

Education & Workshops

Pea workshop is coming up. Please register – it's FREE! Check your emails from Sandy Wolfe re this workshop, and information has been posted on the HOCG gate.

Some topics to be tackled this year will be soil amendment. If using bagged soil from stores, choose soil for “raised beds” that will allow air and water to be absorbed into the soil. Check the pH of the soil using test kits available at stores, then bring them to the Agriculture building on Kozloski Road. Testing the pH of your soil can help determine the kind of fertilizer that’s best for your soil. Compost is good to add anytime of year. Remember if adding bagged soil to your plot, be sure to incorporate into 2-6 inches of your plot soil.

Check us out

HOCG website has had a recent update, which you can check out at <http://howellorganiccommunitygardens.com/>

There will be links to our social media pages located on the website. Our instagram page has amassed quite a following both locally and globally. It’s a wide world of gardeners out there!

All official email will be coming from hocgcal@gmail.com which may appear as “Howell Organic Community Gardens” in your emails. All member email addresses are hidden during group correspondences to ensure your privacy.

Q&A and other business

Apologies for Zoom cutting off our meeting early. Some members logged back in to continue the meeting.

- 1) Marie asked: Will Fulfill provide some seedlings this year? Andy answered this still needs to be arranged.
- 2) Weed-with-us-Wednesdays will be back by popular demand. Tentative first WWUWednesdays is on April 27. Details to follow.
- 3) Kathie is accepting donations in kind to send to Ukraine, via the hospital donations. Medical supplies needed but other items are welcome. If you have anything to donate, please coordinate with us by emailing hocgcal@gmail.com, and Kathie will pick up from the HOCG.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Members Meeting is scheduled for APRIL 20, WEDNESDAY at 6:30 PM at HOCG.