

Hansberry Garden & Nature Center, Inc.

2019 Membership Agreement

By submitting this membership agreement, I certify that I have read, understood, and support the [mission and goals](#) of Hansberry Garden and Nature Center, Inc. (HGNC). I agree to abide by the following rules and conditions, and I also agree to abide by any further rules established by the HGNC Board of Directors.

- I agree to attend the annual Spring Gathering on March 9, 2019.
- I understand that my membership will not become active until HGNC receives my \$40 membership, and \$5 key fee for new members, upon submission of this form.
- In the interest of protecting our environment, HGNC aims to use non-toxic solutions to soil health and horticulture problems. Synthetic chemicals (for example, pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers) are prohibited. I agree to contact a Board member for approval before using any non-organic method or substance anywhere in the garden.
- I agree to respect my fellow garden members and visitors with my actions and in my communications.
- I agree to support and assist with fundraising efforts of HGNC.
- I grant Hansberry Garden & Nature Center permission to use my likeness in a photograph, video, or other digital media in any and all of its publications, including web-based publications, without payment or other consideration.
- I understand that neither HGNC, the HGNC Board, nor any HGNC member is responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to indemnify and hold harmless HGNC Inc., or its Board, collectively or individually, for any liability, loss or claim that occurs in connection with the use of HGNC by me or any of my family or guests.
- I understand that I am responsible for any damage, loss or theft caused by me, my family and/or my guests and that I may be subject to making restitution to HGNC for such damage.

New Members

- New members agree to attend one of three scheduled **orientation sessions** on
 - Saturday, March 16, 2019, from 10 - 11 a.m. or
 - Sunday, March 17, 2019 from 3 - 4 p.m. or
 - Thursday, March 21, 2019, from 6 - 7 p.m.

Returning Members

- Returning members will pay the \$40 membership fee and **submit membership agreements by March 9** in order to maintain use of the same bed assigned to them the previous year.
- **If membership has not been renewed by March 9, use of the same bed is not guaranteed. Beds will be reassigned beginning March 10.**

- Returning members will notify the Membership Chair by March 9 if they do not plan to participate as Planting Members for the upcoming planting season, and will return the garden and shed keys to the Membership Chair.

NEW this year!

Returning members who have gardened with HGNC for at least one season consecutively may now renew beginning Feb. 7 to take advantage of early spring crops and early bed preparation as soon as the ground thaws.

Privileges of Planting Membership

1. Each \$40 planting membership fee covers one planting bed. There is an additional cost of \$5 for first set of keys. Replacement keys are at market rate.
2. Members have full access to tools, water, and supplies stored in the tool shed and gardening resources available on site to cultivate their own beds.
3. Members are entitled to attend Board meetings, special members' events, and all community events or workshops hosted by Hansberry Garden.

Rules of Participation

1. **Membership Requirements Include:**
 - a. **Members will commit to participating in a minimum of three Member Work Days** during the year of this membership. All members will be notified of dates and times of work days in advance.
 - b. **Additionally, members also agree to devote a minimum of 10 volunteer hours** (beyond the time spent working on their own beds) to a choice of necessary garden maintenance tasks during the growing season (March - November).
 - c. Each member will volunteer in some capacity, **a minimum of six hours per growing season**, to at least one committee, event, or project.
 - d. HGNC tracks volunteer hours of members to support grant proposals for funding, and to help us share the load with each other. A new monitoring system for member hours will be introduced at the 2019 Spring Gathering.
2. Children are always welcome and encouraged to come to the garden to play or plant. In the interest of safety, children must be accompanied and supervised by at least one adult, age 18 or older, for the duration of their visit.
3. Members will notify the Membership Chair of extended absences during the growing season to specify maintenance and harvest arrangements during the absence.
4. Plants in members' beds must not block walkways or impinge upon neighboring beds.
5. Members will not plant outside their beds unless approved by the Landscape/Maintenance Chair.
6. Members agree to harvest produce in a timely manner from their bed. **If ripe produce is neglected in a bed, members should expect to hear from someone about donating their produce to the City Harvest Program.**
7. Members are encouraged to attend Board meetings. Board meetings will appear on HGNC's [online calendar](#).

Important Dates

- Membership Renewal opens **Feb 7**.
- Membership Renewal deadline to keep your bed from 2018: **March 9**. This is the day of the Spring Gathering, a required meeting for new members, held from 10 am to noon.
- **Unrenewed beds will be assigned to new members beginning March 10.**
- Key Return Deadline for former members not renewing this year is also **March 9**
- Summer crops must be cleared from beds by **Nov. 1**, after which remaining crops are donated through City Harvest, unless members request an extension for specific plants that are still producing, and/or for overwintering and cover crops.

Violations

- HGNC operates on an honor system; membership in this garden is a position of trust. Accordingly, theft of any kind from members or of HGNC property will result in the immediate loss of membership and all attendant privileges, loss of right to harvest, and/or possible legal action.
- HGNC is a welcoming and fully inclusive organization that strives to maintain an environment of amity and mutual respect. Therefore, insulting, rude, or otherwise inappropriate conduct that the Board determines to be consistently disruptive to our community may result in loss of membership and its attendant privileges.

2019 HGNC Application for Membership

Members are the life-blood of our organization. If you're not already a member, please consider joining us today. You can select the membership level that fits your needs and budget below.

Membership Levels

Please select the appropriate membership level below. You will have a chance to review your selection and the corresponding dues on the next page prior to your credit card being charged.

- A **Planting Membership** entitles the member(s) to one 4' x 8' planting bed and requires the member to participate in the prescribed number of community work days, join one of the garden's committees, and to carry out a choice of garden maintenance tasks.
- **Supporting Members** are those who opt not to undertake the maintenance of a planting bed and the associated responsibilities, but contribute funds (as well as time and expertise, as they are able) to support HGNC's efforts. Supporting members are welcome at all Members Only as well as community events.
- **Additional Contributions** help us fund programs, maintain and improve the garden, and subsidize fees for members who are unable to pay the full price of membership.

Membership Type

- Supporting - \$40.00
- Planting - \$40.00

Additional Contribution (optional)

- Amount \$ _____
- No thank you

All personal information is considered private and is never sold or given to third parties.

Name _____

Home Address: Street _____

City, State, and Zip Code _____

Preferred Phone Contact: _____ Cell ___ Home ___ Work
_____ Cell ___ Home ___ Work

Texting OK? _____ yes _____ no

Best time to call? _____

Preferred Email Contact: _____

Preferred method of communication: _____ phone calls
_____ texts
_____ email

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

I give permission to share my contact information with other members of HGNC Members.

_____ yes _____ no

Please select your committee preferences; (write 1 for first preference, 2 for second preference).

_____ **City Harvest** (bed management, planting, harvesting, weighing, tracking harvests, morning deliveries to nearby food pantry)

_____ **Communications** (online media management and development, phone calls)

_____ **Finance** (assist with Treasurer’s duties, QuickBooks data entry)

_____ **Fundraising and Resource Development** (grant research and/or writing; community partnership development)

_____ **Landscape and Maintenance** (mowing, composting, litter patrol, grounds maintenance; lead participants in Work Days)

_____ **Land Use Master Plan** (LUMP) (participate in long term planning and project development)

_____ **Membership** (lead orientations, database management, member connections, mentoring of new members)

_____ **Programs and Events** (develop, plan and implement workshops and special events for members and the community)

Please tell us if more than one person will be using your garden bed. The membership fee is per bed, not per member. Only one membership fee must be paid for one bed.

Will you be sharing this bed?

_____ Yes _____ No

If you are sharing a planting bed, please let us know the names, addresses, phone numbers and emails of every adult (including family members) that will be sharing the planting bed. Minors need not be listed.

Name	Address	Best Phone #	Email

I have read and understood the membership agreement. By signing here, I agree to abide by the policies and terms of Membership in Hansberry Garden & Nature Center.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

**Submit form to
Janet Peterman, Membership Chair
230 W Winona St
Philadelphia, PA 19144
(Between Wayne and Pulaski)**

If delivering by hand, enclose in an envelope with your name clearly marked on it and a phone number or email address, so it can be acknowledged. Use the mail slot to the left of the front door on the porch, nearly at ground level.