

Hansberry Garden & Nature Center, Inc.

2021 Application for Membership

Members are the lifeblood 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 household to offer at least ten (10) volunteer hours per season in a combination of tasks offered by the garden that fits the abilities and skills of the household's member(s).
- **Supporting Membership** is for 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.
- **Planting Membership with Scholarship Assistance:** HGNC considers financial hardship and offers scholarship assistance up to the full cost of either a Planting Bed Membership or of a Supporting Membership on a pay-what-you-can basis. The key fee is still \$5.00. (non-refundable)
- **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.
- **If you are applying for membership for the first time this year**, you may hold off on paying until you know whether a planting bed is available for you. Please do let us know of your interest of being on the waitlist by filling out an application and returning it. Places on the waitlist are determined by the date request is received and place of residence – priority is given to residents of SW Germantown, then of the city of Philadelphia.

Membership Type

- Planting Bed - \$40.00 (for Returning Members)
- Waitlist request for a Planting Bed: will pay or apply for scholarship assistance if accepted
- I need a scholarship to be able to garden at HGNC (suggest amount needed, up to full amount: \$ ____)
- Supporting - \$40.00
- Key fee - \$5.00 (for New Members)

Additional Contribution (optional)

Contributions support the work of Hansberry Garden in tending to maintenance on the property, help members to upgrade and make repairs, develop programming to bring community members to the garden for events of widely shared interest, and the like. Additional contributions are not required but may be made here or at any time through HGNC's events or website.

- 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

If no strong preference, check as many as work for you:

_____ 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 and print media management and development, phone calls)

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

_____ **Plant Sale** (HGNC's main fundraiser of the season on the Saturday before Mothers' Day – May 8th this year – takes all garden hands on deck. Sign up here for planning, scheduling, etc)

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

_____ **Compost Team** (regular supervision and turning of HGNC's compost)

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

_____ **Programs and Events** (develop, plan and implement events, for example, workshops, monthly member potlucks, concerts, and the Fall Harvest Festival)

_____ **Leadership opportunities** within the garden, or possible membership on the Board

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 per planting 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.

Contact information of others sharing planting bed:

| Name | Address | Best Phone # | Email |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

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).

Further, I agree to abide by the rules, membership requirements and to honor the garden dates set out in *Privileges, Rules, Commitments & Common Agreements for 2021*, and I also agree to abide by any additional rules established by the HGNC Board of Directors and communicated to members.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES about Renewal and Signing Up for 2021 (a reminder):

- Membership Renewal opens **Feb 28**.
- Membership Renewal deadline to keep your bed from 2020: **March 17**. Returning members will pay the \$40 membership fee or request scholarship assistance and **submit membership agreements** by **March 17** in order to maintain use of the same bed from the previous year. This date is a few days before the Spring Gathering, a required meeting for all members, held **Saturday, March 20** from 10 a.m. to noon. This year the meeting will be on ZOOM.
- **If membership has not been renewed by March 12, availability of a planting bed and use of the same bed is not guaranteed. Beds will be reassigned beginning Thursday, March 18.**

Spring Gathering: For all Members, New & Returning

- Saturday, March 20, 10 a.m. – Noon (ZOOM this year)

Orientation Dates for New Members (Choose One)

- Saturday, March 20, from 2 - 3 p.m. or
- Sunday, March 21, from 3 - 4 p.m. or
- Thursday, March 25, from 6 - 7 p.m.