

Hansberry Garden & Nature Center, Inc.

2023 Application for Membership

Members are the lifeblood of our organization. Use this form for Membership Renewal, if you're already part of the garden, or to request Membership on the garden's Waitlist, if you were not a member in 2022. You can select the membership level that fits your energy level, experience, and budget.

Membership Options

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).
- An **Elevated Planting Bed** is designed for those who have trouble bending or kneeling; half the size; 3 available. Same volunteer hours.
- Joining as part of the **Garden Collective** means that your garden bed is not held individually but combined with others and worked communally under the guidance of experienced gardeners. Collective members choose crops together in communal work hours each week, with many vegetables. Collective members may also work in the Collective beds and harvest whenever they wish. Beginning this year, inexperienced gardeners who join are required to spend their first year gardening with the Community Garden as part of the Collective.
- **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.
- **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 planting membership for the first time this year**, please wait until you know whether a planting bed or a space in the Collective is available for you before you submit payment. 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.
- **Returning Members may switch between Planting Beds, the Elevated Planting Beds, and the Garden Collective. Request selection you want for the 2023 season.**

Membership Type

- Planting Bed - \$40 (for Returning Members)
- Elevated Planting Bed - \$40 (for Returning Members)
- Garden Collective - \$40 (for Returning Members)
- I need a scholarship to be able to garden at HGNC (suggest amount needed, up to full amount: \$ ___)
- Waitlist request for ___ a Planting Bed or ___ an Elevated Planting Bed or ___ a place in the Garden Collective
___ will pay or ___ apply for scholarship assistance if accepted
- Supporting - \$40
- Key fee - \$5 (for New Members or for those needing a replacement set)

Additional Contribution (optional)

If you would like make a donation in addition to your fee, you could help cover the membership fees of those who cannot afford to pay. Contributions also 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 8 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

Assignments to committees will be made at the **Spring Gathering on Saturday, March 25**, 10 a.m. to noon, and the earliest work of the teams will begin that day. *Please save that date now.* We will attempt to honor people's preferences. If you have more than 2 preferences, you may list them.

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 2023*, 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 2023 (a reminder):

- Membership Renewal opens **Feb 26**.
- Membership Renewal deadline to keep your bed or place in the Garden Collective from 2022: **March 6**. Returning members will pay the \$40 membership fee or request scholarship assistance and **submit membership agreements by March 6** in order to maintain use of the same bed from the previous year. This date is a couple weeks before the Spring Gathering, a required meeting for all new members, and encouraged for all members, held **Saturday, March 25** from 10 a.m. to noon. The meeting will be held at the garden, weather permitting. Rain location: the new Germantown Weavers Way office space, 326B W Cheltenham Avenue.
- **If membership has not been renewed by March 6, availability of a planting bed and use of the same bed is not guaranteed. Beds will be reassigned beginning Tuesday, March 7.**
- Planting bed holders need to have their beds cultivated by **May 31** or they forfeit the use of their planting bed to someone on the Wait List.
- **The garden season ends on Nov 1.** To minimize the spread of fungus and other garden diseases spreading throughout the garden, planting bed holders must clear their beds of all summer growth before this date. Any who want to use a cover crop or who have overwintering crops in their bed may seek permission of Membership to extend their growing season beyond November 1. Other crops left in planting beds beyond November 1 are donated to City Harvest.

Spring Gathering: For all Members, New & Returning

- Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m. – noon (at the garden, Wayne & Hansberry), weather permitting. Rain location: the new Germantown Weavers Way office space, 326B W Cheltenham Avenue.
- Watch your email: If we need to move indoors because of bad weather, you will receive an email by 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 25.

Orientation Dates for New Members in the garden (Choose One)

All orientation sessions happen in the garden.

- Saturday, March 25, from 2 - 3 p.m. or
- Sunday, March 26, from 2 - 3 p.m. or
- Thursday, March 30, from 6 - 7 p.m.