



WEEKLY WEEDER

April 27, 2023

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Zucchini Bonanza ... from Seed

Newer gardener Arran Walker sent lovely photos of her prolific zucchinis. As of this week, she has nearly harvested two dozen Black Beauties! Check our social media feeds for a bit more information about Arran.

Send in your harvest photos to the Weeder or for social media, and let us know a bit about yourself and your thoughts about Sunshine/gardening.

Annual All-Gardener Meeting on May 13

Sunshine's annual membership meeting will be Saturday, May 13 at 10:00 am. The agenda will include:

- Reports and Presentations: President and Treasurer reports; ABCTX donation
- Ratification of Site Rule Amendments: New Gardener Requirements; Plot Compliance
- Elections: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Nominating Committee
- Vines on New Fence / Adopt-A-Fence Panel Program
- Open Discussion

Background information will be sent out in an all-gardener email. Refreshments will be served. So join your fellow Sunshine gardeners on Saturday May 13 to socialize, enjoy some breakfast tacos, and take care of Sunshine business.

--Submitted by Jim Willmann

Bios for Nominees to Sunshine's Board



From Iris Slevin Bachman, Candidate for President

Hello fellow gardeners. My name is Iris Bachman. I am running for the position of President of the Board for Sunshine Community Garden. I work in the technology industry as my day job and my weekends are spent gardening, enjoying family time with my grown children and thrift shopping with my husband.

SCG has been an important place for me since I happened upon it a little over 3 years ago. I have gardened as a secondary gardener while volunteering in the Micah 6 garden, and I am currently serving as a Director on the Board. and currently have a plot in Zone G2 Plot 4 . Feel free to come by and have a chat.

As President, I would work on digital initiatives to improve collaboration and efficiency for the board, media, and website teams. Additionally, it is important to me to grow community engagement events. We have seen so many new gardeners join, it would be beneficial to have more events and get-togethers that are both planned and spontaneous, so our community is as interwoven as the fence and vines seem to be. 😊



From Marsha Riti, Candidate for Vice President

My name is Marsha Riti and I am running for Vice President of Sunshine Community Gardens (SCG). I have been a gardener at Sunshine for five years.

You might know me from my work with the 2023 Spring Plant Sale which I co-organized with Karl Arcuri. I certainly learned a lot about the garden, flexed my

logistic muscles to keep the sale on track, and kept the mood of the sale positive. I am part of the crew that works on Micah 6, and I have also served on the SCG board for two years. I think I would be a good candidate for the VP position. My goals for the vice presidency would be focusing on how SCG digitally interfaces with garden members and the public, community building, and outreach.

On a personal note, I am a mother to one vibrant and intelligent eight year old, Maple. I am also a visual artist and work primarily in the children's book field. I have a keen interest in ecological restoration and you'll probably see me walk/reading a book on that topic. My plot is in zone eight, corner plot H6-7 in front of the wood chip pile. Come by and say hi!



From Carol Limaye, Candidate for Treasurer

I have been a gardener at Sunshine Community Gardens for 18 years, and a treasurer or assistant treasurer for 14 of those years. As a retired CPA, I have over 30 years of experience in accounting and auditing. Sunshine Community Gardens is fortunate to be in a healthy financial situation, and I intend to keep it that way by responsible budgeting, tracking actual results, and making mid-course corrections as necessary.

In the past two years, the current treasurer and I have been working as a team to provide financial operations and oversight to the Garden. This has worked well and provides for better internal control through segregation of duties. We would like to continue this arrangement whereby the assistant treasurer pays the bills, reimburses gardener expenses, issues refunds to withdrawing gardeners and manages PayPal and the bank accounts. The treasurer would provide general financial oversight, propose the annual budget, compare actual results to the budget and collect dues and fees.

My goals for the Garden are to maintain a good relationship with TSBVI, ensure financial stability, and comply with IRS and state requirements non-profit, tax-exempt organizations.

Please Consider Joining the Board: 2023 Sunshine Elections

So far no-one else has entered their name in the race!

The Sunshine Gardens Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for President, Vice President and Treasurer for our spring 2023 elections to take place in May. The description of those positions is included below. If you are interested in being a candidate, please submit your name, contact information and role you are interested in to the members of the nominating committee via email by 5/5.

It is important to the future of Sunshine Gardens to have qualified, involved candidates and officers filling our executive slots. If you have any questions about the roles, please contact the current role holder or members of the nominating committee. Everyone who is a dues-paying member in good standing is welcome to apply for these important

positions in our community

If you are interested, we plan on putting your bio write-up and photo in the Weeder the on 5/4 and 5/11. Please send the nominating committee this content.

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President

A. Responsibilities Set Out in Bylaws

1. supervise and control the affairs of the Initiative.
2. perform all duties incident to such office and such other duties as may be provided in these Bylaws or as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.
3. preside at all board meetings and exercise parliamentary control in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
4. serve as an ex-officio member of all standing committees, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors or these Bylaws.
5. with the Vice President and advice of the Directors, appoint or accept volunteers for public representation, coordinators, and committees, with the exception of the Nominating Committee.
6. with the advice of the Board of Directors and in accordance with the requirements of these Bylaws, set the agenda for each meeting of the Board of Directors.
7. serve as liaison to the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, or any other landlords or governmental agencies.

B. Other Responsibilities

1. Preside at all-gardener meetings

Vice President

A. Responsibilities Set Out in Bylaws

1. act in place of the President in the event of the President's absence, inability, or refusal to act
2. exercise and discharge such other duties as may be required by the board.
3. serve as parliamentarian and interpret any ambiguities of the Bylaws.
4. coordinate the work of the Zone Coordinators, which includes their training.
5. support the process of Plot Compliance/Non-compliance as stated in the Site Rules, which may result in notifying a member of Termination of Membership.
6. perform the functions of the Secretary In the case of the absence or disability of the Secretary, or the Secretary's refusal or neglect to fulfill the duties of Secretary *[set out in Bylaws provision relating to*

secretary's responsibilities]

B. Other Responsibilities

1. Playing role of grounds/physical plant supervisor by identifying needed repairs and projects and helping organize work groups to accomplish. Examples: leaf/wood chip satellite station, repairing porch roof *[This responsibility tends to depend on interests of individual VP.]*
2. Other?

Treasurer

A. Responsibilities Set Out in Bylaws

1. have charge and custody of all funds of the Initiative,
2. oversee and supervise the financial business of the Initiative,
3. render reports and accountings to the Directors as required by the Board of Directors
4. perform in general all duties incident to the office of Treasurer
5. such other duties as may be required by law, by the Certificate of Formation, or by these Bylaws, or which may be assigned from time to time by the Board of Directors.
6. S/he and the staff of the Initiative shall devise a plan providing for the acceptance and disbursement of all funds of the Initiative which shall be approved by the Board of Directors.
7. with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall set up all checking, savings, and investment accounts of the Initiative and deposit all such funds in the name of the Initiative in such accounts.
8. Treasurer's signature shall be the authorized signature for all checking, savings, and investment accounts of the Initiative unless the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Directors, designates another member of the Board of Directors or employee of the Initiative as the authorized signatory for a particular type of disbursement.
9. prepare a monthly report for the Board of Directors, providing an accounting of all transactions and of the financial conditions of the Initiative.
10. keep all financing records, books, and annual reports of the financial activities of the Initiative at the principal office of the Initiative and make them available at the request of any Director or Member of the Initiative

B. Other Responsibilities

1. Dues billing
2. Managing sales at annual plant sale
3. Preparing tax return
4. Together with Secretary, make initial decisions about requests for waiver of service hours
5. Other?

C. NOTE: *Board-adopted Financial Policies provide for the appointment of an Assistant Treasurer and adoption of a memorandum of understanding delineating the respective responsibilities delegated to the Assistant Treasurer.—Submitted by*



Photos by Kerry Howell

The First Young Gardeners!

Last weekend two young gardeners made the first plantings in the Children's Garden. We can't wait to see their budding gardens, and we look forward to seeing more enthused young gardeners!

Are you a current Sunshine Gardener in good standing and want to sponsor a child in one of our 3x3 beds? Contact the Children's Garden Zone Coordinator, Pam Kirby: pkirby125@gmail.com -- Submitted by Kerry Drake





Recycling and Alcohol at Sunshine

Although it's great people pick Sunshine for their celebrations, **alcohol is not allowed at the garden.**

Also, all the recycling in our community is done by members taking things home; the dumpster and trash cans should not be used for stuff that recycles.--
Submitted by Randy Thompson

Vines on New Fence

As reported in last week's Weeder, the board has decided Sunshine will not have vines on fence panels not adopted under the Adopted-A-Fence program. Since more than half of the available panels remain unadopted, this decision means approximately half of the new Sunshine fence will be vine free. In the hope more gardeners will adopt fence panels, the board is delaying implementation of its decision until mid-May.

If you are a Sunshine gardener who prefers vines on the fence, now is the time to adopt a panel(s). To do so, just check the all-gardener email sent Wednesday, 4/26 explaining how to identify and adopt fence panels available for adoption. --*Submitted by Jim Willmann*



Celebrating flowers at Sunshine by Patrick Hagenow; check out additional images on social media!

Garden Education by Ila Falvey

A few items of interest to all Sunshiners:

- Something we all know: [Gardening is Good for the Soul!](#)
- [What to Plant Now](#) from Austin Organic Gardeners
- Check out the new edition from ACGA: [Food. Beauty. Community.](#)
- And last but not least: a [fun peek into gardens](#) from the Garden Conservancy's Open Days

Upcoming events:

- [Get tickets to a UV Night Walk](#) with Central Texas Mycological Society on Friday April 28 from 6-9 pm
 - Wizzie Brown, the county entomologist, is presenting a [free webinar on fire ants on April. 28](#) starting at 10am.
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Garden Tasks by Steve Camp

Howdy SCG Gardeners!

Again, we can't thank you enough for volunteering and helping with our successful plant sale!

NEXT SCHEDULED WORKDAY - TBD

Workdays often evolve into social events! SCG is a fantastic place to meet new friends and learn both new and old gardening techniques. There's a wealth of knowledge here and experienced people that love to share it.

NOTE

The North & East fence line now have a number assigned to each panel. It is on a brass ring hanging on the panel. Please, either you or a small group please sign up for 1 or more that you will work to keep clean and neat looking. It may have certain vines on it if you wish. Check with staff about which vines will perform the best. Contact Jim Willmann jhwillmann@gmail.com for assignment options.

Thanks!

NEW GARDENERS

There are several new gardeners at SCG! Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself and y'all get to know each other a little and share garden knowledge and tips. Let's emphasize the COMMUNITY in Community Garden.

ROADS AND PARKING

- Speed limit is 3 MPH. (Primarily for safety, but also to keep the dust down.)
- Sunshine's roads provide access to plots and common areas. Gardeners should not 1) park on roads except to unload a heavy load from vehicle, 2) drive on roads when wet, 3) drive around barriers, 4) drive into another gardener's plot, or 5) put plants or other items in the road.
- Cars may not be left idling while at the garden.
- Park only in the front parking area or your common area. On weekends there are parking spaces on Sunshine and 49th Street.

Handbook and Site rules specifically state that **PARKING ON GARDEN ROADS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED**. Park in the parking lot or common areas only. When the emergency vehicle enters SCG, they may (I hope not) be coming to assist YOU. How inconvenient it would be for them to have to wait for folks to move cars.

PRIORITY TASKS

- Mowing and Trimming everywhere but especially Fenceline and lawn on either side of fence. With the recent rains and more to come, mowing has become a primary task.
 - Khaki Weed Season is Upon Us! For the uninitiated, Khaki weed is an invasive plant that infects the garden in late spring, summer, and fall. We are determined every year to eradicate it as much as possible. To this end, we are allowing digging up khaki weed to be counted as TSVBI hours until further notice.
 - Maintaining common paths and common areas. If you have plants extending into common paths, trim them. The common paths are designed to allow the biggest wheelbarrows that we own to traverse them unimpeded.
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TSVBI

- Weeding paths in TSVBI garden and wood chip areas on west side. (This is normally needed. Try to get out roots. Be sure to smooth out paths after weeding to facilitate TSVBI students moving around garden). Mowing between fence and street along 49th St. and Sunshine Dr. along and 10' inside fence.
 - Picking up trash wherever you see it.
 - Cleaning the street curb gutters of dirt and debris buildup. (At places in the curb gutter along Sunshine Dr. And 49th St. soil has built up and grass is beginning to grow. Scrape off with shovel and put in wheelbarrow. If debris is gravel it can be put in low places in the parking lot, otherwise, destination is dumpster.
 - Note: TSVBI hours can also count as regular hours.
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- Maintaining common paths. (Gardeners are required to maintain a 2' strip of common paths adjacent to their plot.
- Mowing and cleaning up overgrown/messy places in common areas.

Your Zone Coordinator may have more tasks than are listed here. Contact them or campinthegarden@yahoo.com if you feel that you have run out of things to do.

Slow Down (3 MPH!) You're on Garden Time! Enjoy!

Contact both [Kristin Phillips](#) & [Maria Beach](#) to contribute the Weekly Weeder.



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