

Anderson Island Historical Society

Community Gardens

9306 Otso Point Road
Anderson Island, Washington 98303

Mission Statement:

- Maintain the integrity of the farm
- Encourage sustainability by eliminating use of pesticides and herbicides, building healthy soils, and using efficient watering system.
- Work in partnership with other members to create attractive and productive gardens
- Increase gardening skills
- Gain personal satisfaction in planning and maintaining your garden plot.

Membership Requirements:

- To have a garden at the farm you must be a member of the Anderson Island Historical Society and a full-time island resident during the growing season. Gardens are reserved on an annual basis. The annual garden fee is \$40 in addition to the Anderson Island Historical Society dues.
- It is our hope that all gardeners will take an active interest in the farm and help preserve it and the history it represents. We encourage you to join the work parties every second and fourth Wednesday of each month. As a community garden renter you are requested to work four hours in maintaining the central paths.
- THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS NOT LIABLE FOR THE LOSS OF TOOLS, OTHER MATERIALS, CROPS OR INJURY.
- The gardens have water and are fenced to prevent keep animals out.
- Gardeners must supply their own tools, seeds, plants and supplies.
- Returning gardeners are allowed to retain their annual site if application is received by **February 15**. Other applications are processed on a first-come first-served basis. If a person on the waiting list passes up a garden, his/her name goes to the end of the list.
- Should you need assistance of any kind, please talk with the Garden Coordinator, Sue Huseby, who is pleased to support you in any way. Sue can be reached at 206-795-3768. You may also contact Terry Sleight at 253-884-4554.
- We request that gardeners comply with the following rules and regulations, which have been approved by the Anderson Island Historical Society Board of Directors. Your signature indicates that you meet the membership requirements and will abide by the rules.



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1. Community gardens are to be used for recreational gardening and growing vegetables and flowers for family use. Produce and flowers are not to be sold except as a fund raiser for the Historical Society Farm, or as a participant at the Society's Farmers Market.
2. Irrigation: It is desirable that gardeners hand water their gardens or use timed soaker hose irrigation. Water early or late in the day when evaporation is minimal. Water deeply to encourage deep rooting. The judicious use of timers and soaker hoses is permitted. Report any leaking faucets to Garden Coordinator. No overhead sprinklers which waste water and often spray neighboring gardens. The goal of irrigation is to water the soil not the plants.
3. All gardeners are requested to apply organic practices. Use of herbicides, pesticides and synthetic fertilizers are prohibited as they are toxic to the environment. Sustainable gardening methods are required.
4. Weeds must to be under control throughout the year as determined by the Garden Coordinator. Keep grass, weeds and tools away from all fences and keep pathways clear of weeds, waste and rocks.
5. If by May 1st, any garden that has not been worked or shows signs of neglect could be reassigned without refund if the gardener has not contacted the garden coordinator to explain the delay. The entire garden must be utilized.
6. Weeds and other debris are to be placed in the fenced compost area. Please do not deposit plastics or other non-compostable materials in the compost bin. Stones removed from the gardens are to be dumped near the propane tank south of the farm house.
7. When sharing a garden, the primary gardener is responsible for the status of the garden.
8. Please do not take produce from other gardens unless you have other gardener's permission.
9. Gates are to be kept closed at all times. Engage lock when leaving site. Do not attach anything to the perimeter fence or fence posts.
10. In the fall, please clear you garden of plant material which has died back, and place in compost. This reduces disease and habitats for insects.
11. Dogs are not permitted in the gardens. Pets in the vicinity of the gardens must be leashed and dog poop must be scooped.
12. Hoses and garden tools must be placed neatly in the garden.
13. The garden plots are for growing vegetables and flowers. Planting of fruit trees, invasive plants or large perennial shrubs is prohibited.
14. Do not expand your designated plot. Allow space for spreading crops. Do not let plants encroach on others' plots or into the walkways.
15. Before any structures can be erected in gardens, a proposal must be submitted to the Historical Society Board of Directors for approval. The gardener who does not intend to renew his/her contract for the following year must remove any structure in a garden plot unless the new gardener wishes the structure to remain and accepts full responsibility for it, including satisfactory removal at the termination of their contract.
16. Notify the Garden Coordinator, Sue Huseby if you decide to release your plot. There is no refund if you decide to release your plot before the end of the season.
17. Gardeners who fail to follow the rules will receive a written warning. A second breach of rules could result in termination of the gardener's plot, or the AIHS Board of Directors could choose not to renew the gardener's plot.

Signed _____ Date _____