

SLO CREEK FARMS~ORGANIC COMMUNITY GARDEN GUIDELINES AND RULES

The SLO Creek Farms~Organic Community Garden (SCFOCG) is a unique project located in a 44 acre CCOF certified organic apple orchard. Our mission is to establish a beautiful, peaceful space that will bring people together and have a positive influence on others through promoting a healthy organic lifestyle. The garden has been designed specifically to be visually enjoyable to visitors, residents, and also community garden members.

These guidelines and rules apply to me as a part of my garden plot group:

- I will pay a season fee of \$100 and a one time deposit of \$25 to help cover garden expenses. The deposit is due by April 15, 2017; along with my application fee. I agree to clean up my plot at the end of my membership period and have also complied with all the garden membership rules. The first year's fee will be paid once I have been selected to be a garden member. I will renew my membership each season in order to keep a plot.
- My membership is nontransferable and I am responsible for keeping my contact information current with the Garden Manager.
- I will notify my Garden Manager immediately if I am no longer able to help maintain the plot. If I am absent for a long period of time, I understand that it is my responsibility to find a group member or neighboring gardener to take care of my gardening responsibilities.
- I, as part of my group, will have something planted in the garden one month after the garden's initial opening, and by April 15th each year thereafter, and will help maintain it all season long.
- I understand that this is an organic garden and will not use herbicides, insecticides, nor non-conforming weed killers. If a product is purchased, it must have OMRI certified written on the label.
- I understand that this is a vegetable, flower and plant garden. I will pick only from my plot unless given permission by another plot user to pick. Additionally, I understand the garden is for personal enjoyment and nothing should be grown for commercial purposes.
- I will keep weeds and insects under control and I will help maintain the common area paths adjacent to my plot.
- I will dispose of weeds and plant materials in designated compost area only, and I will take trash and litter home for disposal.
- If the plot becomes unkempt or I do not meet the garden guidelines I understand that I will be notified immediately. If I do not comply within 14 days the plot will be reassigned or it will be tilled under.
- I will not plant tall plants where they will shade neighboring plots nor plant sprawling plants that may encroach into other plots.
- I will try to conserve water by using mulch to reduce evaporation. I will water only within my plot and not allow watering outside of my plot.

- I will clean and return borrowed tools to the storage area and will keep hoses neatly rolled up. I will not take tools home overnight.
- I understand that individual fencing is not allowed. I also understand that ornamentation such as sculptures, rocks, seating, etc is not allowed unless it is approved by the SCFOCG Board.
- I understand that dogs are allowed only if leashed and kept out of the raised beds or other growing areas. Children should be supervised so as not to disturb other plots. Smoking and loud radios are not allowed for the sake of my neighbor's peace and quiet.
- I understand that the garden is open from dawn to dusk seven days a week. I will keep gates closed at all times and take responsibility for the safety of the garden.
- All fellow gardeners must share in the maintenance and upkeep of the overall site.
- SLO Creek Farms may remove any member at any time for any reason.
- SLO Creek Farms U-Pick is not included in the Organic Community Garden Membership. If you would like to pick: apples, vegetables, herbs or flowers from SLO Creek Farms, you may purchase them at the U-Pick Garden Stand.

During each season each gardener must:

- Attend the garden orientation meeting in the spring May 6, 2016 from 9:00-11:00am
- Contribute at least 4 hours to community garden maintenance including at least one work party. De-weed and keep the whole area clean and maintained as a group.
- Participate in fall &/or spring cleanup to prepare for the following season.
- I will try to attend additional garden meetings and events throughout the year.
- I understand that neither the garden group nor the landowners are responsible for my actions.

I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE SLO CREEK FARMS ~ORGANIC GARDEN GROUP AND OWNERS OF THE LAND FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

Signature: _____

TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP FILL OUT AND MAIL THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION AND GARDEN MANAGER FORMS TO SLO CREEK FARMS, 6455 MONTE RD., SLO, CA, 93401

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SLO CREEK FARMS
Deadline: April 15, 2017**

SLO CREEK FARMS~ ORGANIC COMMUNITY GARDEN
APPLICATION

I have read and agree to the SCFOCG guidelines and rules. Please consider my application for membership in the SLO Creek Farms~ Organic Community Garden.

***Mail this completed form along with your deposit check of \$125 to:
SLO Creek Farms, 6455 Monte Rd., SLO, Ca, 93401***

I would like to garden as:

- An individual
- As part of an organized group. My group is _____ (i.e. school, condo- minimum group, company group).
 - There are ____ # of gardeners in my group.

I am interested in being a Garden Manager or Co-Manager (see description on MANAGER application)

- Garden Manager
- Garden Co-Manager
- Plot renter only

I would like to be placed on a waiting list for the next available membership opening if I am not selected this round

- Yes
- No

Print Name Signature Date

Address

Phone Email Address