Juneau and Douglas Community Gardens Tour 2016

Welcome! Our community has many bountiful gardens including opportunities to garden side-by-side with neighbors in specially managed areas called Community Gardens. Each one has a unique story of how it came about, how it is managed, who owns the land, who can (and does) garden there and how more folks can participate in years to come. Please take a look at the brief biographies and notes below to learn about each one and if you are inspired, feel free to contact them directly to learn more, offer help or inquire about potential membership. If you are interested in creating a new garden in Juneau or Douglas, please contact Darren Snyder at the UAF Cooperative Extension office in Juneau at 907.523.3280 and darren.snyder@alaska.edu.

Note: Each participating garden is listed below including key words to enter into your electronic map* (ie Google Maps) to help you get there. We provide the “area in town” to help you plan your visits. Each site will try to have a representative “garden host” to help answer questions and show you around during the tour hours of 10am-1pm. Otherwise this is a SELF GUIDED experience for you to go from garden to garden on your own time frame and meet the other visitors and gardeners along the way.

Special note: We are all special guests to these gardens. Above all, please respect the gardens and gardeners by refraining from touching any plants you are not explicitly invited to touch and do not bring any dogs into the gardens.

Host Gardens:

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<td><strong>Biography/Notes:</strong> Established in 2011 on CBJ park strip above Chicken Yard Park. There are about 18 plots gardened primarily by Starr Hill residents.</td>
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<td><strong>Contact method:</strong> Facebook “Starr Hill Community Garden”</td>
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<td><strong>Biography/Notes:</strong> Established in 2010 with the help of a grant from Fred Meyer’s. This amazing terraced garden leads up to a full roof top container garden, including two high tunnel-type greenhouses. The garden is managed and tended by Glory Hole patrons and the produce is prepared and eaten in the Glory Hole soup kitchen below. Community members are welcome to contact GH Director, Mariya Lovischuk, if interested in gardening at the Glory Hole for personal use and/or for benefit of the patrons.</td>
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<td><strong>Special note:</strong> Walk up path/alley next to Glory Hole to access garden on your right. Guide yourself onto terraces and up to rooftop garden if host not present.</td>
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<td><strong>Contact method:</strong> Facebook “The Glory Hole Shelter” and call (907) 586-4159</td>
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Gruening Park Community Garden

**Area of town:** Lemon Creek (near DZ School) **Search phrase for Map**: “Gruening Park apartments”

**Biography/Notes:** Established in 2006 through the generous support of the Alaska Housing Development Corporation and SERRC Learning Center staff. The community garden is managed by Master Gardener volunteers for the residents of Gruening Park. They are also a learning garden focused on helping educate resident children. They have dedicated the majority of the garden space this year to that end. Every Friday they have a harvest and workday where they supply vegetables for the summer lunch program. Any leftover vegetables are divided among the kids and volunteers. They are always looking for more volunteers.

**Note:** Garden is located next to the main office where there is ample visitor parking. Host may not arrive until 11:15. Guide selves if you arrive earlier.

**Contact:** Joel Bos at 614-595-0011 or by email at joelboster@yahoo.com.

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Juneau Community Garden (at Montana Creek)

**Area of town:** Valley  **Search phrase for Map:** “Juneau Archery Club” which will get you close. Head a little further down Montana Creek Road, garden is on your left.

**Biography/Notes:** Established in 1992 on CBJ land by Southeast Master Gardener volunteers and managed by an 8 person board of directors. This garden is the “grand-daddy” of Juneau’s community gardens with nearly 200 10x20ft plots ($35/yr). The garden has a tool shed, well-based water system, portable toilets (seasonally), large shelter area and large piles of shared resources such as sand, spent brewery grains and wood chips for garden amendments. There are “climbing beds” available for $5 per year too. There are garden events such as a Rhubarb Festival in early summer and Harvest Festival (with games and fair-type vegetable/flower/preserves contests) at the end of August.

**Note:** Garden is located on Montana Creek Road, which continues with a left turn taken after you are already on Montana Creek road. If you get to Mendenhall Lake and Skaters Cabin, turn around and take a right to get back on Montana Creek Road.

**Contact:** [http://juneaucommunitygarden.org/](http://juneaucommunitygarden.org/)
### Douglas Community Garden at B Street

**Area of town:** Downtown Douglas  
**Search phrase for Map**: “310 B Street, Douglas, AK”

**Biography/Notes:** Established as one of the Douglas Community Gardens in 2010 on land generously provided by Paula and Charles Rohrbacher, this garden has about 24 plots including 4 designated for youth gardening. All personal plots are rented on an annual basis at a rate of $1.25 per square foot (around $20 per plot per year) and there are two areas for general member harvest, including for this year a “kale forest” and a strip of perennials including mint, chives, asparagus and strawberries. Members have use of greenhouse onsite at B Street.

**Contact method:** Facebook “Douglas Community Gardens” and  
http://www.douglascommunitygardens.org/

### Douglas Community Garden at Crow Hill

**Area of town:** (almost) Downtown Douglas  
**Search phrase for Map**: “2120 Crow Hill Drive”

**Biography/Notes:** Established as one of the Douglas Community Gardens in 2010 on land generously provided by the Crossroads Church, this garden has about 30 plots arranged around the outer rim of a contoured mound with a gazebo on one end and a water tank in the middle. All personal plots are rented on an annual basis at a rate of $1.25 per square foot (around $20 per plot per year) and there is a recently planted bed of rhubarb which, when mature, will be available for general member harvest. Members have use of greenhouse at B Street garden also.

**Contact method:** Facebook “Douglas Community Gardens” and  
http://www.douglascommunitygardens.org/

### Douglas Fruiting Forest

**Area of town:** Downtown Douglas  
**Search phrase for Map**: “720 4th Street, Douglas, AK”

**Biography/Notes:** Established in 2015 as a community harvest garden in a partnership between the CBJ and the Douglas Community Garden. Volunteers plant perennials and annuals with the intention of having community members freely (and responsibly) harvest from the garden.

**Contact method:** Facebook “Douglas Community Gardens” and  
http://www.douglascommunitygardens.org/