

Garden Sponsorship Guidelines

1. Garden Choices

Please choose a garden from the available list of gardens not already sponsored or reserved for the membership or ask about undeveloped gardens within the Park that might be available.

Certain gardens within the Park have been designated as reserved for our membership and are funded through membership dues. These include but are not limited to the Annuals Garden, Member Rock Garden, Pond and Green Area, and....

2. Costs

The annual sponsorship of a garden is currently \$900 that covers all maintenance of the sponsored garden which includes water, fertilizer, plant replacement should some plants die or need division, and general clean up, deadheading, weeding, etc. Each year when the annual payment is due, the previous year's sponsor gets first choice to renew sponsorship of their garden. If payment is not received by the due date nor other arrangements made to continue the sponsorship, that garden will be released for someone else to sponsor.

If you choose an undeveloped garden or request a change in design and/or plants of an existing garden, all costs for the development, plan, soil amendments, structures, and plants are the responsibility of the sponsor and must be approved by the Horticulture Committee.

If a sponsor wishes a long-term commitment to a garden, the Park now has an endowment fund established at the Yampa Valley Community Foundation for just this purpose. If interested, ask for the endowment guidelines and information.

There are a number of gardens within the Park where sponsorship is covered by 100% volunteer maintenance. A sponsor must commit to, at minimum, weekly maintenance of a garden to a standard established by the Horticulture Committee in order to maintain sponsorship. If at any time the garden is not maintained to Committee standards, the sponsor will be notified and given an opportunity to bring the garden to the proper maintenance standard or may opt to have the Park staff take over maintenance, at which time the annual sponsorship fee will be required.

3. Benefits

In addition to supporting the Park through your sponsorship of a garden, you will receive a sign with the garden name, sponsor name, date established, if applicable, and a short message.

Garden sponsors will also receive an invitation to an annual event at the Park to honor all sponsors and to provide information to the Green Industry in Steamboat.

Sponsors will also be invited to bring their family down to the Park for a photograph taken in front of their sponsored garden. We will print and frame the photo for you.

Sponsored gardens will receive first priority on maintenance by the Park staff so that those gardens are looking great throughout the Park season.

In addition, our garden sponsors are recognized in the Park's newsletter and as the general brochure is printed, the long-term sponsors will be acknowledged in that publication.