

Operating Procedures: BADAS Gerry Patsula Community Gardens

Beaumont and District Agricultural Society (BADAS) will operate the *Gerry Patsula Community Gardens* at its Fairgrounds located west of Beaumont.

1. This plan shall be monitored and reviewed on an annual basis by BADAS for changes and amendments as necessary.
2. Plots in the Community Gardens shall be assigned according to the following protocol:
 - a. All potential gardeners will be required to complete an application form. Applications for gardens will be accepted annually during a specified timeframe in the early part of the year (timeframe may vary year to year). For 2011 the timeframe will be February 15 - March 20.
 - b. All applications received by BADAS will be prioritized as follows:
 - i) Priority 1: Active BADAS members. Active members are defined as those who have volunteered for various functions/events (i.e.: Board of Directors, fundraising activities, fairgrounds development or operations etc) or have attended General/Board Meetings.
 - ii) Priority 2: BADAS members-at-large
 - iii) Priority 3: Non-Members.
 - c. If more applications are received than there are plots available, the applications will be awarded on a first-come basis based after first being prioritized according to membership status (2.b. above).
3. Each plot shall be individually marked off and there shall be a perimeter fence surrounding the entire garden. For 2011 the minimum plot size will be 600 square feet.
4. Up-keep of the garden and control and maintenance of weeds is the responsibility of each Gardener (may be single person or group) assigned a plot. If the plot is not being maintained nor weeds controlled the Gardener will receive a warning. If after receiving the warning there is no change in maintenance of the plot, BADAS reserves the right to release the Gardener, and to plow under the garden plot to control weeds in order to ensure that the Community Gardens are nicely maintained. As an option, the garden plot in question may be reassigned if there is a waiting list for plots. The Gardener shall be notified of this action prior to its occurrence and shall **not** receive any reimbursement for costs incurred.
5. It shall be the responsibility of the BADAS to maintain (e.g.: weed control) any unassigned plots and around the perimeter of the Community Gardens.
6. Natural weed control is required. Use of chemical weed killer/spray (Round-Up etc) will NOT be allowed. Only The BADAS Board of Directors is allowed to authorize the use of chemicals.
7. A water pump and hose shall be available to assist gardeners with watering their garden plots. It is the responsibility of each gardener to provide their own seed and garden tools.
8. At the beginning of each season the garden plots shall be tilled by BADAS. BADAS will endeavour to have the garden sites prepared and ready for gardeners by May 1st of each year
9. There will be no guarantee that the same person will have the same plot year to year.
10. Garden plot rental fee for 2011 will be \$25 for BADAS members and \$50 for non-members. The BADAS membership registration form is available on the BADAS website at: www.beaumontagsociety.com *Please note the membership year runs November 1st thru to October 31st.