



## VISTA Gardens' Member Agreement

As a member, I agree to promote and support VISTA Gardens' mission: "To provide education and to serve as a sustainable model for organic gardening, native landscaping, and related technologies while providing opportunities to participate in healthy outdoor activities, responsible environmental leadership, growing organic food, and community building."

Since my participation beyond my own plot is what defines VISTA Gardens, I agree to the following:

1. To learn and practice organic sustainable gardening.
2. To observe reasonable safety precautions and report any unsafe conditions or activities to the Garden Committee Chair.
3. To protect our property. Gates, shed and equipment should be kept locked to prevent access by unauthorized persons. Ensure all water valves are closed upon leaving.
4. To be responsible for the safety and behavior of all guests and those I authorize to tend my plot.
5. To sign the Liability Waiver.
6. **INITIAL** \_\_\_\_\_ VISTA Gardens believes in the honor system. I will be a good neighbor and neighbors will be good to me. I will keep my garden space (inside and outside) free from weeds, pests and disease, and return all shared tools to their appropriate place in better condition than I found them.
7. To close and cover my plot in the summer months (June-August) and continue to maintain the pathways and other shared garden areas during this break or seek approval from the Garden Committee for an exception.
8. To not make any changes or alterations in the community property (areas outside the perimeter of the garden plots) without prior Board approval.

Additionally, in accordance with the VISTA Board's desire to keep dues low and to support our mission of creating community while providing opportunities for personal growth, I agree to participate, support or lead in the following:

9. The physical work of maintaining common areas, amenities, infrastructure and any vacant plots.
10. The creation and maintenance of a beautiful garden consistent with the community at large.
11. **INITIAL** \_\_\_\_\_ The non-physical operational and educational function of the garden by joining and supporting one of the many committees (see attached) or proposing to the Garden Committee Chair and implementing an approved independent project.
12. The assistance with gardening activities to support members with differing physical capabilities and personal situations, helping fellow members as opportunities arise.
13. The tending and planting in my bed within 2 weeks of joining, unless receiving prior approval from the Garden Committee. I otherwise automatically forfeit my bed and dues. I understand that a plot left unattended becomes a problem for the whole garden and requires precious volunteer hours to rehab and maintain.
14. **INITIAL** \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer for general garden upkeep and/or committee work at least two hours monthly.
15. **INITIAL** \_\_\_\_\_ That I will not neglect my plot nor expect others to tend to my weeds or plant disease.
16. Failure to comply can result in the loss of my bed at VISTA Gardens.



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In support of the VISTA Gardens' community, below are the current committees with which to volunteer.

Name	Description	Chair
<b>Compost</b>	Turn & sift to create composted soil for the garden.	Rolfe Evenson <a href="mailto:rolfe4108@yahoo.com">rolfe4108@yahoo.com</a> and Becca Petrilak <a href="mailto:res05dgx@verizon.net">res05dgx@verizon.net</a>
<b>Marketing/Community Relations</b>	Promote the garden to the community and find fund raising opportunities.	Steve Taylor <a href="mailto:sptaylor200@aol.com">sptaylor200@aol.com</a>
<b>Education</b>	Identify opportunities to bring in people to teach organic gardening techniques, nutrition and other appropriate topics.	Barb Mahlmeister <a href="mailto:barb@naturalchoicenutrition.com">barb@naturalchoicenutrition.com</a>
<b>Social</b>	Create fun activities for the membership outside of gardening.	Laurie Kleiner <a href="mailto:lauriek123@gmail.com">lauriek123@gmail.com</a>
<b>Membership</b>	Maintain seasonal and social memberships. Respond to prospective member contacts, greet and tour prospective members, enroll new members, and collaborate with the Garden Committee to provide membership orientation.	Keshia Arlinghaus <a href="mailto:Keshia.Arlinghaus@gmail.com">Keshia.Arlinghaus@gmail.com</a>
<b>Volunteer</b>	Recruit & manage recurring and special event volunteers.	Mike Arnold <a href="mailto:marnold1101@gmail.com">marnold1101@gmail.com</a>
<b>Communications</b>	Create, distribute and maintain distribution list for VISTA Matters newsletter (mid Aug – mid June). Build and maintain content on the <a href="http://vistagardentampa.org">vistagardentampa.org</a> web site. Curate and monitor social media presence on Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest.	Marc Perkins-Carrillo <a href="mailto:tampaliving13606@gmail.com">tampaliving13606@gmail.com</a>
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Maintenance of equipment, infrastructure and other assets. Landscape design and grounds maintenance.	Marty Kleiner <a href="mailto:martink4321@gmail.com">martink4321@gmail.com</a>
<b>Wildflower Garden</b>	Assist in establishing and maintaining a demonstration landscape of native	Roberta Owens <a href="mailto:legacyofcaring.ro@gmail.com">legacyofcaring.ro@gmail.com</a>



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	Florida plants, funded by the Florida Wildflower Foundation.	
<b>Garden Committee Includes:</b>	Plan and coordinate the tending of shared areas (entrance plantings, herb container garden, pollinator gardens, native plant landscape, Little Free Library, bird houses and feeders) and assist gardeners in growing vegetables, fruits, and flowers organically.	Evans Bostick <a href="mailto:ebostick@verizon.net">ebostick@verizon.net</a>
<b>House of the Rising Seedlings</b>	Organize & maintain the HRS. Seed and raise plants for garden members.	Deb Ramos <a href="mailto:rd1510@hotmail.com">rd1510@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Herb Container Garden</b>	Seed, transplant, and tend herbs. Develop plant information resources.	Vicki Kuse <a href="mailto:vickis414@aol.com">vickis414@aol.com</a>
<b>Flower Garden</b>	Plant and tend 500 sq. ft. garden, including wildflower, edible and cut flower sections.	Richard and Donna Birnholz <a href="mailto:rbirnholz@zedek.org">rbirnholz@zedek.org</a>
<b>Garden Pond</b>	Maintain garden pond.	Janet Stanko <a href="mailto:Janestan@bellsouth.net">Janestan@bellsouth.net</a>

**Membership Options:**

Option A:

VISTA 4'x16' Raised Bed: \$150 annual (August 1 – July 31)

Option B:

VISTA 4'x8' Raised Bed: \$80 annual (August 1 – July 31)



Bed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Beds are owned by VISTA Gardens, which gives the right of usage to seasonal gardeners who comply with the agreements of membership. Dues/fees are not refundable. By signing this form, I agree to the “VISTA Gardens’ Member Agreement.”**

**Initial \_\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge that VISTA’s premises contain bees, and I will exercise caution to avoid any accidents related to the bees and will not hold VISTA liable.**

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Family Names (Print)

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Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Preferred Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Selection: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues can be paid by cash, check or online:

- Make your check payable to **VISTA Gardens** and place it in the locked mailbox in our garden shed.
- Pay online at <https://www.vistagardentampa.org/shop>, where we accept PayPal. A handling fee is included in the total cost.

( ) 4’x16’ Raised Bed – Annual through July 31, 2023 \$150

( ) 4’x8’ Raised Bed – Annual through July 31, 2023 \$80

( ) Included is my tax deductible donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.