

2018 Valley Garden Club Grants

“One of the many purposes of the Valley Garden Club is to award beautification, floriculture, and horticulture education grants on a yearly basis to non-profit organizations. Proposals will be accepted for improvement and beautification of property for the general public to see and enjoy. Grants are open to non-profit applicants in the Mat-Su Valley. Grants will be awarded up to budgeted amount at the committee’s discretion for one or more winners.”

2018 Yearbook Valley Garden Club

Public announcements offering grants to the community were placed in:

The People’s Paper and Make a Scene Magazine

The Frontiersman

Valley Garden Club website

Facebook

Valley Garden Club newsletter

Distribution of a flyer to members and throughout the community



AWARDS

Applications were received from five different non-profits amounting to \$3,397.00. A total of \$2,000 was budgeted and distributed to the applicants.

The Committee members made personal visits each of the five applicant locations during April to view the intended design and purpose for the grant money. Guided by the purpose of the VGC grants, awards were made to the following organizations:

Birchtree Parent Guild, Inc. (Birchtree Elementary School)	Request \$1,000; awarded \$1,000
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Museum of Alaska Transportation & Industry	Request \$996; awarded \$600
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Alaska WildBird Rehabilitation Center	Request \$236; awarded \$235
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Big Lake Library Advocates	Request \$165; awarded \$165
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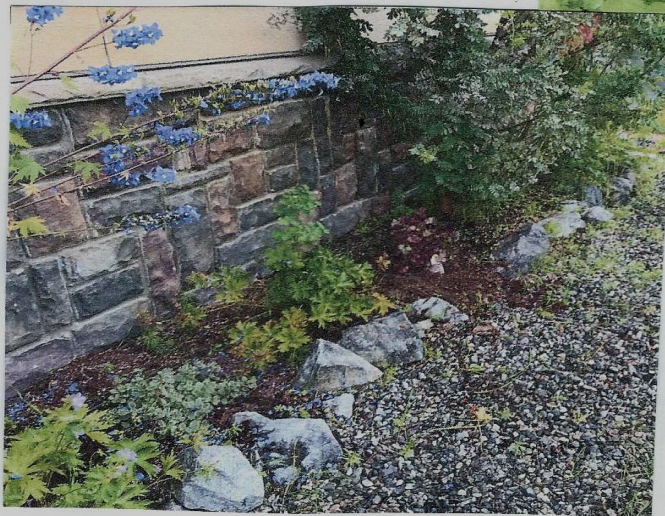
2018 Grant Committee Members:

Linda Myers-Steele and Susan Lee



BIG LAKE LIBRARY ADVOCATES

Big Lake Library Advocates were given \$165 to be used to enrich the soil and to add some new perennials to fill in the some empty spots. Before adding the soil volunteers weeded and trimmed the existing plants. This revealed a bare spot on the other side of this Hosta and so another Hosta was planted to balance the garden look. Hopefully it will look as beautiful as the other one in a few years. Planted in the garden on the other side were Stonecrop Sedum and Coral Bells. A Peony was planted in the back garden beside an existing peony. A gold rock with Valley Garden Club's name has been placed by this peony.





Alaska WildBird Rehabilitation Center

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September 30, 2018

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This summer colorful flowers in pots and a robust, blooming entry garden greeted visitors to Alaska WildBird Rehabilitation Center. Center volunteers and our Board of Directors appreciate the support from the Valley Garden Club that enhanced the site and made their daily tasks even more pleasant. Following are pictures of the garden and the planters that were enjoyed by our visitors for events and rescuers bringing birds needing care to the Center. Thank you, VGC, for contributing to the welcoming ambiance at our Center site.

The grant from VGC helped to purchase the annuals that bloomed throughout the summer in its flower pots in front of our event pavilion and the planters gracing our otherwise bland entry to our storage van. VGC member Susan Lee donated the racks to hold the van planters. Thank you, Susan.

Additionally, we planted some perennials plus additional colorful annuals, enhanced by soil amendments, in our front perennial garden. Mother Nature significantly helped with watering this summer and volunteers kept weeds at bay and flowers deadheaded to prolong continuous blooms.

Our Valley Garden Club thank you sign was just redone and shows in the latest photo. This sign will remain in the garden throughout the year - it even peeks out over the winter snow on the garden.

We will soon have our new website online. When that occurs the Valley Garden Club's summer contributions to our site will be noted in addition to the present acknowledgement of VGC as a sponsor.

Again, Alaska WildBird is most grateful for VGC's contribution to the welcoming entrance to our location. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jill Parson, President
Alaska WildBird Rehabilitation Center Board of Directors



2ND OF 4 PAVILION PLANTERS



ENTRY GARDEN - NEW SIGN
REPLACES YELLOW SIGN



ONE OF 4 PAUVILION PLANTER

BIRCHTREE PARENT GUILD, INC.
BIRCHTREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Valley Garden Club,

Thank you for your donation of \$1,000.00. Mrs. Tran's and Mrs. Jirik's class were able to use these funds to build a greenhouse for our garden. We now have a space for 2nd and 3rd grade classes to spend time outside to prepare the garden in the spring. We have not finished the sign for the greenhouse yet, but as soon as it is completed we would like a representative from Valley Garden Club to take a picture with Mrs. Jirik and Mrs. Tran.

Thank you again for the donation,

Loni Jirik











MUSEUM OF ALASKA TRANSPORTATION AND INDUSTRY

Due to the grant writer being out of town, and two employees having surgery, no report was received.

However, our front entrance looked quite awesome this year thanks to the Valley Garden Club.

Sincerely and Grateful,
Sherry Jackson

The End