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*Le panier du
moine*



*The Monk's
Basket*

by
*The Hermitage of the
Annunciation*

Subscription Agreement 2022

Introducing “le panier du moine”

Share in the fruits of the earth grown in the silence of the Hermitage through a subscription to a weekly ‘panier du moine’ (monk’s basket), a weekly food basket grown by the monks.

Le panier du moine: Subscription, How Does It Work?

A food basket subscription is a way of becoming part of the monastery and sharing in the harvest of the monks. It works much like a membership to a gym or to a magazine: friends subscribe and pay at the beginning of the season to receive a weekly *panier* of freshly-picked vegetables, grown chemical-free. A food basket subscription is also the willingness to share in the risk and the abundance associated in farming and growing vegetables.

In order to offer a wider variety of vegetables, we partner with our neighbours, Steve and Charlotte of Newbury Hill Farm. Some of the vegetables in your *panier* will be grown by Steve and Charlotte, who are dedicated to growing nutritious vegetables in the same ecological manner we do.

<u>Subscription:</u>	13 weeks, from the week of July 3 through week of September 25.
<u>Panier Delivery:</u>	Pick up your <i>panier</i> of freshly harvested produce each week at the chosen pick-up location (see below for location and time).
<u>Panier Contents:</u>	Several different types of vegetables according to the season. Around 2 grocery bags for full size <i>panier</i> . (Variety and quantity may vary week-to-week due to natural factors.)

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The Hermitage Growing Practices

Monastic life is a constant striving to live a unified and simple life. Our growing practices match the same spirit as our monastic life. This means we strive to grow vegetables in an ecological manner, with simplicity and quietude.

- Our produce is grown chemically free, using practices accepted by organic farming.
- We prioritize soil health over harvest quantity, remembering the smallest of creatures.

Subscription Offerings

We offer 2 *panier* sizes (duration 13 weeks):

1. **Full Basket Subscription: *Le panier du moine*: \$38.46/week (\$500 full subscription cost)**
- for serious vegetable lovers, or for 3 or more people.
2. **Hermit Size Subscription: \$28.46/week (\$370 full subscription cost)**
- for 1 to 2 people.

Varieties and season of vegetables included in the ‘panier du moine’ :

July	•Spring Cabbage •Chives •Green Onion •Peas •Summer Squash
August	•Beans •Beets •Cucumbers •Armenian Cucumber (me2te) •Carrots •Eggplant •Onions •Sweet Peppers •Summer Squash •Tomatoes
September	•Beans •Beets •Cabbage •Carrots •Celery •Cousa ¹ •Cucumbers •Armenian Cucumber (me2te) •Garlic •Melon •Onions •Peppers •Winter Squash •Tomatoes
All Season	•Basil •Kale •Lettuce •Salad Mix •Swiss Chard •Radishes •Purslane (ba2le) •Spinach •Mint •Oregano •Thyme

(This chart is based on our best estimate, but of course the weather may cause our actual production to be different.)

¹ Cousa: a Middle-Eastern summer squash

Our Shared Commitments

We promise to do our best to provide you with a bountiful share each week. The quantity of produce, however, may vary from week to week due to extreme weather, or other production factors, despite our best efforts. *By joining our food basket subscription, you are agreeing to share the risk of crop failure with us and other subscribers.* If a large enough portion of crops fails, we may not be able to deliver any product in some weeks.

Picking Up Your “panier du moine”

You are responsible for picking up your *panier du moine* at the pick-up time and location designated for you. Once the subscriptions are filled, we will balance out the pick-up times amongst all members. Your pick-up times will be one of the following.

DAY OF WEEK	PICK-UP LOCATION
Wednesday: 4:30-5:00pm	2 Huxley Close Clayton Park, Halifax (Nada Haidar)
Wednesday: 3:30-4:00pm	14 Juniper Ridge, Glen Haven (St.Margaret's Bay) (Alina Kirsanova)
Saturday: Morning	Bridgewater (TBD)

You are responsible for observing the rules for picking up your *panier*, which are as follows:

1. Pick up your *panier* within the appointed timeframe out of respect for the host of the location who is kindly offering hospitality for the pick-up.
2. Return your empty *panier* from the previous week's delivery.

If you are unable to pick up your food basket within the time-frame, please give us as much advanced notice as possible—**at least 24 hours**. You then have the following options:

- You may arrange to have someone else pick up your food basket (please do not impose on the host of the pick-up location).
- You can pick up your food basket at the monastery.

Food baskets that are not retrieved within the pick-up time will be forfeited.

Important: Please deal directly with the monks, and not the host of the pick-up location, for all monastery vegetable-related issues: 902-644-1388.

“Le panier du moine”

Sign Up & Subscription Fees - 2022

By submitting this form you are agreeing to pay the fees, and accept a portion of risk of crop failure as indicated. Subscriptions are limited. If spaces are no longer available we will put you on a waiting list.

STEP ONE:

NAME: _____ CITY/TOWN: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

STEP TWO: Choose your subscription (Place a check mark next to the subscription type(s) in list below)

	<u>Subscription</u>	<u>Pick Up Schedule</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
1.	FULL SUBSCRIPTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 Weeks of Food Baskets with In-Season Vegetables • \$38.46 / Week 	Weekly, 13 Weeks	\$500	
2.	Hermit Size Subscription <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 Weeks of Food Baskets with In-Season Vegetables • \$28.46 / Week 	Weekly, 13 Weeks	\$370	
			TOTAL	
Subscription fees due <u>May 1</u> by cash or e-transfer: monks.ns.garden@gmail.com Please wait for confirmation before submitting payment. Please contact us if you prefer to pay in instalments (maximum 3).				
NOTE: weekly deliveries are planned to start the week of July 3, and end the week of Sept 25 th . For a total of 13 Weeks. A warm or cool spring may shift this one direction or the other.				
Refunds: Payments are not refundable after week 6 of the subscription.				

STEP THREE: Select preferred pick-up time/location. (we can not promise these times/locations right now, but will confirm with you as soon as we can.)

DAY OF WEEK	LOCATION	Place Check Mark Below
Wednesday: 4:30-5:00pm	Halifax: 2 Huxley Close, Clayton Park (Nada Haidar)	
Wednesday: 3:30-4:00pm	St Margarete’s Bay area: 14 Juniper Ridge, Glen Haven (Alina Kirsanova)	
Saturday AM	Bridgewater (TBD)	

submit to: monks.ns.garden@gmail.com

THANK YOU!