

Le panier du moine



The Monk's Basket

by
The Hermitage of the Annunciation

Subscription Agreement 2023

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.

<u>Subscription:</u>	20 weeks, from the week of June 4 through the week of October 15.
<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 7 – 9 different vegetables for the 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 20 weeks):

1. **Full Basket Subscription: *Le panier du moine*: \$40/week (\$800 full subscription cost)**
- for serious vegetable lovers, or for 3 or more people; 7-9 vegetables.
2. **Hermit Size Subscription: \$30/week (\$600 full subscription cost)**
- for 1 to 2 people; 5-7 vegetables.

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 and other events 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:

(note: Wednesday deliveries will be between 3:30 and 6:00 pm. Exact times and locations are yet to be determined.)

DAY OF WEEK	LOCATION
Wednesday PM	Halifax
Wednesday PM	Exit 5 – Tantallon area
Wednesday PM	Mahone Bay and other South Shore exits (along the 103)
Saturday 9am-12noon	Bridgewater Farmers' Market
TBA	Pick up at the monastery

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

1. Pick up your *panier* (please bring your own grocery bags) within the appointed timeframe out of respect for the host of the location who is kindly offering hospitality for the pick-up.

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.

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Sign Up & Subscription Fees - 2023

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.

NAME: _____ CITY/TOWN: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

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

<u>Subscription</u>		<u>Cost</u>	<u>Check</u>
1.	FULL SUBSCRIPTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Weeks of Food Baskets with In-Season Vegetables • \$40 / Week 	\$800	
2.	Hermit Size Subscription <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Weeks of Food Baskets with In-Season Vegetables • \$30 / Week 	\$600	
Subscription fees due upon subscription by cash or e-transfer: monks.ns.garden@gmail.com			
Or, Select here for paying by installments (due on subscription, July 1, and Sept 1)			<u>Installments</u>
NOTE: weekly deliveries are planned to start the week of June 4, and end the week of October 15, for a total of 20 Weeks. A warm or cool spring may shift this one direction or the other.			
Refunds: Payments are not refundable after week 10 of the subscription.			

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.)

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submit to:

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THANK YOU!