



## AMGA NEWSLETTER

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### Message From Harry

Can it really be 2018 already? I think I have finally realized the reason why time goes by so quickly, at least for me. It's because these newsletter articles are due in to our editor on the 20th of the month and I'm supposed to pretend that it's the beginning of the next month. It puts me in a sort of time warp.

I can't even say something like, hey, have you noticed the days are getting longer? Nope, I can't say that I have actually. Or, you will never guess what I got from Santa this year-again, it's only the 20th. Shoot, I can't even talk about my gardening resolutions for the new year because I haven't made them yet. At any rate and whatever the date, I'd like to wish everyone a Happy New Year 2018.

The new board of directors held a special meeting at the close of the regular December board meeting and selected officers and committee positions for the new year. Our first meeting of the new year will be on Jan.8th at the C.E.S. Outreach Center at 6PM. Please remember that everyone is welcome to attend our board meetings on the 2nd Monday of the month.

I will be returning for one more year as president and Marilyn Barker will continue as our vice-president this year. Cheryl Chapman will take over from retiring board member Sheila Toomey as our new secretary and Cindy Walker will continue as our treasurer. Kathy Liska, Fran Pekar, Marjorie Williams and new board member Don Bladow round out the board for 2018.

Along with our numerous committee leads we look forward to another year of great programs, garden tours and volunteer activities. We will be trying out a few new ideas this year as well, so stay tuned. Thanks to all who have renewed their membership for 2018. If you haven't gotten around to it yet please know that we miss you and want you back. Collectively we all play a part in a great organization that is an important asset in our community.

Best wishes to all in 2018

### - NOTICE -

**The first regular AMGA meeting of the new year will be held at the BP Energy Center on January 15 at 7pm.**

**Please make note of this one-time event.**

The CES building will be closed for the Martin Luther King Holiday.

Directions to the BP Energy Center,  
900 E Benson Blvd:

If northbound on New Seward Hwy., turn right into BP's southwest entrance. Turn right at the first stop sign into the BP Energy Center parking lot. Follow footpath through woods to building entrance.

If eastbound on Benson Blvd., turn right into BP's main entrance; turn right and follow access road to 4 way stop. Continue through intersection into the BP Energy Center Parking lot.

Thank you for understanding!

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## Municipal Compost Program Winds Up Boom Year

By Cheryl Chapman

Numbers tell the tale: In the free Anchorage Community Compost Program's second year, some 650 participants tossed 22 tons of tabletop vegetable waste into bright yellow dumpsters at two locations. In exchange they scooped up, 46 cubic yards of finished compost to enrich their gardens between May 21 and October 31.

In the experimental municipal program's first summer, 2016, only 250 gardeners were given the flower-stenciled plastic collection buckets for their tomato peels, coffee grounds, tea leaves, apple cores, orange rinds and lettuce too slimy for even a starving slug. There was a sole drop-off dumpster at the Anchorage Regional Landfill at 15500 E. Eagle River Loop Road. From May through October, a procession of gardeners heaved in more than 6 tons of table waste and took away an equivalent amount of compost from the rich, brown pile left beside the dumpster every Tuesday.

The 2017 program added 400 people, their new buckets, and a second drop-off site-midtown's Central Transfer Station at 1140 E. 54th Ave., off the Old Seward Highway south of the Peanut Farm. Having two locations almost quadrupled the take of raw materials.

"This was the first time we'd had a composting site in the city, and people definitely utilized it," said Suzanna Caldwell, recycling coordinator for Solid Waste Services. "More people said they were using the Central Transfer Station instead of driving out to the Regional Landfill."

The Regional Landfill, however, was the only place to collect the compost, though that may change in 2018.

"No promises, but we're going to see if it might be possible to add a compost pick-up point at CTS too," Caldwell said. "The problem at CTS is one of space. There's not much."

This year's program was run by American Landscaping under a \$14,153 contract funded by Solid Waste Services recycling fees: No tax funds. The project, initiated by Mayor Ethan Berkowitz's administration, at the suggestion of Anchorage Master Gardeners, will be put out for bid again next year said Caldwell.

This is how it works:

1. Anchorage residents who sign up with Solid Waste Services receive a perky 5-gallon, flower-stenciled plastic bucket with an airtight lid.
2. The bucket's contents of vegetable and fruit waste can be deposited in designated dumpsters at Midtown's Central Transfer Station or the Anchorage Regional Landfill. There are signs to direct the Bucket Brigade. Dump early, dump often; a bucket seething with anaerobic contents will run you out of the kitchen.
3. Finished compost is only for individual home use. It can be picked up next to the program's dumpster at the Regional Land Fill after the bucket dump.

4. Compost is a lot more compact than its original ingredients, so think "Leave a quarter, take a penny." A little compost goes a long way; one part compost for 10 parts of soil is a good proportion.

With 20 percent of Anchorage landfill space being plugged by food scraps, the Community Compost



### Treasurer's Report

Balances 10/31/2017

Checking account	5937.19
Savings account	<u>11735.85</u>
	\$17673.04
Dedicated Funds	8608.71
Interest Bearing CD	<u>10092.75</u>
	\$18701.46

#### Revenue:

Donation	65.00
Fund Raising	50.00
Interest	1.45
Membership	<u>1470.00</u>
	\$1586.45

#### Expense:

Education/ADVMG	21.11
Hospitality	19.30
Membership	173.90
Operations	149.99
Newsletter	<u>188.53</u>
	\$406.84

Balances 11/30/2017

Checking account	7115.35
Savings account	<u>11737.30</u>
	\$18852.65
Dedicated Funds	8608.71
Interest Bearing CD	<u>10092.75</u>
	\$18701.46



Program's goal is to divert and transmute those scraps into the black gold of compost, a nutritious soil amendment that improves plant health and vitality.

Some people, though, saw the big yellow dumpsters as the perfect place to dump yard waste and woody debris, "and this degrades our garden compost quality," Caldwell said. "We're going to try to do a better job next year of communicating what we need."

Those with tree branches they've lopped off or other woody waste can take it instead to one of three municipal wood lots (<https://www.muni.org/Departments/Fire/Wildfire/Pages/WoodLots.aspx>), in Anchorage, Eagle River or Girdwood, during the summer months. Those locations usually offer free wood mulch when available.

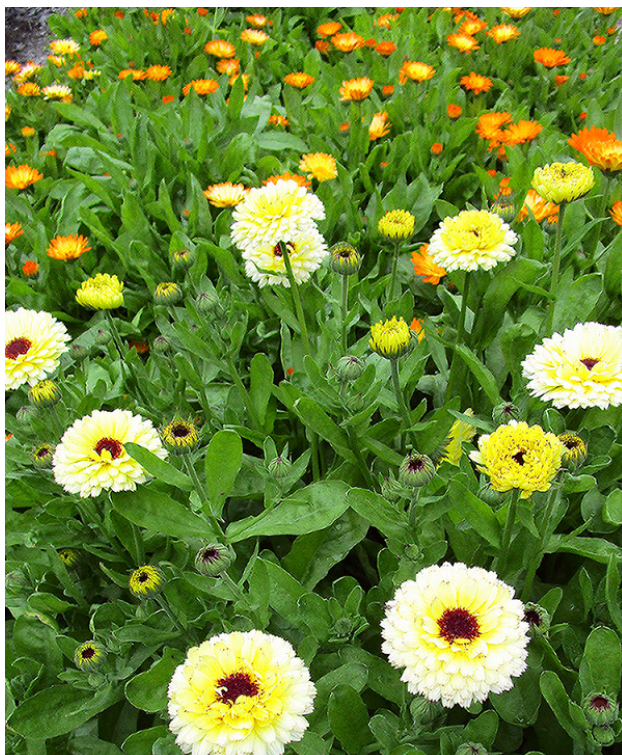
For yard waste, Solid Waste Services inaugurated a pilot program in Rogers Park this past summer, said Caldwell. "The 122 people who participated each got a 96-gallon rolling cart for their grass clippings and woody debris, and we picked it up once a week. It all was ground up at the municipal wood lot for use as a blanket over the landfill."

The landfill is covered every night, traditionally with gravel, "but gravel takes a lot of space and never decomposes, never becomes anything but gravel. The yard waste breaks down and compresses, extending the landfill's life," she said. "This program was very successful and we'd like to expand it."

And for busy recyclers, Solid Waste Services now has an app, "Recycle Coach," that can be downloaded to a mobile phone or accessed online. Those living in the Solid Waste Services area can enter their address to check the dates for their trash and recycling pickup, download calendars, and even get regular app reminders to put out their trash. Check it out at: [www.muni.org/sws](http://www.muni.org/sws).

For more on the Municipal Composting Program or Solid Waste Services' additional recycling resources, email Suzanna Caldwell at [compost@muni.org](mailto:compost@muni.org), or call 907-343-6275 (office) or 907-529-9073 (cell).

Calendula flowers (at ABG) attract pollinators for zucchini and other flowers.  
Photo by Elaine Hammes



## Herb Study Group: Starting Herb Seeds and Companion Planting by Elaine Hammes

Cathy Sage provided an information-packed presentation at the Herb Study Group's December 1 meeting on starting seeds. Now is the time to look through your notes from 2017 and decide what plants you want to grow. Did you see a great plant combination that you want to try? Did you have too much parsley and not enough thyme? Maybe your plants were too close together and you don't need as many in 2018. Check out the catalogs and perhaps try some new varieties. Talk to friends. Maybe you only need one plant and decide to just buy it.

Make a chart of how many of each plant you want and where to get seed. Order your seeds and look at the seed package to determine your start date. Any special planting conditions for those plants? Do you need a heat mat? Do they need light to germinate or will I cover the seeds? Any special planting techniques? How many of each plant to start?

In early spring buy your supplies and wash your old pots. You are ready to go!! Now just keep those records for next year. You will know exactly what you did and how it worked out. Repeat the process and in time you will have the perfect plan.

The second topic presented by Elaine Hammes was companion planting. This technique may be described as locating plants together that benefit each other or where one benefits the other. It is the planting of different crops (polyculture rather than monoculture) in proximity for pest control, pollination, providing habitat for beneficial creatures, maximizing use of space, and to otherwise increase crop productivity.

Numerous references and charts are available for beneficial relationships between many varieties of plants, although the science of companion planting is often anecdotal. Localized growing environments influence success or failure. The gardener should test and trial. Still, there are a number of examples that have been used for millennia, and research and testing continues to support many plant combinations, often based on interactions of chemical attributes. The "Three Sisters" companions of corn, beans and squash are a traditional example.

Join us at the next Herb Study Group meeting, they are free to all. This month's meeting will be at the Alaska Botanical Garden Greenhouse, January 5, 12:00 - 1:30 pm.

## In-Home Flying Pests

by Jessie Moan, CES, Statewide Integrated Pest Management Technician

Wintertime tends to bring a lot of unwanted things into our homes. Slushy snow boots, ice melt, and a variety of outdoor creatures looking for a warm place to stay for a few months. Some things are temporary, while others are caused or made worse by our activities.

Small flies flitting about in a home could indicate a variety of things. Knowing which one(s) you have can be very important in deciding what to do about them.

**Fruit flies.** Fruit flies, sometimes called vinegar flies, are usually brought into the home on infested produce. Fruit flies are small flies, less than 1/8th long and usually seen in the kitchen/pantry area of homes where they feed on over-ripe produce. Bananas are a favorite, as are rotting onions and potatoes. Controlling fruit flies starts with eliminating their food source. Eat fruits and vegetables quickly after purchase. Avoid storing fruits

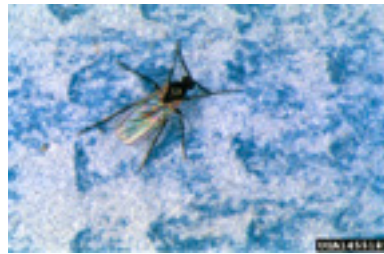


Common fruit fly adults. Photo by Pest and Diseases Image Library, Bugwood.org

**Fungus gnats.** Do you have houseplants? Have you ever started seeds indoors? If you answered yes to either of these, you are probably familiar with fungus gnats. These insects are small, about 1/16th inch long, slender flies that are often seen around windows and all manner of electronic screens. In full disclosure, there's one flying around my computer screen as I type this. Fungus gnats live and breed in moist potting soil where the larvae feed on plant roots or on fungi growing in the potting soil. Overly moist houseplants are the main



Darkwinged fungus gnat larvae. Photo by Whitney Cranshaw, Colorado State University, Bugwood.org



Darkwinged fungus gnat adult. Photo by Whitney Cranshaw, Colorado State University, Bugwood.org

To manage fungus gnats, avoid overwatering plants and increase the time between watering to allow the soil to dry out. If possible move the plants outdoors in the spring and consider repotting the plant in all new soil after thoroughly cleaning the pot.

There are, of course, several other types of flies that can be found indoors throughout the seasons. Contact the IPM program at your local Extension office for more information on fruit flies and fungus gnats.

### ICYMI

#### In Case You Missed It. . .

**Check out the new Facebook Page** - Alaska Master Gardeners Anchorage - Cindy Walker and Kathy Liska created this page as a way to promote our group activities, and broadcast gardening information to more people. [www.facebook.com/Alaska-Master-Gardeners-Anchorage](http://www.facebook.com/Alaska-Master-Gardeners-Anchorage)

**A 'Suggestion Box'** has appeared at the monthly meetings. If you have a suggestion, good or bad, please fill out the form & put in the box. A response is guaranteed.

**An "AMGA Gift Membership" form** is available online and at the meetings. Consider 'gifting' a membership to someone who would enjoy the benefits of belonging to our group.

**AMGA now has a 'donation' form** on the website. If you want to donate to our organization, it's easy and secure.

**Since there was no MG class in Anchorage last year**, we will be providing OLE classes on gardening in 2018. Stay tuned for more information.

**Sign up for next year's Master Gardener class** on the CES Anchorage website: <https://www.uaf.edu/ces/districts/anchorage/MG/>



## Hello From the New Newsletter Editor

. . .Ginger Hudson

I am sure I am not alone in giving a huge Thank You to Gina Docherty for her TWENTY years of editing the AMGA newsletter. Gina, your volunteer efforts have not gone unnoticed and we are grateful to you.

I am excited to follow in Gina's footsteps. Spreading the words of Master Gardeners is an important community service.

Gina has been a kind and happy teacher during our transition process. Thankfully she just had to fill me in on the AMGA secrets. I have experience in graphic design, advertising, electronic book publishing, and all of this was before taking on landscape design and instruction! Currently I am pursuing an MFA in Creative Writing here at UAA. My specialty is nonfiction nature and environmental writing. Readers of this newsletter can look forward to some article contributions from me in addition to my tasks of organization and layout.

As the newsletter states every month, submissions are welcome on any subject related to successful gardening in south central Alaska. I will be creating a special AMGA newsletter email soon, but in the meantime, please send comments or articles to [amga@alaska.net](mailto:amga@alaska.net)

I look forward to this year's presentations and all that is to bloom in 2018! Let's have some fabulous times in the gardens!



## Volunteer Opportunities

### AMGA Calendar Events

**Coordinator:** Do you have a couple of hours to research and jot down all the local gardening events for the AMGA Newsletter? Your fellow garden friends who have children or work full time will love you for it!

Contact Harry Deuber  
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### AMGA summer 2018 Garden Tours Coordinator.

Do you like finding special gardens and helping to showcase them? Do you have friends whose gardens you want to bring some attention to? It's fun to meet new gardeners and get the first look at their creations! Interested? Contact [amga@alaska.net](mailto:amga@alaska.net)

**Alaska Botanical Garden:** Help organize or volunteer at the Spring Garden Conference. Contact Stacey Shriner at ABG, 770-3692

**Spring Garden Show** at the Sears Mall, April 15th:  
Answer MG questions at the CES/AMGA booth;  
Contact Harry: [denali542@yahoo.com](mailto:denali542@yahoo.com)

**Pioneer Home:** Help plant and maintain front gardens of the Pioneer Home during the summer.  
Contact: Julie Ginder [jkginder@gci.net](mailto:jkginder@gci.net), Joyce [haljoy@gci.net](mailto:haljoy@gci.net), or Lynne Opstad: [lopstad@gci.net](mailto:lopstad@gci.net)

**Instructors needed** on topics such as Seed Starting, Organic Soil Amendments, Vegetable Gardening, etc.  
Contact Harry Deuber: 440-6372 [denali542@yahoo.com](mailto:denali542@yahoo.com)

## Spring 2018 Programs

There are some exciting programs coming to this spring's regular monthly meetings. AMGA owes a big Thank You to Marilyn Barker for her time and expertise in rounding up some amazing presenters.

Jan. 15 - Woodworking for Wildlife.....Scott Christy  
Feb. 19 - Soil Sample Interpretation.....Steve Brown  
Mar. 19 - Cool Plants for Cold Climates...

Brenda Adams

Apr. 16 - The Joys of Being a Beekeeper.....

Beth Baker

May 21 - Rhododendron Growing.....Doug Tryck



## Bird Chatter

### 2017 Recollections, 2018 Resolutions

By new MG, Alexis St. Juliana

As 2017 comes to a close, it is a good time to reflect on this year's garden and begin planning for 2018.

#### **Solstice...**

Daylight is increasing by two minutes per day!

**Seed Packets Seen.** . . . Local big-box home improvement stores have received their "generic-to-somewhere-else" seed racks produced by the big seed packagers. Local birds know not to be enticed by these flashy, colorful packages as a large percentage will not grow to fruition and leave us hungry and irate. Of 360 varieties of seed counted on one side of the rack, 32 would not produce by the end of our summer and another 22 would prove challenging at best. Okra?! Four types of standard size watermelon?! Don't let your friends and newbie gardeners think these are the right plants for our gardens. Sure, some of the offerings are viable here like annual flowers. But we want gardeners to be happy with their efforts by growing plants that thrive. Share your MG knowledge with everyone, even the store manager. One of these days the message will make it up to the top of the tree.

While it is time to be thinking about seeds-or ordering-for this year, save your money for our local businesses and clubs that offer the best cool climate varieties for our gardens.

**SAVE THE DATE.** . . The Alaska Botanical Garden is resurrecting its Spring Garden Conference on March 3. They will be hosting it in the neighboring Benny Benson School-a bonus to us birdies who already know there is plenty of parking. AND, we will have a short hop over to the new garden greenhouse for an evening soiree.

**JANUARY AMGA MEETING at BP ENERGY CENTER:** Yes, it's been mentioned three times in this issue of the newsletter-because we don't want anyone to miss out! Directions can be found on the first page after the President's Message.

#### **Annual notice to AMGA members per AMGA Bylaws**

Article IV section 4.07.

Board of Directors Meetings  
are held on the 2nd Monday  
of each month except for  
June, July and August.

All regular Board meetings  
are open to AMGA members,  
who may attend as observers.

2017 was a very busy year for gardening at my home. My family moved into a new home in November 2016. 2017 was my first year gardening in our new location. Needless to say, the list of projects ran longer than the days of summer, but I feel good about our accomplishments.

We put in two raised garden beds and increased the size of several flowerbeds. I planted raspberries, currants, asparagus, rhubarb, serviceberries, lovage (from seeds provided by Julie Riley), and a few apple tree scions grafted with the help of the Pioneer Fruit Growers. I ventured into new territory, for me, with flowers including pincushions, primroses, wild geranium, delphiniums, blue poppy, snow in summer, and lady's mantle.

There were some surprises too, mostly invasives, like Mayday trees, butter and eggs, and orange hawkweed.

I'm holding out hope for what went into shady areas of my yard. It will be a miracle if my goatsbeard reappears in the spring.

I also found time to volunteer at the Alaska Botanical Garden, which is a wonderful place for garden inspiration and aspiration!

What do I have in store for 2018? The list might be too long to include in the Master Gardener newsletter! My family needs to make some tough decisions about taking down mature trees that block the full sun. Flowers!

I did not observe many pollinators in my new garden. I plan to put in more flowers this coming year. I hope to be more diligent applying compost and fertilizer to my indoor and outdoor plants. I was a week (or two) late getting my starts into the garden last year. I plan to avoid that mistake again.

I need to take better notes about my vegetable beds and what did and did not perform well. A few projects, like building a compost bin and putting up floating row covers, never got finished last year but they are still on my list. I might have also missed a few Master Gardener meetings in 2017; I see many interesting topics on the 2018 schedule that I plan to attend.

What probably won't get finished in 2018? Dandelions. They blanketed our lawn and seem to have an almost magical ability to bend not break under the blades of our push lawn mower. I'll get those eventually.

# Garden Event Calendar

## MEETINGS and EVENTS

### Tuesday, January 2

Valley Garden Club Monthly Meeting: English Gardens: New Zealand Slide Presentation by Lois Rockcastle. 10:30 am at the First Baptist Church on Leatherleaf and Bogard Road. Details at: <http://www.valleygardenclub.com/>.

### Thursday, January 4

Anchorage Garden Club Monthly Meeting. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Pioneer Schoolhouse, 437 E 3rd Avenue, Anchorage. Details at: <http://www.alaskagardenclubs.org/anchorageclub.htm>.

### Friday, January 5:

Herb Study Group: Susan Miller and Elaine Hammes will introduce and lead discussion on varieties of Tagetes (Marigolds). NOTE: January location is Alaska Botanical Garden (ABG) Greenhouse: 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm. 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road, Second driveway on your left once you turn on Campbell Airstrip Road. Parking is shared with Benny Benson Secondary School.

### Friday, January 5

Alaska Botanical Garden: Celebrate the Latest Milestone for ABG. Welcome Mike Monterusso, New Executive Director of ABG and Bid Farewell to Robin Dublin, Executive Director of ABG. 4 pm - 6 pm at Alaska Botanical Garden Greenhouse, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road, Anchorage.

### Monday, January 8

**\*\*Ak Native Plant Society Monthly Meeting:** The Relationship Between Hydric Soils and Hydrophytic Vegetation in Some Southcentral Wetlands by Lorene Lynn, Soil Scientist, Restoration Ecologist. Plant Family: Amelanchier by Annie Ronsse. 7:00 pm at Campbell Creek Science Center, Anchorage. Details at: <http://aknps.org/Pages/Meetings.php>.

**\*\*Mat-Su Master Gardener's Monthly Meeting.** 7:00 pm at MTA Building, Palmer. Details at: <http://www.matsu-mastergardeners.com/calendar-of-events.html>.

### Tuesday, January 9

Eagle River Garden Club Monthly Meeting. 7:00 pm at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 18444 Old Glenn Hwy, Chugiak.

### Thursday, January 11

Wildflower Garden Club Meeting. 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Central Lutheran Church, 1420 Cordova Street. Details at: <http://www.alaskagardenclubs.org/apps/calendar/>.

### Monday, January 15

AMGA Monthly Meeting: Woodworking for Wildlife with guest presenter Scott Christie. A member of the Native Plant Society, Scott is a dedicated volunteer woodworker at ABG. One of his specialties is birch birdhouses. He knows the right size opening for the species of bird you want to attract. 7p, THIS MONTH ONLY-location change: BP Energy Center, see directions on page one.

### Saturday, January 20

Alaska Rock Garden Society Monthly Meeting and Program: Placing Bonsai in the Rock Garden by Paul Mamora. Board Meeting 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, Followed by a Potluck Lunch. Program at 2:00 pm. Central Lutheran Church, 1420 Cordova St, Anchorage. Details at: <http://www.akrockgardensociety.org/calendar.html>.

## CLASSES, WORKSHOPS and CONFERENCES

### Thursday - Sunday, January 26 - 27

Alaska Peony Growers Annual Peony Conference. Sheraton Hotel and Spa, Anchorage. Details at: <http://www.alaskapeonyconference.com>.

### February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 23

PALMER - ORGANIC GARDENING: The Comprehensive Course for Growers will be held in held in 6 sessions at the Mat-Su College. You go home with an armload of practical knowledge to grow delicious vegetables, fruits, flowers, herbs, and grains on any scale. Learn: Organic fertilizers and soil balancing; Non-toxic pest management; Nutrient-dense production; and Successful composting. Learn how to put all the parts of sustainable growing together. Two Choices: Afternoons from 1:30 to 4pm or Evenings from 6 to 8:30pm with an optional field trip on April 7 from 3 to 6pm. Tuition: 1 credit (\$202) or Senior Waiver, or audit. Register at Mat-Su College - phone: 907-745- 9746, ask for AGRI 138.

### Thursday - March 3, 8a - 4p

Alaska Botanical Garden Spring Conference. The conference will be held at Benny Benson Secondary School. The school is located adjacent to ABG and graciously shares their parking lot with ABG visitors. A reception will be held in the new ABG four-season greenhouse.

### March 24

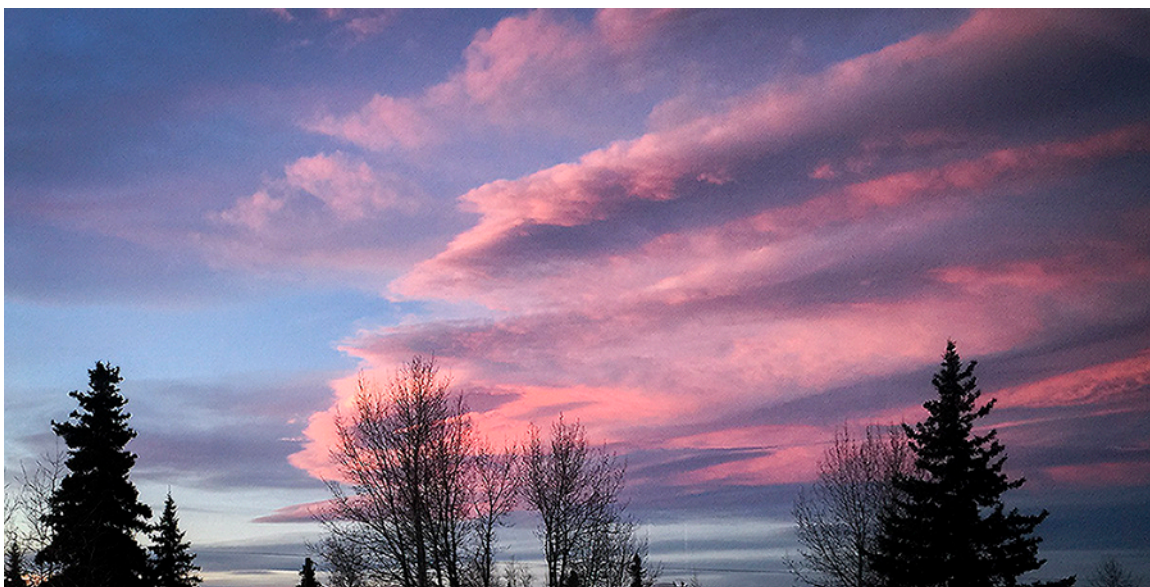
Alaska Master Gardener Conference, Fairbanks AK

### February 7 - 11

NW Garden Show - - save money, share a hotel with a fellow master gardener

Do you enjoy keeping up with garden related events in Alaska? If so, AMGA would love your help. We are currently seeking a volunteer to coordinate event listings for the newsletter. Contact Harry Deuber, [denali542@yahoo.com](mailto:denali542@yahoo.com), or talk to any board member at the next monthly meeting. Thank you!





Oh, Solstice! The light is returning. Photo by Ginger Hudson.



AMGA regularly meets at 7:00pm every third Monday of the month, September through May (except for December).

Meetings are held at the  
Anchorage Cooperative Extension Office  
Chugachmiut Building,  
1840 Bragaw St.  
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Monthly educational programs are free and open to the public.  
Visitors and guests are welcomed and encouraged.

The Alaska Master Gardeners Anchorage welcomes letters, opinions, articles, ideas and inquiries. Contact the editor, Ginger Hudson, at:

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### Newsletter Submission Deadline

The deadline for submitting an item for publication in the following month's edition of the AMGA newsletter is the 20th of every month. Items arriving after this date may or may not be included.

Educational or garden related articles, Bird Chatter, calendar items and announcements are always welcome.

For information about membership or upcoming programs, contact:

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