



APRIL 2017

MEETINGS and EVENTS

Monday, April 3

**Alaska Native Plant Society Monthly Meeting: Speakers Choice by Tom Choate. Plant Family: Cladothamnus and Gaultheria by Glenn Brown. Mini Botany: Rumex krausei by Ginger Hudson. 7:00 pm at Campbell Science Center, Anchorage. Details at: <http://aknps.org/Pages/Meetings.php>.

**Mat-Su Master Gardener's Monthly Meeting: 2017 Master Gardener Conference Preparation. 7:00 pm at MTA building, 480 Commercial Street, Palmer. Details at: <http://www.matsumastergardeners.com/calendar-of-events.html>.

**Meadow Lake Bloomers Garden Club Monthly Meeting. 10:30 am at Meadow Lakes Senior Center, 1210 N Kim Drive, Wasilla.

Tuesday, April 4

Valley Garden Club Monthly Meeting: Balancing Soil Fertility to Manage Weeds by Mark Fisher of Susitna Organics. 10:30 am at First Baptist Church, 900 Leatherleaf Loop, Wasilla.

Thursday, April 6

Anchorage Garden Club Monthly Meeting: Not Your Mama's Pesto by Michelle Semerad, Master Gardener. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Pioneer Schoolhouse at 437 E 3rd Avenue, Anchorage. Details at: <http://www.alaskagardenclubs.org/anchorageclub.htm>.

Friday, April 7

Herb Study Group Monthly Meeting: Yarrow Presentation by Barbara Baker and Elaine Hammes; Anise Hyssop Presentation by Sue Looney. 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm at Anchorage Cooperative Extension Service, Chugachmiut Building, Room 119, 1840 Bragaw Street.

Saturday, April 8

Alaska Rock Garden Society Monthly Meeting: Botanical Gardens of South Africa, Slide Show by Les Brake. 2:00 pm at MTA building, 480 Commercial Street, Palmer

Thursday, April 13

Wildflower Garden Club Monthly Meeting: Organic Management Strategies by Ellen Vande Visse. 10:00 am - 11:30 am at Central Lutheran Church, 1420 Cordova Street. Details at: <http://www.alaskagardenclubs.org/apps/calendar/>.

Saturday, April 15

The Mall at Sears Spring Garden Show: Visit Master Gardeners, Alaska Botanical Garden Staff and Local Garden Club Members with Your Garden Questions. 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at The Mall at Sears, 600 E. Northern Lights Blvd.

Monday, April 17

Anchorage AMGA Monthly Meeting: Elevated Garden Boxes by Donald Bladow, Master Gardener. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Anchorage Cooperative Extension Service, Chugachmiut Building, Room 116, 1840 Bragaw Street. Details at: http://www.alaskamastergardeners.org/AMGA_Programs_2017-2018.pdf.

Thursday, April 20

Willow Garden Club Monthly Meeting: Fire Wise by Cathi Kramer and Worm Composting by Jean Selk. 7:00 pm at Willow Community Center, 23625 W. Willow Community Center Circle, Willow.

Tuesday, April 25

Alaska Orchid Society Monthly Meeting. 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm at BP Energy Center, Seward Hy and Benson Blvd. Details at: <http://www.wayne-toups.squarespace.com/events/>.

CLASSES and WORKSHOPS

Sunday, April 9 - Saturday April 29

Alaska Mill and Feed Spring Classes. 1501 East First Avenue. Reservations are required. Register at:

<http://www.alaskamillandfeed.com/#!events/>.

April 9: Organic Secrets to Growing Nutrient Dense Veggies by Ellen Vande Visse, Green Earth Garden School at 11:00 am - 12:30 pm and 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Cost: \$5.00.

April 22: Tomato Basics by Barbara Rowland at 10:00 am - 11:30 am and 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm. Cost: \$5.00.

April 22: Herb Class by Mary Shier, Master Gardener at 2:00 am - 3:00 am. Cost: \$5.00.

April 29: Shade and Vertical Gardening by Caroline Aherns at 10:00 am - 11:30 am and 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm. Cost: \$5.00.

Saturday, April 1 and Sunday, April 8

Master Composter Certification Class by Ellen Vande Visse, Green Earth Garden School at 10:00 am - 4:15 pm,

April 1 and 11:00 am - 4:15 pm at Mat-Su Borough Central Landfill Complex, Palmer. Details at

Compost@matsugov.us.

Tuesday, April 11

Worm Bins and Vermi-Culture by Ellen Vande Visse. 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Mat-Su Borough Central Landfill Complex, Palmer. Preregistration required. Details at: Compost@matsugov.us.

Saturday, April 15

Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association: Grafting Workshop. 1:00 pm at Dimond Greenhouses, 1050 W Dimond Blvd. Details at: <http://www.apfga.org/news/>.

CONFERENCES

Saturday, April 22

Alaska Master Gardeners State Conference: "Every Day is Earth Day When You're a Master Gardener". Palmer Community Center (The Depot), 610 S, Valley Way, Palmer, AK. <http://www.matsumastergardeners.com/calendar-of-events.html>.