



**MARCH, 2017**

**MEETINGS and EVENTS**

**Wednesday, March 1**

Alaska Botanical Garden Annual Meeting. Learn how the Garden Operates, Who and What the Programs Support, the Mission of the New Greenhouse and the State of the Garden. 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm at BP Energy Center, Seward Hy and Benson Blvd. Details at: <http://alaskabg.org/event/abg-annual-meeting/>.

**Thursday, March 2**

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

**Friday, March 3**

Herb Study Group Monthly Meeting: Starting Seeds. 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm at Anchorage Cooperative Extension Service, Chugachmiut Building, Room 116, 1840 Bragaw Street.

**Monday, March 6**

\*\*Alaska Native Plant Society Monthly Meeting: Climate Change; Tree Line Shifts by Roman Dial. Plant Family: Oxytropis kobukensis by Dennis Ronsse. Mini Botany: Loiseleuria and Kalmia by Megan Keller. 7:00 pm at Campbell Science Center, Anchorage. Details at: <http://aknps.org/Pages/Meetings.php>.

\*\*Mat-Su Master Gardener's Monthly Meeting. 6:30 pm at MTA building, 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, March 7**

Valley Garden Club Monthly Meeting: The Uses and Care of Rhubarb by Bruce Bunch. 10:30 am at First Baptist Church, 900 Leatherleaf Loop, Wasilla.

**Thursday, March 9**

Wildflower Garden Club Monthly Meeting: Garden Design by Carroll Samuelson. 10:00 am - 11:30 am at Central Lutheran Church, 1420 Cordova Street. Details at: <http://www.alaskagardenclubs.org/apps/calendar/>.

**Saturday, March 18**

Alaska Rock Garden Society Monthly Meeting. 2:00 pm at Central Lutheran Church, 1420 Cordova Street.

**Monday, March 20**

Anchorage AMGA Monthly Meeting: Organic Soil Amendments by Julie Riley, CES Horticulturist, and Advanced Master Gardeners. 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](http://www.alaskamastergardeners.org/AMGA_Programs_2017-2018.pdf).

**Tuesday, March 28**

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

### Saturday, March 4 - Saturday March 25

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

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

March 4: Potatoes by Greg Kalal, Local Potato Farmer at 10:90 am - 11:30 am and 12:00 pm - 1:300 pm. Cost: \$5.00.

March 11: Dahlias and Begonias by Stephanie Flynn, Master Gardener at 10:00 am - 11:30 am and 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm. Cost: \$5.00.

March 18: Grafted Melons by Rob Brown at 10:00 am - 11:30 am and 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm. Cost: \$5.00.

March 25: Bee Keeping by Greg Groeneweg at 10:00 am - 11:30 am and 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm. Cost: \$5.00.

### Wednesday, March 15

Co-Creative Gardening with the Joyful Spirits of Nature by Ellen Vande Visse. 10:00 am to Noon. Location, Tuition Costs and Details at: <http://ellenvandevisse.com/classes/?ee=148>.

### Tuesday, March 21

Cooperative Extension Service: Greenhouse Heat by Art Nash, CES Energy Specialist. Learn How You Can Use Common Materials to Extend the Growing Season. 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm at Anchorage Cooperative Extension Service, Chugachmiut Building, Room 119, 1840 Bragaw Street. **Cost \$10**. Register at least 5 days prior to the class. Details at:

[https://alaska.augusoft.net/index.cfm?method=ClassInfo.ClassInformation&int\\_class\\_id=2892&int\\_category\\_id=3&int\\_sub\\_category\\_id=1060&int\\_catalog\\_id=0](https://alaska.augusoft.net/index.cfm?method=ClassInfo.ClassInformation&int_class_id=2892&int_category_id=3&int_sub_category_id=1060&int_catalog_id=0).

### Saturday, March 25

Organic Gardening Basics: Fertilizers, Pest Management and Composting by Ellen Vande Visse. 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at Mat Su College, 8295 E. College Drive, Palmer. Tuition Costs and Details at: <http://ellenvandevisse.com/classes/>.

### Tuesday, March 28, April 4 and 11

Alaska Botanical Garden: Basics of Garden Design. Learn the Basic Tenets of Garden Design and Walk Away with a New Garden Plan. 6:00 - 8:00 at BP Energy Center, Seward Hy and Benson Blvd. . Cost \$100 - \$125. Preregistration is required. Details at:

<http://alaskabg.org/event/workshop-basics-of-garden-design/>.

## SAVE THE DATES

### 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>.

### Monday - Friday, July 10-14, 2017

2017 International Master Gardener Conference - details at: <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/>

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#### Master of Ceremonies

- [Ciscoe Morris](#) (Author, Radio Host, Television Host, Gardener)

#### Keynote Speakers

- [Dr. John Marzluff](#), Professor of Environmental and Forest Sciences, University of Washington
- [Dan Hinkley](#), Plantsman, Author, Plant Collector, Lecturer
- [Renee Shepherd](#), Seed Developer, Gardener, Entrepreneur and Author, Founder and Owner of [Renee's Garden](#).