

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.matsumastergardeners.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