



# Party in the Garden Conference Program

**Friday, April 7 | 5:30 – 7:30 PM**

The Nave in Spenard

**Party with Garden Friends! Herbal Syrups with Molly Cerridwen**

Live Music · Silent Auction · Beer and Wine · Hors d'oeuvres

**Saturday, April 8 | 8:30 am – 5:00 pm**

University of Alaska Anchorage, Wendy Williamson Auditorium

8:00 am	Pick-up Conference Materials, Coffee & Tea		
8:30-9:00 am	<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		
9:00-10:00 am	<b>Keynote Address Ellen Zachos: The Garden Party</b>		
10:00-10:30 am	Break in Rasmuson Hall Atrium, Visit Vendors		
10:30-11:30 am	<b>Brenda Adams: Garden Color Demystified</b>	<b>Trevor Kirchhoff: So, You Want to Grow Indoors?</b>	<b>Justin R. Fulkerson: Pollinators in Alaska: Importance, Natural History, and Conservation</b>
	Rasmuson Hall 101	Rasmuson Hall 110	Rasmuson Hall 117
11:30-1:00 pm	Lunch in Cuddy Hall, Find a Mixer Table, Visit Vendors		
1:00-2:00 pm	<b>Ellen Zachos: The Blended Garden: Looks Good and Tastes Terrific</b>	<b>Donna Rae Faulkner and Don McNamara: Korean Natural Farming, Alaska Style</b>	<b>Steve Brown: Grow that Giant Cabbage!</b>
	Rasmuson Hall 101	Rasmuson Hall 110	Rasmuson Hall 117
2:00-2:30 pm	Break in Rasmuson Hall Atrium, Visit Vendors		
2:30-3:30 pm	<b>Chad Taylor: Elements: Structuring the Landscape Experience</b>	<b>Josh Smith: Growing Food in a Changing Alaska</b>	<b>Pat Holloway: Whose Party is it Anyway?</b>
	Rasmuson Hall 101	Rasmuson Hall 110	Rasmuson Hall 117
3:30-4:00 pm	Break, Visit Vendors, Walk from Rasmuson Hall back to Wendy Williamson		
4:00-5:00 pm	<b>Closing Keynote Les Brake: Recipe for Making a Garden That is Snug in Its Setting</b>		



## Presentation Abstracts

### **Brenda Adams | Garden Color Demystified**

Saturday 10:30 – 11:30 am

While most of us are perfectly comfortable with color in our wardrobes or home décor, for some reason many of us get a bit wobbly when we think about how to use color in our gardens. Let's make this the year we all gain our footing and use color with confidence. Color is an incredibly powerful tool. We can use it to set the mood of our gardens. We can create a joyful space or a serene and contemplative one. Perhaps our goal is sophistication or wild and crazy. Color can do it! We can also use color to manipulate space making our gardens look bigger or smaller than they actually are. Learn to master the unique aspects of Alaska's soft light, backlighting for interesting effects, and what can make a "hot" color cool or a "cool" color hot. If you would like to become the master of color in your garden, then join Brenda Adams, award-winning garden designer, as she demystifies this important aspect of creating a beautiful garden.

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### **Les Brake | Recipe for Making a Garden That is Snug in Its Setting**

Saturday 4:00 – 5:00 pm

In his latest presentation, gardener Les Brake from Willow will discuss the making of Coyote Garden. Topics will include paths, structure, the use of color, fragrance, and weeding. In addition, Brake will also talk about quite a few of his favorite plants, along with what he is doing for soil preparation.

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### **Steve Brown | Grow That Giant Cabbage!**

Saturday 1:00 – 2:00 pm

UAF Professor Steve Brown will share his tips and tricks for growing a giant cabbage. Set your sights on the Alaska State Fair and the envy of all your neighbors! Or at least end up with some sauerkraut.

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### **Molly Cerridwen and Friends**

Friday 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Come join your garden friends for an evening of fun featuring special guest Molly Cerridwen. Molly will demo how to make herbal and medicinal syrups with gathered and grown ingredients. Also: Music, Silent Auction, Hors d'oeuvres!

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### **Donna Rae Faulkner and Don "Iceman" McNamara | Korean Natural Farming Alaska Style**

Saturday 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Come learn some of the basics of Korean Natural Farming (KNF) and how Oceanside Farms is practicing these regenerative techniques. Your garden's soil biology is SO important! In this short introductory talk, you will gain a better appreciation of the soil food web and an overall understanding of KNF. You can collect and cultivate Indigenous Microorganisms (IMOs) to build your local soil food web. Biostimulant solutions can be made from locally available materials. Work with nature to grow healthier, tastier and more nutritious crops using ferments, solutions, composts, and plant exudates rather than toxic, synthetic pesticides and fertilizers. Grow your own fertilizer! This is what sustainability is all about! Go back to your Alaskan garden with economical KNF techniques that you can apply to grow more nutrient-dense vegetables, berries and fruits.

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### **Justin R. Fulkerson | Pollinators in Alaska: Importance, Natural History, and Conservation**

Saturday 10:30 – 11:30 am

Pollinators play a key ecological role that directly and indirectly affects wildlife and their habitat in Alaska. Unfortunately, there have been significant declines in both honey bee and wild bee populations worldwide. While there are over 100 bee species and 80 butterfly species in Alaska, we are still finding new species to the region and new species to science. Learn how the Alaska Bee Atlas has been documenting bees across Alaska and key concepts to make a pollinator friendly garden.

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### **Pat Holloway | Whose Party is it Anyway?**

Saturday 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Explore the ecology of gardens and the intricate web we create and foster that makes gardens unique. Journey through Pat's research experience at UAF Georgeson Botanical Garden, her successes and just a few failures that define her own and a very public garden party for the past 35 years.

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### **Trevor Kirchhoff | So, You Want to Grow Indoors?**

Saturday 10:30 – 11:30 am

Trevor will share his expertise as an indoor grower to help the home grower succeed. Through lots of mistakes and other learning experiences, he has learned the best lighting and ventilation systems to use, along with his simple equipment recommendations. He'll also discuss when to go with soil vs. hydroponics. Avoid the pitfalls and come learn from Trevor

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### **Josh Smith | Growing Food in a Changing Alaska**

Saturday 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Growing food in Alaska has always been restricted by our rigorous northern climate. As those climatic parameters shift, so do our opportunities and challenges in which we grow food. We will discuss what changes and opportunities we have witnessed locally along with potential challenges that come with a changing future.

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### **Chad Taylor | Elements: Structuring the Landscape Experience**

Saturday 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Take a trip into the creative process of Intrinsic Landscapes and its methodology for creating alternative approaches to establishing structure and layers of meaning in the landscape. Chad Taylor will be sharing process imagery from a variety of artistic design + build projects the practice has explored over the last 20 years. With a passion for experimenting with local, industrial, repurposed, and humble materials – get a glimpse into how a sense of timelessness and celebration of place is rendered. Hardscape elements, earth retaining systems, screening structures, seating, sculptural focal points, and socially driven temporary installations in and of the landscape will be discussed.

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### **Ellen Zachos | The Garden Party**

Saturday 9:00 – 10:00 am

Plants and gardens sustained us through the pandemic, and that's cause for celebration, especially now that we can gather in person again. Learn how to dress up your gardens for afternoon teas, barbeques, evening cocktails, and family reunions. We'll talk about celebratory plants as well as how to make your outdoor space feel special whether you're hosting an event or just luxuriating in the beauty that is your backyard. Think firepits, garden art, and pergolas, in addition to some very cool plants.

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### **Ellen Zachos | The Blended Garden: Good Looks & Terrific Taste!**

Saturday 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Did you know many ornamental plants are also edible? Maybe you've grown wild ginger for its beautiful leaves or Juneberry for its early spring flowers and didn't realize these plants could feed your body as well as the gardener's soul. This lecture suggests ornamental garden plants that do double duty, by being both beautiful AND delicious. Recipes included!

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