



AMGA NEWSLETTER

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Proclamation Honors Julie Riley by Sheila Toomey

About 50 MGs plus some ABG friends showed up at last Tuesday's Assembly meeting to witness the presentation of a proclamation honoring Julie Riley for her 32 years of service to the community. When Assemblyman Eric Croft finished reading the last WHEREAS and THEREFORE, MGs rocked the room to the rafters -- a standing, shouting ovation that went on for two minutes, accompanied here and there by quiet tears. Assembly members seemed a little taken aback by the outpouring -- but nicely so. The proclamation is long, as befits Julie's accomplishments, but we've decided to print the whole thing -- to remind us how very much we are going to miss her:

Whereas, Julie A. Riley, urban horticulturalist for UAF/ Cooperative Extension Service has dedicated more than three decades of service to this community, making herself available to any member of the public seeking help with food and flower gardening, landscaping, pest control and other horticultural questions irrespective of scheduled work hours or recompense; and

Whereas, she developed key partnerships and offered assistance to the municipality, business groups, schools, health and social service agencies, non-profit organizations, horticultural enterprises and gardening groups promoting the benefits and sound practices of horticulture; and

Whereas, Julie Riley assisted in the formation of the Alaska Master Gardeners Anchorage organization in 1986; served as its advisor and CES representative; helped develop its educational programming, including its Advanced Master Gardener educational program and statewide conferences; and

Whereas, she educated more than 1,500 people in science-based gardening practices through the Master Gardening program; and

Whereas, she promoted volunteerism by connecting master gardener volunteers with community partners providing more than 6,000 hours of volunteer service related to the program; and

Whereas, many of these volunteers are continuing to make a better Anchorage by developing and participating in such things as farmers markets, school and community gardens; maintaining public gardens; assisting refugee families in gardening and selling their produce; food bank and soup kitchen gardens; and

Whereas, through her mentorship and fostering of partnerships has encouraged new and emerging horticultural businesses, including the International Gardens which trains newly arrived refugees to farm and market their produce.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, the Municipality of Anchorage honors Julie Riley for her tireless dedication in cultivating a passion for gardening and other horticultural interests and making a significant contribution to the well being and self-sufficiency of Anchorage through building an enduring volunteer network that will continue serving the gardening needs of Anchorage.

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This 'n That Sheila Toomey

The October 17th meeting - the first at our new Bragaw Street digs -- was packed, and so was the agenda.

The new classroom seats about 50 people but more than that showed up for Julie's farewell party -- and the lesson on spreading the word about good fire prevention practices.

CES will officially move to the Chugachmiut Building on November 2, President Harry Deuber told the group. The new classroom and public space met with general approval; however, Anchorage CES has been stripped of meaningful staffing and will be open only three afternoons a week -- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We have yet to determine exactly how negatively this will affect AMGA's mission to serve half the population of Alaska.

* Harry invited everyone to show up at the October 18th Municipal Assembly meeting for the presentation of a municipal proclamation honoring Julie's 32 years of service to the community.

* The election committee reminded members that on-line voting will start November 7 and end at midnight November 19th. The list of candidates was presented.

* Julie announced that registration for the November Advanced Master Gardener course in organic fertilizers is underway. If the planned evening class fills up, she said, a second, daytime class, may be possible.

* Board member Phyllis Rogers appealed for program ideas and qualified presenters for the 2017 meeting year.

* Member Debbie Hinchey asked for volunteers to help spread 100 bags of leaves over the downtown rose garden to mulch it nice and snug for the winter.

* Julie asked for volunteers to help pack up her 32 years' accumulation of office material for her move to Fairbanks. She leaves us right after Thanksgiving.

* It was announced that the 2017 AMG-MatSu conference will be held on April 22nd in Palmer.



Phyllis then turned the meeting over to AFD Forester John See for an educational presentation on the causes and prevention of wildfire destruction, starting with an assertion that almost all destructive forest fires in Alaska are started by people --

John See provided laminated "Firewise" posters
Photo by Barbara Baker



not nature.

The evening ended with a feast assembled by volunteers featuring a ton of food and two farewell-to-Julie cakes.

The next membership meeting is set for November 21st: Apple Pressing and Cider Making with local entrepreneur Ira Edwards.



Top: Cheryl Chapman signs Julie's poster

Bottom: "We'll Miss You Julie" adorns the farewell cake
Photos by Barbara Baker

November Treasurer's Report

Balances 8/31/16	
Checking account	14538.43
Savings account	<u>11715.23</u>
	\$26253.66

Dedicated Funds	\$8477.71
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Revenue:	
Education/Fundraising	44.00
Interest	<u>27.63</u>
	\$71.63

Expense:	
Dedicated Donation	2000.00
Education/Fundraising	147.00
Newsletter	28.76
Operations	49.99
Website	<u>55.00</u>
	\$2280.75

Balances 9/30/16	
Checking account	12301.68
Savings account	<u>11716.67</u>
	\$24018.35

Dedicated Funds	\$8503.90
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AMGA 2017 Election - Meet The Candidates:

Cheryl Chapman



Cheryl is from a long line of Southern gardeners, which proved worthless from the day the U-Haul braked in East Anchorage.

Within two years she and the Master Gardeners had found each other (though not soon enough to save hundreds of blameless bedding plants), and since then every year of study, reading, experimentation, volunteering and careful

listening to Julie Riley and other MGs has improved her plant survival statistics. In addition to her job as an editor at the ADN, she wrote regularly for the Master Gardeners newsletter and since 2015 has worked with Fresh International Gardens and the refugee gardeners -- the Bhutanese, the Sudanese, the Congolese, the Somalis -- to get their produce to market. AMGA now faces unusual challenges; Cheryl would like to contribute whatever she can as a board member to help repay the many gifts the MGs have given so freely to her.

Christine Wood



I am running for Board Member to become more involved in our club. As a lifelong gardener, I became a MG in 2015 to further educate myself to garden successfully in Alaska.

I am a retired Critical Care Nurse of 35 years. I am married and have 6 grown children and have lived in Eagle River for 26 years. Active in The National Garden Clubs, I am the Vice-President of the Anchorage Garden Club and a active member of the Wildflower Club. In

September 2016, I was elected as Alaska State President elect for 2017-2019 of the National Garden Clubs. Regionally, I am the Chairman of Community Gardens of the eight states of the Pacific Region.

Needless to say, I can't get enough of gardening! I am excited to belong to the Alaska Master Gardeners, having completed 155 hours of volunteer work this past year. I look forward to partnering with you to serve the greater Anchorage gardening community through the University of Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service.

Cindy Walker

It's hard to believe I became a Master Gardener 14

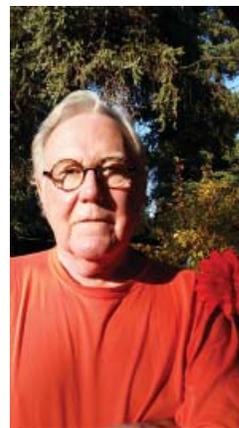


years ago! After completing my volunteer hours for MG certification I did spend some time hovering on the outskirts of AMGA - getting to know the organization. Once

committed, I jumped whole-heartily into the organization as treasurer, bringing with me not only my love of gardening and still evolving gardening techniques, but my experience serving as treasurer for a number of organizations that supported my children's youthful years. With children grown, the Master Gardener course and my association with AMGA association was finally my turn to focus!

Contributing to AMGA's accomplishments in the areas of organizing finances, developing strategies for responsible annual budgets, and perhaps most significantly moving AMGA forward into IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit status has been a rewarding endeavor. Last, but not least, was the connection gained with the local gardening community and networks. I would like to continue in my role as treasurer by bringing institutional continuity to sustaining AMGA's stability during the upcoming transition period triggered by the major changes ahead in the level of UAF/CES of urban horticulture support.

F.X. Nolan



F.X. is a 50 year resident of Alaska who, along with his spouse Susan Reilly, has experienced many of the joys and frustrations of gardening in the Last Frontier in both the Fairbanks and Anchorage areas. Retired from a career in public safety, F.X. became a Master Gardener in the Anchorage class of 2013 and is currently an Advanced Alaska Master Gardener and a student of the many aspects of permaculture. A proponent of the educational aspects of the Master Gardener program,

F.X. is especially interested in exploring ways to assure the continuance of the core basic and advanced classes.

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Growing Young Gardeners: Harvest and Storage By Amy Reed

My daughter and I had an absolute ball harvesting in the garden. With the termination dust quickly creeping down the mountain, we felt the urgency to put the garden to bed for the winter. That meant the daunting task of pulling the remainder of the carrots, turnips, beets, and potatoes in the root garden.

Seeing how this could all quickly become boring to my six year old, I let her do all the pulling of carrots. A squeal of "look at this one!" and "how weird looking is this!" came from her mouth as she dug each carrot up from the ground. I apparently wasn't as diligent as I thought I was at thinning the carrots during the summer, as many of them had four or more "legs" to them, much to my daughter's delight.

When it came to the beets and turnips, however, I could see the enthusiasm start to wane. So she became my camerawoman, documenting me with the iPhone camera harvesting the crops. One turnip weighed in at over 6 pounds and made for some great pictures. I actually pulled out the scale numerous times just for fun to show comparisons in weight of the turnips. It turned into a great math lesson in measurements!

I was able to once again get her hands, arms, and knees dirty when it came to potato harvesting. We turned the search for spuds into a treasure hunt. Boy, did we get dirty in the process!

Now came the dilemma of storage of all these garden treasures. In New England, my husband's grandmother had an actual root cellar attached to her 200-year-old Colonial farmhouse. I remember taking a tour of it years after she had passed away; there were still dusty jars of canned peaches and barrels where potatoes were stored. In fact, my father-in-law's job as a child was monitoring the potato barrel for rotten spuds. Alas, in Alaska, many of us are not blessed with basements or root storage for vegetables. What are we to do?

In my research, I found a number of resources that address the topic of root cellaring and vegetable storage. The Cooperative Extension UAF put together a great pamphlet entitled, "Vegetable Storage in Root Cellars", HGA-00331. <http://www.uaf.edu/ces/pubs/catalog/detail/index.xml?id=223>. It not only discusses temperature, humidity, ventilation, and storage, but it also addresses how to build a root cellar. There is a fantastic table that comments on individual vegetables and their storage life. The book, *Root Cellaring. Natural Cold Storage of Fruits and Vegetables* by Mike and Nancy Bubel (1991, McNaughton and Gunn, Inc) goes into depth of which vegetables are best stored in root cellars, proper storage, and different types of cellars to build. Did you know you can sink an old school bus into the

ground, take out the seats, and use it as a root cellar? I think the homeowner's association in most neighborhoods would frown upon that one, but it is ingenious!



6+ pound turnip -
Photo by Amy Reed

For our harvest storage, we ended up using half-bushel wooden baskets on wire shelving in our garage. There is noted wasted space between baskets, and crates that could be much more space-efficient. This will be a down-the-road project. These baskets, however, provide convenient access in a cool, damp environment.

The memories made with my child of harvesting and preparing our "root cellar" will be reminisced as we partake of our vegetables this winter.

Deadhead To Reward You, And Keep The Plant Happy! by Ginger Hudson

A be-headed dahlia with her neck left exposed stopped me in my routine garden maintenance task this summer. Poor dahlia, she works so hard to pump out the frilly, lion mane flowers, why should we leave her with giraffe necks to support after removing the wilted heads? She will struggle in vain to keep that neck tall though no more buds will emerge from this vacant stem.

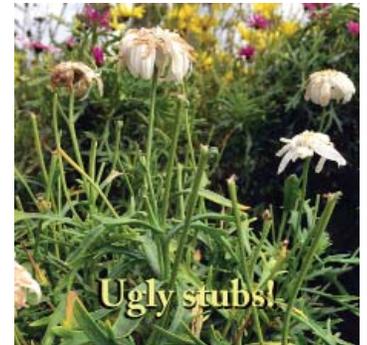


Photo by Ginger Hudson

Proper deadheading and pruning contributes to plant health and aesthetics. Most herbaceous perennials and shrubs will not produce flowers on the same stem repeatedly. To reduce strain on a plant from supporting a stem where nothing will bloom again is to enable the plant to re-direct its energy into producing flowers elsewhere.

Pruning needs to be done for many reasons: reduce crowding in small gardens or areas that stay damp, keep walkways clear, to re-invigorate plants, and to remove dead wood. It has to be done, don't be timid, accept it! When I first started gardening, I would trim my precious perennials like one might trim their baby's hair, by millimeters. My peers in the Native Plant Society

and longtime gardeners would tell me "get over it, you have to whack it back!" Over eleven years as my garden maintenance business grew, I changed my language and technique from trimming to whacking when appropriate. Be aware that whacking does not insinuate hacking. The following guidelines will help you with trimming, dead-heading, and cutting back.

Pruning for size/shape, damaged parts

The best results will be had by using by-pass pruners and loppers. (I will leave tool selection for another day). If you are not sure a branch is dead, use the sharp blade of your pruners to lightly scratch off about a 1/2 inch of bark. If the branch is green underneath, this part is still alive. If the wood is grey, dry, or unnaturally brown, trim it off. The sharp blade of the pruners should be held on the live side of the plant.

Locations of cuts should be at joints. Cut at joints of branches just above a joint, not more than 1/4 inch for most perennials. If you cut too far above a joint, part of that branch will eventually die and the plant will have wasted valuable energy to maintain the stub.

Tree trimming should only be done in emergencies such as wind damage, or to remove dead or rotting parts. Consult an arborist for proper amount to remove from a tree while maintaining its health. I recently saw a mountain ash someone had trimmed that was hanging over a public sidewalk. While clearing the way is appreciated, the method was horrendous. The branches were partially sawed and then just broken off, and these were 3 - 5 inch diameter branches! Additionally, the angles were leaning back to the tree and level. This will allow water to sit on the stubs and cause rot. If you are trimming your tree, always angle the cut so that water will run off, between 10 and 45 degrees is a good start.



Photo by Ginger Hudson

Late winter and early spring is the best time to trim trees for shape in our area. Raspberry canes should be cut back before the first hard freeze, these are canes that produced this year.

Deadheading

Deadheading is the process of removing dead or completed flowers from the plant. This is done to encourage more blooms and thicker bushing. If the dead flowers are left on the plant and they have been pollinated, the plant will spend energy to produce seeds rather than more flowers. Deadheading is commonly performed on annuals unless you are trying to save seeds.

You can see from these photos that too much of the flower stem was left on the plant. In the dahlia exam-

ple, notice how the stem slowly dies from the flower end down to the stem. It also appears flowers may have been pinched off. Most dahlia stems are a bit too thick for pinching, I prefer to use pruners in this case. Dahlias can sometimes be quite prolific and flower regardless of deadheading, however, the plants will reward you with more blossoms if you remove the stem. By leaving the stem, the plant struggles to keep it alive. The plant will not flower from the same stem. When the stem dies and rots, it can be an entry point for insects or fungus. If you cut closer to the joint, the plant heals itself quicker and directs energy to more buds.



Photo by Ginger Hudson

Use a good sharp pair of by-pass pruners, Japanese scissors, or small snips. The location to remove a dead or spent blossom is below the flower and just above the first leaf under that flower. Trimming can be done just above the first leaf below the dead flower, at a joint where two stems meet, or at a node or thorn as in the case of roses. See the photo of a rose stem with pruning locations labeled. The photo with the pruners gives another indication of pruning location and direction of cutting blade toward plant.



Photo by Ginger Hudson

Some annuals are such heavy flower producers that it may just take too long to trim all those flowers. If so, you may choose to use the shearing method once early in the bloom stage. If timed right, the whole plant should have time put on another flush

before the end of the season. To shear, use a good sharp pair of by-pass shears.

When you prune for the plant's health, you benefit your aesthetic health, your eye sees the clean plant with its healthy leaves and bright colorful buds. You may enjoy an extended bloom time from some of your annuals and perennials which will keep you happy in the garden longer!

Examples of common plants to trim with pruners: dahlias, bee balm, peonies, roses, arctic kiwi, fruit bushes, primroses, day lily, marigolds.

Common plants to shear: ornamental grasses, alyssum, catmint, mint, aster, potentilla.



Bird Chatter

NORTH TO HER FUTURE . . We've known for months that Julie is leaving -- victim of an apparently punitive transfer to Fairbanks after she refused to retire early. But it didn't seem real until a dozen of us gathered at the CES office last Thursday to pack up her stuff for shipment north.

It's no secret that Julie is a packrat -- that's a nice word for hoarder -- so we found ourselves filling what seemed like dozens of moving boxes with piles of papers -- with posters, show & tell exhibits for all the classes she has taught and plans to teach, books, tablecloths (in case they don't have them in Fairbanks?), strange contraptions for who-know-what and -- yes -- a pail of dirt!!

THE BEAR TRUTH. . . Alaskans aren't the only ones who must contend with bears in the garden. Michael Rasy, former Alaska CES IPM tech, reported that one of the mighty bruins mangled his fence in Avon, Connecticut, including metal posts.

HELP NEEDED . . . Kathy Liska is looking for at least 3 more volunteers to sign up to bring refreshments for the MG meetings on April 17, 2017 (1 person); September 18, 2017 (1 person) and January 15, 2018 (1 person). It would be nice to have it all done for the upcoming directory. Please contact Kathy: akliska@aol.com, or call 337-2196.

Janice Berry is looking for AMGA/garden/flower photos for possible addition to the 2017 Directory. Send photos to: jberry6634@gmail.com

BITTERSWEET. . . About 20 of us gathered at Sushi Sushi (behind the Moose's Tooth) Tuesday after the Assembly meeting for a happy-sad dinner to celebrate Julie's Proclamation and to mourn our loss of her. She leaves Anchorage for her new assignment in Fairbanks right after Thanksgiving.

We told funny Julie stories and toasted her with Saki and stuffed ourselves with raw fish and tempura and had a good time. But it wasn't a "good" time. It was the beginning of a tough year, with no technical experts to guide us, with a CES office that's hardly ever open, with no Master Gardener class this fall and prospects for one in 2017 still up in the air.

We will survive this assault on our mission-- and prosper -- somehow. We're tough and resilient.

But we really needed that saki.
We're really going to miss Julie.



Julie Riley listens to the Resolution of Recognition and Honor, being read by Eric Croft
Photo by Debbie Hinchey



Julie receiving a Certificate of Recognition and Honor from the Anchorage Assembly member, John Weddleton
Photo by Amanda K. Moser, MMC; Deputy Clerk-Elections



Julie Riley, surrounded by many friends and fellow master gardeners
Photo by Amanda K. Moser, MMC; Deputy Clerk-Elections

Harry Deuber

MEETINGS and EVENTS



After gardening in Anchorage for many years, it was an honor for me to finally have an opportunity to become a part of the Master Gardener family in 2011. The Cooperative Extension Service Master Gardener program provided me with a high quality educational experience, taught by top notch and dedicated local faculty. The program also introduced me to the many gardening related volunteer

opportunities available in Anchorage and the chance to meet so many in our local gardening community. Due to the major changes occurring at the C.E.S. this next period in our history promises to be challenging in many ways. I believe that we can adapt to the changing circumstances and find ways to keep the AMGA as strong and relevant as it is today. It has been a privilege to serve a term on the board of directors and serving as the president of our organization for this current year. I would welcome the opportunity to serve a second term in any capacity.

Marilyn Barker



Marilyn completed her doctorate in Botany with a minor in Plant Pathology from Washington State University, Pullman. She has a B.A. in botany from Miami University of Ohio.

She taught biology and botany classes at ACC and UAA. She served as chair of the Biological Sciences Department for 2 ½ years. She is known for her classes on the local spring flora. Marilyn was a founding member of the Alaska Native Plant Society and continues to lead members on field trips throughout Alaska. She is an active member of the Alaska Botanical Garden, Master Gardeners, and the Wildflower Garden Club; she maintains professional affiliation with the Arctic Institute of North America. Dr. Barker has been involved with numerous vegetation studies and floristic plant surveys, including Prince William Sound's shoreline, Bering Land Bridge National Monument, Prudhoe Bay, and the Bering Glacier Region. She has served on the board of the Anchorage Weavers and Spinners Guild, and plays flute in the Anchorage Community Concert Band.

Tuesday, November 1

Valley Garden Club Monthly Meeting: Squash: Varieties, Seeds, Growing and Preserving by Julia Casio, Mat-Su CES. 10:30 am at the First Baptist Church, Leatherleaf and Bogard Road, Wasilla.

Thursday, November 3

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

Friday, November 4

Herb Study Group: Preserving Herbs. 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm at Anchorage Cooperative Extension Service, Chugachmiut Building, 1840 Bragaw Street.

Monday, November 7

**Ak Native Plant Society Monthly Meeting: Fungal Insulation by Philippe Amstislavaskai. Mini-Botany: TBD by Anjanette Steers; Plant Family: Arctostaphylos by Mike Monterusso. 7:00 pm at Campbell Science Center, Anchorage. Details at: <http://aknps.org/Pages/Meetings.php>.

**Mat-Su Master Gardener's Monthly Meeting: Amy Pettit, Executive Director, Alaska Farmland Trust. 7:00 pm at MTA Building, Palmer. Details at: <http://www.matsumastergardeners.com/calendar-of-events.html>.

**Meadow Lake Bloomers Garden Club Monthly Meeting: Les Brake: 2016 Wild South Africa. 10:30 am at Meadow Lakes Senior Center, 1210 N Kim Drive, Wasilla.

Thursday, November 10

Wildflower Garden Club Monthly Meeting: Gardening Smarter, Rather Than Harder by Annie Nevaldine. 10:00 am - 11:30 am at Central Lutheran Church, 1420 Cordova St, Anchorage. Details at: <http://www.alaskagardenclubs.org/anchorageclub.htm>.

Tuesday - Wednesday, November 15-16

Anchorage Garden Club 56th Annual Holiday Flower Show: Holiday in the National Parks. Show Hours: Tuesday 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Wednesday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at Wells Fargo Bank, C Street and Northern Lights Blvd. Details at: <http://www.alaskagardenclubs.org/Anchorage%20Garden%20Club/HolidayBooklet.pdf>.

Tuesday, November 15

Anchorage Garden Club Holiday Tea, 1:00 pm - 3:00pm, Wells Fargo Bank, 301 West Northern Lights Blvd. Details at: <http://www.alaskagardenclubs.org/Anchorage%20Garden%20Club/HolidayBooklet.pdf>.

Saturday, November 19

Alaska Rock Garden Society Monthly Meeting: Rock Gardens Across the USA by Debbie Hinchey, Horticulturist. 2:00 pm LOCATION TBA, Anchorage.

Monday, November 21

AMGA Monthly Meeting: Apple Pressing and Cider Making by Ira Edwards. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Anchorage Cooperative Extension Service Chugachmiut Building 1840 Bragaw Street. Details at: <http://www.uaf.edu/ces/districts/anchorage/calendar/>.

Tuesday, November 22

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/>.



One of Julie Riley's volunteer jobs: judging herbs at the Alaska State Fair. Photo by Kathy Liska



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

Meetings are held at the [NEW LOCATION]
Anchorage Cooperative Extension Office
Chugachmiut Building,
1840 Bragaw St.

Monthly educational programs are free and open to the public. Visitors and guests are welcomed and encouraged.

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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.

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