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Message From Harry

As of this writing, we are having a 2-day spell of warm sunny weather. That really shouldn't be something to write home about but somehow that seems newsworthy. Many of us are complaining about the cool and rainy spring weather this year and I plead guilty to that but others are saying that this is typical weather and that we've just been spoiled by our recent sunny summers.

Some days it has been difficult to find the enthusiasm and energy to keep up with routine garden tasks. Most of my plants seem to be doing ok, although some of the heat lovers are not looking especially thrilled. This year there were extra tomato plants that wouldn't fit into the greenhouse so I thought that after last year's warm summer I would put some in the ground outside to see how they would fare. Although they do have lots of blossom's, the plants are about half the size as the ones located inside and they don't look like happy campers at all. It probably won't be the best year for that particular experiment.

Planning is underway for our popular August plant sale. It's time for folks to start dividing and potting up some of your extra perennial plants. With the closure of the old C.E.S. office on C Street, we have been studying various options for a new sales location that met most of our criteria and that we could count on being available to us in future years. We have been given permission to use the parking lot at the Alaska Botanical Gardens for our sale, to be held on Saturday, August 12th. This is the same day as the ALPAR pot recycling, so bring your pots to recycle too.

Plant sale guidelines can be found on our website for those wishing to sell plants. In addition, garden related art, books, houseplants and such are welcome. Hopefully our day will include some mini-classes and demonstrations as in past years so stay tuned for further details.

Thanks once again to all of our wonderful volunteers who are lending a helping hand at our various AMGA ser-

vice projects such as the Pioneers Home and Heritage Garden at ABG. In addition, so many of you volunteer your time and effort throughout the city. You are hard at work at the Senior Center, food bank gardens, local parks and heavily involved at the Alaska Botanical Gardens. Our community is a better place because of our efforts.

Hopefully many of you will have a chance to attend some of the weekly garden tours this summer. There should be some interesting and inspiring locations on offer and it is always nice to run into and catch up with our friends and fellow gardeners to see what they are doing this summer. Our new AMGA volunteer vests will be available for sale (\$10) at the garden tours and you can have your very own to proudly wear as you represent AMGA to the community.

Wishing you all a great July as you enjoy another wonderful Alaskan summer - rain or shine!



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An Open Letter To Jeff Lowenfels

Dear Jeff:

You da man. Botany, the chemistry of the plant world, dirt-y delights, magic microbes, the correct name of "geraniums," how to pronounce mycorrhizal. Yeah man, you know more than most of us -- way more than me -- about the natural world we all love.

But -- and this is a biggie -- you don't know horse poop about what happens when this predictable, mappable, scientific realm comes up against the messy complicated, often irrational reality of -- wait for it -- HUMAN BEINGS!

This is probably why you took that cheap shot at an unnamed MG in your June 23rd column. Apparently, one of us dared to demur when ordered to kill all mayday trees.

Don't get me wrong. Everything you say about maydays is true. Damned invaders. Dropping their spawn everywhere. Suckering away underground. Making moose sick. They should never have been brought to Alaska.

Of course, they're not the most destructive invader on the Last Frontier, are they? Not the most dangerous introduced species. Let's see, when did you join the invasion? Late '70s? Me too. But I digress.

Although it's probably too late to stop their spread, maydays growing on public land should be torn up. And it would be good if everyone who had a mayday in their yard tore it up too. But if you ignorantly planted a pretty little sapling the year you moved into your very first home and have watched it thrive, have aged with it and grown emotionally attached to its presence in your life, well, you're not going to rip it out based on some doomsday theory of future disaster. People are like that.

Try to take the long view, Jeff. The winds of climate change are blowing alien seed toward an Arctic that will soon welcome them with warmed air and soil. New animals are already arriving. There is little doubt the ecology of the north 100 years from now will be startlingly different, and the likelihood is mayday trees won't be even a footnote.

Should any MG advocating for mayday mercy be "stripped of (their) credentials and banned from the yard?" Come on Jeff. Get a grip. This snarkiness is beneath you.

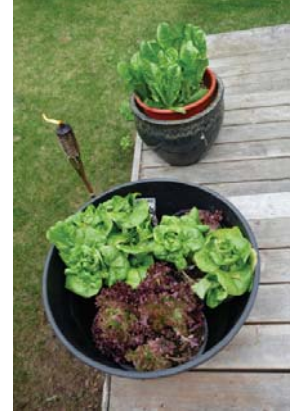
However,, we understand and we do forgive you -- well, most of us do. We realize you're not used to being challenged. After all, the life forms you know best don't talk back.

Love,
Sheila

Garden Tour Photos

June 12th

Photos by Fran Durner



Garden Tour Photos continued on page 9...



Treasurer's Report

Balances 4/30/17	
Checking account	6220.65
<u>Savings account</u>	<u>11726.99</u>
	\$17947.64
Dedicated Funds	8555.97
<u>Interest Bearing CD</u>	<u>10029.79</u>
	\$18585.76
Revenue:	
Interest	1.49
<u>Membership</u>	<u>40.00</u>
	\$41.49
Expense:	
Operations	315.40
<u>Pioneer Home</u>	<u>423.10</u>
	\$738.50
Balances 4/30/17	
Checking account	5522.15
<u>Savings account</u>	<u>11728.48</u>
	\$17250.63
Dedicated Funds	8555.97
<u>Interest Bearing CD</u>	<u>10029.79</u>
	\$18585.76

Importing the World into Your Garden

By Cheryl Chapman

With enough conditioning and gear, you, too, could trek to the high Alps to experience the dainty white flowers and bewitching fragrance of *Primula munroi*, or alternately, you could get up close and personal with it in Robbie Frankevich's Girdwood gardens, or you could, like Robbie, cross your fingers and order the seeds from abroad to grow at home.

Master Gardener Robbie's greenhouse and raised beds amount to a small United Nations of plants from other countries in harmonies he freely shared during the MG's first summer tour this year. He's looking to expand what's available here by importing seeds, particularly primroses, for his niche commercial nursery and seeing how they do, something that's "all trial and error and a lot of work that takes several winters," he says.

Robbie belongs to the worldwide *Primula Lovers Group* and keeps an eye on what primrose fans are growing all over the globe: "I look at Moscow, for instance, and if a primula is happy there, it may be happy here. I try to find it."

Those who want to import seeds like Robbie will need a free Small Lots of Seed permit from the USDA, he says. The American Rock Garden Society has a link to the site. Go to the pulldown menu under "Seedex" and click on "Small Lots of Seeds Permit Information" for the procedure and forms; you can apply online or mail the completed paperwork. When you receive your permit, you also will receive green and yellow mailing labels for use by your seed exporter. The permit is good for three years but those who choose the ePermits option must log in every three to six months to maintain their authentication.

The next item in the menu, "Restricted Seed," names species that will be stopped at the border. The "APHIS Plants for Planting Manual" that can be downloaded at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/manuals/ports/downloads/plants_for_planting.pdf explains why, reasons that can range from disease and insects to invasiveness or lethality.

Robbie has had good luck with the firms Barnhaven Primroses (France: <https://www.barnhaven>) and Jelitto Perennial Seed (Germany: <https://www.jelitto.com>), though there are many reputable companies. Some, especially the Canadians, have outlets in the United States, and for these, no permit is required.

Be warned: individuals who want just one packet of seed may find it very, very expensive, so it may be more economical to club up.

As with most plants in Alaska, "perennial" here does not mean forever but usually between one to five years, says

Robbie, who calls them "temporennials."

At first he sold or gave away his best plants but he now keeps them for their seeds, with an eye to hardiness. "We have more reliable snow cover in Girdwood so what works for me may not work in Anchorage," he says.

Among Robbie's recent favorites are the creamy yellow "New Moon" trollius (*Trollius x cultorum* "New Moon") from Jelitto, the stunning clusters of Barnhaven's "Gold Lace" primrose (*Primula polyanthus* Gold Lace) and the "Lord Alfred" *Primula veris* - crimson and orange, a sweet-scented flower-in-a-flower or "hose-in-hose" variety. They clump and spread, Robbie says.

By next year, he hopes to have enough "Lord Alfreds" for other gardeners.

Check out Robbie's Facebook page, "Glacier City Gardener," for photos and more information.



P. veris 'Lord Alfred'
Photo by Robbie Frankevich



P. polyanthus 'Gold Lace'
Photo by Robbie Frankevich



Primula veris - Hose in Hose
Photo by Robbie Frankevich



Trollius "New Moon"
Photo by Robbie Frankevich

Growing Young Gardeners: Using the Garden Greens By Amy Reed

We came home from vacation this week to our greenhouse bursting with greens. The kale, spinach, lettuce, bok choy, and Swiss chard were waiting to be picked! In fact, the bok choy was already starting to bolt. I apparently had forgotten to put the vent fans on in the greenhouse before we left!

The best part about harvesting is flexing my unused cooking muscles. I found a recipe to use the bok choy on www.simplyrecipes.com. Not only did my entire family enjoy it, but my daughter asked for seconds. My husband was even eager to have it heated up for lunch the following day.

Skillet Chicken with Baby Bok Choy

www.simplyrecipes.com/recipes/skillet_chicken_with_baby_bok_choy/

Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 20 minutes Yield: 4 servings

1 cup chicken broth
1 1/2 tablespoons soy sauce (or tamari, if gluten-free)
1 tablespoon corn starch
1 pound chicken breast cutlets or fillets
2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
1 pound (6 to 8 small heads) baby bok choy, halved lengthwise
2 cloves garlic, chopped
1 teaspoon sesame seeds (optional)

1 Prepare the sauce and the chicken fillets: In a small bowl, whisk together the chicken broth, soy sauce, and cornstarch. Season the chicken fillets lightly on both sides with salt and pepper.

2 Sear the bok choy: Heat one tablespoon of the olive oil in a large skillet over high heat. When the oil begins to shimmer and you see a wisp of smoke rise from the skillet, add the bok choy to the skillet in a single layer, sliced side down. Sear the bok choy until it has some color on the bottom, about 2 minutes, then turn over and sear on the other side for another 2 minutes. Transfer the cooked bok choy to a serving plate.

3 Sear the chicken: Add the remaining tablespoon of olive oil to the pan. Add the chicken fillets to the pan. Sear the fillets for 4 minutes a side, until just cooked through and well browned. Transfer the cooked fillets to the serving plate on top of the bok choy.

4 Make the sauce: Add the garlic to the skillet and stir just until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Pour the broth/soy sauce mixture into the skillet and simmer the sauce until thickened.

5 To serve: Pour the sauce over chicken and bok choy. Sprinkle with sesame seeds, if desired. Serve with steamed rice.

With the bok choy now harvested and in the freezer, I'm really excited to try this recipe again when our garlic is ready to pick from the garden. Part of the excitement of cooking meals is using ingredients from your own harvest.

Horsetail - the Gardener's Bane

Source: Wikipedia

You just can't win trying to rid your garden of horsetail. It takes constant vigilance to keep it under control. If you are unlucky enough to have your garden in the middle of a horsetail forest, might as well get used to dealing with it.



Equisetum (horsetail, snake grass, puzzlegrass) is the only living genus in Equisetaceae, a family of vascular plants that reproduce by spores rather than seeds.

Equisetum is a "living fossil" as it is the only living genus of the entire class Equisetopsida, which for over one hundred million years was much more diverse and dominated the understory of late Paleozoic forests. Some Equisetopsida were large trees reaching to 30 meters tall. We can be thankful that we're not dealing with those monsters!

Fun fact: The pattern of spacing of nodes in horsetails, wherein those toward the apex of the shoot are increasingly close together, inspired John Napier to invent logarithms. At least they were good for something.



Other names include candock for branching individuals, and snake grass or scouring-rush for unbranched or sparsely branched individuals. The latter name refers to the rush-like appearance of the plants, and to the fact that the stems are coated with abrasive silicates, making them useful for scouring (cleaning) metal items such as cooking pots or drinking mugs, particularly those made of tin. In German, the corresponding name is Zinnkraut ("tin-herb"). Rough horsetail *E. hyemale* is still boiled and then dried in Japan, to be used for the final polishing process on wood-craft to produce a smoother finish than any sandpaper. In Spanish-speaking countries, these plants are known as "cola de caballo," meaning "horsetail".

Two *Equisetum* plants are sold commercially under the names *Equisetum japonicum* (barred horsetail) and *Equisetum camtschaticense* (Kamchatka horsetail). These are both types of *E. hyemale* var. *hyemale*, although they may also be listed as varieties of *E. hyemale*.

There are various methods for getting rid of them: cutting, pulling, digging, lime, increased drainage, etc. Nothing will rid them completely. We do our best, but they were here first & intend on staying around until long after we are gone.

Rock Gardening: Reimagining a Classic Style

Joseph Tychonievich
Timber Press, Portland, Ore.
\$23.76 @ Amazon

Review by Sheila Toomey

We live in a world where everything changes, even something as stolid and immutable as the rules governing rock gardening.

Traditionalists love rules, says Joseph Tychonievich in his introduction, distancing himself from the past and extolling the joys of an evolving aesthetic. Cacti and agaves are showing up next to alpenines, and not just in rock crevices; no, according to Joe, revolutionaries are rock gardening with sand and gravel, in man-made troughs and even on N.Y. rooftops. OMG!

Alaskans aren't exactly blown away by this news of rock gardening diversity. We've never been traditionalists. We have a lot of rocks and we put anything in their crevices that strikes our fancy. If traditionalist don't like it, they can lump it.

Tychonievich says rock gardens are popular -- not just with us -- because they're less work: small and tolerant of neglect; spare, with dramatic flowers. One can rock garden (yes, it's a verb) in places with wild weather swings, with drought or cold nights.

This exciting break with tradition started in the U.S. west, he says, He locates rock garden heaven in Denver, Colo.

Despite the gushy panegyrics (you get to use big words in book reviews), this is a good book, useful to both beginning rock gardeners and those with some experience. It hits all the need-to-know subjects: style, design, construction, climate, soil, rocks vs. other stuff and propagation.

And then there are the plants -- 100 pages of them, in alphabetical order, from cacti and campanula to sempervivums and tulips, all displayed in luxurious photographs.

To illustrate his lessons, Tychonievich takes us on a tour of rock gardens across the U.S. and Great Britain -- Scotland, England, Oregon, Colorado, North Carolina and even Manhattan. One gardener turned an old hog pen at the foot of a stony brush-and-trash-covered hill into a fabulous garden complete with pond, stream and islands named after grandchildren. (One senses an unspoken OCD diagnosis hovering somewhere).

But don't be discouraged by these excesses of perfection. The bottom line is, anyone can rock garden. You don't have to do something big or impressive. It's a great solution for that rocky spot in your yard or a

no-fuss way to deal with the edge of the driveway (My lewisia loves the driveway) -- or even better, a way to let the edge of the driveway take care of itself while you weed the annuals and thin the carrots.

As Tychonievich puts it: Rock gardens "are the perfect option for people who lack the time or energy to maintain a large traditional perennial border -- you can pack so much interest into a small space and easily raise things up to your level rather than always having to bend down to the plants."

Alaska Native Plant Society Lecture

"The World in Your Garden: A Rock Gardener And Plant Collector Explores Diversity And Evolution"

Dr. Anton Reznicek,
Assistant Director;
Curator (Vascular Plants);
Research Scientist,
LSA Herbarium,
University of Michigan

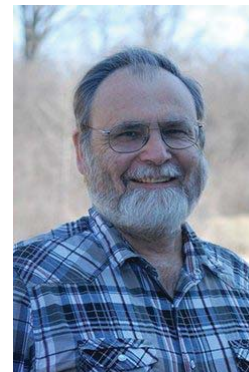


Photo credit: University of Michigan website:
<https://lsa.umich.edu/herbarium/people/staff/reznicek.html>

Thursday, July 13, 7 PM
at the Campbell Creek
Science Center

From Marilyn Barker:

The lecture will be preceded by a botany walk (6 PM) led by Anjeanette Steer, at the end of which BLM will dedicate a piece of garden art to Verna Pratt. Everyone is welcome to go on the walk and the dedication will be around 6:30.

Tony is an awesome teacher and scientist. He is on the faculty of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He is in Alaska for the week as the guest of the Alaska Native Plant Society and is presenting 2 3-day workshops on sedge identification. If you know anything about sedges, they are a difficult group; in Alaska we have about 130 species. Tony authored the section on sedges for the 30 volume Flora of North America Project. He is a good speaker and I'm sure his talk will be of interest to everyone, from a back yard gardener to a professional botanist.

I hope you will be there!

FUN FACT: *Sedges have edges, and rushes are round, But grasses have nodes from their tips to the ground. The "edges" are there because of the way the leaves meet each other along their edges, while the "round" rushes usually have one leaf sheathing the stem.*



Bird Chatter

CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP . . . The 20 or so MGs who made the trip to Robbie Frankevitch's Girdwood place on our first Monday night tour of the season found an astonishing variety of Primulas, some of which Robbie said he imports from France.

On her return from a recent trip to France, Board member Cheryl Chapman was singled out for special (unexplained) treatment by the U.S. Customs people, including feeling along the hems of her clothing to make sure she wasn't smuggling in any French seeds. (She swears that's what they said).

OH OH . . . The local Rock Garden Society held a recruiting event last month at the ABG. It included a great presentation of the history and details of the ABG rock garden and an opportunity to join the group. What prompted the recruitment drive? BC is just guessing, but someone mentioned that Verna Pratt had for years kept the garden weeded, much of the time on her own.

BC signed up after someone said the edge of the driveway counts as a rock.

WHO'S COUNTING . . . Speaking of the Late. Great Verna, did you check out her estate sale? A Colorado estate sale company opened up the whole house and **OMG!** Stuff everywhere. Verna beaded, so there was a room full of beading stuff; she took photographs so there was a photography room; someone made frames, so a framing room. Dishes and candles and pictures on the wall. Dish towels and glassware and that's before you got to the garden stuff.

BC swore on the spot to go home and start getting rid of stuff.

And yes, BC bought a few things -- a straw trivet, a box of note cards a peeled tree limb -- you know, stuff a person really needs.

REMINDER . . . There's no Monday night summer garden tour on July 3rd. Your organizers bow to the power of a four-day holiday weekend. Visits to local dirt diggers will resume the following week.

BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH. . . The produce section at the Abbott Rd. Carrs has dandelion leaves for sale alongside the collard greens. Shipped in from California.

But hey, they're organic

Newsletter Articles

Gardening related newsletter articles are always welcome and appreciated by all. Please consider writing one for your newsletter.

The following was found in the Matsu MG's newsletter - important details when writing something up for the newsletter.

"DITTO" this information for the AMGA:
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How and What to Submit for the Monthly Newsletter

Your submissions are greatly appreciated and make our newsletter what it is - so don't be shy about submitting items for publication.

However, there are a few rules which we all must pay attention to:

Articles, stories, poetry, upcoming events, and pictures (garden-related) are gladly accepted for inclusion in the newsletter. Please submit pictures in JPEG format and other items in Word format with no special formatting other than paragraphs. When submitting pictures, please provide a brief caption or explanation as to who or what is in the picture. I do not have a scanner to copy pictures so I cannot accept hard copies.

If you are not the author or photographer, please ensure you have permission of the author or photographer to use their material in the newsletter. The newsletter publisher is not responsible for obtaining this for you.

Please do not provide magazine articles or pictures from the internet unless they are public domain items.

Deadline for submission of articles and info: 20th day of each month -- Thank you--

Warm weather invites us to go outside and feel at peace. As the wind sweeps past each branch and flower bud, every bit of nature is filled with the comfort of today.

Author Unknown

Hard work doesn't harm anyone, but I do not want to take any chances.

Author Unknown

If you need five tools to solve a problem in the garden, four of them will be easy to find.

Mike Garofalo, Pulling Onions:
The Maxims of Gardening

Garden Event Calendar

MEETINGS and EVENTS

Wednesday, July 5

Weeding and Cleaning the Rock Garden at Alaska Botanical Garden. 10:00 am - 11:00 pm at 4601 Campbell Airstrip Rd, Anchorage. Details at: <http://www.akrockgardensociety.org/calendar.html>.

Thursday, July 6

Anchorage Garden Club Monthly Meeting: Annual Picnic. 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Pioneer Schoolhouse, 437 E 3rd Avenue, Anchorage. Details at: <http://www.alaskagardenclubs.org/anchorageclub.htm>.

Tuesdays and Fridays, July 7 - July 28

Herb Study Group: Join the Herb Study Group during summer in the Herb Garden at Alaska Botanical Garden. Learn to care for the many different species of herbs. Bring tools, kneeling pads and a bucket for weeds. 1:00 pm at Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road, Anchorage.

Saturday July 8

Mid Summer Garden and Art Faire: Celebrate Summer: Gardening, Gourmet Food, Art, and Music. 10:00 am - 6:00 pm in Downtown Palmer. Details at: <http://palmergardenandart.org/>.

Wednesdays, July 12 and 26

Campbell Creek Science Center Work Party to Weed the Wildflower Beds. 10:00 am - 12:00 pm July 12 and 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm July 26 at the East Entrance of the of the Science Center, 5600 Science Center Drive, Anchorage.

Thursday, July 13

BLM Recognition of Verna Pratt. Short Botany Hike led by Anjanette Steer, followed by BLM recognition of Verna Pratt and a Dedication of Garden Art. 6:00 pm at Campbell Creek Science Center, 5600 Science Center Drive, Anchorage. [See details on page 5]

Saturday, July 15

Alaska Rock Garden Society: Annual Plant Viewing and Seed Collecting Trip. This is a Camping Trip at Eagle Summit on the Steese Highway. Details at: <http://www.akrockgardensociety.org/calendar.html>.

Tuesday, July 18

**Tragopogon Pull Led by James Sowerwine. 6:30 pm at Potter Marsh Section House Parking Area. Adults only. Bring garden gloves and dandelion digger. Contact James Sowerwine at 334-2542 or james.sowerwine@gmail.com in advance as outings may be rescheduled around weather.

** Weeding and Cleaning the Rock Garden at Alaska Botanical Garden. 10:00 am - 11:00 am at 4601 Campbell Airstrip Rd, Anchorage. Details at: <http://www.akrockgardensociety.org/calendar.html>.

Saturday and Sunday, July 22 and 23

Willow Garden Club Annual Tours: Saturday: All Gardens including Les Brake's Coyote Garden. 10:00 am - 2:30 pm with Lunch from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Bring a Brown Bag and Something Comfortable to Sit On. Sunday: Les Brake's Coyote Garden. 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Meet at Mile 69.8 Parks Highway. Donations Will Support the Georgeson Botanical Garden in Fairbanks and the Willow Garden Club. Details at: <http://willowgardenclub.blogspot.com/>.

Sunday, July 30

Anchorage Garden Club: Annual City Garden Tour. 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm. No Pets, Strollers or High Heels. Details at: <http://www.alaskagardenclubs.org/>.

LECTURES

Thursday, July 13

Lecture: The World in Your Garden: A Rock Gardener and Plant Collector Explores Diversity and Evolution by Dr. Anton (Tony) Reznicek, International Expert on the genus *Carex*, Research Scientist and Curator of Vascular Plants at the University of Michigan. 7:00 pm at Campbell Creek Science Center, 5600 Science Center Drive, Anchorage. [See article on page 5]

CLASSES

Friday, July 28

Backyard Composter Certification Class by Ellen Vande Visse, Green Earth Garden School, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Mat-Su Borough Central Landfill Complex, Palmer. Pre-registration required. Details at Compost@matsugov.us.

CONVENTIONS

Saturday and Sunday, July 29 and 30

Alaska Garden Club Convention: Hosted by Alaska Wildflower Garden Club. Les Brake is the Featured Speaker. Details at: <http://www.alaskagardenclubs.org/>
SAVE THE DATE

Saturday and Sunday, August 5 and 6

Anchorage Garden Club 73rd Annual Flower Show. 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm at Central Lutheran Church, 1420 Cordova Street, Anchorage. Details at: <http://www.alaskagardenclubs.org/anchorageclub.htm>

Saturday, August 12

Alaska Master Gardener's Plant Sale: Plant Now for Spring Bloom: Perennials, Berries, Trees and Shrubs. Details TBA.

Volunteers Needed!



****Heritage Garden at the ABG - Meet on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 to noon; contact Harry Deuber: denali542@yahoo.com**

[NEW]**Master Gardener wanted to help teach kids about gardening: *We are trying to create a garden around our school that students create, tend and learn about gardening. A teacher, who passed away in January, started a small garden 2 years ago. We would like to continue the project but I am not the best gardener. I was wondering if there was a way your program might be able to help us out a bit.*

We have a lasagna garden with potatoes and a few other vegetables. Not sure we did things correctly or if all will grow but we tried.

Contact: Jackie Lannon
Email *: lannon_jackie@asdk12.org



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

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

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

The Alaska Master Gardeners Anchorage welcomes letters, opinions, articles, ideas and inquiries. Contact the editor, Gina Docherty, at:

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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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Photos from June Garden Tours

June 12th continued...

Photos by Pat Anderson



June 19th
Photos by Mike Baldwin



June 26th
Photos by Mike Baldwin

