



AMGA NEWSLETTER

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Message From Harry

I'm sitting at my desk and watching the first bit of snow to arrive in my neck of the woods. It probably won't stick around for long due to the expected rain in the forecast, but I'm patting myself on the back for getting the leaf blower out yesterday to clear the driveway and sidewalks and corralling my leaves. And despite my defiant prognostication, I finally dug up the last of my dahlia tubers and have managed to put away the mower and garden tools for the season, exchanging them for the snow thrower and snow shovels. I've kind of grown to like these change of season rituals and somehow even look forward to those tire changeovers.

Although the outdoor gardening season is over there is a lot going on with AMGA at this time of year. We will be having our board elections at the November meeting and our Board and committee members are in the process of planning ahead for 2018. Our education programs are being arranged for our monthly meetings and the 2018 budget will be established soon. Committee leads are preparing their year-end reports and it's almost time to start gathering info for the 2018 membership directory.

We have a new committee set up; we are calling it the "Reach Out-RAH-RAH Committee" (I did NOT name it!) with one of the goals being to increase our membership numbers which have fallen in the past couple of years mostly because of the loss of two classes of new Master Gardeners. We will be reaching out to current and past members to renew their memberships.

We also want to get the word out that you do not have to be a Master Gardener to be a member of AMGA. We welcome everyone who wishes to join our fellowship of gardeners to attend our meetings, garden tours and events. Perhaps you have a neighbor, co-worker or friends who would enjoy becoming members.

Other goals and ideas being discussed with this committee include reaching out to the community at various

public events, sometimes in conjunction with the C.E.S. Outreach Center, creating a Facebook Page and conducting a poll to get a better sense of what our membership is thinking.

I hope everyone gets a chance to rest and regroup after the busy garden season. Thanks again to you all, each and every one of you are valued members of AMGA.



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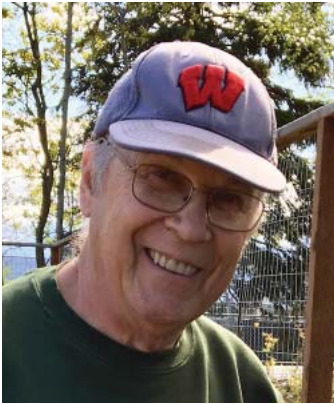
AMGA 2018 Board Election

Notice: The election will be conducted by voice vote at the November 20, 2017 monthly meeting.

After approximately six weeks of soliciting nominees for AMGA's four Board of Directors' vacant positions for 2018, AMGA has a slate of four nominees for the vacant positions. In the interest of time and efficiency, rather than conduct the election by electronic balloting, the election will be conducted by voice vote of AMGA voting members present at the November 20th monthly meeting (as allowed by AMGA's Bylaws).

Members without access to the internet or email will receive notice of the election by USPS mail.

Nominees For 2018 Board Of Directors



Don Bladow

Arriving in Anchorage in 1970 courtesy of the US Air Force, I left the service in 1977 to finish my education, earning a BS in Mathematics from UAA in 1979. After holding positions in computer programming and education, I retired from the Anchorage School District in 2014 and completed the Alaska Master Gardener course.

While completing the MG course, I was involved in clearing a half acre of land behind my church to create a vegetable garden to help various non-profit groups in town who support food security in Anchorage. The garden has grown to 9,000 square feet and has produced well over two tons of fresh produce for the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry, the Gospel Rescue Mission, the Downtown Soup Kitchen, and Bean's Cafe. Having served on boards of several non-profits in Anchorage, I would be honored to serve the community on the AMGA's Board.



Kathy Liska

I have served for the past two years on AMGA's Board of Directors and have been involved in navigating the recent changes for AMGA as a result of CES' major downsizing in the level of support provided to Anchorage's urban horticulture and other CES programs. My background includes a long

time personal interest in home gardening, fruit growing, more than twenty years' involvement in the Alaska State Fair Crops Department with the past 14 years as Superintendent of Crops, and active involvement and networking in the local and valley gardening community. As a Master Gardener since 2013, I hope to continue serving on AMGA's Board and interacting with others in the gardening community.



Fran Pekar

My Anchorage gardening experience began in 1978 with a primary focus on organic vegetable gardening. Like other Alaska gardeners, I quickly learned the benefits of a fence to separate veggies from the moose who enjoy them! After retiring from teaching Biology at UAA, I completed the Master Gardener class and jumped

into some local gardening community volunteer activities. I have served the past two years on AMGA's Board, most recently as the broadcast email coordinator and on the Advanced Master Gardener committee. I would welcome the opportunity to continue to contribute to sustaining AMGA as a strong and valuable community resource for providing continuing horticultural educational opportunities for Master Gardeners and the local gardening community.



Marjorie Williams

With a long time interest in gardening, I have a background growing food and ornamental perennials in my gardens and greenhouse. My year around indoor gardening continues to focus on growing, propagating and experimenting with hybridizing African violets.

Volunteer activities have included various AMGA activities and active participation in the Herb Study Group and herb garden volunteer at ABG. Becoming a Master Gardener in 2012, I have served on the AMGA Board for the past two years. I am interested in continuing to support the Anchorage area master gardeners and the gardening community as a part of AMGA's Board.

Our thanks and gratitude go out to Sheila Toomey for all her hard work and dedication as a board member for the past few years.

Volunteer Opportunity



Interested in volunteering at a school garden near you? There are more than 30 school gardens in Anchorage, and many teachers could use an experienced Master Gardener to provide garden advice, volunteer with the students, or help with summertime maintenance. Please contact Catherine Kemp at 907-312-9127 or KempCJ@muni.org to get connected with a school near you!

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Treasurer's Report

Balances 8/31/17	
Checking account	6363.21
Savings account	11732.91
	<u>\$18096.12</u>
Dedicated Funds	8582.15
Interest Bearing CD	10061.05
	<u>\$18643.20</u>
Revenue:	
Education/Fundraising/Plant Sale	10.50
Interest	59.71
	<u>\$70.21</u>
Expense:	
Education/Fundraising/Plant sale	216.00
Operations	49.99
Website	125.00
	<u>\$390.99</u>
Balances 9/30/2017	
Checking account	5982.72
Savings account	11734.36
	<u>\$17717.08</u>
Dedicated Funds	8608.71
Interest Bearing CD	10092.75
	<u>\$18701.46</u>

AMGA Gift Memberships

Consider gifting a \$20 one-year AMGA membership to someone you know.

You do not have to be a Master Gardener to be a member of AMGA and to benefit from AMGA's monthly educational gardening programs, summer garden tours, annual plant sale, volunteer projects, monthly newsletter and a calendar of local gardening related events. Neither must you be an AMGA member to gift an AMGA membership to someone you know!

AMGA membership is a great way to meet and interact with like-minded people in our local gardening community who support good gardening practices and a shared desire to protect our earth.

A gift membership form should be up on AMGA's website in the very near future. In the meantime, contact Jane Baldwin 562-5451 or Cindy Walker 338-1418 to request a gift membership form to complete and return with your payment. A gift recipient certificate will be mailed to the recipient (or directly to you to present).

Although available year-round, an AMGA gift membership would make a great Christmas gift.

About that Rhubarb in the freezer. . . Rhubarb-Strawberry-Jalapeno Spread From Jane Baldwin

Tweaked from a combination of these 2 recipes:
<http://sweetdomesticity.blogspot.com/2012/06/strawberry-rhubarb-jalapeno-spread.html>
<http://canarella.blogspot.com/2011/06/strawberry-rhubarb-jalapeno-spread.html>

Ingredients:

2 generous cups diced rhubarb (1/2 to 1" diced)
1-1/2 to 2 cups strawberries*
1/2 cup sugar (more or less to taste)
2-3 TBS good fruity balsamic vinegar (or: original recipe called for juice of one lemon)
1 - 2 jalapenos-seeded & finely diced (more to taste depending on your audience)

Combine rhubarb, strawberries, jalapenos with sugar; let sit covered about 30 minutes. Cook the mixture on medium-low heat stirring occasionally. After about 30 minutes add balsamic vinegar (or lemon juice) slowly to taste and continue to cook. Maintain a slow steady boil for about another 30 minutes, stirring more frequently, until mixture gels or thickens sufficiently. Allow to cool completely before storing in refrigerator or freezer. To can it: once it is gelled, pour into jars and water bath your jars for 15 minutes.

Good served over a block of cream cheese, a dab on top of a cream cheese topped cracker, on toast, sauce on a slice of pound cake, and even as a topper for vanilla ice cream.

Chokecherries Of Anchorage, And Which Are Considered Invasive

Gino Graziano Invasive Plants Instructor,
UAF CES



European bird cherry is highly visible when in flower, upstream of Valley of the Moon Park on the Chester Creek Trail.
Photo provided by Gino Graziano

There has been a lot of buzz in Anchorage about the European bird cherry, *Prunus padus*, as an invasive species. Just this last summer the Anchorage Assembly passed an ordinance that bans the sale of bird cherry within the municipality. The ordinance is in response to a growing concern about the spread of bird cherry in the forests of Anchorage and other parts of Alaska, and potential impact to resources such as moose. The concern comes from the fact that trees in the *Prunus* genus contain cyanide in the buds and seeds of the plant. The cyanide toxicity of *Prunus* was implicated by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in the deaths of three moose calves in 2011. While deaths of moose from cyanide should be uncommon the cyanide is a good deterrent to herbivory, and is likely one of the factors in the apparent dominance of some forests in Anchorage by bird cherry.

As many Master Gardeners likely know, we have at least three different species of chokecherry that are commonly planted, all are potentially toxic to moose, and you may have observed more than one of them spreading in the Anchorage area. The European bird cherry, *Prunus padus*, is considered the most prevalent invader in the *Prunus* genus. The Canada red chokecherry, *Prunus virginiana*, is documented as spreading in the Anchorage forests because the leaves typically turn purple in the middle of the summer. However, one must note that the species *Prunus virginiana*, does not obligatorily change leaf color to purple, rather the purple leaves are from cultivars *Prunus virginiana* "Schubert" or "Canada red". What we don't know is if the cultivars breed true by seed, and without leaf color to differentiate one must observe hairs on the ovaries of the flowers which makes truly knowing how widespread *P. virginiana* has become

a difficult task. Another chokecherry species that has gained in popularity over the years is the Amur chokecherry, *Prunus maackii*, which is known for its golden brown bark that sometimes peels. Amur chokecherry has rarely spread.

When your gardening friends ask about planting chokecherries, or about the chokecherry in their yard, and they want to avoid having an invasive species, what do you tell them? If you're worried about having an invasive tree planted in your yard avoid *P. padus* and *virginiana*. At this time I don't think there is anything to worry about with *P. maackii*. Note, though, that all are equally toxic to moose, and one of each of the three species were implicated by ADF&G in the deaths of the three moose calves.



Prunus maackii Bark detail. Morton Arboretum acc. 240-93-2

Photo By Bruce Marlin - Own work http://www.cirrusimage.com/tree_amur_cherry.htm, CC BY-SA 2.5, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=2993731>

Bird Cherry Trivia:

[from Wikipedia]

- The fruit of this tree is seldom used in western Europe, but is commonly eaten farther east.
- The black fruits of the tree can be ground down to make flour for culinary purposes.
- It was used medicinally during the Middle Ages.
- The bark of the tree, placed at the door, was supposed to ward off plague.
- It is also sold as an ornamental in North America as a May Day tree.
- A taboo on the use of the wood was reported by natives of Advie, in northeast Scotland, being regarded as a "witches tree".

Colchicum and Fall Blooming Crocus

By Gina Docherty



Photo by Gina Docherty

Many years ago I purchased a colchicum bulb. Every spring it sent up a nice bunch of foliage, & died back with the rest of the spring blooming bulbs. In the fall, a nice purple crocus flower

appeared. As the years passed, other plants grew up around it, and it somehow got lost. I do not recall the cultivar, but it was obviously hardy here and resembles either byzantinum (autumnal major), or Lilac Wonder, which is rated to zones 5-8.

Last spring, I got a wild hair and ordered a lot of bulbs from Brent and Becky's. Among the spring bloomers ordered were some fall blooming crocus and another colchicum. The crocus (*speciosus*) come up, but disappeared once the temperatures dropped & it started snowing. The colchicum didn't appear at all. We'll see if it comes up in the spring.

Brent and Becky's catalog had this to say about fall crocus:

"Family: Iridaceae - Flowering at a time in the fall when there is little else in bloom, these fill an important spot in the garden; many are species and can be variable in color and growth habit, depending on the site; best planted in protected, well-drained, sunny location like a rock or herb garden or blooming through light mulch, chemical free lawn, or ground cover; 10 per sq. ft. zones 5-9 unless otherwise noted."

On Colchicum, they wrote this:

"Family: Liliaceae - Often misnamed 'Autumn Crocus', cup-shaped on naked stem; poisonous to critters that may be tempted to eat them; flowers appear in the fall and foliage, which resembles hosta leaves, appear in the spring; prefers rich, well-drained soil and partial shade to full sun;...can bloom without being planted in soil' 3 per sq. ft; zones 4-8 unless otherwise noted."

From American Meadows:

When it comes to bulbs, the name "crocus" is often used to describe two unrelated plants: colchicum, often called autumn crocus, is a lily relative, while true crocuses belong to the iris family. The true crocuses include the popular spring-blooming varieties that mark winter's end, fall-blooming species, and the saffron crocus used in cooking.

From Wikipedia:

Common Names

The common names "autumn crocus", "meadow saffron" and "naked lady" may be applied to the whole genus or to many of its species; they refer to the "naked" crocus-like flowers which appear in late summer or autumn, long before the strap-like foliage which appears in spring.

Colchicum and crocuses look very similar and can be confused by the casual observer. However, colchicum have 3 styles and 6 stamens, while crocuses have 1 style and 3 stamens. In addition, the corm structures are quite different -- in colchicum, the corm is irregular, while in crocuses, the corm is like a flattened ball.

Medicinal uses and poisonous properties:

The plant contains the alkaloid colchicine which is used pharmaceutically to treat gout and Familial Mediterranean fever. The use of the roots and seeds in traditional medicine is thought to have arisen due to the presence of this drug.

Its leaves, corm and seeds are poisonous. Murderer Catherine Wilson is thought to have used it to poison a number of victims in the 19th century.

My advice for ordering these beauties is to select the 'early blooming' varieties, and of course, try to find bulbs hardy to at least zone 4. When they arrive in the mail, follow the planting instructions, including adding compost to the planting hole, and also compost & bulb fertilizer in the spring after flowering. Don't be disappointed if they don't perform the first year. Sometimes they take a while to adjust.

Who knows, with global warming we may have better luck with these little beauties in the future. It's certainly worth the risk.

And don't forget about spring crocus - they are nature's signal that spring is here and a welcome sight after a long winter.



Whether it's spring or fall, crocus add a lot of color to an otherwise drab landscape during spring or fall. Above, flavus 'Golden Yellow' and an unknown purple variety photo by Gina Docherty



Bird Chatter

Herb Study Group
By Elaine Hammes

A FALL (DOWN) LAUGH. . . Let's start our annual plunge into darkness and depression with a laugh from member Annie Nevaldine:

Annie called a big box store recently (she wouldn't say which one. She's so much nicer than BC). The following conversation ensued:

Annie: "Hello. I'm calling to see if you have any amaryllis bulbs in stock."

Salesperson: "I'll connect you with the lighting department. They'll be able to assist you."

BAD TIMING . . . BC checked her browning-out garden a few weeks ago -- way past the alleged growing season -- and was stunned to find this year's poppies, long dead, had gone through their whole regeneration cycle and sprouted again. There were 5-inch tall plants, obviously confused about what time of year it was. No way they were going to make it through a complete second growing cycle. The killing frost, when it finally arrived, took them all out. So, no poppies next year?

...There's a cure for these particular blues, says member (and BC editor) Gina Docherty. Plant fall-blooming crocuses, aka Meadow Saffron, next year. (Yes, it's time to start thinking about next year's garden). Check Gina's article elsewhere in this newsletter for details

WHERE THEY CARE. . . Member Diane Kaplan visited Houston last month -- the one in Texas. Given the crushing blows being rained down on us by our overseers at UAF, BC asked her to check out the Master Gardener situation there. Turns out Cooperative Extension in Texas is organized by county and run by Texas A&M University -- and the support they give the Houston area Master Gardeners program is breathtaking -- assuming the information on the website is accurate. Check out the Harris County (Houston) site: <http://hcmga.tamu.edu/>

Diane reports it was too hot to garden in Houston -- 90+ degrees.

FREEBIES. . . Many of you might know that former Master Gardener Nancy Harvey died earlier this year. She was in one of the very first Master Gardener classes offered here.

Nancy's husband, Bob, also a gardener, has been giving away her gardening equipment and materials to interested MGs. Tom told BC most of Nancy's stuff is gone, but he still has some pots, row covers, potting soil etc. left. Anyone interested can call him at 223-8116.

And, a big thank you to Bob for his generosity.

A POSITIVE THOUGHT. . . Didn't get your garden put down completely? Still have "stuff" sitting on the deck or porch? Don't worry, It will soon be completely covered with snow and no one will know. In a few weeks, you will have forgotten about it yourself.

October 6, 2016 was the first Herb Study Group (HSG) meeting of Autumn 2017. Even so, due to the mild fall weather, work in the Alaska Botanical Garden's (ABG) Herb Garden was not yet done for this late summer season with some plants still blooming. The main discussion revolved around evaluating this past summer's successes, failures, and ideas for the future ABG Herb Garden. ABG's Will Criner's use of combined ABG compost and organic fertilizer of horse manure worked very well. HSG volunteers are now watering the garden, a full two-hour task as needed that replaces the former use of soaker hoses. This may also have reduced the occurrence of liverwort. Once the nasturtiums got settled in, they really took off and provided bright spots on the newly installed obelisks.

ABG plans to mulch the Sweet Woodruff (*Gallium odoratum*) that grew successfully in place of the previous years' Golden Feverfew that edged the perimeters of the North and South beds. Plans also include mulching the mint beds this year hopefully assisting with survival of more varieties into the next season.

For the future ABG may add kiwi vines at the east end of the garden, opposite the existing kiwi vine plantings. Additional plans for the winter season include determining and preparing identification tags for major plants as well as updating the accession records.

The HSG schedule of topics for the remainder of this season was discussed and determined. Please review the following and volunteer for the topic of your choice for the months as noted below. You don't even need to know anything about the topic—leading it is an enjoyable learning experience and always provides a lively discussion! Those topics (subject to change) are as follows:

November 3: Fines herbes and other herb blends by Gina Docherty

December 1: Seed starting by Cathy Sage; Companion Planting by Elaine Hammes

January 5: Marigolds (genus *Tagetes*) needs a volunteer to lead

February 2: Chervil needs a volunteer to lead

March 2: Sweet woodruff by Michelle Semerad

April 6: Oregano/ Marjoram needs a volunteer to lead

All HSG meetings are planned for the first Friday of the month 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm at Anchorage Cooperative Extension Service, Chugachmiut Building, 1840 Bragaw Street.

Bring your lunch & enjoy the meeting!

Garden Event Calendar

MEETINGS and EVENTS

Thursday, November 2

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

Friday, November 3

Herb Study Group: Information and Discussion of Fine Herbs and Herb Blends by Gina Docherty, Master Gardener. 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm at Anchorage Cooperative Extension Service, Chugachmiut Building, 1840 Bragaw Street.

Monday, November 6

**Alaska Native Plant Society Monthly Meeting: Alpine Vegetation of Snowhawk Valley, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. Plant Family: Rubus by Anjanette Steer. 7:00 pm at Campbell Creek Science Center, 5600 Science Center Drive, Anchorage. Details at: <http://ak-nps.org/Pages/Meetings.php>.

**Mat-Su Master Gardeners Monthly Meeting: Presentation by Dr. Susanna L. Pearlstein, Director, Matanuska Experiment Farm and Extension Center. 7:00 pm at MTA Building, 480 Commercial Drive, Palmer.

Tuesday, November 7

Valley Garden Club Monthly Meeting: Presentation by Curt Mueller, Master Gardener, Followed by a Potluck. 10:30 am at the First Baptist Church, 900 Leatherleaf Loop, Wasilla.

Thursday, November 9

Wildflower Garden Club Monthly Meeting: Cooking with Paul by Paul Mamora, Master Gardener, Followed by a Thanksgiving Potluck. 10:00 am - 11:30 am at Central Lutheran Church, 1420 Cordova St, Anchorage. Details at: <http://www.alaskagardenclubs.org/apps/calendar/showMonth?calID=4314460&year=2017&month=10>.

Tuesday, November 14

**Greater Eagle River Garden Club Monthly Meeting: Presentation by Monica Emerton of Green Connection. 7:00 pm at the Community Covenant Church, 16123 Artillery Road, Eagle River. Details at: <http://www.alaskagardenclubs.org/apps/calendar/showMonth?calID=4314460&year=2017&month=10>.

**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>.

Tuesday - Wednesday, November 14-15

Anchorage Garden Club 57th Annual Holiday Flower Show: Holiday in the National Parks. Show Hours: Tuesday 1:00 pm to 5:00 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/apps/calendar/showMonth?calID=4314460&year=2017&month=10>.

Saturday, November 18

Alaska Rock Garden Society Monthly Meeting: Board Meeting, Followed by a Potluck, A Short Business Meeting and then a Program about Gentians. 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm at MTA Building, 480 Commercial Drive, Palmer. Details at: <http://www.akrockgardensociety.org/calendar.html>.

Monday, November 20

Anchorage AMGA Meeting: PNW Garden Show by Jane Baldwin, Master Gardener. Learn What to Expect When Attending This Garden Show and Others. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Anchorage Cooperative Extension Service, Chugachmiut Building, Room 116, 1840 Bragaw Street. Details at: http://alaskamastergardeners.org/AMGA_Programs_2017-2018.pdf.

Tuesday, November 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

Saturday, November 4

Vermi-Composter by Ellen Vande Visse. Free Training in Red Wigglers and Worm Bin Management. 10:00 am to noon at Mat-Su Borough Central Landfill Complex, Palmer. Preregistration required. Details at: <http://ellenvandevisse.com/classes/?ee=182>.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, November 3, 4 and 5

Alaska Botanical Garden: Teacher Professional Development Workshop. The Workshop Feathers the Newly Developed Project Learning Tree STEM Kits Designed to Enhance the ASD STEM Science Kits. Friday from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm; Saturday from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm; Sunday from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm at Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road, Anchorage. Cost: \$25 Materials and \$75 UAA Credit Fee. Details and Reregistration Information at: <http://alaskabg.org/event/teacher-3-day-professional-development-workshop/>.

Saturday November 11

Meet and Greet for Tom Paxton and the Don Juans. 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm at Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road, Anchorage. Free with Purchase of Tom Paxton and the Don Juans Concert Ticket. Details at: <http://alaskabg.org/event/tom-paxton-and-the-don-juans/>.

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Event Calendar cont...

Tuesday and Thursday, November 28 and 30

Alaska Botanical Garden: Wreath Making with Natural and Recycled Materials. Tuesday 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm; Thursday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm at Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road, Anchorage. Class will be held outside, dress warm. Cost \$40 - \$45. Pre-registration is required. Details at: <http://alaskabg.org/event/wreath-making-with-recycled-and-natural-materials/>.

I have come to regard November as the older, harder man's October. I appreciate the early darkness and cooler temperatures. It puts my mind in a different place than October. It is a month for a quieter, slightly more subdued celebration of summer's death as winter tightens its grip.

Henry Rollins



AMGA's last meeting of 2017 will be the Monday, November 20th. The topic is: *PNW Garden Show* by Jane Baldwin, Master Gardener. Learn What to Expect When Attending This Garden Show and Others.



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.

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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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