

Celebrating 40 years of Master Gardener Classes in Alaska !

President's Message

It will probably never happen but one of these years I'm going to remember that there really are physical limits to the amount of seeds, bulbs and tubers that I have growing space for. Sure, they start out in small seedling pots but before you know it they need to be potted up a time or two. It doesn't take long before there is a serious crunch happening and I have to wonder- what was I thinking? I know a lot of my fellow plant lovers face the same issue every year and yet somehow we manage.

So many plants! So little space! Its just not easy when you want to add new varieties to the usual favorites. Sometimes I wish the local garden supply retailers would lock the doors when they see me arrive. At the very least they should limit the amount of seed packets I am allowed to purchase so I don't go completely overboard.

We had a packed house at our March membership meeting as we were treated to Brenda Adams' presentation of "Cool Plants for Cold Climates."

She shared some stunning photos of plants and gardens for our winter weary selves as well as reminding us to appreciate the beauty of our plants in various seasons and stages of growth. I'm sure Brenda inspired many of us to be on the lookout for many of her plant selections.

One of the highlights on every gardener's calendar is the Sears Mall Spring Garden Show. This year it's to be held on Saturday, April 7th. AMGA and CES will be there along with

most of the local garden clubs. Thanks to the many who have used our new SignUp Genius to volunteer to help during the day.

For the 2nd year we will offer space for members to sell plants at the Sears Mall Spring Garden Show. However, we ask that you limit the amount to just a flat or two. Last year we were overwhelmed by too many plants. Although the sale was a great success, we lost sight of our core mission which is to promote the educational aspects of AMGA/CES and to answer gardening related questions for the public. We plan to put more emphasis on that at this year's event.

If you have plants to sell in the plant sale please contact me, denali542@yahoo.com or Kathy Liska, akliska@aol.com, so we have an idea of how many members are interested. For sale guidelines go to our website, hit the menu bar, go to AMGA then under the drop-down menu see "AMGA Plant Sale Guidelines." We will have a limited amount of the yellow plant tags available on the morning of the sale but you can make your own using a yellow hi-lighter on standard white tags. The yellow tags are used for the seller's initials and sale price, white tags are used to identify the plant.

Hope to see many of you at the Sears Garden Show and at our next monthly meeting on April 16th. Our program will be "The Joys of Being a Beekeeper" presented by Beth Baker.

40th Anniversary Notes

Each district of the Master Gardeners has a unique and distinctive program offering. In Anchorage, gardening clinics were very popular in the first twenty years of the organization. Clinics were held at many commercial greenhouses in Anchorage and Eagle River. At one time, Master Gardeners were conducting more than 80 weekend garden clinics between March and August.

The Commercial greenhouse operators viewed the clinics as outstanding ways to provide answers to their clientele.

More 40th Anniversary notes, see page 2.

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AMGA Board Meeting: March

With icy weather canceling the Feb. 12 Alaska Master Gardeners Anchorage board meeting, the eight members worked through a heavy double agenda at the March 12 gathering at CES offices. Biggest expense for the period was the \$550.69 for the 2018 member directory, Treasurer Cindy Walker reported.

Since CES offices are moving yet again after July 31, Board President Harry Deuber has reserved space for MG meetings in the BP Energy Center through January 2019. CES program assistant DeShana York said office space at UAA or the University Center on Old Seward, are possibilities. The mayor's office has also put out feelers to house CES in return for expanded youth, 4-H and other programs. She also promised CES support for at least some MG 40th Anniversary observances.

The Board agreed to purchase \$20 gift cards from Alaska Mill & Feed as tokens of appreciation for guest speakers. October's general meeting will be the opportunity for members to present photo highlights of their seasonal gardens.

Garden Tour committee chair Marilyn Barker is seeking sites for summer garden visits on the first and third Mondays each month. She announced that in late May and early June, two Canadian experts: Irwin Brodo (lichens) and his wife, Fenga Brodo (crane flies) will be speaking at venues in Anchorage and the Valley.

MG member Jane Baldwin, who maintains the membership database, reported 252 Master Gardeners as of March 12. Harry Deuber assessed MG volunteer participation at Fur Rondy and the Alaska Botanical Garden Conference as successes.

Board member Kathy Liska reported that MG's Facebook page has monthly speaker information as well as information on the group's grant program. A \$100 grant application from Winterberry Charter School teacher and MG member Emily Becker to plant two haskap (honeyberry) bushes in a public space was approved.

After controversy over an unpaid ad in January's MG Newsletter, editor Ginger Hudson agreed to develop guidelines for paid advertising after Cindy Walker revealed that about three-quarters of responders to a recent MG survey supported such ads.

Planning for the statewide Master Gardener Conference on April 6, 2019, at UAA's Lucy Cuddy Center is underway.

MG member Gina Docherty presented slides from the "Discovery Garden" in Roseburg, Oregon. This was an educational garden, a "living classroom" with demonstration areas and educational signage created and maintained by Douglas County Master Gardeners. She recommended a similar area at the ABC, and offered a proposal to the ABC board for approval.

The MG Board approved continuing the annual \$100 dues for Foraker Group leadership classes, and as its final act OK'd a new \$25 Alaska State Fair award for outdoors-grown vegetables to honor the MG's 40th anniversary.

– Cheryl Chapman, MG Board Secretary

Stay Connected

AMGA Facebook Page - Alaska Master Gardeners Anchorage - the latest activities and gardening information. www.facebook.com/Alaska-Master-Gardeners-Anchorage

A **'Suggestion Box'** is available at monthly meetings.

An **"AMGA Gift Membership" form** is available online and at the meetings.

AMGA now has a 'donation' form on the website. It's easy and secure.

Sign up for next year's Master Gardener class on the CES Anchorage website:
<https://www.uaf.edu/ces/districts/anchorage/MG/>

40th Anniversary Notes

Other educational techniques tried during the early years included individual garden visits, classes taught to youth and adults, and projects with school groups.

Horticulture therapy groups were once en vogue, a wonderful offering this editor would like to see revived.

We can see the evolution of some of these projects to this day. In the summer our garden tours provide the individual garden visits. Although they may not be wholly instructional, they are opportunities to learn from fellow gardeners.

The Anchorage Master Gardeners have and continue to give grants to local school and neighborhood groups for educational garden installations.

Once upon a time, before the internet and cell phones, Master Gardeners staffed a land-line phone. A gardener was just a phone call away to answer the questions of inquiring new gardeners.

Master Gardener groups in Alaska slowly took on volunteer community projects. These range from volunteering in local botanical gardens, senior centers, Pioneer Homes, and schools to manning booths at state fairs and garden shows. Not all state Master Gardener programs take on such tasks. This shows Alaskan's are a unique breed of gardeners.

Notes compiled from *Alaska Master Gardener Program, 20 Years in the Last Frontier*, by Wayne G. Vandre.

Herb Study Group: Sweet Woodruff, *Galium odoratum*

By Elaine Hammes

Many thanks to Barbara Baker and Michelle Semerad for leading the discussion of Sweet Woodruff at the Herb Study Group on March 2. Sweet Woodruff edged the 2017 Alaska Botanical Garden (ABG) Herb Garden's north and south beds, and it is hoped will survive from last summer and thrive this coming season.

Sweet Woodruff is a low, often trailing perennial that likes moist and part shady sites, and appears to be hardy to Zone 3. It has a long flowering season from late spring into mid-summer. It prefers a rich organic slightly acid soil but tolerates a wide range of pH from 4.3 to 8.3. The tiny white blooms have a delicate scent of newly mown hay with a hint of vanilla (particularly as they dry) amid medium green whorls of leaves. The plants may be aggressive but do not appear to be invasive, spreading by rhizomes and self-seeding.

While it is native to Europe and Asia, it has been naturalized in parts of the US and Canada. The name comes partly from the Anglo-Saxon wudurofe, from wudu, referring to woods where it grows wild; and the "ruff" comes from the French rovelle or wheel, referring to the arrangement of the leaves around the stem. A literal translation of the German waldmeister would be master of the woods. Sweet Woodruff is considered easy to grow and has been overwintered for a few seasons by several attendees in the local areas. It is expected to be available at several local nurseries this season.

It is also known as Bedstraw or Sweet-scented bedstraw, and by numerous other names. Known for its sleep-inducing properties, during the Middle Ages, it was used as a stuffing for mattresses and pillows. The herb was also hung out to dry, crushed, and sewn into bags to keep clothing fresh. It has been used in sachets, to deter insects, as both a scent and fixative in potpourri, as tobacco flavoring and in face lotions. It has been scattered on floors to freshen areas. Additionally, a red dye can be made from the rhizome.

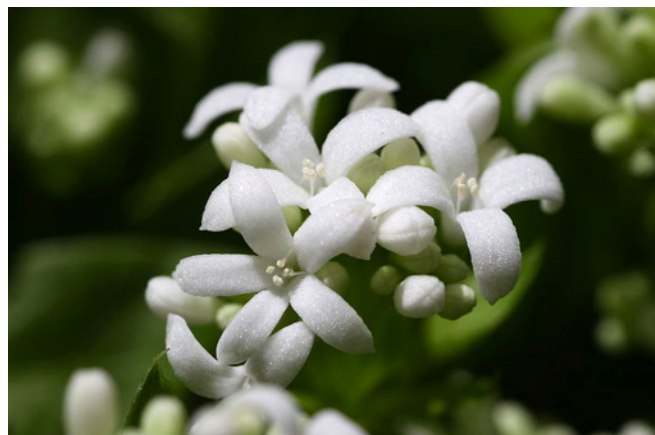
Some of the medicinal uses have been as a gentle sedative for anxiety, an antispasmodic for stomach pain and a diuretic liver tonic. The chemical compound coumarin in Sweet Woodruff is responsible for the scent and if taken in large amounts it can have blood-thinning effects. Therefore, it is recommended that people, especially with related health issues, consult their healthcare professional before using.

Sweet Woodruff has a long history of culinary uses. In Germany it has been used traditionally to flavor sausages, sour beer (Berliner Weisse) and Maibowle, a springtime white wine punch. An extensive collection of recipes was provided including desserts such as ice cream, yogurt custard, strawberry rhubarb cobbler, jellies, teas and more, all flavored with sweet woodruff sprigs of flowers and leaves.

As the blanket of snow soon melts, hopefully there will be Sweet Woodruff shoots coming up through the mulch at the ABG Herb Garden this spring.



Sweet woodruff, *Galium odoratum*
By Erma MacMillan



Sweet woodruff, *Galium odoratum*
28 April 2012 by Bjorn Traeger, Wikimedia



Sweet woodruff, *Galium odoratum* and *Lamium* spp.
By Gina Docherty

The next meeting of the Herb Study Group is Friday, April 6. There will be a discussion of Oregano and Marjoram lead by Elizabeth Bluemink. 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm at Anchorage CES, Chugachmiut Building, 1840 Bragaw Street.

Bird Chatter

YES YES YES. . . Breakup is upon us. And to celebrate, BC dropped by Sutton's Nursery on St. Patrick's Day, just to watch the red "OPEN" signs flicker. It was still too early to buy plants, right?

Well, OK, Nosy Bird went in to find Anna and Patty serving opening-day snacks and looking way more rested and relaxed than they will for the next six months. BC tried to commiserate about them not being able to find a buyer, but was too obviously happy that Funk Central is still with us. Maybe the sisters will settle indefinitely for their current Snowbird status.

And, let's be honest, winter in Arizona didn't exactly deprive them: Anna admitted she planted a garden the day after they arrived at their new Yuma home — "before I unpacked my suitcase." Seeds were in her carry-on luggage. Germination took five days, she said.

WHO NEEDS HER? . . It seems Anchorage gardeners do. Julie Riley, that is. Still enduring her banishment to Fairbanks, Julie was on the ABC's spring conference menu here — a talk on "Strategies for Growing a Highly Productive Small-Space Garden." Other esteemed speakers drew 50-60 people per session. A Little Bird tells BC 80 people crammed into the room for Julie's presentation.

Sigh....Remember when some of that \$\$\$\$ UAF gets from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture went toward providing Julie's know-how free to low-income families who can't afford to pay for it? Residents of the state's largest city? Those were the days.

LIMP CARROT SYNDROME. . . Gina Docherty was talking about storing carrots with a Carr's produce guy a few weeks ago—yes, gardeners do have weird conversations. Anyhow, Gina was bummed over once losing a whole bunch of newly harvested carrots because she was in a hurry and put them "naked" into the refrigerator. A few days later: limp city. She threw them out.

Not necessary, said the produce guy. Limp carrots can be stiffened by putting them in a bowl of water and leaving them in the refrigerator for a day or two; they'll firm right back up. (no little blue pill needed). After taking them out of the water, dry them off and store them in a plastic bag.

NO NEWS IS BAD NEWS. . . As of deadline, there was nothing but bad news about Rod and Rachel Saunders, the South African botanists known to some M'Gers, who vanished February 12th while shooting a plant-hunt sequence with the BBC in Vryheid, S.A. There was early chat about an ISIS-connected kidnapping, but published info strongly suggests simple robbery-murder. Two people have been arrested after going on a spending spree with the Saunders' credit cards—jewelry, electronics and camping gear were the favored purchases. Not IEDs. The couple, ages 73 and 64, is still officially missing but presumed dead.

REMINDER. . . Don't forget to call or email Marilyn Barker and tell her we can come visit your garden this summer. Perfection not required. Something problematical or interesting is more than enough!

Rumor Has It. . . A Master Gardener class this fall—in Anchorage! Organized by our Mat-Su CES agent Steve Brown. Keep your eyes on the CES website.

Compiled by Sheila Toomey, stoomey@ymail.com. Know something? Share it!



Local Garden Job Opportunities

Do you know a young person ready to get their feet into the world of gardening or horticulture? Check out these local opportunities in the world of soil and plants.

UAA Horticulture will be hiring a full-time permanent position listed as an MSWIII (MSW3); and several full time temporary summer positions, listed as MSWI (MSW1) positions. More info can be found at: www.alaska.edu/jobs

Frontier Farms is hiring six nursery workers for employment from April 18 - October 28. Find more information at: jobs.alaska.gov

A-1Nursery and Tree Farm is hiring nine nursery laborers for employment from May 15 - October 15. No experience required. Find more information at jobs.alaska.gov

Alaska Botanical Garden is hiring: Education & Summer Camp Intern; Horticulture & Facilities Seasonal; Visitor Service Seasonal. For more information: <http://alaskabg.org/about-alaskabotanicalgarden/jobs-at-the-alaska-botanical-garden/>

Volunteer Opportunities

Spring Garden Show: Ask a Master Gardener at the Sears Mall, April 7. Answer gardening questions at the CES/AMGA booth. Sign up through the new SignUp Genius or Contact Harry: denali542@yahoo.com

2018 Spring Garden Show

Saturday, April 7
10am - 5pm

Plants • Seeds • Info



Find it all at the Mall at Sears

AMGA Calendar Events

Coordinator: Do you have a couple of hours to research and jot down all the local gardening events for the AMGA Newsletter? Your fellow garden friends who have children or work full time will love you for it! Contact Harry Deuber denali542@yahoo.com or Ginger Hudson, newsletteramga@gmail.com

AMGA summer 2018 Garden Tours Coordinator

Do you like finding special gardens and helping to showcase them? Do you have friends whose gardens you want to bring some attention to? It's fun to meet new gardeners and get the first look at their creations! Interested? Contact amga@alaska.net

Pioneer Home: Help plant and maintain front gardens of the Pioneer Home during the summer.

Contact: Julie Ginder jkginder@gci.net, Joyce haljoy@gci.net, or Lynne Opstad: lopstad@gci.net

Instructors needed on topics such as Seed Starting, Organic Soil Amendments, Vegetable Gardening, etc. Contact Harry Deuber: 440-6372 denali542@yahoo.com

A volunteer interest form is online. When you fill out this Google Form, it will automatically be sent to the Volunteer Committee and you will be contacted when needed.

<https://goo.gl/forms/FutOWGNye9KPWKd63>

Microgreens

by Sharon Gherman, Editor of Central Peninsula Garden Club Newsletter

Are your seeds sprouting too early? Has the March sunlight made you eager for fresh greens? Try your hand at microgreens until you can transplant outdoors. What Are Microgreens?

Microgreens are tiny edible plants, usually vegetable garden plants, that are grown in quantity and harvested while they are juvenile plants. They are grown in a medium like soil or a hydroponic grow pad and are usually grown and harvested at about 10 days, which is usually 7 or 8 days past the sprout stage. They are grown in trays and can be grown right on your kitchen counter-top or outdoors on a porch or patio. Microgreens are used in salads, sandwiches, slaws, soups and garnishes

Microgreens Contain Concentrated Nutrients

In a study reported on WebMD, researchers found microgreens like red cabbage, cilantro, and radish contain up to 40 times higher levels of vital nutrients than their mature counterparts.

How to: Start with food-grade poly bread proofing trays. These trays are deeper than the traditional black seed trays and have no holes in the bottom. Cuts several bamboo sticks to spread out in the bottom. These hold the coir pads the seeds are grown on up and out of any water that collects on the bottom of the tray.

Fit the trays with coir growing pads. Pro-tip: Zip Snips make cutting the coir simple and quick.

Soak each pad for several minutes in alkaline water—5.5 - 6.5 ph is best for microgreens. Using baking soda is one way to adjust ph.

Spread the seed thickly on top of the pad. Remember to label each pan before planting—it's easy to lose track of what each pan holds.

Each pan is set on top of a growing tray heating pad with LED light strips above them. Stainless steel shelving units work well to hold the trays.

An economical 4000-lumen white LED double strip is placed one per shelf on the rack.

Until the seeds sprout, cover the pan with a sheet of foam. This keeps the light low and the moisture in. Once the seeds begin to sprout, remove the foam and begin spraying the seeds regularly with alkaline water in a spray bottle.

Microgreens tend to taste stronger than the mature plant. Seeds that lend themselves well to this use are: mustard, sunflowers, radish, and broccoli.



Microgreens at Brenda Moore's home. By Sharon Gherman

Garden Event Calendar

Meetings and Events

April 2

Alaska Native Plant Society meeting: A BRIEF VISIT TO KAM-CHATKA with Steller, Hulten, and 3 crazed fishermen; speaker Carolyn Parker; Campbell Creek Science Center 7pm - <http://aknps.org/Pages/Meetings.php>

Mat Su Master Gardener meeting: Growing Clematis, with Sally Koppenberg - MTA building

April 5

Anchorage Garden Club: THE BONSAI LOOK - Pioneer Schoolhouse 437 E 3rd Avenue

Friday, April 6

Herb Study Group discussion of OREGANO AND MARJORAM will be lead by Elizabeth Bluemink. 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm at Anchorage CES, Chugachmiut Bldg, 1840 Bragaw Street.

April 7

Garden Day at the Mall - The Mall at Sears, 600 E Northern Lights Blvd – Local Garden Clubs and businesses will be there celebrating gardening in Alaska. Master Gardeners will offer plants for sale.

April 8, 9, 10

Alaska Rock Garden Society presents speaker Kit Strange from Kew Gardens, England, who will speak in 3 locations:
Sunday, April 8 - Homer, 3pm- 6pm: "HOW TO BE A BETTER PROPAGATOR"; United Methodist Church, 770 East End Rd, Homer
Monday, April 9, 7pm-10pm: "FLORAL TREASURES FROM EASTERN TURKEY," Mat-Su College, 8295 College Dr., Palmer
Tuesday, April 10, Anchorage, 7p-10pm: "BULBS OF KYRGYZSTAN," Central Lutheran Church, 1420 Cordova St, Anchorage

April 12

Wildflower Garden Club Meeting and Program: POLLINATORS OF OUR GARDENS, Marilyn Barker; 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Central Lutheran Church, 1420 Cordova St, Anchorage

April 16th

AMGA Meeting: THE JOYS OF BEING A BEEKEEPER, Beth Baker, 7 pm, 1840 Bragaw St., Chugachmiut Bldg, Ste 100

April 19

Willow Garden Club: PIONEER PEONIES with Denise Bowlan, Willow Community Center, 7pm

Third Thursdays with Extension: Garden Soil Essential (<http://www.uaf.edu/ccs/districts/matsu/>) Palmer

April 21

Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association - GRAFTING WORKSHOP: Get Alaska-suitable rootstock and graft a favorite variety onto it!

April 23

UAA Bookstore Writer's Series - The Life and Legacy of Verna Pratt, Presentation by Master Gardener Ginger Hudson as part of her practicum in the MFA Creative Writing program at UAA. The Loft at UAA Bookstore, 5pm, free parking.

May 19

Homer Garden Club Plant Sale at the Homer Chamber of Commerce, 11 am.

Classes

April 6

Good Earth Garden School: BECOME A CERTIFIED MAT-SU BOROUGH VERMI-COMPOSTER; FREE Training in Red Wigglers & Worm Bin Management at Mat-Su Borough's Central Landfill, North 49th State St off Palmer-Wasilla Hwy Section H: Friday, April 6, 2018 11am - 1pm - To register, call 907- 861-7605

Saturday, April 7

Alaska Mill & Feed - HERB CLASS - Instructor: Julie Cascio - 10am-11:30am - Cost: \$5 - <http://shop.alaskamillandfeed.com/spring-classes/>

Thursday, April 12

ABG - INDOOR SEED STARTING WORKSHOP @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, at the ABG - \$40-45 - 907-770-3692

Saturday, April 14th

Alaska Mill & Feed - TOMATOES 101 - Instructor: Barbara Rowland - 10am-11am - Cost: \$5
<http://shop.alaskamillandfeed.com/spring-classes/>

Sunday, April 15th

Alaska Mill & Feed - GO ORGANIC - BUILD YOUR SOILS MINERAL BANK (PART 1) - Instructor: Ellie Vandevisse - 11am-1pm - Cost: \$5 - 907-276-6016 - <http://shop.alaskamillandfeed.com/spring-classes/>

Saturday, April 21st

Alaska Mill & Feed - DESIGNING YOUR OWN SHADE HANGING BASKET - Instructor: Sheila Macias - 10am - Cost: \$35 (Cost includes all material for building your own basket) <http://shop.alaskamillandfeed.com/spring-classes/>

Saturday, April 21st

Alaska Mill & Feed - DESIGNING YOUR OWN SUN HANGING BASKET - Instructor: Sheila Macias - 12pm - Cost: \$35 (Cost includes all material for building your own basket) - <http://shop.alaskamillandfeed.com/spring-classes/>

Garden Event Calendar

Sunday, April 22nd

Alaska Mill & Feed - FILL YOUR SOILS MICROBE BANK (PART 2) - Instructor: Ellie Vandevisse - 11am-1pm - Cost: \$5 - <http://shop.alaskamillandfeed.com/spring-classes/>

Saturday, April 28th

Alaska Mill & Feed - UP CYCLE & VERTICAL GARDENING - Instructor: Caroline Ahrens - 10am-11:30am - Cost: \$5 - <http://shop.alaskamillandfeed.com/spring-classes/>

Saturday, April 28th

Alaska Mill & Feed - SHADE GARDENING - Instructor: Caroline Ahrens - 12pm-2pm - Cost: \$5 - <http://shop.alaskamillandfeed.com/spring-classes/>

Saturday, April 28th

Good Earth Garden School - BACK YARD COMPOSTER certification course - FREE - Sponsored by Mat Su Borough- 1-3 pm; Location: Central Landfill's Classroom at the end of North 49th State St. off the Palmer-Wasilla Hwy between the Glenn Hwy and Trunk Rd. contact: 745-0758

Treasurer's Report

Balances 1/31/2018

Checking account	9687.21
Savings account	<u>11740.28</u>
	\$21427.49

Dedicated Funds	8635.37
Interest Bearing CD	<u>10124.55</u>
	\$18759.92

Revenue:	
Interest	1.35

Expense:	
Operations	139.99
Directory	550.69
Website	<u>105.00</u>
	\$795.68

Balances 2/28/2018

Checking account	8891.53
Savings account	<u>11741.63</u>
	\$20633.16

Dedicated Funds	8635.37
Interest Bearing CD	<u>10124.55</u>
	\$18759.92



The Alaska Rock Garden Society presents:
Kit Strange
 Horticulturist at the
 Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
 International speaker and plant explorer

Kit works in the Alpine Department where she oversees much of Kew's world famous collections, particularly the challenging bulb collection. These include the world's most extensive collection of *Scorpiris*, the exquisite "Juno" iris of the Mediterranean, western and central Asia.

This is a rare opportunity for us in Alaska to hear from a world-reknown collector.

Kit can be seen Monday April 9th at 7pm at the Mat-Su College in Palmer, FSM Bldg, 8295 College Dr. And Tuesday April 10th at 7pm at Central Luthern Church in Anchorage, 1420 Cordova St.

The Rock Garden Society requests a \$5 donation at the door. Please come out and support the efforts of this local garden club in bringing an international speaker to Alaska!

With Many Thanks. . . From the "Rah Rah" Committee

WOW! Thank you to all who took the time to complete the 2018 Survey. We asked for your opinions and you delivered with over 150 responses!

Many of you shared great ideas for future programs, workshops, continuing education, field trips and tours. Our plan is to begin implementing some of your suggestions over the course of the year and into the next. This can only be accomplished with your continued support and volunteerism. It will take ALL of us working together to bring these goals to fruition.

A brief summary of the survey -

Fellowship with other gardeners was the #1 importance to the group, #2 the monthly meetings, and #3 the monthly newsletter. There is a strong interest in specific topic Study Groups. There is overwhelming support of Paid Advertising in the newsletter, and a good amount of interest in high quality AMGA logo items such as Sweatshirts, T-shirts, Pins, H2O bottles and Coffee Mugs.

We want to continually improve, so the information you have provided is important to us. We've made notes of every response that was received. *Know that we truly appreciate your feedback* on what you would like from this group, what's important to you, and how to help us move forward in delivering the best organization we can be.

If you have any comments, concerns or questions, please feel free to contact any Board Member or drop us a note in our Suggestion Box at the monthly meetings. *Thank you for your show of spirited support of the Alaska Master Gardeners Anchorage group.*

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, AK, 99508

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

AMGA Board of Directors

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2018 MG Directory Update

Available April 1st

For current AMGA members only: Contact Jane Baldwin

If you're interested in updating your 2018 MG Directory with members added after the January 5th directory print cut-off date and pen & ink changes, discovered after directory mail-out.

Jane will email you a list of pen & ink changes and a .pdf attachment that can be printed, cut in half and stapled to the inside back cover of your directory. Jane's email address is in the 2018 directory or: ak.jbaldwin@gmail.com

Spring 2018 Programs

Thank You Marilyn Barker for rounding up some amazing presenters.

Apr. 16 - The Joys of Being a Beekeeper...Beth Baker

May 21 - Rhododendron Growing.....Doug Tryck



The Alaska Master Gardeners Anchorage welcomes letters, opinions, articles, ideas and inquiries. Contact the editor, Ginger Hudson, 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.

AMGA Web Site: www.alaskamastergardeners.org
Facebook: facebook.com/Alaska-Master-Gardeners-Anchorage

AMGA Google Group:
<https://groups.google.com/forum/?fromgroups#!forum/AkMGA>

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