

## Celebrating 40 years of Master Gardener Classes in Alaska !

### President's Message

Our recent stretch of unusually warm and dry weather has sure been a welcomed endcap to our summer growing season, especially after our so-so summer. Having an extended growing season is a bonus and a bit more time for fall cleanup is great for the prognosticators among us.

In September we returned to our regular membership meetings after our summer break and it was great to welcome, if only briefly, our guest speaker Julie Riley back to Anchorage. Her presentation on Peonies was both interesting and informative and we had a packed house.

For the foreseeable future we will be meeting at the B.P. Energy Center and at this meeting at least, we ran into seating capacity limits and several people were turned away at the door by B.P security personnel. We had a larger than normal crowd, hopefully this will not be a regular problem. It is recommended to arrive early to ensure yourself a seat.

The C.E.S. Outreach Center started moving to their new offices at the Loussac Library on Sept 21st so hopefully they will be able to settle in for the long term. It should be an easy to find and centrally located office for the public. No official word yet on office hours but there might be a new Program Assistant hired that will potentially enable them to extend their current limited time periods in which they are open to the public.

At long last an Anchorage based Master Gardener class began in September. The class has 50 students and is being held at the Lidia Selkregg Chalet at Russian Jack Springs Park. Fran Pekar and myself were invited to attend the first session to introduce the new students to A.M.G.A. and our programs. We are offering free memberships for 2019 as well as tuition scholarships to 10 students to help partially offset the cost of the course.

Don't forget that our October meeting will be a photo recap of our summer gardens and activities. Please collect and send photos you may have of your own garden or from garden tours to Fran Pekar for her to compile into the correct size and format. Her email is listed in the directory. This should be a fun meeting so hope to see you there.



Special Awards winners in the Crops Department at the Alaska State Fair which were sponsored for the first time this year by AMGA.

Right: 1st Entry - Beautiful Broccoli Romanesco by Raelynn Danielowski, Palmer

Left: 2nd Entry - Lovely Leeks from Crystal Syren, Anchorage  
Photos courtesy of Kathy Liska.



### October 15 monthly meeting



Members are invited to share this year's garden experiences. Please send photos to Fran Pekar: [franapekar@gmail.com](mailto:franapekar@gmail.com)

**Reminder:  
Meetings now  
held at the B.P.  
Energy Center  
adjacent to the  
B.P Tower at  
Seward Highway  
and Bensen Blvd.**

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## AMGA Board Meeting: September

### AMGA Board Meeting Highlights Include New Class and CES Office Move

For the first time in two years, would-be Anchorage gardeners can attend a local Master Gardener class that began Sept. 11, AMGA President Harry Deuber reported at the Anchorage Master Gardeners Board meeting Sept. 10. Further good news is that the class limit of 50 was exceeded, with a waiting list, and a strong recruiting effort is in progress to bring those who complete the class into the Anchorage Master Gardeners group with free membership. The class is being taught by Palmer CES horticulturist Steve Brown at the Lidia Selkregg Chalet in Russian Jack Park. Harry said that according to Steve, a stronger university budget may stretch to include a new Anchorage CES horticulturist.

Treasurer Cindy Walker noted that this year's improvement in the gross amount from the Aug. 11 Annual Fall Plant Sale — \$6,293 — reversed three years of slippage: from 2015's \$6,853 to 2016's \$6,641 to 2017's \$4,944. AMGA's net was \$1,181 after payments to gardeners for their plants, PayPal fees and \$100 to the adjacent Alaska Botanical Garden. To improve interest, \$5,000 has been shifted from AMGA's checking account to savings, and Cindy is looking into short-term CDs. Current board members will approve a 2019 budget in December, and Harry urged members to start giving their reminders and suggestions now to Cindy, who will retire from her treasurer's position by the end of this year.

An update from DeShana York, CES Urban Extension Director, has CES offices moving from the Chugachmiut Building on Bragaw to the Loussac Library's fourth floor by Sept. 30, increasing the office's visibility. UAF's CES director, Fred Schlutt of Fairbanks, has approved a new program assistant to cover Anchorage CES office hours and coordinate classes, she said. The Alaska Botanical Garden is developing advanced gardening classes that may track with Advanced Master Gardener needs and would like to work with the group, she continued. Harry responded that AMGA will look into this after the 2019 statewide conference in Anchorage, for which vigorous planning is under way.

In a coup for Anchorage, the American Botanical Society will hold its major five-day conference at the Dena'ina Center in July 2020, Programs/Field Trips chair Marilyn Barker announced, with possible volunteer opportunities for Master Gardeners, area garden clubs and the Alaska Botanical Garden. The national gathering will include plays, botanical artists, wildflower walks, etc. October's general MG meeting will present the popular annual show-and-tell program from members.

Recruiting continues for Board elections, with an additional seat open due to Board member Kathy Liska's resignation. Voting may take place at the November general Master Gardeners' meeting, again at the BP Energy Center.

— Cheryl Chapman, AMGA Board Secretary



Clary sage, *Salvia sclarea*, can be found in shades of purple-blue, to pink, to white. Seen in the Herb Garden at ABG making a stunning contrast to artemisia. Both are reliable late season bloomers. Photo by Mary Contrary.

#### Treasurer's Report Balances 7/31/2018

Checking account	9,580.34
Savings account	<u>11,749.03</u>
	\$21329.37

Dedicated Funds	5,217.30
Interest Bearing CD	<u>1,0187.41</u>
	\$15404.71

Revenue:	
Donation	89.00
Education/Fundraising	6,285.20
Interest	2.49
Membership Dues	<u>375.40</u>
	\$6,752.09

Expense:	
Education/Fundraising	5,111.28
Operations	49.99
Outreach	50.00
Website	<u>155.00</u>
	\$5,366.27

#### Balances 8/31/2018

Checking account	5,963.67
Savings account	<u>16,751.52</u>
	\$22,715.19

Dedicated Funds	5217.30
Interest Bearing CD	<u>10187.41</u>
	\$15,404.71



## Herb Study Group: Late Season Bloomers and One More Weed by Elaine Hammes

Any frost at Alaska Botanical Garden's (ABG) Herb Garden has not occurred as of this writing. The growing season is only beginning to wind down but definitely not over. Nasturtiums (*Tropaeolum majus*), Anise Hyssop (*Agastache foeniculum*), Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*), Bee Balm (*Monarda didyma*), Elecampane (*Inula helenium*), Clary Sage (*Salvia horminum*), Foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea*), Golden Feverfew (*Tanacetum parthenium* 'Aureum'), are still flowering.

The recent record-breaking warm weather has extended the lush green of Sweet Woodruff (*Galium odoratum*), Sorrel (*Rumex acetosa*), Parsley (*Petroselinum crispum*), Chives (*Allium schoenoprasum*) and more into late summer. Weeding and trimming are still needed in Alaska Botanical Garden's (ABG) Herb Garden Tuesdays and/or Fridays.

Additionally, the first meeting of the Herb Study Group is planned for the first Friday in October (the 5th), location to be determined. Discussion will center on reviewing this year's garden. Please email your comments and observations regarding the Herb Garden to [anchorageherbstudygroup@gmail.com](mailto:anchorageherbstudygroup@gmail.com) or bring them to the meeting. This will help in planning for the next season. Topics for the remaining Herb Study Group meetings of the season will also be up for discussion.

One promise (noted in the August MG Newsletter) was to provide more detail about the Pop-it weed that is in the Cardamine genus. The offending species found in the Herb Garden could be *Cardamine oligosperma*, *C. hirsuta*, and/or *C. flexuosa*. Ten varieties of Cardamine are listed in Eric Hultén's *Flora of Alaska and Neighboring Territories*; *A Manual of the Vascular Plants* so take your pick!

Generally, the Pop-it weed is an annual or perennial herb that produces one or more upright stems, growing to no more than 30 centimeters or 12 inches tall, with leaves that are divided into many leaflets. Pop-it weeds are comparatively small (but numerous) and are often hiding under featured plants in the Herb Garden.

The Pop-it fruit is a silique up to 2.5 centimeters or 1 inch long. A silique or silique (plural siliques or siliquae) is a type of fruit (seed capsule) having two fused carpels with the length being more than three times the width. When the fruit is ripe, the valves on the siliquae will coil tightly from the bottom to the top after being touched and burst explosively, sending the seeds flying far from the parent plant. This seed dispersal strategy is referred to as ballochory, a type of dispersal where the seed is forcefully ejected by explosive dehiscence (bursting open) of the fruit. This can disburse seeds over a square meter or so.

Therefore, typical of many weeds, the Pop-it plants are best pulled up prior to seed development—unless you would like to touch a mature plant and watch the explosion of seeds, then weed out even more plants later.



A tower of power. Energetic nasturtium climb a pyramid trellis surrounded by dusty miller in the Herb Garden at ABG surrounded by fantastic fall color.  
Photo by Elaine Hammes

### 2018 MG Directory Update

Current AMGA members: If you'd like an update to your 2018 MG Directory, you will receive updated pages only which include members added after the January 5th cut-off date and corrections. The update is a .pdf file that can be printed and cut in half to fit neatly in your directory. Contact Jane Baldwin: [ak.jbaldwin@gmail.com](mailto:ak.jbaldwin@gmail.com)

# Bird Chatter

**SKUNKED AGAIN...** The gods will do anything to make BC look bad. Remember all the grouching last month about the end of summer? Nevermind. It's official. We had one of the warmest, sunniest Septembers since the molten earth first cooled. So, have you chopped down anything in the garden to prepare for winter? Harvested carrots and potatoes? Stacked the deck furniture? Assessed the mulch situation? Cleaned out the garage so the boiler guys can do the annual checkup? Yes? Hey, BC knows when you're lying!

**GOOD WORKS...** The Alaska Rock Garden Society upgraded a couple of their beds at the Alaska Botanical Garden. A new rock wall is scheduled to be built around the birch tree bed, and the paths are getting new gravel sometime soon. Kudos, guys!

**ABG THANK-YOU...** Speaking of the ABG, staff put on their volunteer appreciation potluck night last month. Guests were given a small tufa pot (made by Patrick Ryan) with a succulent in it—and a small campfire constructed of little round sticks in orange cotton that looked fire-like. "Very ingenious!" declared Gina Docherty. They had some left over for volunteers who couldn't make the party.

**QUESTION:** How relieved was President Harry at the September membership meeting when Julie Riley walked in the classroom at BP?

**ANSWER:** Very very very very relieved. The place was packed and Julie was late enough for Harry to start worrying that he might have to present the Peony program.

**IN DEFENSE OF GERANI...** Oops, Pelargonium. How many of us still use the lowly pelargonium to anchor beautiful baskets all summer, then ruthlessly rip them out in fall? BC is ashamed to admit having done this for years. But the truth is, there are few more rewarding indoor plants to brighten up winter so, do yourself a favor and bring them inside. Switch them to an indoor pot—or just bring in the container if that's where you had them. Cut them back by one-third to one-half and put them in the sunniest window you have. Depending on how much light they get, they will produce bright happy flowers on and off all winter.

Let's face it, by January we'll all need some happy color.

**REMINDER...** Our "office" may be moving to Loussac Library, but our meetings will continue to be held at the BP Center.

Know something fun or interesting? [stoomey@ymail.com](mailto:stoomey@ymail.com)



## Volunteer Opportunities

### AMGA Board Election

The election committee is seeking candidates for 5 board positions for this fall's election. These are 2-year terms beginning January 2019. Please contact Jane Baldwin 562-5451, Harry Deuber 440-6372, Fran Pekar 433-9235 or any current board member to put your name on the ballot or with questions. We want you—the involved, active, and committed!

### AMGA Garden Tours Coordinator 2019

Inspired by all the beautiful gardens you saw this year? If you saw gardens in passing you would like to show to the rest of us, we'd love to have you coordinate those tours next summer. It's fun to meet new gardeners and get the first look at their creations! Interested? Contact [amga@alaska.net](mailto:amga@alaska.net)

**Pioneer Home end of season:** We will be cleaning out the gardens September 28 and 30. Join us—you may even leave with something for your winter flower pots! Contact: Julie Ginder [jkginder@gci.net](mailto:jkginder@gci.net), Joyce Haljoy [haljoy@gci.net](mailto:haljoy@gci.net), or Lynne Opstad: [lopstad@gci.net](mailto:lopstad@gci.net)

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>

Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT) has an opening for an Organic Gardening Coordinator to run Yarducopia.

If you are interested in this opportunity, email Michelle Wilber. There will be an updated job description available soon. This is a part-time position generally 20 hours per week most of the year. It does run up to 40 hours per week during the garden building season of May-July. "It's been a pleasure working with you all. Luckily Anchorage is small, so I'm sure we will continue to see each other at gardening and other events!" —Michelle

Michelle Wilber, Organic Garden Coordinator, ACAT, [garden@akaction.org](mailto:garden@akaction.org), 907-350-1663  
[yarducopia.org](http://yarducopia.org), [www.akaction.org](http://www.akaction.org)



## Fall Gardening, Take Advantage of the Weather by Ginger Hudson

Is it, or isn't it?

It certainly has been a confusing summer and fall. I won't elaborate since our President Harry ruminated about the weather in his letters of late in this publication. I will share word from my insiders at NOAA, our region continues to break records and by time you read this, they expected more to fall-pun intended.

Gardeners of the Anchorage area rejoice, you have more time to hug those late bloomers and more time to clean the garden. This will be a guide to get you going.

If something is spectacular in your garden right now, leave it be. Just because the tree leaves are glowing gold does not mean you are required to start cutting plants down. In some instances you will continue to enjoy color until frost: actea, rudbekia, autumn sedum, gentian, tiger lilies, artemisia, David phlox, and even hydrangeas are blushing pink in the cool days.

Vegetables survive the chill better than you might think. Don't fret if you still have carrots in the ground, the colder it gets the sweeter they become. Kale can be harvested until it is covered in snow, as long as there is not a deep freeze before the snow flies. One recent winter I was delighted to keep harvesting cilantro until it was peeking out of cottony snow pillows.

A recent question from a gardener prompts this suggestion about cutting back perennials. When do I cut back my peony? Different peonies are wiped out at different times. Some have already turned yellow or splotchy, those can be cut down now—to about 2 or 3 inches. Some still have green leaves. Those with green may have edges beginning to purple or redden, but the leaves are still upright. Leave them on because they continue to produce food that the plant will move into the roots later as the leaves die.

There are probably plenty of plants to cut back and remove due to the wet summer. Take out all annuals that have finished blooming, cut back perennials whose leaves have fallen or are brown, and remove any plant residue that may be harboring fungus or slugs. This is also the time to prune berry bushes: remove old nonbearing canes or shape as needed due to overgrowth.

Planting garlic recently with students at the Alaska Botanical Garden (ABG) was rewarding—because I know delicious bulbs will be harvested next summer. There were two classes and both kinds of weather: gorgeous, and not so gorgeous. Planting was completed regardless and that means you too should be planting garlic now. There is still plenty of time, it should be planted before freezing temperatures. ABG has sold out of seed bulbs but the garden network says there is some available at Mill and Feed. You might also have time to order organic bulbs from out of state with expedited shipping.

As long as I am on the subject of bulbs, get those asiatic lilies and tulips planted before frost. Lilies produced in gobs this year. Asiatics are reliable late summer bloomers and perennial. Tulips produce well the first year, so-so the second, but they are not as long-lived for us as lilies.

If you are trimming trees, especially spruce or hemlock, save your trimmings for mulch. Use the boughs to cover peonies,

other sensitive perennials, and freshly planted garlic or bulbs. Typically straw is used to mulch garlic, but evergreens work just as well. The object is to have air pockets for oxygen exchange and to get moisture in the beds. Do not use tarps, other plastics, or non-shredded leaves.

Garden bed expansions can still be accomplished this fall while the ground is soft. If you are expanding, or you have a bed that needs revitalizing, mix in compost so the soil can grow before you plant next year.

If you purchased plants at AMGA's late summer sale and got them in the ground this fall-hoorah! Mind them and other tender perennials. Water them very well before the freeze sets in.

I have seen some gorgeous containers around town and you should savor them until the last minute. There are some lovely pots bursting with purple and silver at the airport, ABG's entry has some fabulous late showy pots featuring crocosmia, and some random neighborhood plantings still have durable snaps and petunias. I was quite disappointed to see the Muni remove the bodacious nasturtiums from the Welcome to Anchorage sign on 5th Avenue, boo. If you have containers move them to the south side to absorb these sunny fall days. Bring them inside before the freeze so they do not crack.

Find more fall and winter tips in these free to download publications from UAF CES: "An Alaskan Gardener's Fall and Winter To-Do List" HGA-00429; "Growing Garlic in Alaska" HGA-00047; "Growing and Overwintering Fuchsia, Geranium, Dahlia, and Tuberous Begonia" HGA-00333 <https://www.uaf.edu/ces/>



Top: plant bulbs now: lilies, tulips, and seen above garlic cloves. Above: Have fun recycling your deciduous leaves, shred them with a mower so they feed your lawn over winter. Photos by Ginger Hudson.

## October Garden Event Calendar

### MEETINGS AND EVENTS

#### Monday, October 1st

Alaska Native Plant Society Monthly meeting, 7pm: "Slide shows and Potluck" - everyone is invited. Members share up to 10 photos of their activities this past summer, the food is always wonderful! Campbell Creek Science Center, 5600 Science Center Drive; <http://aknps.org/Pages/Meetings.php>

Mat-Su Master Gardeners Monthly meeting, 7pm: "Round table discussion on what went well and what didn't do so good in our gardens this summer." Please come prepared to share one success and/or one thing that didn't go as planned. Bring a picture or sample to pass around. Matanuska Telephone Company (MTA) Building, Meeting Room (in the basement), 480 Commercial Dr., Palmer, AK. Open to the public.

#### Tuesday, October 2nd

Valley Garden Club Meeting followed by Potluck, 10:30a-12, "National Farm School Month," Speaker: Jodie Anderson with Division of Ag Farm School. First Baptist Church, Bogard Road at Leatherleaf, Wasilla

#### Thursday, October 4th

Anchorage Garden Club "Espalier" speaker Debbie Hinchey - at the Pioneer Schoolhouse, 437 E 3rd Avenue, [www.alaskagardenclubs.org](http://www.alaskagardenclubs.org)

#### Friday, October 5th

Herb Study Group: Review of the Summer ABG Herb Garden and Discussion of Agendas for the Remaining Year, location to be determined; 12p-1:30p. Maintenance and clean up continues Tuesdays and Fridays, 1-3p, in the Herb Garden at Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road. For updated location or questions, contact Herb Study Group at [anchorageherbstudygroup@gmail.com](mailto:anchorageherbstudygroup@gmail.com) or call Mary at 907-345-1562.

#### Tuesday, October 9th

Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association meeting: 7pm [www.apfga.org](http://www.apfga.org)

Eagle River Garden Club meeting: "Bonsai" by Paul Marmora, 7pm at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 18444 Old Glenn Highway.

#### Thursday, October 11th

Wildflower Garden Club: Regular Meeting and Program: "Flower Photography", Presented by: Nancy Fassett; 10a, Central Lutheran Church, 1420 Cordova St, Anchorage, [www.alaskagardenclubs.org](http://www.alaskagardenclubs.org)

#### Monday, October 15th

Alaska Master Gardener meeting, Members present: "Photo Recap of Summer Gardens," 7pm, BP Energy Center, 1014 Energy Court, Anchorage.

#### Saturday, October 20th

Alaska Rock Garden Society meeting: Last of Verna's Programs - "Hardy Plants for Alaska Rock Gardens." Nomination of Officers; 2 pm, Elks Lodge in Eagle River, 17111 N. Eagle River Loop Rd

#### Tuesday, October 23rd

Alaska Orchid Society Monthly Meeting: 6:30p - 9p, Program tba. The meeting will be at the BP Energy Center, 1014 Energy Court, Anchorage. We will begin gathering at 6:30p with the program beginning at 7p. Contact: Wayne Troups [www.akorchid.org](http://www.akorchid.org)

#### Monday, November 5th

Mat-Su Master Gardeners meeting, 7p. Annual Meeting 7-7:30p. "How to Manage a Successful Worm Bin without flies & stench!" with Ellen VandeVisse, Good Earth Garden School, 7:30 - 8:30p. Matanuska Telephone Company (MTA) Building, Meeting Room (in the basement), 480 Commercial Dr., Palmer, AK. Do not have to be a member to attend.

### CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

#### Wednesday, October 24th

Green Thumb Succulents - "Homegrown succulents" - arrangements, air plants, and DIY workshops for neglectful gardeners, 6:30p - 8:30p \$85; South Restaurant + Coffeehouse, 11124 Old Seward Hwy, Anchorage, email: [greenthumbsuccs@gmail.com](mailto:greenthumbsuccs@gmail.com) for custom orders

#### Sunday, October 14

Eagle River Nature Center: Forest Mysteries, Lichens & Polypores. What are those strange things growing on trees? Join our naturalist on a walk to explore lichens and polypore fungi of the boreal forest. 2 pm, Eagle River Nature Center, 32750 Eagle River Rd, Eagle River.

Free Classes in worm bin management

Wednesday, Oct 10, 3p-5p at Mat Su Borough Central Landfill.

Saturday, Nov 10, 11a-1p at Mat Su Borough Central Landfill.

Monday, November 5 - 7pm at Mat-Su Master Gardener meeting, in the MTA community room. Guests welcomed.

More information at: <http://ellenvandevisse.com/>



## In Memoriam Compiled by Jane Baldwin

### Sandra Allen, MG class circa 1993, died April 5, 2018

From The ADN: "More than 25 years ago, she became a Master Gardener and was never happier than when tending to her more than 50 flower baskets and numerous perennial beds. Even after her health declined, her yard was still filled with flowers and you could often find her sitting on her stool digging in the dirt."

ADN Obituary, 15 April 2018

### Margaret Klatt (1949 - 2018), MG Class 2010

Long time Alaska resident Margaret Klatt, 69, passed away at her home in Anchorage, Alaska on June 27, 2018. Margaret was an active AMGA member until illness prevented her activity in 2017.

Margaret was born in Anchorage. She graduated from East High School in 1964, and then achieved a Master of Science,

LPC degree after attending several universities. She spent many years counseling children and families at Alaska Children's Services and Psychology Resources, from which she retired in 2016.

Margaret spent many hours in her beautiful flower gardens that she enjoyed growing as a master gardener. She loved the outdoors and spent time hiking, skiing, camping and fly fishing. She was also

interested in many forms of art and music.

Margaret was preceded in death by her father, Lester Klatt. She is survived by her mother, Dora Klatt; her brother, Allan and his children, Will and Sarah; and her brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Janet and their children, Courtney and Cameron. She is also survived by several great-nieces.

The family asks that any donations be made to Let Every Woman Know, [leteverywomanknow.org](http://leteverywomanknow.org). Margaret's family would also like to thank all of the outstanding healthcare professionals that helped her throughout the last eight years of her life.

ADN Obituary, 29 July 2018

AMGA Newsletter July 2012, [www.alaskamastergardeners.org](http://www.alaskamastergardeners.org)

Pg 1-President's column (Nickel)

Pg 2-Garden Tours

AMGA Newsletter Oct 2012, [www.alaskamastergardeners.org](http://www.alaskamastergardeners.org)

Pg 3- Master Gardener Focus: Margaret Klatt By Cheryl Chapman. Includes info on 1947 Klatt Family Homestead and Klatt Nursery

### Mary Margaret Parker (1947 - 2018), MG Class 2005

Mary Margaret Parker, 71, died peacefully of ovarian cancer in her home on July 8, 2018. Her daughters were holding her hands.

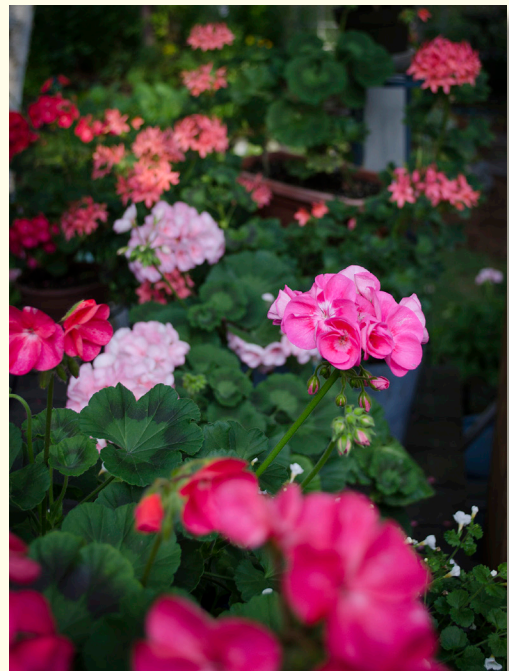
Mary was intelligent, curious, joyful and committed to community causes. During her 38-year career at University of Alaska Anchorage she was integral to the growth and development of the School of Social Work. As a single mother, she was a passionate volunteer and board member of the Alaska Family Child Care Association and, later, PFLAG.

She used her Master Gardener training to create an elaborate home garden and to organize invasive-weed pulls. As a high school student, she was in the original Loussac Library building at the time of the 1964 Earthquake. Mary remained an avid reader who instilled a love of learning and literacy in her children and celebrated the written word with friends near and far. Her loved ones are heartbroken by her passing.

Born in Anchorage, Mary always felt a deep affection for the East Side and "her" mountains. A formative part of her childhood was spent in Moose Pass, Alaska, where she attended school in a two-room schoolhouse. She lived in a modified school bus while traveling the U.S. in the 1960s. Although she traveled widely throughout her life, she maintained that Anchorage had been her only true home.

Mary is survived by her two daughters, Erin and Rebecca Barker, her brother, Bill Brickley; and sister, Eileen Brickley; and their respective children: nephew, Jason Hitchcock and his family; and niece, Katie Brickley.

ADN Obituary 21 July 2018



# AMGA Board Elections–Nominations Due October 3

The AMGA annual election is held in November of each year. Board members are elected for a term of two years. With this in mind, one-half of the 8-member Board is up for election each year. Per our by-laws, Board members are limited to two terms for a maximum of four years consecutively. These limits allow for renewed energy in our Board of Directors to carry out the mission of AMGA. This year there are five positions. Four are two-year terms. This year there is also one, one-year term due to an early resignation of a current board member.

Nominations for this year's election open September 1st and close October 3rd. Eligibility to serve on the Board requires current AMGA voting membership (i.e., must have completed the Alaska Master Gardeners class). Electronic voting occurs during the early weeks of November and results will be announced at the November general meeting. Once new Board members are elected, the new board as a whole selects the slate of officers, members at large, and who will assume the special one-year term of service during the December 2018 board meeting.

Board members must commit to a two-hour monthly meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month from September through May and as needed during the summer months. Board members should be familiar with email, Word and Excel documents.

Please consider at least one two-year commitment as a board member of AMGA. You will find that past Board members who have termed out will support new members throughout the process. You will also find many committed AMGA volunteers working on various committees in support of fulfilling our mission of education at various events, plants sales, and our upcoming Statewide Master Gardening conference. Contact a current board member if you have questions on responsibilities, needs, and time commitments. Contact Harry Deuber, chair of the nominating committee to let him know you are interested in a position.



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

Meetings are held at the B.P. Energy Center, 1041 Energy Court, Anchorage, AK, 99508

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, 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](http://www.alaskamastergardeners.org)  
Facebook: [facebook.com/Alaska-Master-Gardeners-Anchorage](https://facebook.com/Alaska-Master-Gardeners-Anchorage)

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

To send concerns or information to the AMGA directly, mail to:  
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P.O. Box 221403  
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If you have questions or want to make address or email corrections, please contact Jane Baldwin at: [ak.jbaldwin@gmail.com](mailto:ak.jbaldwin@gmail.com)

For information about membership or upcoming programs, contact:

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## AMGA Board of Directors

Harry Deuber	President
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Marjorie Williams	At Large
Don Bladow	At Large

## Committee Chairs, Program Coordinators & Volunteers

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