

**Celebrating 40 years of Master Gardener Classes in Alaska !**  
**Tell your friends: Sign up by Sept 5 for this year's 40th Anniversary Master Gardener Class!**

## President's Message

As the summer of 2018 starts to wind down, it's a good time to take notes and contemplate our satisfaction with our gardens and how we might do things differently next year. This is also a good time to observe perennials that have outgrown their allotted space and need to be divided or that perhaps just don't rub elbows well with their neighbors and need to be shifted elsewhere in the garden. Or maybe we ended up not especially even liking a plant after all and it's time to re-home it. As difficult as it can be, it really is ok to remove plants from our gardens and pass them along to someone who will appreciate them more. Also, what an opportunity to have some extra real estate in the flower beds for something new.

As long as we are taking notes for next year, I have one for myself that you just might find stamped on my forehead next time we meet. I may even have to turn in my Master Gardener badge over this year's big boo-boo. One of the most fundamental gardening chores and certainly a basic law of physics eluded me this year. Its not that I forgot, because I know better. I would just walk by those Dahlias and Gladiolus and other tall plants telling myself that I will stake them soon. Well, "soon" comes and goes and so do the plants that come tumbling down after anything more than a slight breeze or modest rainfall. Sigh. . .

On a happier note, our Late Summer Plant Sale at A.B.G. was a lot of fun and was well attended. Many thanks go to Fran Durner for spearheading the planning effort, Madge and John Oswald for camping out overnight to mind the store, the plant sellers with their great assortment of offerings and to the many volunteers who helped with set-up, sales, and answering questions from our customers. Also, big thanks to Dennis Ronsse, Debbie Hinchey, Kathy Liska and Paul Marmora for leading classes and demonstrations.

Elsewhere in this newsletter will be information about our upcoming board elections. I hope some of you will seriously consider running for a seat. We have gone through a lot of changes recently and there are more to come. Having new members with fresh ideas and energy will enable the AMGA to



Even the junior gardeners have their lists! At the AMGA Annual Late Season Plant Sale in the Benny Benson School parking lot adjacent to ABG. Photo courtesy of Michael Kukulenz.

continue to grow and thrive. We have a tremendous amount of talented people in our membership and we are asking that you step up and share those talents.

I hope to see many of you on Monday September 17th when we resume membership meetings after the summer break. Our guest speaker will be a lady named Julie Riley, you may remember her as the Anchorage Cooperative Extension Agent. Please remember that we will be meeting at the B.P. Energy Center this coming year for both our board and membership meetings.

### Breaking News!

A lease has been signed between UAF and MOA for the CES office to move to the Loussac Library, possibly as soon as right after Labor Day weekend!!!!

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## AMGA Board Meeting: August

### Board Notes Deadline for New Master Gardener Class

Alaska Master Gardeners, Anchorage Board members convened Aug. 13 at Lutheran Church of Hope with all present except Marilyn Barker. Jane Baldwin, MG member-database shepherd and de facto historian, and CES Anchorage Urban Extension Director DeShana York also attended.

Topics and actions included:

#### Fall Plant Sale Update

The Aug. 11 MG plant sale next to the Alaska Botanical Garden in the Benny Benson parking lot brought in \$6,400, including memberships and donations. Seventy-five percent of the plant sales' total goes to the sellers. There were 70 credit card transactions and 25 checks, with the rest in cash. Four free workshops were offered as well: Dennis Ronsse on soil improvements; Kathy Liska on State Fair entry success; Paul Marmora on flower arranging; and Debbie Hinchey on tree pruning.

#### CES Outreach Center Move

Still no decision as of Aug. 13, but Director DeShana York is hopeful one will come by Sept. 1. The current location's lease expired July 31.

#### Fall Master Gardener Class

The first Master Gardener class in Anchorage since 2015 is set to start Sept. 11. Registration deadline is Sept. 5; no more than 50 students will be admitted. Palmer CES Agent Steve Brown will teach, and planning by Steve and DeShana continues with a publicity push involving garden clubs, Alaska Mill & Feed, the State Fair and Jeff Lowenfels' ADN newspaper column.

Those completing the class and their volunteer hours will receive a \$150 rebate against their \$300 registration; in addition, Anchorage Master Gardeners have ten \$75 tuition-assistance grants as well as free 2019 Master Gardener membership for all new MG graduates. The grant committee comprises Fran Pekar, Cindy Walker and Don Bladow. The grant application deadline is Sept. 26.

#### Upcoming CES Classes

Three workshops under the auspices of the Anchorage CES office will include one on exterminating or at least discouraging invasive bird vetch, a lovely, lacy strangler plant with purple blooms and global ambitions (Aug. 20, 5:30-6:30 pm, BP Energy Center); "Local Food Leader Training" (Sept. 5, 8 am-12:30 pm, Matanuska Experiment Farm, \$25); and "Community Food Systems Training" (Sept. 5, 1:30-5:30 pm, and Sept. 6, 8 am-4 pm at the Matanuska Experiment Farm, \$75). Lunch is included on the final day, and attendees can double up on the latter two courses for \$85. (See Calendar for more info)

### Board Elections

Five Board seats are coming open, and Harry Deuber, Jane Baldwin, and Fran Pekar compose the elections committee, which is seeking candidates. Nominations open September 1, will be discussed at the September 17, Master Gardeners meeting (BP Energy Center), and close October 3. Candidates' biographies will be in the November newsletter.

### General Meetings

Julie Riley, beloved former Anchorage CES horticulturist, will speak at the September 17, Anchorage MG meeting.

Members' annual summer recap is scheduled for the October meeting.

Prep for the next Advanced Master Gardener class will move ahead after the statewide MG Spring Conference hosted by Anchorage Master Gardeners.

### Worthy of Mention

Anchorage Master Gardeners might consider participating in the municipality's Adopt-A-Road Program. In return for signage crediting the group, MGs could "adopt" a road, a trail or a park by picking up litter three times a year.

Wondering about those pink trashcans? The Municipality of Anchorage is using them to test a green-waste-to-compost program in some neighborhoods.

— Cheryl Chapman, MG Board Secretary

#### Treasurer's Report Balances 6/30/2018

Checking account	\$9,670.30
Savings account	<u>11,747.53</u>
	\$21417.83

Dedicated Funds	\$5,217.30
Interest Bearing CD	<u>10,187.41</u>
	\$15404.71

Revenue:	
Interest	\$1.50
Membership Dues	<u>20.00</u>
	\$21.50

Expense:	
Operations	109.96
	\$109.96

#### Balances 7/31/2018

Checking account	\$9,580.34
Savings account	11,749.03
	<u>\$21,329.37</u>

Dedicated Funds	\$5,217.30
Interest Bearing CD	<u>10,187.41</u>
	\$15404.71



## Herb Study Group: Liverwort!

by Elaine Hammes

This is a deeper look into one of the more aggressive weeds seen at Alaska Botanical Garden's (ABG) Herb Garden. The local liverwort is very likely *Marchantia polymorpha*. Only one liverwort (of about 6,000 species), *Marchantia polymorpha*, is a weed problem in nurseries. Knowing more about this lichen may help gardeners anticipate and plan activities that may at least reduce, if not eliminate, serious outbreaks. [Ed. note: Lichen are composite organisms. The exterior is a rigid fungal shell which provides protection for the algae inside. Lichen have evolved to stay close enough to sunlight whether they grow on soil, rocks, or in tree bark, to keep the algae producing food for both parties.]

Liverwort's leaf-like form, thallus, is covered with specialized structures called gemmae cups. The gemmae cups contain small asexual propagules that will splash when hit with irrigation or raindrops. It has been determined that the propagules can splash up to a distance of 60 inches when hit with irrigation or rain water. The small propagules will form other lichen where they land in suitable environments. This is one of the primary mechanisms by which liverwort spreads. Liverwort also spreads by microscopic, airborne spores.

Liverwort grows robustly in conditions with high humidity, high nutrient levels (especially nitrogen and phosphorus), and high soil moisture. It is difficult to control liverworts (even when using herbicides) in a growing environment with any one or more of these conditions. In order to more effectively control this weed, growing conditions for liverwort must be made as difficult as possible.

For effective control, cultural practices that deprive liverwort of the moist, high fertility, and humid conditions it thrives in should be used. To do this, attempt to create an environment where the ambient air is dry, the surface of the soil is as dry as possible, and nutrients are not available on the soil surface.

Less dense plantings, thinning or pruning may help provide better airflow throughout the planted areas. Water less often, but longer for each session to allow soil surface to dry longer. A watering cone may be used to water the root zones of specific plants rather than the surface of soil around plants.

Use fertilizer prudently, reducing the amount and when it is used. It should be placed around individual plants, and then lightly scratched into the soil. Some gardeners have dibbled fertilizers with plants successfully, although it is recommended to conduct small trials to see how it works for specific situations.

Once a garden has liverwort, removal is a long-term project. Liverwort root-like rhizoids are easily scraped off the soil surface; then an inch or two of mulch should be added. Removal may continue for several years (or more) because propagules and spores will continue to produce more liverwort. Removal will need to be repeated as needed.

Various types of soils and mulches have been suggested that will minimize growth of liverwort. Changing your soil to a mix



Liverwort *Marchantia* spp. commonly seen in moist settings alongside mosses. The round "cups" contain the asexual propagules which spread when splashed with water. Where they land a new lichen grows. Photo by Mary Contrary.



that has better drainage will also reduce its vigor. Coarse material that drains well, especially near the surface, is ideal. Coarse bark, pumice, perlite, and vermiculite work well to increase drainage. However, peatmoss, coir, compost, sawdust, and fine bark will increase a media's water holding capacity and thus increase liverwort vigor. For optimum liverwort control and optimum crop growth, try to develop a mix that is coarse enough so that it dries on the surface rapidly, but fine enough to retain and provide adequate water to crop roots below the surface of the container.

While the liverwort battles continue, other skirmishes abound, especially with members of the Cardamine genus, commonly called Pop-it Weed. That is a story for another edition.

To watch liverwort grow, check out the YouTube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjx-2AfsFos>

For more information on growth conditions and control:

[http://oregonstate.edu/dept/nursery-weeds/weedspeciespage/liverwort/liverwort\\_page.html](http://oregonstate.edu/dept/nursery-weeds/weedspeciespage/liverwort/liverwort_page.html)



# Bird Chatter

**SORRY...** BC is unwilling to be depressed alone. The season properly known as “Not-Winter” (aka spring and summer) is over and the cold darkness will soon descend. About now, BC starts to feel like a character in Game of Thrones—the ones guarding The Wall. The only good thing about the end of August–beginning of September is that it finally rains enough to actually water the plants, not just enough to ruin the day.

On the plus side, lettuce, carrots and potatoes are still growing. Dahlias still bloom (And Bird Vetch of course. Sigh). But this is strictly Nature’s con job. The season is over. Anchorage once got its first snow on September 20th.

OK, not recently, but it could happen again.

See, this is what September does to the mind. Negativity. But let’s be honest: Bears have the right idea. Lead me to a cave.

**SERIOUSLY TMI...** Board member Cheryl Chapman thinks she’s identified that revolting slug Christine Cikan posted online last month: “Seems to be an invasive European Black Slug,” says Cheryl. They grow to six inches.

They’re so slimy “18th century Swedish farmers used them to grease farm cart axles.” Like, you mean squashed them and rubbed them on the axle? Yeech.

Cheryl continued: “They also are reported to be the nastiest-tasting of the slu...” STOP!!!

**SALE DAY...** Despite the gloomy weather, Plant Sale day was its usual success. Special kudos to the four members who taught the free classes offered to the public. Dennis

Ronsse shared wisdom on a subject everyone is interested in—how to improve your soil with minimal work and expense. Kathy Liska interrupted her super busy season as Queen of Alaska Fair Produce Competitions (probably not her exact title) to tell us how to enter and impress the judges. Paul Marmora turned a few stems of greenery and some flowers from a market into a fantastic vase arrangement. And super thanks to Debbie Hinchey for hauling a couple of trees into the tent so she could demonstrate for real how to prune correctly.

**OOO, LOOK MOM...** Gina Docherty was busy tending the rock garden at the ABG a few weeks ago, listening to a woman a-ways off reading a story to a bunch of kids and moms about a child picking blueberries near a bear (Aw, isn’t that cute. No. Chomp chomp). Anyhow, as the “Story Time in the Garden” reader was winding up, someone shouted “Hey bear! Hey bear!”

“I thought this was kind of odd for the story line,” Gina recalls. It’s what Alaskans yell in the woods to convince a bear to go the other way.

Yep, you got it. A black bear had come out of the trees toward the group—perhaps to hear what Outside writers had to say about his kin?

Whatever. It it all ended well. The kids huddled together and staff expertly moved the bear back to its own (reduced) habitat.

Verdict? Most exciting “Story Time in the Garden” ever.

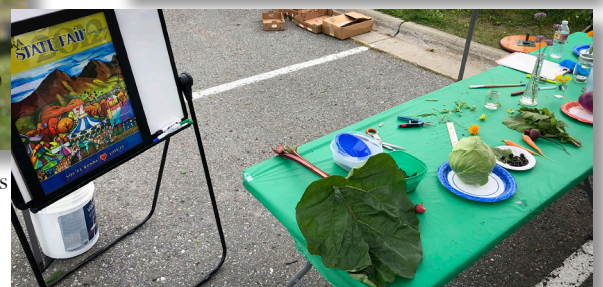
Know something newsy or just fun? [stoomey@gmail.com](mailto:stoomey@gmail.com)



## AMGA Plant Sale



Clockwise from top left: Intense observers at Debbie Hinchey’s pruning workshop; Paul Marmora deftly whips out a floral arrangement; Oh, the choices; Kathy Liska showed the tools of the trade and presentation secrets for Fair entries; Dennis Ronsse’s standing room only soil class. Photos courtesy of Michael Kukulenz, except lower right by Ginger Hudson.





# AMGA Board Elections

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.

## 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 before too long; sad we know. 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@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>

### Fresh International Gardens Market Days

FIG is selling their produce at three farmers markets. MGs are encouraged to volunteer with the Immigrant gardeners to help set-up and take-down. Mountain View Market: Thursdays, 3pm - 7pm through September 27; Muldoon Market, Saturdays, 9am - 2pm through September 29; Contact Jesse Richardville, Refugee Agriculture Partnership Program Coordinator, (907) 222-7377, [jrichardville@cssalaska.org](mailto:jrichardville@cssalaska.org)

## Plant Sale Thanks-from Fran

Thanks to the following for bringing the Late Season Plant Sale to life: Harry Deuber, Paul Marmora, Lynne Opstad, Sheila Toomey and Madge and John

Oswald for helping to manage the details; Cindy Walker and Gina Docherty for cashiering duties; Dennis Ronse, Debbie Hinchey, Kathy Liska and Paul Marmora for teaching the wonderful classes; Dana Klinkhart and Judith Brendel for manning the Master Gardener tent all day; Jessie Moen for her valuable CES IPM contribution. The volunteers who helped make it happen: Marjorie Williams, Sandy and Dave Harrington, Margaret Love, Jan van den Top, Vickie Russell, Marsha Burns, Shirley Mathews, Martha Jokela, Joyce Falldorf, Faye Stiehm, Jane Baldwin, Mike Baldwin, Janice Berry, Ginger Hudson, Julie Jorgenson, Sharon Schlicht, Cindi Helmericks, Shirley Kelly, Susan Opalka, Louise Colbert, Marsha Korri, Diane Wendling, Marilyn Barker, Lisa Oakley and Susan Miller. To Michael Kukulenz (from Germany!) for the photos. To ABC, Benny Benson School and to all the plant sellers, attendees, and anyone else I have somehow forgotten to mention - a huge thank you for helping to make the plant sale a success!

We couldn't have done it without you. Above: Jaime Rodriguez, The Alpine Garden Nursery, in serious discussion with Marilyn Barker.



## September Garden Event Calendar

### Meetings and Events

#### Thursday, September 6

Alaska Garden Club: Leaf Mold & Slugs, 7 pm; Meets at the Pioneer Schoolhouse 437 E 3rd Ave. 907-566-0539 voice mail

#### September 8 - 15

6th Annual Harvest Moon Local Food Week: farm tours, presentations. Main Festival Sept. 15, 10am - 6pm in Soldotna Creek Park. Sponsored by Kenai Local Food Connection: [www.KenaiLocalFood.org](http://www.KenaiLocalFood.org).

#### Thursday, September 13

Wildflower Garden Club Meeting: An Overview of Beekeeping in Anchorage, presented by Steve Victors, 10am - 11:30 am, Central Lutheran Church, 1420 Cordova St.

#### Monday, September 17

AMGA Meeting: Peonies: Inside and Outside the Garden, with Julie Riley. 7 pm. Meeting will be held at the BP Energy Center, 1014 Energy Court, Anchorage.

#### Saturday, September 29

National Public Lands Day. Volunteer in your favorite space.

#### Monday, October 1

Alaska Native Plant Society meeting: First meeting of the season, 6 pm (normally 7 pm), at Campbell Creek Science Center, with a Potluck and member slideshow of summer activities.

#### Alaska State Fair Ends September 3



AMGA monthly meeting, September 17, 2018

## Peonies In & Out of the Garden

With Julie Riley

*I'm looking forward to being your September presenter. This will not be a recycled talk from another era. I plan to cover fabulous and little known facts about growing peonies, the plant itself, AMGA peony inspiration and my escapades working on a commercial peony farm for a month in North Pole.*

*I promise that even if you don't grow a single peony you'll find something useful, and hopefully amusing, in what I have to say.*

### Classes and Workshops

#### Wednesday, September 5

Local Food Leader Training: 1:30 pm-5:30 pm; Seating is limited (40) Training is in two parts, one day in person plus 4 online modules.

Community Food Systems Training: Sept. 5, 8 am-12:30 pm; Sept. 6, 8 am-4 pm; Training is in two parts, 2 day workshops in person, and 4 online modules. Maximum 20 participants Held at Matanuska Experiment Farm, 1509 Georgeson Drive, Palmer. Register at <https://bit.ly/2KmvXxE>

Mat-Su Master Gardeners: Good Earth Gardening School: Manage a Successful Worm Bin, 7-9 pm, MTA meeting room, lower level of the Palmer Headquarters Building, 480 Commercial Drive, Palmer, Alaska. Free.

#### Tuesday, September 11

Anchorage Master Gardener classes begin; must be registered by September 5

#### Friday, September 21

Good Earth Gardening School: Autumn Equinox Celebration in the Medicine Wheel and Harvest Potluck with Terri & Ellen, at Artemisia Acres, 4700 Farm Loop Rd, Palmer, 3-7 pm. Come join us to connect, celebrate, give thanks, & share food after. Bring: drums, rattles, and a gift for the Earth (stone, feather, etc.); warm outdoor clothes; healthy food for potluck; your stories of overcoming obstacles. FREE...but please register in advance. Email: [contact@ellenvandevise.com](mailto:contact@ellenvandevise.com)

#### September 9 - October 6

Good Earth Gardening School: Master Composter classes - details: <http://ellenvandevise.com/events/master-composter-certification-course-section-d-3/>

NOTE: Meeting at  
B.P. Energy Center



Marie  
LeMoine



## Fresh International Gardens Tour by Ginger Hudson

The rain paused long enough for an inquisitive group of gardeners to visit the Fresh International Gardens (FIG) in Mountain View on Monday, August 20. Jesse Richardville, Refugee Agriculture Partnership Program Coordinator, gave us an overview of the evolution of the garden and how it operates. Many longtimers know that our former CES Agent, Julie Riley, helped start the gardens years ago.

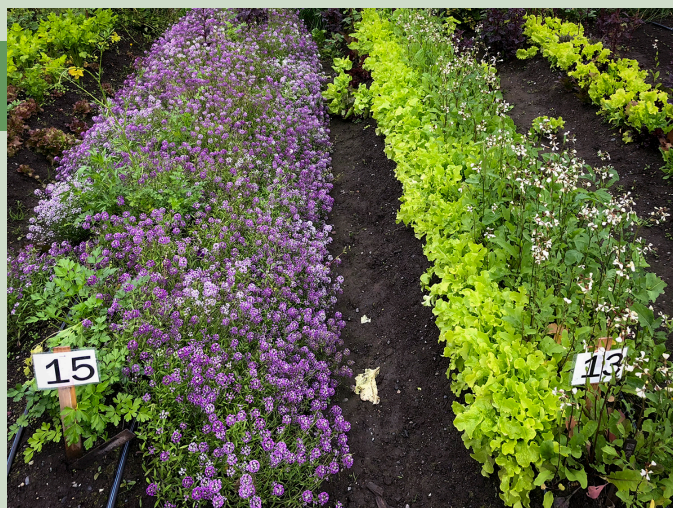
FIG is a program to help recent immigrants and refugees learn skills that will enable them to be employable. There are currently twenty-four gardeners involved representing at least eight different countries. The client base is ever-changing. Again, those familiar with Julie's time-intensive involvement may remember that the Hmong, who fled Laos and Vietnam, were the original immigrant gardeners. Jesse says now most are Bhutanese, Congolese, and Mexican that participate in the program.

Participant gardeners not only plant, tend, and harvest the garden, they learn to package, market, and sell their produce. Contrary to what some may have thought, it is not a garden strictly for their personal use. They are, however, actively involved in selecting what crops to grow—with Jesse's leadership. He steered FIG away from standards like cabbage and orange carrots because so many larger farms grow them. FIG customers at Farmers Markets buy up all their purple dragon and early yellow carrots. Customers are also intrigued by edible flower offerings. The most surprising thing on our garden tour were the rows of yellow romano beans—bountiful bushes!

Jesse learned in his horticultural training to pair long-term crops with quick-growing crops. Examples at FIG included: strawberries at the feet of pea vines; lettuce surrounding bolted arugula; and shiso surrounded by orach—a green with spinach-like qualities.

Some of FIG's keys to success include intensive planting to keep weeds down, use of all space including fences, mulch on walkways, and precise record-keeping. Intense planting and intercropping keep pests down so the garden is mostly maintained organically. One unique use of recycled and bio-degradable items were the coffee bean burlap bags laid on pathways. Jesse reports that 1,660 hours of time were put into the gardens by immigrants and refugees, including time spent learning to cook what they grew, in 2017.

Jesse certainly has continued and expanded the success of Julie's creative program. FIG produce can be purchased at Mountain View Market, Thursdays, 3 - 7pm, through September 27; and Muldoon Market, Saturdays, 9am - 2pm, through September 29.



What surprised Master Gardeners? An alluring row of alyssum and a bountiful crop of yellow romaine beans. We learned, and verified by sampling, alyssum is edible. As a member of the Brassicaceae family, we could taste its cabbagey-radishy heritage.



Above: Jessie Richardville, far right, talks to Master Gardeners about the Fresh International Gardens' history. Photo by Gina Docherty.

Left: Didn't harvest all of your arugula in time? Fear-not, the flowers are edible. Yes, we tested those too. The sweet nectar blended well with the pungent arugula background flavor. Arugula flowers will be added to this author's Edible Flower presentation! Garden rows are numbered for record-keeping. The gardens have multiple zones of soaker hoses on timers for accurate and measured use of water. Photos by Ginger Hudson.





# October Meeting: Show-And-Tell

## Our Yearly Share Your Garden meeting

Did you learn or see something unusual this summer? Was there a new plant that caught your eye? A pollinator you noticed? Or perhaps your garden was wrongfully besieged and you have a story to share. Bring 5 or 10 of your favorite photos on a thumb drive to the October meeting. Be prepared to briefly describe your photos. Time allotted will depend on number of participants.

If you do not want to talk, but do want to share, email your photos to: [newsletteramga@gmail.com](mailto:newsletteramga@gmail.com) and our moderator will present them as a slide show.

### 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)



A reliable late-season bloomer and useful plant, Anise Hyssop, *Agastache foeniculum*, seen in the Herb Garden at ABCG. Photo by Mary Contrary.

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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### 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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