

**Alaska Master Gardeners Annual Statewide Conference  
April 6, UAA Campus: Lucy Cuddy Hall and Rasmuson Hall**

➤ *Preview of Events* ➤

Mistress of Ceremonies: CES Horticulture Agent Julie Riley  
Special appearance by Mayor Ethan Berkowitz  
Keynote, "Understanding Roots" with Author Robert Kourik

**Workshops:**

Compelling Plant Combinations • Fruit for the Garden  
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Insects in the Garden • Fast Composting



**<https://alaskamastergardeners.org/conference.html>**

**Co-President's Message by Elaine Hammes**

Now that Fur Rondy and Iditarod are past, and spring is here, we are definitely done with winter doldrums. Our yards will soon be ready for spring cleaning such as un-mulching more tender perennials, picking up branches, raking, and early spring pruning—that's where Kathy Liska's March 18 presentation came in with perfect timing. Thanks to Kathy for sharing her knowledge and many years of pruning experience. I have some pruning work to do very soon, especially removing the "3 D's."

Gardeners and would-be gardeners have begun planting seeds indoors, getting ready for the fast approaching summer. Leaves and early flowers will soon be unfurling everywhere and we will be in the middle of a new intense gardening season. Along with these spring-to-summer activities, AMGA has three exciting April events:

Saturday, April 6, 8am-5pm: AMGA is hosting the 2019 Alaska Master Gardener Statewide Conference at UAA Lucy Cuddy Hall. Refer to <https://www.alaskamastergardeners.org/conference.html> for further information and registration). In addition to author and keynote speaker, Robert Kourik, there will be many other local and regional expert presenters and workshop leaders. I thank all of the committee members who have been working to make this an energizing educational event. Having attended only the last few of the weekly planning meetings, I can see just small parts of the many details the conference committee members are arranging for an entertaining learning experience. This state-wide conference provides a great opportunity to talk with fellow gardeners and specialty vendors

at the garden market. And don't forget the rare offerings open for bid at the silent auction.

Monday April 15: We expect Rick Sinnott's presentation on "Butterflies, Birds and Spring" to be standing room only, so make sure to join us at 6:45-7:00 p.m. for "Munch and Mingle." We will begin the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with some announcements and then Rick's presentation, the highlight of the evening.

April 20: Midtown Mall Spring Garden Show: AMGA will have CES information and pamphlets available, in addition to the popular plant sales; Many thanks to Jane Baldwin and Harry Deuber for co-chairing the AMGA tables; members interested in selling plants should contact either Jane or Harry. This is always a busy and exciting event. Keep an eye out for an email announcing the "Sign Up Genius" where you can add your name as a volunteer.

Remember that Julie Riley's presentation on "Strange Things Done in the Midnight Sun: Gardening Oddities, Eccentricities and Bizarre Facts of Nature" on Monday, May 20 will be AMGA's final meeting until September. Then we can all take time for extreme, perhaps fanatical, gardening during June, July and August.

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Only two more meetings in our  
Spring Schedule!

## AMGA Board Meeting: March

On Monday, Mar. 11, 2019, Co-Presidents Susan Negus and Elaine Hammes presided over Board members FX Nolan, Nancy Grant, Fran Pekar, Marilyn Barker and Marjorie Williams. Vice President Don Bladow was absent. Database custodian Jane Baldwin, Statewide Master Gardner Conference Chair and past President Harry Deuber, and past Secretary Cheryl Chapman also attended.

Past Secretary Cheryl Chapman has filed all past minutes in the file cabinet at the current Cooperative Extension Service (CES) office in the Loussac Library. The Board was treated to a garden song accompanied with a kazoo by Cheryl as a thank you for working with all of the Board members. She also passed around cupcakes.

Susan confirmed the monthly membership meeting presentation for March would be Kathy Liska presenting "Pruning 101". Elaine reported on the Midtown Mall Fur Rondy tables. Contacts with the public for the two days totaled 75. CES publications were popular with the public.

Harry reported that the Statewide Master Gardener Conference planning is going well. Speakers are lined up with Julie Riley agreeing to act as Mistress of Ceremonies. Online registration is ongoing. Fran and Nancy noticed that PayPal was requiring a PayPal account to pay online. Jane will check with Dawn to ensure guest set up is in place. 80 have signed up so far. Publicity includes fliers for distribution around town. Harry has fliers for Board members to distribute. The Nextdoor neighborhood social media platform is a good place to post the event registration.

The annual Spring Garden Show is April 20th at the Midtown Mall. Cashiers will be needed if Alaska Master Gardeners Anchorage (AMGA) plan to sell plants and logo merchandise. Nancy will not be able to attend. Cash and checks will be all that is accepted. If plants are sold, each person is limited to 2-3 flats and must refer to the plant sale guidelines on AMGA web pages. Focus on spreading the word will be by the newsletter, meeting announcements, and email notice.

New business included approving continued sponsorship of the Alaska State Fair prizes awarded to the Outdoor Grown Vegetables Division Champions of each weekly entry/contest with \$25 gift cards. The Board decided to let the membership in the Foraker Group expire for now with the ability to rejoin at any time their classes are needed. The AMGA computer will be updated with the most recent office software.

### Volunteer Opportunities

#### Spring Garden Show at MidTown Mall, April 20

Share your knowledge with new gardeners, learn from experienced gardeners, and visit with other garden groups! Contact Harry Deuber: denali542@yahoo.com, or 907-440-6372

### Treasurer's Report

#### Balances 01/31/2019

Checking account	\$9,352.01
Savings account	<u>\$10,786.95</u>
	\$20,138.96

Dedicated Funds	5,260.79
Interest Bearing CD	<u>16,251.71</u>
	\$21,512.50

#### Revenue:

2019 Conference	3,840.20
Interest	1.65
Membership	<u>140.00</u>
	\$3,981.85

#### Expense:

Operations	171.99
Workshops, Seminars, Programs	17.69
Membership	21.30
2019 Conference	<u>1,365.35</u>
	\$1,576.33

#### Balances 02/28/2019

Checking account	\$11,812.98
Savings account	<u>\$10,788.60</u>
	\$22,601.58

Dedicated Funds	5,260.79
Interest Bearing CD	<u>16,252.76</u>
	\$21,513.55

### *In Memoriam*

MG James (Jim) Roberts, MG class 1999  
December 1, 1931 - February 6, 2019

AMGA membership records show that Jim was a member every year since he took the class through the end of 2018. He also served on AMGA's Board of Directors in 2001-2002. Jim and his wife Kathy are remembered by many local gardeners for their seasonal Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus roles at Bell's Nursery.

– (Alaska Dispatch News obituary,  
Feb. 14, 2019, page B4)



## Herb Study Group: Feverfew by Wendy Willey

Feverfew (*Tanacetum parthenium*) was the topic of discussion at the March Herb Study Group meeting, many thanks to the research and presentation by Debbie Hinchey.

The bright golden-green foliage of Golden Feverfew, the cultivar 'Aurium,' provided sunny edgings around the Herb Garden's north and south beds in the past, and is planned for a comeback this summer. The cultivar 'Aurium,' has a dwarf habit and smaller flowers than other cultivars that have double, yellow, or pompom-like flowers. Although the daisy-like flowers look similar, do not confuse Feverfew with Chamomile.

Feverfew tolerates most any soil except wet and heavy, but prefers well-drained, sandy soil in full sun. Seeds may be sown at 50-55 °F in late winter or early spring. Those who observed the numerous seedlings in the Herb Garden last spring can confirm that Feverfew self-seeds prolifically. Plants may also be divided or root basal cuttings taken in spring.

While native to southeastern Europe, Feverfew is now widespread throughout Europe, Australia, and North America, where it grows in zones 5-10. This member of the aster family behaves like an annual in cooler zones, a perennial in some areas, and can be evergreen in the South.

Feverfew has been placed into five different genera, thus some controversy exists as to which genus the plant belongs. Other former botanical names include *Chrysanthemum parthenium* (L.) Bernh., *Leucanthemum parthenium* (L.) Gren and Gordon, *Pyrethrum parthenium* (L.) Bernh., and *Matricaria parthenium* (L.). It has been alternately described as a member of the genus *Matricaria*. However, the current, most-recognized botanical name is *Tanacetum parthenium*.

The first-century Greek physician Dioscorides used Feverfew to prevent or reduce fever. Feverfew also was known as "medieval aspirin" or the "aspirin" of the 18th century. Traditionally, the herb has been used as an antipyretic, from which its common name is derived. It has been used to treat arthritis, asthma, constipation, dermatitis, earache, fever, headache, inflammatory conditions, insect bites, labor, menstrual disorders, potential miscarriage, psoriasis, spasms, stomach ache, swelling, tinnitus, toothache, vertigo, and more. Feverfew also has been planted around houses to purify the air because of its strong, lasting odor. A tincture of its blossoms is used as an insect repellant and balm for bites.

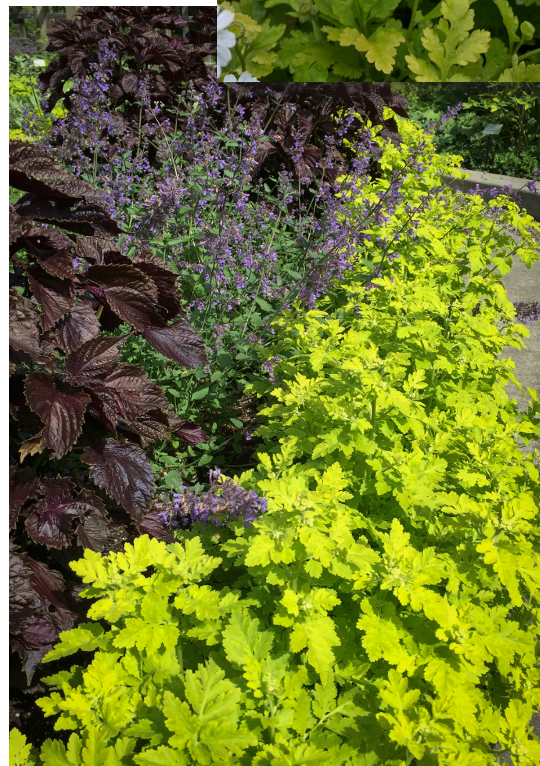
The chemistry of Feverfew is now well defined, including more than 30 sesquiterpene lactones. The principal sesquiterpene lactone, parthenolide, and similar lactones have displayed anticancer activity against several human cancer cell lines. Numerous flavonoids, volatile oils and other chemical constituents have also been identified. Feverfew action does not appear to be limited to a single mechanism. Plant extracts affect a wide variety of physiologic pathways.

There have been accounts of individuals using Feverfew whose migraine headaches decreased in number or ceased completely, and some studies that indicated the usefulness

Feverfew, *Tanacetum parthenium*, in bloom at the Herb Garden in the Alaska Botanical Garden.

Golden feverfew 'Aurium,' makes a striking border against large leaved *Perilla frutescens* var. *crispa*, and flowering catmint, *Nepeta* spp.

Photos by Ginger Hudson.



of Feverfew. However, other trials have been inconclusive in establishing the efficacy of Feverfew for preventing migraine headaches or effects on rheumatoid arthritis.

Individuals should consult a health care provider before taking Feverfew as it may alter the effects of some prescription and non-prescription medications. Pregnant women should not use the plant. It is not recommended for lactating mothers or for children. Patients who switched to placebo after taking Feverfew for several years experienced a cluster of nervous system reactions, often referred to as "post-feverfew" syndrome. No studies of chronic toxicity have been performed on the plant and the safety of long-term use has not been established.

Ed. Note: *Tanacetum parthenium* is approved by the Canadian Health Protection Branch for treatment of migraine headaches. Both fresh leaf and dried leaf preparations are available. Be aware the U.S. FDA does not regulate testing and usage claims for herbal products. It is in the consumer's best interest to become familiar with commercial manufacturers.

The next Herb Study Meeting will be Friday April 5, Noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Loussac Library 4th floor. The topic is Angelica and will be led by Elizabeth Bluemink. All are welcome!

# 2019 Alaska Master Gardener Statewide Conference

April 6 • UAA Lucy Cuddy Hall



## URBAN GARDENING IN THE LAST FRONTIER

Garden Market  
Silent Auction  
Door Prizes

Robert Kourik, keynote speaker

Early Registration (Before March 15).....\$85

Registration.....\$95

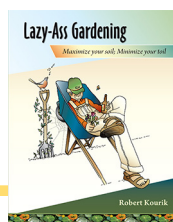
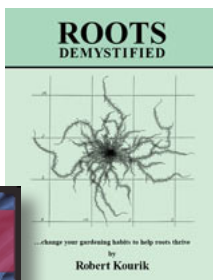
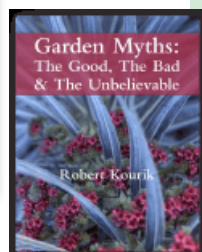
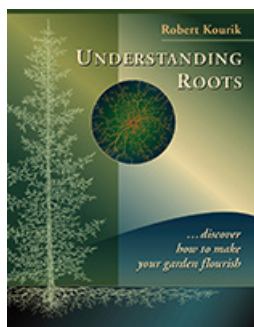
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Robert Kourik, our Keynote Speaker, is a popular garden writer, presenter, and the author of these books, among others. His books will be available at the conference.



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Nonprofit groups attending:  
AARP; Cooperative Extension Service;  
Downtown Urban Farm



# Bird Chatter

**SOIL TOIL** ... Ice on the driveway was half-melted—good enough to justify a mid-March visit to the Muni greenhouses at Russian Jack, and a chat with Sandy Potvin, who runs them. The good news is that the budget for flowering Anchorage has not been cut this year as badly as it was last year—when we had to fire-bomb the Assembly with letters and testimony to save it. It's still a while away, but we can look forward to another living, colorful beautification of most of the city this summer.

To accomplish this, the horticulture folks are currently taking applications for seasonal “gardeners.” These are full-time (4 days X 10 hours) planting and tending jobs. They're also looking for park caretakers—which is exactly what it sounds like—taking care of city park areas.

Applicants have to be 18 or older and have a valid driver's license. No upper age limit but you gotta be able to do the work.

**OH OH** ... Nickel LaFleur, tree guru and former AMGA president who moved to Wasilla, has been given a seat on the MatSu Parks, Rec & Trails Advisory Board. In the “Strip that land” center of Alaska, Nickel is already talking about being “frustrated with the willy-nilly attitude on clear-cutting when building.”

This could be fun!

**BARGAINS** ... If it's April, availability of very cheap extras from the Muni greenhouses can't be far off. No firm details yet. You'll have to check when, since they aren't allowed to advertise—banned from competing with commercial greenhouses, which seems OK to BC. The city seed lady says it will probably be Wednesdays, as usual. And outside the greenhouses. The money goes toward buying seed next year.

**OLD FAITHFULS** ... City gardeners, ever searching for plants to bed around town, have been experimenting with newish iterations of begonias and geraniums. To survive public planting, flowers have to be hardy in our climate, of course. But they also have to survive dog pee, theft, trampling, blowing trash, spilled chai, loving toddlers—you know, the joys of urban life. The new begonias and geraniums have passed all tests so far, so look for them in beds this summer.

**CAN'T WAIT** ... The foyer is FULL of plant vendors at this year's Annual Master Gardener Conference at the Lucy Cuddy Center on the UAA campus. Get your hands on some green by giving some paper green to these great plantspeople: Alpine Plant Nursery, Alaska Orchid Society, Hatcher Pass Dahlias, MC's Garden World, Frontier Farms, Susitna Organics, and the Alaska Botanical Garden. PLUS: great AMGA conference swag, shirts, hoddies, and more, bring your check book! April 6, registration information, page 7.

**REMINDER** ... If you see this newsletter before April 6th, remember to bring cash for purchases at the MG Conference. Some vendors in the Garden Market won't be able to take credit cards. However, if BC remembers correctly, there is an ATM somewhere around there.



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Northwest Flower and Garden Show

## April 2019 Garden Event Calendar

### MEETINGS

#### Monday April 1

Alaska Native Plant Society meeting; Tom Choate presents “Rosaceae genus Dasiphora” and Marilyn Barker presents “How a plant locates” and “Equisetum in Alaska” 7p, Campbell Creek Science Center, 5600 Science Center. [www.aknps.org](http://www.aknps.org)

Mat Su Master Gardeners MMGA Meeting, Jill Parson: “How to Make Your Garden Bird Friendly,” 7p at the MTA Headquarters building in Palmer, 480 Commercial Drive, Palmer, [www.matsumastergardeners.com](http://www.matsumastergardeners.com)

#### Thursday April 4

Anchorage Garden Club; “Growing Dahlias in Alaska” 7-9p at the Pioneer School House, 437 E. 3rd Ave. [www.alaskagardenclubs.org](http://www.alaskagardenclubs.org)

#### Friday April 5

Herb Study Group: “Angelica” Presented by Elizabeth Bluemink. Noon-1:30 PM at CES office, located in the Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St. Anchorage. [anchorageherbstudygroup@gmail.com](mailto:anchorageherbstudygroup@gmail.com)

#### Monday April 15

AMGA Meeting: “Butterflies, Birds and Bees,” presented by Rick Sinnott 7p at the BP Energy Center, 1014 Energy Court, Anchorage, [alaskamastergardeners.org](http://alaskamastergardeners.org)

#### Sunday April 21

Homer Garden Club Meeting, 2 p, Bonsai, Baidarka Inn, Homer

Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association; “Apple Grafting Workshop,” Open to members and nonmembers. Rootstock will be available for purchase. Over 20 varieties of scion wood will be available. 1-3p Church of Love, 3502 Spenard Rd. [www.apfga.org](http://www.apfga.org)

#### Tuesday April 23

Alaska Orchid Society Meeting: 6:30p with program beginning at 7p, BP Energy Center, 1014 Energy Court, Anchorage [www.akkorchid.org/](http://www.akkorchid.org/)

### CLASSES

Cooperative Extension Service-Anchorage CES office, in the Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St. Anchorage. [www.uaf.edu](http://www.uaf.edu)

- Tuesday April 2, “Spruce Beetles in Landscape Trees” 6-7p
- Tuesday April 23, “Gardens, Gardens...Anywhere!” 6p by Gina Dionne. Container gardening and grow your own food anyplace, in any space.

Cooperative Extension Service-Mat-Su-Matanuska Experiment Farm and Extension Center, 1509 S. Georgeson Rd, Palmer <https://www.uaf.edu/ces/>

#### Saturday April 13

- “Dehydrating Fruit and Vegetables” by Julie Cascio, 10a-1p
- “Birch Sap and Syrup Making”. 1p-3p, \$10.
- “Spring Fling with the Extension” 1p-4p

Alaska Botanical Garden Classes, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road. Registration required. [www.alaskaabg.org](http://www.alaskaabg.org)

- “Guided Gardening with ABG” The ABG is offering a unique comprehensive guided gardening program for the 2019 growing season. Start your garden off right by growing your own vegetable garden at ABG. Garden staff will mentor and guide participants throughout an entire growing season.
- “Summer Camps for Children,” Full day and Half day options.
- Wildflower and Plant ID 5 day course, by Dr. Marilyn Barker; Wednesdays in May, 1,8,15,22,29, from 6:30 - 9p

Alaska Mill and Feed Spring Class Schedule in March. Sign up for classes, 30 person limit/class. [www.alaskamillandfeed.com](http://www.alaskamillandfeed.com)

#### Saturday April 20

- “Design your own Shade Hanging Basket”, 10a to 11:30a or 12p-1:30p or 2p-3:30p, \$35

#### Saturday April 27

- “Design your own Sun Hanging Basket” at 10a-11:30 a or 12p-1:30p, \$35.00
- “Design your Own Herb Planter” at 2p-3:30p, \$40.

#### *Unique Tree Class Opportunity*

Pacific Northwest Chapter of International Society of Arboriculture is hosting workshops in Anchorage  
**April 17, 8:30a-12:15p** “Tree Disorder Diagnosis,”

<https://pnwisa.org/event/tree-disorder-diagnosis/>

**April 17, 1:15p-5p** “Why Trees Fall-The Physics of Windstorm Tree Failure”

Enroll in both and get \$25 off the cost of the afternoon workshop. Enroll at: [pnwisa.org](http://pnwisa.org)

**April 18, 8:30a-5:30p**

“ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Renewal”

### CONFERENCES

#### April 6

AMGA Annual Statewide Conference, “Urban Gardening in the Last Frontier,” UAA Campus, Lucy Cuddy Hall. Registration required. [www.alaskamastergardeners.org](http://www.alaskamastergardeners.org)

## April 2019 Garden Event Calendar

### June 17-21

2019 International Master Gardeners Conference, "Penn's Woods: Digging into our Roots" at Valley Forge Casino Resort, Valley Forge, PA.

[www.internationalmastergardener.com](http://www.internationalmastergardener.com)

Registration: <http://www.cvent.com/d/hgqxlp>

### June 13-17

Flower Judges School and Symposium, 8a-4p, Central Lutheran Church, Anchorage. Sponsored by the Anchorage Garden Club.

The courses are open to anyone interested in learning more advanced horticulture and or for those seeking to become certified Judges. The subjects appear to be Pelargoniums, Lilacs and Iris. For more information contact Carol Norquist 907-248-9563 or [norquist@alaska.net](mailto:norquist@alaska.net)

### EVENTS

#### April 20, Saturday

Spring Flower and Garden Show, Mid-Town Mall (formerly the Mall at Sears) This is a showcase for many of the Garden Clubs in Anchorage. There will be many varieties of plant starts sold. Goes from 10a - 4p.

✽ **APRIL 6** ✽

## AMGA Annual Statewide Conference

UAA campus, Lucy Cuddy Hall

### Urban Gardening in the Last Frontier

Keynote speaker Robert Kourik, Author of:

*Understanding Roots;*  
*Roots Demystified;* and others.

✽ Plus: silent auction, Garden Market, ✽

AND Julie Riley!

**Register online:**

<https://alaskamastergardeners.org/conference.html>

Award winning arrangement by Verna Pratt.

Photo by Ginger Hudson

## Learn to Judge Flowers, or How to Prepare them for Flower Shows

Come and join us for Flower Show School Course 1 and/ or a Symposium in Anchorage in June. Flower Show Schools and Symposiums are not only for prospective flower show exhibitors and judges, but also for all gardeners interested in flower design and horticulture. While the primary purpose of these courses is to train those wishing to become flower show judges, many people attend for information only and those people do not have to take the examinations!

The horticulture curriculum consists of basic general information on proper gardening techniques from seed / plant selection to plant culture and control of problems. Information is also presented on cultural needs of specific perennials, annuals, trees and shrubs, as well as fruits, vegetables and nuts and how to grow superior container plants.

Design instruction covers traditional floral arrangements through contemporary styles and even designs incorporating lights and motors. Many attendees are particularly interested in table setting designs showing coordination of floral centerpiece, linens and dishes. Vignettes, small segments of rooms, also give ideas on interior decorating.

Come only one day or both (if taking for credit). Flower Show School Course 1 (two days with testing on the third) is required if you want to become an accredited judge. The Symposium (two days) is necessary for our current judges to keep their accreditation, but anyone can come to either the school or the symposium. The symposium will study Pelargoniums, and combination plantings. The school will study Iris, and Syringa (lilacs). Samples of all plants will be needed, so if those in the Anchorage area would be willing to help, please contact Carol Norquist, 907-248-9563.

In addition to gaining a vast wealth of horticultural knowledge and gardening skills, you'll meet lots of interesting people and become part of a vibrant community of plants lovers.

**Symposium, June 13-14; School, June 15-17**

Registration and information can be found on the state website home page: [www.alaskagardenclubs.org](http://www.alaskagardenclubs.org). See you in June!



## AMGA 2019 Spring Meetings

**April 15:** Butterflies, Birds and Spring,  
with Rick Sinnott

**May 20:** Strange Things Done  
Under the Midnight Sun:  
Gardening oddities, eccentricities,  
and bizarre facts of nature,  
with Julie Riley

### Membership Renewal Past Deadline!

If you have not renewed your membership, do it  
now to stay on our mailing list.  
Contact Don Bladow: [dfbladow@gmail.com](mailto:dfbladow@gmail.com)

T-shirts, hoodies, packable rain jackets, and  
surprise AMGA items will be available at  
the 2019 Annual Conference on April 6.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Spring Garden Show

April 20

MidTown Mall

Talk to residents about gardening in  
Anchorage, seed planting schedules,  
compost, recommended varieties, and  
your fabulous gardening experiences!

We also distribute Cooperative  
Extension publications  
and sell plant starts.

10a - 4p

*Look for link to sign up in your email soon!*



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.

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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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