

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

The recently announced Advanced Master Gardener Course for 2019 scheduled June 12, 13, 15 and 21 is great news for AMGA.

Applications for the course opened May 20, and at the end of the AMGA meeting that evening, there were already nine MGs registered. There are a total of 18 slots so it is very possible that the class will have been filled by June 1, when this newsletter comes out. If you haven't yet registered, do check as soon as you can with contacts found in AMGA's 5/19/19 email "Advanced Master Gardener Course 2019" to see if there is space remaining.

### Monthly Meeting Location Pros and Cons

The AMGA Board of Directors continues to discuss pros and cons for AMGA meeting locations at both the BP Energy Center and Loussac Library. We will do our best to determine the most advantageous (and available) location for meetings beginning again in September.

Relocating permanently at Loussac Library would definitely be more convenient to CES, but there are times when the library has that space previously reserved and some Mondays the library is closed for holidays. The BP Energy Center has easy parking, great AV set up, and the largest space is great for our meetings if we can get it. Over the last year, there have been more groups requesting the large room, and several AMGA meetings had to be held in three combined rooms with limited success. In order to compete with other groups interested in using the BP Energy Center, AMGA needs to submit applications a year ahead, and even then may not be able to reserve the large room.

Please let one of the AMGA Board of Directors know any ideas, preferences, concerns that you may have regarding meeting spaces.

### Summer Activities

There are lots of gardening events to give you short breaks away from your own gardening this summer. Stay tuned to AMGA summer newsletters for the final location of the next



The persistent chivery at The Fresh International Gardens in Mountain View. Clear, clean, and ready for planting. AMGA wishes Jesse Richardville the best in his new endeavors. Photo by Mary Contrary.

AMGA membership meeting September 21. And check your email messages for the members' summer garden tour information. In the meantime, enjoy the summer sun and gardening!

### Volunteers and Volunteer Coordinator

AMGA is still receiving requests for volunteers to help teach about a variety of gardening related activities.

If you are interested in providing anywhere from one to three hours of assistance (or more), we would like to be able to call on you when we receive requests. Additionally we are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator to help with these requests. Please contact Elaine Hammes at 276-4295 or the AMGA email, [amga@alaska.net](mailto:amga@alaska.net).

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# AMGA Board Meeting: May

## Highlights of May 13 AMGA Board of Directors Meeting

- CES has a new policy and it is not yet clear how to implement requirements for background checks for working with children under 18. We've had a number of requests for volunteers and would like to recruit a volunteer coordinator to match volunteers with incoming requests.
- Volunteers were requested to assist at Loussac Library's "Reading Rendezvous" May 18 for family friendly activities. Don volunteered to help. Elaine will bring one of AMGA's gazebos with canopy.
- The Pioneer Home garden planning committee, Julie Ginder, Ginger Hudson and Lynne Opstad, have met and are on track. They set the dates of May 17th to clean out the gardens and May 29th to plant. They will be sending around a weekly maintenance schedule for people to sign up and plan to offer both orientation and pop up classes this summer, dates to be determined.
- Late Season Plant Sale August 10 Committee: Susan Negus, Elaine Hammes, and Nancy Grant as cashier. To recruit volunteers and plant sellers we need to encourage potting up plants and use SignUp Genius for scheduling volunteers. Plant Sale guidelines are still on the website but need to be reviewed.
- Ask a Master Gardener at ABC: Susan Negus, Sign Up Genius will be done each month. At this time the schedule Mike Monterusso would like is 12-3PM on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. This volunteer position is good for MG volunteer hours.
- Julie Riley attended and presented the proposal to offer an Advanced Master Gardener class on June 12, 13, 15, and 21.

The May 20 AMGA Membership Meeting location was changed to Loussac Library 4th floor. A room large enough for attendees was not available at the BP Energy Center. I'd like to especially thank Gina Dionne, CES, for making the last minute reservations for the meeting at the Loussac Library Learning Commons. Additional thanks go to Gina Docherty for changing the AMGA webpage and to Fran Pekar for sending out emails to notify members of the change in location. Numerous side activities at the meeting included conference logo items for sale, free plants, sign-ups for volunteering in the Pioneer Home gardens and for the Advanced Master Gardener Course.

## Treasurer's Report

### Balances 03/31/2019

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Checking account | \$18,284.22        |
| Savings account  | <u>\$10,806.63</u> |
|                  | \$29,090.85        |

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

### Revenue:

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 2019 Conference | \$10,076.00   |
| Interest        | 1.78          |
| Membership      | 120.00        |
| Fund raising    | <u>864.00</u> |
|                 | \$ 11,061.78  |

### Expense:

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Operations      | 466.39             |
| Awards          | 46.00              |
| Fund Raising    | 528.00             |
| 2019 Conference | <u>\$12,780.22</u> |
|                 | \$13,820.61        |

### Balances 04/30/2019

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Checking account | \$15,523.61       |
| Savings          | \$15.25           |
| Savings account  | \$10,808.41       |
| CD-Education     | \$5,282.19        |
| CD-General 2 yr. | \$10,300.41       |
| CD-General 1 yr. | <u>\$6,000.00</u> |
|                  | \$47,919.87       |

## Soil Analysis Calculator

Mentioned in Stephen Brown's presentation on composting at the Annual Conference, this is a link to an interactive web site for soil analysis:

<https://www.uaf.edu/ccs/districts/kenai/soilcalculator/>



# Herb Study Group: Spring in the Herb Garden by Elaine Hammes

Our summer gathering schedule is Tuesdays and Fridays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Alaska Botanical Garden's (ABG) Herb Garden. Remember that all volunteers must take ABG's safety training first.

Have you done spring-cleaning, possibly in conjunction with moving around furniture? The Herb Study Group has been doing similar things in the Herb Garden. Tuesday, May 14th was the first meeting of the season and cleaning up was a big part of the party. In addition, a number of plants are being moved to different locations, others are either not coming up or are being removed from the garden. And new plants are being added.

The Sweet Woodruff (*Callium adoratium*) with bright green leaves and delicate white flowers was a great looking plant for edging the North and South beds. However, the roots traveled so quickly throughout the beds that they were soon growing where other plants were located. For the 2019 season, the sweet woodruff has already been removed and remnants have been moved to another bed with only one other larger plant.

This season, the North and South beds have already been trimmed with the popular Golden Feverfew.

One Artemisia and a patch of bread poppies are missing this year, but they have already been replaced with several new plants. Numerous surprise Primrose (*Primula*) seedlings are popping up in many of the beds.



Caraway,  
*Carum carvi*,  
a reliable yet aggressive  
perennial herb in the  
Herb Garden at the  
Alaska Botanical Garden.  
Photo by Mary Contrary.

For some unknown reason, only one blue Borage (*Borago officinalis*) seedling has shown up in the Southeast bed. None of the white Borage seedlings have come up in the Northwest bed. Their seedlings had been coming back in large numbers for several years, but not to worry! They may be late-comers this year, or maybe there will be room for something new!

After several days of great volunteers working in the garden, it is shaping up! Soon we will be going into the maintenance mode: weeding, watering, trimming and especially enjoying all of the changes day by day.

## Accepted Materials ✓



- Fruit & Veggie  
Scraps

- Coffee grounds  
- Egg shells

## Not Accepted



- No leaves, grass or garden debris
- No fish, meat, dairy or poultry
- No "compostable" containers
- No inorganic material
- No animal waste or manure
- No cooked food

## Compost Your Food Scraps

The Muni's Community Compost opened May 1, 2019

### How it works

Step 1: Store your accepted food scraps indoors (we recommend using a 5-gallon bucket).

NOTE: In 2019 no yard trimmings (grass, leaves, small branches) will be accepted.

You may store food scraps in any compostable bag that meets ASTM D6400 standards. These include:

BioBag "Certified Compostable"  
EcoSafe "6400 Line"  
Glad "Compostable Kitchen"  
Natur-Tec "Natur-Bag Compostable"

Step 2: Drop-off up to two 5-gallon buckets at a time of your food scraps at either the Anchorage Regional Landfill (15500 Eagle River Loop Road) or the Central Transfer Station (54th and Juneau).  
Open Monday - Saturday 8am - 5pm.

Step 3: Take compost from the Anchorage Regional Landfill or the Central Transfer Station—an equal amount to the amount of food scraps you dropped off.

### Drop-off Hours

Monday - Saturday 8 am - 5 pm  
Closed Sundays

Best times to go to the landfill:  
Tuesday - Friday, 11 am - 5pm  
Saturday, 9am - 5pm

### Questions?

Email [compost@muni.org](mailto:compost@muni.org)

For additional resources on composting, please see the University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension resources on backyard composting.

# Container Vegetable Gardening by Cherie Nienhuis

## Container vegetable gardening can deliver—even with little space or time.

I've been a flower gardener my entire 35 years in Alaska. Who could resist those colorful splashes of spring after a long dark winter? Just as the days are getting longer and warmer, the pretty petals begin showing up in our local nurseries and grocery stores. It's easy to grow flowers, especially the annual ones, who have to put on their best show in one short season.

Vegetable gardening? I've always thought that vegetable gardening was for the serious gardeners, the ones with a big plot of flat land, and lots of time and energy to spend on it. Vegetable gardening is for those people who live far away from stores or want to live off the land or to live more organically, right? Although that type of gardening has its appeal, let's face it—most of us don't have the time, energy or money to put into a large backyard vegetable garden.

What I didn't know is that vegetable gardening could be done with no yard at all, much less a large flat one. It could be done in those same containers that I used for my beloved flowers. And even easier, I didn't have to browse the vegetable aisles at local nurseries to get started. All I needed was a couple of packets of seed, some empty flower containers, and soil and I was on my way to becoming a vegetable gardener! Apartment dwellers and workaholics alike will appreciate the small space this type of gardening occupies in their lives.

So with some encouragement and a few seeds from a co-worker, I began my container vegetable gardening experiment about 6 years ago. While not an expert, I learned a few things along the way that are helpful to someone starting out growing veggies in containers. I've also learned that there are many advantages to container vegetable gardening that I did not

consider when I started, but I've grown to appreciate over the years. Here are my top lessons learned:

- Container gardening can save money by using much of the same soil for several years and the "garden" requires no weeding or mulching.
- Containers are portable which means they can be transferred to sun or shade, and sheltered from windy areas. Best of all, they can be kept out of reach of our friendly moose!
- Container gardening can be done at waist height. For the age 50 and over crowd, or less-abled among us, that means no bending or kneeling!
- Seeds can be sown directly into containers after the last frost, and many germinate in a week or less. Thinning should be done to promote larger healthier plants, but discarded baby vegetables still make for very tasty salads.
- Some crops mature so fast they can be planted at least twice in a season, providing a fresh set of vegetables every couple of months. (greens like spinach, mustard, and cilantro)
- Although both above ground and below ground veggies can be grown in containers, the size of the container can be more of a limiting factor for vegetables grown below ground than above. I've found I get a bigger bang for my gardening buck by sticking to lettuce, arugula, kales, spinach, micro greens, and herbs such as cilantro.

If you are thinking of trying vegetable gardening, but are worried that you don't have the time or space, you might want to give container gardening a try. It's easy, clean, affordable and takes little space or time. And it's pretty special when you can walk out to your deck and grab some fresh greens to add to your salad!



Containers for any space. Left top: grow racks provide fresh micro-greens all year; left bottom: edible flowers grow alongside veggies in raised box planters; left: native and introduced edible plants growing in repurposed containers as a "Food Forest" at the Anchorage Museum. Photos by Ginger Hudson.



# Bird Chatter

**LIGHT AND LIGHT...** So, what are the two “lights” the merry month of May brings us each year? Daylight and light wallets.

Yes, fellow plant-a-holics, we spent the last month buying plants, bags of dirt and large-animal poop, sharp tools, ugly gloves, weird looking little benches, knee pads—and more plants than we have room for, because—you know it’s true—**THE GARDEN IS FULL!**

But, just in case you found some change under the sofa cushions and space behind the trash cans, here’s a report on good Valley greenhouses from Brenda Adams—yes, that Brenda Adams, via AMG Fran Durner:

Brenda “made the long trip north (from Homer) on May 17th, just to check out flower offerings for design clients... After a long day visiting nurseries—P&M Greenhouse in Eagle River, Perennial Gardens in Birchwood, Seed ‘N’ Trees and Ewe Topia near the Butte, Colony Greenhouse, Fresh Starts in Palmer, and Jacobson’s in Wasilla—she topped off the back of her car with plants from the ABC sale on the 18th, and then Forget-Me-Not Nursery on the long ride home again.

“Yes, she had double decker crates. Yes, she spent a gazillion dollars. No, there was absolutely no room left in her car.”

**ONE MORE REASON...** why BC misses Sutton’s: No more plugs. Which means no cheap annuals; no saving \$\$ by mostly growing stuff yourself; \$3.99 a stem!

**BERRY NICE...** AMG Gina Docherty reports an unexpected crop of good looking haskaps as shrubbery at the Fire Tap restaurant on Old Seward, “all very nicely rounded. Some of them were shorter, almost flat, but all were blooming,” says Gina. “I never thought of using haskaps as a decorative shrub, but they were really pretty.”

**MIA...** Where have all the Picasso Petunias gone? BC couldn’t find any in town last year and ended up with a few this year only because AMG Cindy Walker found some early in the season—at an undisclosed location—and shared.

**BEST STUDY AID...** from Julie Riley’s presentation to the AMGA membership on May 20th: A “Bumblebee Butt Chart.”

It was nice to see Julie even if her talk was all about creepy crawlies BC would just as soon not contemplate too closely.

something to share? [stoomey@ymail.com](mailto:stoomey@ymail.com)



## River Bean’s Organic Soil Fertilizer Recipe, by Pat Tremaine

### *RIVER BEAN’S ORGANIC FERTILIZER RECIPE*

- 3 parts fish meal
- 3 parts bone meal
- 1 part rock phosphate
- 1 part greensand
- 1 part kelp meal OR wood ash
- 2 parts blood meal

( Pat’s addition to the mix for high nitrogen plants)

### *RIVER BEAN’S SOIL MIX*

- 2 ½ parts top soil
- ½ part perlite
- ½ part vermiculite
- ½ part compost
- 3 parts complete organic fertilizer
- 1 part lime

Fish meal is available from Alaska Sea-Ag in Palmer. I buy most of my ingredients at AK Garden and Pet, which is the wholesale part of AK Mill and Feed. Far North Garden Supply in Wasilla has large bags of ingredients and that’s where I buy the worm castings.

When I had my soil tested in May, 2009, my beds were deficient in Nitrogen, so I added 2 parts of blood meal to the mix. For gardening, I use the fertilizer mix and add it to the garden and work it in. I just sprinkle it on around the plants for all plants.

For Pots, I use Promix with the inoculant and use a lot more than the top soil listed in the recipe. That sounds like a lot of fertilizer for that much soil. I also use worm compost, manure, Epsom’s salts for tomatoes, microbes, and mineral rock to the mix and to the garden. Roses like alfalfa meal and I mix it in the pots in the spring. I mix the ingredients in the wheelbarrow and add water and mix well before planting. I used lots of Susitna Organics compost this year and my vegetables and flowers are huge. I bought a truckload much cheaper than buying the bags.

Linda Lockhart from the North Root Garden Club says to use “Super Thrive” on all plants as soon as they come up. It is available at Lowe’s and Home Depot, etc. It adds hormones, enzymes, and trace minerals, and makes the nutrients available to the plants.

# June 2019 Garden Event Calendar

## PLANT SALES

### Saturday June 1

Anchorage Garden Club Plant Sale, 9am-5pm: Check web site 1-2 days ahead to find location. [www.alaskagardenclubs.org](http://www.alaskagardenclubs.org)

Anchorage Senior Center Plant Sale, 10am-2pm:  
Main Entrance, 1300 E. 19th Ave, Anchorage. Perennials and will have White Irises

Mat-Su Master Gardeners Plant Sale, 9am-3pm: at the Palmer Pavilion (Across from the Palmer Visitors Center)

Wildflower Garden Club Plant Sale, 9am-2pm: 7435 Old Harbor Road, Anchorage. [www.alaskagardenclubs.org](http://www.alaskagardenclubs.org)

### Saturday June 8

Central Peninsula Garden Club Plant Sale Starting at 10am:  
Peninsula Grace Church on K-Beach Road in Soldotna.  
[www.cenpengardenclub.org](http://www.cenpengardenclub.org)

### Saturday August 10

Anchorage Master Gardeners Plant Sale, 10am-4pm:  
Parking lot across from the Alaska Botanical Garden.  
[www.alaskamastergardeners.org](http://www.alaskamastergardeners.org)

## WEEKLY GARDENING OPPORTUNITIES

Herb Study Group: Through the summer work on the Herb Garden at ABG Tuesdays and/or Fridays 1-3pm. All volunteers must first check in at the ABG Office. A minimum of two people are required for working in the garden at any time. Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road. Contact: [anchorageherbstudygroup@gmail.com](mailto:anchorageherbstudygroup@gmail.com)

Alaska Rock Garden Society: Maintenance at the ABG Rock Garden, every other Tuesday starting at 10am.  
4601 Campbell Airstrip Rd, Anchorage  
Contact: Madge Oswald, [johnmadge@chugach.net](mailto:johnmadge@chugach.net)

Maintenance at the Palmer Visitor Center every Thursday at 9a.  
Contact person is Florene Carney, [snowfire@mtaonline.net](mailto:snowfire@mtaonline.net)

## CLASSES /WORKSHOPS

**Saturday June 1**, "Garden with Kids" at 10 - 11:30 am, \$15.  
Alaska Mill and Feed, 1501 E. 1st Ave, Anchorage, Sign up online at [alaskamillandfeed.com](http://alaskamillandfeed.com) or call 907-276-6016, 30 spots/class.

**Alaska Botanical Garden Classes:** 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road. Registration required. Call 907-770-3692 or [www.alaskabg.org](http://www.alaskabg.org)

• **June 10-August 2**, Summer Camp for ages 5-13, Full and Half day options

• **June 5, 6 -7:30 pm.** Ikebana Workshop, \$80/Members and \$95/Non-Members Sign up for this unique workshop on the Japanese design of floral arrangements. Participants will learn about the history of this unique art as well as design their own arrangement to take home with them. All materials will be provided.

• **June 20**, 11am-12:30pm, Story Time in the Garden: "Benny's Big Bubble"- Join us on June 20th for a reading of *Benny's Big Bubble* by Jane O'Conner. Nature stories and activities for children ages 3-5. Must be accompanied by an adult, reading begins at 11a. Story Time is Free!

• **July 20 - 21**, 9:30am - 4:30 pm both days, "Botanical Sketch books" by Ayse Gilbert. Alaska Botanical Garden.

**Thursday June 6**, Anchorage Garden Club; "Thrips" 7 - 9pm, Pioneer School House, 437 E. 3rd Av., [alaskagardenclubs.org](http://alaskagardenclubs.org)

**June 12,13,15 and 21**, Advanced Master Gardener Course 2019, Flower Show Horticulture: Iris, Lilacs, Pelargoniums and combination plantings. Registration required by June 8. Cost is \$120.00. Please send your check payable to Anchorage Garden Club: Carol Norquist, 3734 W. 35th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99517. Contact: Carol Norquist, Anchorage Garden Club: 907-248-9563 or [norquist@alaska.net](mailto:norquist@alaska.net) \*There may be some confusion since this is tied into the Flower Judge school and Symposium. Some of the classes will be combined and then there will be separate classes for the Advanced Master Gardening class. Description was sent to all AMGA members. Other information about the class and expectations: [https://alaskamastergardeners.org/AMG\\_Information.pdf](https://alaskamastergardeners.org/AMG_Information.pdf)

**Denali National Park/Alaska Geographic:** Both courses stay at a field camp located 29 miles inside Denali National Park along the Teklanika River. The Field Camp includes rustic tent cabins and a common dining yurt. All meals, accommodations, transportation, and instruction are included in the course fee. Professional development credit is available through UAA. For more information or to register, call 907-683-6432, or go to <http://akgeo.org/field-courses/> email: [courses@alaskageographic.org](mailto:courses@alaskageographic.org)

• **June 17 - 19**, "Wildflowers of Denali" - \$333 Alaska Geographic Member Price (\$370 Non-Member Price). Join Denali National Park botanist Carl Roland for an exploration of these beautiful mountainside colors. Learn how to identify plants by sight, with a hand lens, and with field guides. We'll investigate how subarctic flora adapt to extreme latitude and high elevation while exploring the park's unique patterns of plant diversity and ecological history. This is an introductory course to Denali's wildflowers and other plants.

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• **July 26 – 28** “Mushrooms of Denali”- \$432, Alaska Geographic Member Price (\$480 Non-Member Price). Join renowned mycologist Dr. Gary Laursen in Denali and learn various techniques for identifying native wild mushrooms. Taking clues from the landscape, we’ll hone our observation skills to help recognize fungal friends and foes. We’ll gain experience using field guides and learn how making spore prints assists in mushroom identification. We’ll learn about the many roles mushrooms play in Denali’s vastly different environments as we gain an appreciation for wild mushrooms and how they influence our lives.

## CONFERENCES

**June 13-17**, Flower Judges School and Symposium, 8 am–4 pm at Central Lutheran Church, 1420 Cordova St., 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 are Pelargoniums, Lilacs and Iris. For more information contact Carol Norquist, 907-248-9563 or [norquist@alaska.net](mailto:norquist@alaska.net)

**June 17-21** 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.event.com/d/hgqxp>

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### Monday June 3

AMGA Garden Tour Kick off - Members only; watch your email for location and details

### Friday June 7

Campbell Creek Science Center 6 pm – 8 pm: First Friday Event- The AK Flyway Grand Opening A festive evening to rejoice in the return of summer and Alaska’s migratory birds, featuring the installation of our new bird migration exhibit: The AK Flyway. The event includes a guided bird walk, scavenger hunts for the kids, and information about birding apps, including eBird. Questions? Call 907-267-1247. 5600 Science Center Dr., Anchorage

**Saturday June 8**, Audubon Society “Birding Smackdown.” The Potter Marsh-a-thon. 7:30a at the Potter Marsh parking lot.

**Errata:** The AMGA May Garden Event Calendar listed a meeting for the Pioneer Fruit Growers Association as being on Thursday May 10. There was in fact, no meeting, and Thursday was May 9. We apologize for the incorrect information. -Ed.

### Wednesday June 12

Campbell Creek Science Center, 7 pm – 8:30 pm: Midsummer Night’s Science Series- Bear Aware for Families. Summer in Alaska is full of fun, kid-friendly outdoor activities. During this program, we’ll help you get comfortable about your family’s summer outdoor adventures. You’ll learn more about bears and ways to be safe in bear country. You’ll also get a chance to learn about bear spray and practice using it. 5600 Science Center Dr., Anchorage

### Monday June 17

AMGA Garden Tour-Members only; watch your email for location and details

### Thursday June 20

Campbell Creek Science Center, 7 pm – 8:30 pm: Midsummer Night’s Science Series- Dragonflies- Learn more about the biology, ecology, and natural history of these ancient creatures from John Hudson, co-author of Dragonflies of Alaska and Dragons in the Ponds. 5600 Science Center Dr., Anchorage

**Thursday June 27- 5:30 pm:** “Peonies and Poppies”, Evening of Music, Art, Food and Flowers. Tickets available Monday May 27th for purchase online, by phone, or at the garden. Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road, Anchorage. 907-770-3692, [www.alaskabg.org](http://www.alaskabg.org)

### Friday June 28

“International Mud Day”, 12pm-3pm: International Mud Day is a nationally recognized day to get messy and play in nature! Join us for some fun activities that will be sure to leave you muddy and happy! Be sure to bring some extra clothes for the kids to change into and bring ones you don’t care about getting dirty! Current ABC Members and Kids 10 and under are free! \$5 for non-members and kids ages 11 and older. At the Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road. 907-770-3692, [www.alaskabg.org](http://www.alaskabg.org)

### Thursday July 11

“Beer in the Garden” 6 pm – 9: pm Local Beer, food vendors and live music. Tickets on sale in June. At the Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road. 907-770-3692, [www.alaskabg.org](http://www.alaskabg.org)

### Saturday - Sunday July 27 - 28

“13th Annual weekend Gardeners Event” in Homer - Fergus Garrett will be speaking on Saturday evening at 7pm at Islands and Ocean Visitor Center in Homer - his Presentation is “Succession Planting in the Mixed Border”. Fergus Garrett was the head gardener of the Great Dixter, a Gardening destination in Sussex England. Open Garden Tours will be Sunday from 10am until 5pm. [www.homergardenclub.org](http://www.homergardenclub.org)

## No Indoor Meetings in Summer

**Watch your email for  
garden tour dates and locations**

**SUMMER GARDEN TOURS:** Each of the summer garden tours will be announced to AMGA members by email about a week ahead with dates and locations on Mondays. We are looking forward to the tours that begin early in June and continue through August. We are always looking for more gardens to view so let us know of any that could be added in the future.

**GARDEN VIEWING ON YOUR OWN:** Urban gardening is becoming more popular, and you may enjoy viewing a number of more public gardens in town. The Municipality has operated the "C Street Garden" in Midtown for many years while numerous other vegetable gardens have operated in Mountain View area over more recent years. One notable garden is the Fresh International Gardens with a new supervisor, Keenan Plate, while former supervisor, Jesse Richardville, has moved on to a warmer climate.

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 \*NOTE: meeting location may change\*

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

### AMGA Board of Directors

|                               |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Elaine Hammes and Susan Negus | Co-Presidents  |
| Don Bladow                    | Vice President |
| Nancy Grant                   | Treasurer      |
| Fran Pekar                    | Secretary      |
| F.X. Nolan                    | At Large       |
| Marjorie Williams             | At Large       |
| Marilyn Barker                | At Large       |

### Committee Chairs, Program Coordinators & Volunteers

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| CES Liaison:            | Elaine Hammes                           |
| Broadcast Email:        | Fran Pekar                              |
| Calendar of Events:     | Susan Negus                             |
| Advanced MG:            | Don Bladow                              |
| Directory Editor:       | Janice Berry                            |
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| Field Trips:            | Don Bladow                              |
| Google Group:           | Mary Rydesky                            |
| Hospitality:            | Marjorie Williams                       |
| Membership & Database:  | Don Bladow                              |
| Newsletter              | Ginger Hudson                           |
| Website                 | Gina Docherty                           |
| Lifetime Achievement:   | Lynne Opstad                            |
| Grants:                 | Marilyn Barker                          |
| Pioneer Home:           | Lynne Opstad, Ginger Hudson             |
| Volunteer Coordinators: | Julie Ginder, Joyce Smith, Lynne Opstad |

## SAVE THE DATE!

**AMGA LATE SEASON PLANT SALE:**  
AMGA members mark your calendars for August 10, 2019!

As we move outside into our gardens and begin to think about moving, eliminating, dividing, down-sizing some of those over-grown perennial plants and/or you started too many perennials this year-consider potting some of them up and growing them on in a back corner of your garden for AMGA's late season plant sale. You can do this with your spring garden efforts-as well as throughout the summer. Plant sale guidelines are available on AMGA's website.

More information to come as details are firmed up for the second Saturday in August!

## Membership Renewal

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