

Co-President's Message by Susan Negus

This has been the hottest and driest summer I can remember. One for the records. All this sun has made everyone's garden mature early and the majority of the flowers have been very happy with a mild winter and sunny summer. Funny, in the beginning of the summer we had a hard time getting people to schedule for Garden Tours. Come July we had one just about every Monday thru August 19th, plus extra Pop-up tours. Thank you to all that showed us their garden. Everyone had a different personality and they all were beautiful. It was fun to see the different creative ways gardeners use their spaces. I enjoyed meeting up with other gardeners and always learning about new plants. Please let us know if you would like to have a garden tour next summer or if you know someone who needs to show off their garden.

This hot summer seemed to slow my usual garden pests down, although the spittle bug or Cercopidae was back in full force. I had some aphids on a few of my meadow rue, just on the *Thalictrum Aquilegifolium*. My new favorite technique is to spray them with the hose and I might just hit a few spittle bugs while I am at it. After about a week of regular spraying with the hose the aphids seem to disappear, of course the spittle bug continues to leave its spittle. I usually have a really bad problem with thrips on my peonies, but not this year. I don't think I had any. I could actually cut peonies and put them in a vase in the house.

Another problem I have is with slugs in my vegetable garden. This year was better since it was so dry. Someone told me to try crushed egg shell along the rows (in my case wavy lines). I certainly have enough egg shells to give that a try next year. The cups of beer really haven't worked for me and such a waste of good beer. The funny thing is the slugs seem to really like the green lettuce. I hardly ever find them on my kale, red lettuce, and mustards. Although, in wet summers I find them everywhere, but mostly in the green lettuce. And the rest of my vegetable garden is very flowery this year thanks to all that heat and sun; so much for cool weather vegetables.

Gardening around a lot of trees has its problems. I have a back garden that was struggling for a couple years. it was getting hard to dig in the garden because of all the roots. I finally decided to cut down some trees (Sorry BG I have a lot of trees). Well this summer to my surprise everything flourished in that

garden. I think my monkshood were easily six feet tall and the delphiniums nearly as tall—and really full. The garden was so full I could barely walk on the stepping stones. I definitely have some thinning to do next year. As much as I struggled with cutting down the trees, I think it payed off as far as the garden goes. I am sure other trees are starting to snake their roots into my garden as I write this.

The Late Season Plant Sale at the ABC parking lot was fairly successful. Though the event was a success considering how many plants went to new homes, sales were moderate compared to years previous. I think I can work on my publicity side. Even though it was a beautiful day, I think it went against us, finally not smoky and people were out and about and going south. It was even beautiful in Whittier (and you know what they say about Whittier). I am truly thankful for the Sign-Up Genius, also thankful so many people figured out how to use it and signed up to volunteer. Setting up Friday night was a bit chaotic with a lot of action. By about 8 pm things had settled down.

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Top: Snapdragons in the cutting garden of Turnstone Farm. Photo by Ginger Hudson.
Above: Everyone was getting in on the deals! The Late Season Plant Sale. Photo by Paul Marmora.



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I can remember watching Sue Looney moving plants to their rightful place in the queue. When all were gone except Jane Baldwin and Madge Oswald, I followed them around listening to the masters talk about the different characteristics of plants and get excited about certain plants being there. Of course, they knew all the proper names of all the plants, unlike myself. A special thanks to John and Madge Oswald for volunteering to spend the night again in their RV to watch over the plants. I also stayed and parked my van in the middle of the Plant Sale. We were aroused after midnight by some bright lights, I refer you to Bird Chatter for that. The next day went well, organized Chaos. Nice having everything all set up the night before. The classes were all full.

Another special thanks to Paul Marmora, Gina Dionne and Don Bladow for teaching the classes. We had so many great volunteers. I heard from many of them that they learned a lot from the other Master Gardeners, which I think is the point of all of this. New master gardeners getting together with the older master gardeners and learning.

I hope in the future the late season plant sale will be well attended by old and new master gardeners, so we can continue to grow. Sounding cheesy I know everyone wants to make money,

but sharing your knowledge is the next best thing. Again, thanks to all the many volunteers, the sellers and ABG for letting us use the space and their chairs.

We will be having Board elections again this year and we will have four 2-year term openings.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting on September 16, "Making your Yard a Wildlife Habitat" by Bonnie Lembo.

- No AMGA Board Meeting in July -

🌿 Board Elections coming 🌿

The Election Committee is seeking candidates for 4 Board positions for this fall's election. We will have four 2-year terms beginning January 2020. Please contact: Susan Negus 227-6288, senegus@gci.net; Elaine Hammes at 275-4295, marye.hammes@acsalaska.net; or Fran Pekar 433-9235, franpekar@gmail.com

AMGA Treasurer's Report, July 2019 By Nancy Grant

Balances 6/30/2019

Checking S-88	\$14,752.18
Savings S-1	\$5.25
Savings S-19	\$10,833.72
CD-Education 5yr 1.650% (12/20)	\$5,303.92
CD- General 2yr 1.25% (1/19)	\$10,350.49
CD-General 1yr 1.450% (9/19)	<u>\$6,000.00</u>
	\$47,245.56

Revenue:

Interest/Dividends	\$1.84
Membership	\$60.00
Donations	<u>\$200.00</u>
	\$261.84

Expense:

Operations -adobe/storage/Web	
Insurance/pioneer	<u>\$874.03</u>
	\$874.03

Balances 07/31/2019

Checking S-88	\$14,138.15
Savings S-1	\$5.25
Savings S-19	\$10,835.56
CD-Education 5yr 1.650% (12/20)	\$5,303.92
CD- General 2yr 1.25% (1/19)	\$10,350.49
CD-General 1yr 1.450% (9/19)	<u>\$6,000.00</u>
	\$46,633.37



Garnett Morrow (1938 - July 20, 2019)

Garnett and his wife Marya Morrow are well known in the gardening community as well as long time Alaska State Fair participants (and ribbon winners) in many categories.

The Morrows are especially known for their dahlias. Over the years they have generously shared their home's lovely gardens on West Diamond with AMGA members and the gardening community at large. The grounds feature Garnett's hand-crafted Gnome Village.

Virginia Landscape Architect Cole Burrell had this to say about the Morrow garden: "I so enjoyed visiting the (Morrow) garden. The garden was very intricate, the dahlia cultivation

eye-opening, and the gnome villages over the top!"

Homer landscape designer and author Brenda Adams commented: "What an amazing garden. I have never seen so many dahlias in one place. They were just beautiful."

An obituary appeared in the July 31, 2019 Alaska Dispatch News. Contributions here from Jan Baldwin and Fran Durner.

Photos of the Morrows and their garden by Fran Durner.



In Memoriam

Herb Study in the Garden: French Tarragon

by Elaine Hammes

French Tarragon (*Artemisia dracunculus*)

While we are seeing so many herbs flowering and fruiting this time of year, the unassuming French tarragon continues its somewhat slow-growing basic green stem-and-leaf structure—not sage green, not lime green, not forest green and no flowers. A color, Tarragon green, may not exist except as part of a recipe that includes green beans. And that is where tarragon comes to life for many cooks—in numerous recipes.

Two things stand out about tarragon. French tarragon (particularly variety *Artemisia dracunculus* ‘Sativa’) is favored by far for culinary uses over Russian tarragon (generally, *Artemisia dracunculoides*). French tarragon rarely, if ever, flowers and is propagated normally by root division.

Tarragon is one of the basic four “fines herbes” of French cooking, and is particularly suitable for chicken, fish, and egg dishes. Tarragon is the main flavoring component of Béarnaise sauce. Fresh, lightly bruised sprigs of tarragon are steeped in vinegar to produce tarragon vinegar. French tarragon is extremely popular as a culinary herb because of its licorice or anise flavor. It is used to flavor a carbonated soft drink in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan. In Iran, tarragon is used as a side dish, in stews and pickles. In Slovenia, tarragon is used in a nut roll sweet cake. In Hungary, chicken soup is flavored with tarragon.

A better substitute for French tarragon rather than Russian tarragon would be Spanish tarragon (*Tagetes lucida*), also known as Mexican mint marigold, Mexican tarragon, Texas tarragon, or winter tarragon. Spanish tarragon is much more reminiscent of French tarragon, with a hint of anise. Although not in the same genus as the other tarragons, Spanish tarragon has a stronger flavor than Russian tarragon that doesn’t diminish significantly with age.

Estragole (with the aroma similar to anise) is a chemical numbing agent in fresh French tarragon, but is very volatile and quickly evaporates when the plant is dried. Fresh tarragon is much more desirable than dried and dried tarragon is often described as tasting like “hay.” In distilled, concentrated form, estragole may be carcinogenic. A European Union investigation revealed that the danger of estragole is minimal even at 100–1,000 times the typical consumption seen in humans.

Since French tarragon does not produce viable seed, any tarragon seed will be the Russian variety, which is a taller, coarser, weedy plant. Russian tarragon normally produces almost no fragrant oil and is basically useless for culinary dishes. Some tarragon plants produce seeds that are sterile.

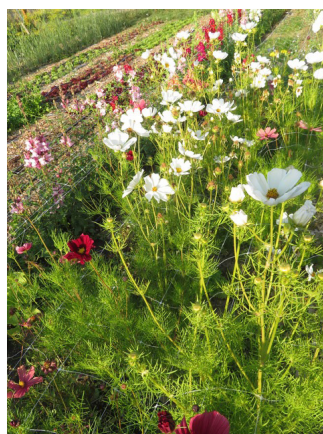
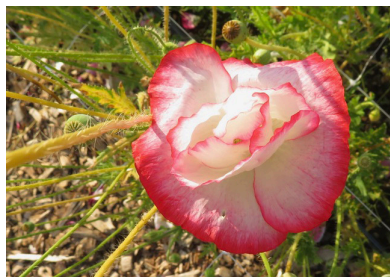
If you are looking for tarragon, beware! Russian tarragon is sometimes identified or mislabeled as French, so make sure to try a leaf

for tasting. The tingle on the tongue and the anise flavor identify the true culinary tarragon. Tarragon plantings last about three years before needing to be reestablished. Generally, a midseason and an early autumn harvest can be made each year. Mulching is used to protect plant roots through the winter in cold climates. Divide tarragon roots in late winter or early spring.

Tarragon’s roots must have fast-draining soil, or they may rot, particularly in rainy weather. Tarragon may be planted in a raised bed to ensure good drainage. Young plants need to be watered every other day during dry weather. Mature plants should be watered every three days to encourage a continual supply of fresh leaves. Mature plants can survive for long periods without water, but they may not grow new leaves.

Although average to good garden soil is adequate for tarragon, top-dressing with compost every winter ensures that plants do not lose their flavor. If soil is acidic, tarragon benefits from an application of dolomite for alkalinity and magnesium. Tarragon does best in full sun. It will grow well in half-shade, but may not have maximum flavor.

This season, visit the two beds with French tarragon (and many other herbs) at Alaska Botanical Garden’s Herb Garden. The Herb Study Group and other volunteers are in the Herb Garden Tuesdays and Fridays 1pm to 3pm until further notice. Watering, weeding, trimming, staking are at the top of our list. Join us when you can.



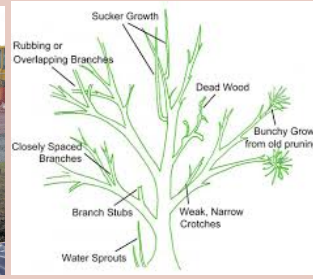
As the author states, “tarragon is just not that exciting to look at.” Top and above: French tarragon *Artemisia dracunculus* at the Alaska Botanical Garden. Photos by Mary Contrary.

Far left: Shirley poppy; left: cutting garden, both at the Turnstone Farm garden tour. Photos by Elaine Hammes.

Horticulture Classes: Tree Pruning and Transplanting

Instructor: Jim Flott

Sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources, Alaska Community Forestry Program



Thursday September 19, morning class, \$30
8a - 12p: Tree Biology (in classroom)

Decisions about trees are more successful when based on an understanding of tree anatomy and biology. This class is for: designers, arborists, landscape architects, park and public work staff, grounds-keepers, nursery professionals, and gardeners. We will cover how trees function as complex systems and how to use this information when selecting, siting, planting, pruning, and maintaining landscape trees.

Thursday September 19, afternoon class, \$30
1p -3p: Using an Air-spade for Soil Exploration, Remediation and Transplant (in classroom and outside) Learn how pneumatic tools can assist arborists in managing trees and tree health. The lecture will cover using the air spade to excavate buried root crowns, transplant trees, and other ways to benefit trees and provide a new service for customers. Presentation followed by a field demonstration.

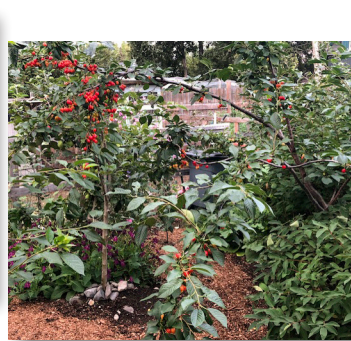
Friday September 20, all day class, \$60
9a - 12p: Tree pruning (in classroom and outside)

The science of proper pruning and the most common forms of mal-pruning. We will discuss basic pruning cuts, branch collar biology, a plant's response to pruning, and how improper pruning affects the health and safety of trees. We will look at ways to strategically prune to minimize future maintenance efforts.

1p - 4 p: Shrub pruning (in classroom and outside) Learn the varieties of shrub growth patterns and how shape can instruct us as for best pruning techniques. We will also cover rehabilitative pruning for plants that have been mal-pruned, radical renovation of shrubs, and creative solutions for a too crowded landscape.

CEUs available, registration required.

Contact Jim Renkert, 907-269-8465,
communityforester@alaska.gov



Four photos above: Erika Keinlen's garden tour. It's cherry time! A double-duty fence. Photos by Mike Baldwin.

Two photos above: Is it going to work? Decisions. Plants were leaving by the box-load at the Late Season Plant Sale. Photos by Paul Marmora.

Bird Chatter

ALASKA WOWS ANOTHER ONE . . . Garden goddess Fran Durner picked up British gardener Fergus Garrett (of Great Dixter, in East Sussex, fame) at the airport when he arrived last month, to drive him to the Homer Gardener's Weekend, where he was the honored guest and speaker. Here's her report to BC:

"The first thing he said after he got off the plane and the niceties were exchanged? Could we please go someplace where he could get a hot dog! He only eats hot dogs and hamburgers when he comes to the States and he really had a hankering for one. So where did I bring him? Costco! We didn't have time to go all the way downtown, and I needed to pick up a few things for Homer friends on the way, so a stop at the south side Costco fit the bill. (Besides, they make good dogs.) And what did he choose to embellish his dog with? Everything!! Fergus was especially taken with the numbers of people heading out of the store with huge dip nets for the salmon fishery that was in full swing.

"On the way we stopped several times for Fergus to look at native plants in Turnagain Pass, he fell in rapture with false hellebore that dot the landscape in alpine areas all the way to Homer. He was even able to get enough reception in the Pass to Facetime his family at home in Britain and show them the scenery. It was a little like "The Sound of Music" as he twirled around yelling, "Look at this! Look at this!"

"His one regret was – sadly – not getting to see a moose or a bear while he was here. Fergus, you will just have to come back!

"For anyone who missed his slide show lecture in Anchorage, after Homer – well it was your loss – you missed a fabulous talk!"

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT . . . Aug. 8th was "National Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbor's Porch Day."

Member Cheryl Chapman paused for a moment from her work with the Refugee Garden to swear this is true.

WOW AND HOW . . . On a recent trip to Oregon, member Gina Docherty revisited the "Discovery Garden" in Roseburg. It's a Master Gardener educational garden. "As usual, it was really great – well maintained," Gina reported – a Japanese Garden, children's garden, rock garden,



Have You Heard?

NOW THAT SHE'S A LADY OF LETTERS . . . BC compiler needs to rest on her laurels. Maybe we'll receive dispatches from her speaking tours, maybe we will just yearn.

Surely there is someone in our midst that can take up the mantle, or something like it. For those that have dreamed of sharing your garden gossip, submissions are welcome to this newsletter. email: newsletteramga@gmail.com

water-wise garden, vegetable gardens, a greenhouse, composting area, etc.

She spoke with local MGs she found hosting an info booth at a local farmers market and asked how many volunteers they had to maintain all that.

"Two hundred," they said.

"I nearly fell over," said Gina. Roseburg is a town of 20,000 people but Master Gardeners there have to volunteer so many hours per year to maintain an "active" MG status.

Hint hint!

CAMPBELL CREEPER . . . The night before the August plant sale. Midnight had come and gone, letting darkness spread its secrets over the forest of green huddled in the parking lot at ABC – early arrivals for the big day. Madge and John Oswald and AMGA co-prez Sue Negus relaxed in their RV and van – bodyguards for the piles of potted treasures.

Suddenly light sliced open the night – headlights flashed then disappeared, replaced by a moving headlamp. Oh oh. Who could it be? Plant thieves?

Anti-Green marauders?

No. Debbie Hinchey forgot her plant tags. Had to go home and get them, come back, and poke the right tags in the right pots in the dark.



Famed horticulturist Fergus Garrett giving false hellebore, *Veratrum viride*, the closeup it deserves. He wanted a hot dog, who'd -a-thought?

Photos by Fran Durner.

September 2019 Garden Event Calendar

PLANT SALES

All Summer - On-going plant sale at the Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road.

WEEKLY GARDEN OPPORTUNITIES

Herb Study Group: Through the summer, work on the Herb Garden at ABG Tuesday and /or Fridays 1-3p. 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 Rd. No meetings posted in September, Contact: anchorageherbstudygroup@gmail.com

CLASSES /WORKSHOPS

August 26, Monday

Beginning of the Anchorage Master Gardening classes, Mondays, 5p - 8p, except holidays through Dec. 9. At the Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St. Anchorage. www.uaf.edu/ces

September 3, Tuesday

Beginning of the Palmer Master Gardening class. Tuesdays, 6p - 9p, through Dec. 10. Matanuska Experiment Farm and Extension Center, 1509 S Georgeson Rd, Palmer. www.uaf.edu/ces

September 3, Tuesday

Edible Berries, 6p - 7:30p, by ABC Horticulturist Will Criner. Learn to Identify which berries are safe to eat and which ones to avoid. Class is outside rain or shine. Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Rd. Members \$30, Non-members \$40. Reservations required, 907-770-3692. garden@alaskabg.org

September 8, Sunday

"Vermi (Worm) Composting," 3 p -5 p, by Ellen Vande Visse. Free. Registration is REQUIRED by sending an email to compost@matsugov.us or calling 907-745-0758. Matanuska-Susitna Borough Solid Waste Division, 1201 N 49th State St, Palmer. Details at: ellenvandevisse.com

September 12, Thursday

Handling the Harvest Class: The Big Freeze. Properly packaging food to be frozen. 6p - 7:30p, \$25/class. Cooperative Extension Service-Anchorage at the Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St., Anchorage. www.uaf.edu/ces

September 14, Saturday

Certified Backyard Composter, 10 a - 12 p. Free. Registration is REQUIRED by sending an email to compost@matsugov.us or calling 907-745-0758. Matanuska-Susitna Borough Solid Waste Division, 1201 N 49th State Street, Palmer.

September 19, Thursday

"Tree Biology," 8a - Noon; "Using an air-spade for soil remediation, transplanting," 1p - 3p. Instructor Jim Flott, sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources, Alaska Community Forestry Program. See description page 4 this newsletter.

On the APU campus. CEUs available, registration required. Contact Jim Renkert, 907- 269-8465, communityforester@alaska.gov

September 20, Friday

"Tree Pruning," 9a - Noon; "Shrub Pruning," 1p - 4p Instructor Jim Flott, sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources, Alaska Community Forestry Program. See description page 4 this newsletter. Location in Anchorage, TBA. CEU credits available, registration required. Contact Jim Renkert, 907- 269-8465, communityforester@alaska.gov

September 20, Friday

"Vermi (Worm) Composting," 10 a -12 p, by Ellen Vande Visse. Free. Registration is REQUIRED by sending an email to compost@matsugov.us or calling 907-745-0758. Matanuska-Susitna Borough Solid Waste Division, 1201 N 49th State St, Palmer. Details at: ellenvandevisse.com

September 21, Saturday

"Certified Backyard Composter," 1p - 3p, by Ellen Vande Visse. Free. Registration is REQUIRED by sending an email to compost@matsugov.us or calling 907-745-0758. Matanuska-Susitna Borough Solid Waste Division, 1201 N 49th State St, Palmer. Details at: ellenvandevisse.com

September 23, Monday

"Vermi (Worm) Composting," 3 p -5 p, by Ellen Vande Visse. Free. Registration is REQUIRED by sending an email to compost@matsugov.us or calling 907-745-0758. Matanuska-Susitna Borough Solid Waste Division, 1201 N 49th State St, Palmer. Details at: ellenvandevisse.com

September 24, Tuesday

Garlic Planting Workshop, 6p-7:30p. Join ABC's Horticulturist Will Criner for hands on planting instruction with tips for growing garlic and other bulbs. Participants will receive garlic to take home and plant. Members \$45, Non-members \$55. Reservations required. Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Rd. 907-770-3692, garden@alaskabg.org

September 27, Friday

"Certified Backyard Composter," 10 a - 12p, by Ellen Vande Visse. Free. Registration is REQUIRED by sending an email to compost@matsugov.us or calling 907-745-0758. Matanuska-Susitna Borough Solid Waste Division, 1201 N 49th State St, Palmer. Details at: ellenvandevisse.com

September 30, Monday

"Vermi (Worm) Composting," 3p -5p, by Ellen Vande Visse. Free. Registration is REQUIRED by sending an email to compost@matsugov.us or calling 907-745-0758. Matanuska-Susitna Borough Solid Waste Division, 1201 N 49th State St, Palmer. Details at: ellenvandevisse.com

September 2019 Garden Event Calendar

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

August 22, Thursday – September 2, Monday

Alaska State Fair “Crazy Good”. The best time to see the Flower awards will be August 22 and August 29, while they are fresh. Alaska State Fair Grounds, Palmer. www.alaskastatefair.org

August 22, Thursday – September 2, Monday

Cook Inlet Bonsai Study Group, Paul Marmora will be at the State Fair in the Barn Display every day of the State Fair. Welcome to bring in plants or come to ask questions. Meetings will resume in October. Facebook: Cook Inlet Bonsai Study Group or pmarmora@aol.com

September 5, Thursday

Anchorage Garden Club; “Terrariums/Dish Gardens” 7p - 9 p at the Pioneer School House, 437 E. 3rd Ave. www.alaskagardenclubs.org

September 10, Tuesday

Eagle River Garden Club Program Meeting, 7p - 8p. 18444 Old Glenn HWY at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

September 10, Tuesday

Valley Garden Club 10:30 a, First Baptist Church of Wasilla on corner of Leatherleaf Loop and Bogard Rd. www.valleygardenclub.org

September 12, Thursday

Wildflower Garden Club, “Building Garden Fertility” by Dennis Ronsse. Members will meet at a private garden for talk and demonstration. www.wildflowergardenclub.org

Harvest Days Festival, Alaska Botanical Garden, Members \$5, Non-members \$7. Kids ages 6 and under free. Yard games for the kiddos. 4601 Campbell Airstrip Rd. For tickets contact 907-770-3692. garden@alaskabg.org Canned Food Drive all week for the Food Bank of Alaska, bring canned goods with you

September 12, Thursday

Day 1 of 4, 5 p - 7 p; Potato, Garlic, and Lefsa Tastings.

September 13, Friday

Day 2 of 4, 5:30 p - 7p, Cider and hot chocolate by the fire; DIY Mushroom Cultivation Workshop.

September 14, Saturday

Day 3 of 4, 11a - 3p. DIY Small Planters, 11a - 2p, Join Home Depot to make your own small planter to take home. Hyper-tufa Demonstration, 12p - 1p with ABC's Patrick Ryan. Uncle Leroy's Coffee Bar. Fall Centerpiece Workshop, make fun centerpieces using materials from garden.

September 15, Sunday

Day 4 of 4, 11a - 3p. Spinners and Weavers Guild demonstrations. Meet and Greet Goats in the Garden. Everything Bees: Honey for sale and information on bee keeping. Uncle Leroy's Coffee Bar.

September 16, Monday

AMGA Meeting: “Making your Yard a Wildlife Habitat” by Bonnie Lembo. 7p at the BP Energy Center, 1014 Energy Court, Anchorage. <https://alaskamastergardeners.org>

September 17, Tuesday

“Creekside Discoveries”, 9:15a - 3:15p; For Students 4th grade and up, \$22/student; Parents are free. matsucentral.org

September 21, Saturday

Alaska Rock Garden Society, Plant Exchange, Eagle River Elks Lodge, 17111 Eagle River Loop Rd., Eagle River. There may be conflicts with this site, please check for more details. www.akrockgardenersociety.org

September 23, Monday

Garlic tasting and Sale: 11a - 5p. \$5. Garlic for sale and tasting of different varieties. Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Rd. For Tickets contact 907-770-3692. garden@alaskabg.org

September 23, Monday

South Central Alaska Beekeepers Association, VFW Post 9785 Bldg. 10527 VFW Rd. Eagle River. www.alaskabees.com

September 24, Tuesday

Alaska Orchid society. Meeting will start at 6:30p. At the BP Energy Center, 1014 Energy Court, Anchorage. Program TBA. Check website for more details. www.akorchid.org

September 28, Saturday

National Public Lands Day, 10a - 5p. Meet at Prospect Heights State Parking Lot. Trail Maintenance on Wolverine Trail. For more details go to: www.eventbrite.com



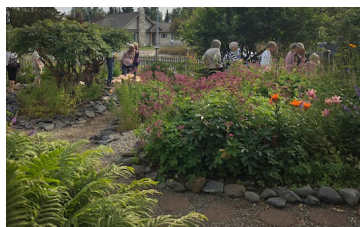
The master flower arranger at work. Paul Marmora teaches at the Late Season Plant Sale. Photo provided by Paul Marmora.

First Indoor Meeting September 16

“Making your Yard a Wildlife Habitat”
by Bonnie Lembo. 7p at the BP Energy Center,

October 21 Meeting

Prepare to share about 10 of your favorite pictures from the summer at our October show-and-tell meeting. Bring your images on a thumb drive for transfer to AMGA computer.



Right: Gina Docherty introduces Alaskans of all ages to a new species that may soon inhabit our state if this warming weather continues. Seen at the Late Season Plant Sale. Photo by Paul Marmora. Left: Varieties of stone edging and walkways in Jane McClure's garden. Photo by Mike Baldwin.



Plant Perennials and Bulbs Now!

By time you read this, hopefully the area received enough rain to soften the ground so you can dig those holes! If you snapped up some hardy perennials at the Late Season Plant Sale, now is the time to plant! It is also time to plant garlic, tulips, and other ornamental bulbs.

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.

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