

President's Message by Susan Negus

At least our Gardens are on Schedule this summer. Some of the flowers may have decided to cancel but not very many. The spittle bug hasn't canceled. The aphids on my meadow rue haven't canceled, but I am trying to cancel them with the pressure hose. The thrips have mostly canceled on my peonies (Yea!). My zucchini may be canceling after the rain we had last night, hopefully they will reschedule. As a whole the garden has kept me sane by being on schedule.

The State Fair has been reduced to the Harvest Fest, September 4-6. This event takes it back to the Fair's agricultural roots with events, vegetable exhibits, vendors and entertainment focused on agriculture, livestock, Alaska products, Alaska Grown produce, and local talent. For more information go to the Harvest Fest tab at: www.alaskastatefair.org/site

The Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center's new native plant garden is taking form with Paul Marmora and his team of volunteers. Apparently, it was extremely windy while they were planting. The Artic birch and southeast maple had a tough time of it, but made it into the ground. There are more plants to add, and it looks a little stark, but it will grow.

CES has moved to their new office. The correct address is 219 E. International Airport Road, Anchorage, AK, 99518. The address I was given last month was wrong, sorry about that. CES is only seeing people by appointment during Covid. CES will have "Extension Week" the first or second week of August. Classes will be on gardening, food preservation, and home energy. Check their web site for the schedule: www.uaf.edu/ces. CES is still planning on a Master Gardening class, however, no date is set. I think they were hoping to do a classroom style class but the reality is it will probably be an online class. Don't give up hope on the Advanced Master Gardening Class. I hope to hear more about it this Fall. It would be great to have it during the dark days of late fall/early winter. Another possible re-schedule.

Are you a new member and still need to get volunteer hours? "Ask a Master Gardener at ABG" on Saturdays from 10-4 in 2-hour increments is a good opportunity to get hours. You can also take more than one 2-hour slot. It may seem intimidating, but it is good opportunity to learn.

There are three Verna Pratt books in the box for reference and a 3-ring folder with all of CES pamphlets that you can reference. There is a table with a plexiglass stand and hand sanitizer. Everyone is required to wear a mask now at ABG. To sign up on Signup Genius go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e4caaad2ba6fd0-abgask>

Other opportunities are at the Rose Garden at the Park Strip. This is a beautiful rose garden with many different beautiful Roses. Contact Debbie Hinchey: dhinchey@alaskan.com Debbie goes on Tuesday starting at 1p. Pioneer home also needs slots filled. Contact Julie Ginder at jkginder@gci.net These are good opportunities with social distancing in the open gardens.

The fall is time to elect new Board Members. We have Four members that will term out. If you are interested contact any of the Board members.

Make sure to go to ABG. They have a "Tibetan Poppy" that took 5 years to bloom. After it blooms, it will lose all the leaves and die, maybe reseed. This is a Meconopsis that is monocarpic. Monocarpic means it will bloom in 1-2+ years and then die. It is not as popular as other Meconopsis, like the Himalayan Blue Poppy, which is perennial. It had many blooms on it in mid-July, you may be able to still see them. [Polycarpic plants are those that flower and set seed many times before dying. Polycarpic plants have less energy to reproduce over their lifetime.]

Don't forget to look at the new YouTube Channel on the home page of AMGA website. Ginger Hudson is filling it up with AMGA gardens. It is that time of year when everyone's garden is spectacular. We'd love to see yours, unfortunately, it would have to be on Video. If interested contact Ginger, growingtallllc@gmail.com or Emily Becker, emilyandZeke@yahoo.com

Happy Gardening!!

Top: Oriental poppies in Julie Jorgensen's hillside garden. Photo by Ginger Hudson.
Below: Tibetan poppy at ABG. Photo by Susan Negus.



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Dahlia Viruses by Emily Becker

Learning more about viruses was not on the top of my list for this summer. Mother Nature proceeds as she wishes, however, and I have now devoted some time to studying dahlia viruses.



I can tell you dahlia viruses are highly contagious, incurable, more common than you might think, and difficult to diagnose, unless you have access to a plant virology lab!

In hindsight, I can see the mistakes I made. I saved about a dozen clumps of dahlia tubers in a large tub filled with wood shavings. In March, I found about half of them had rotted. The tub was probably a great breeding ground for disease.

I started my dahlias indoors in late March. They came up nicely,

but I remember one had strange-looking leaves, kind of a slightly pale, striated yellow. I figured it was a nutritional issue, gave it some fishy fertilizer, and carried on. The season proceeded normally, if a little cold. The dahlia with the funky leaves, El Sol, continued to look a little out of order. I planted it and six other dahlias in pots on my porch, with other dahlias in various places in the yard.

Spring continued and insects arrived. I started to notice some of my other dahlias had misshapen leaves with some small necrotic spots. I googled. The results indicated dahlia mosaic virus—incurable. My heart sank, but in my grief, I didn't act right away. About a week later, I called Rob Wells of Hatcher Pass Dahlias. He told me to cut off the infected foliage, disinfecting shears after each cut, and isolate the plants.

I had really waited way too long. I bagged up the entire plants and put them in garbage bags for disposal. A few of my dahlias in different parts of the yard seem less affected. It's possible they have been able to fight off the disease or were less infected.

But I won't be saving any tubers this year, which I suppose is one less task on my fall to-do list. I do intend to collect them again. I will be much more careful about drying them before storage. I will use a few different storage totes to hedge my bets. I will vigilantly look for signs of disease and follow the mantra, "When in doubt, throw it out." My love affair with these beautiful flowers will continue.

For more information, see the American Dahlia Society's brochure, "Virus in Dahlias-Be Part of the Solution" <https://dahlia.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/ADS-Virus-Brochure-1-20-19.pdf>

For a good collection of photos showing symptoms: https://dahlia.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/ADS-DMV_Symptoms_Slides.pdf

AMGA Treasurer's Report, June 2020

By Nancy Grant

Balance 05/31/2020

Checking S-88	\$15,527.10
Business MBR Shares	\$5.25
Business Premium Shares	\$16,880.15
CD Education 5yr. 1.650% (12/20)	\$5,370.13
CD General 2yr. 1.95% (1/21)	\$10,503.30
	\$48,285.93
Revenue:	
Interest/Dividends	\$75.92
Membership	\$160.00
	\$235.92

Expenses:

Operations	\$790.99
Pioneer Home	\$137.86
	\$928.85

Balance 06/31/2020

Checking S-88	\$14,758.25
Business MBR Shares	\$5.25
Business Premium Savings	\$16,882.92
I 60 Certificate 5yr. 1.650% (12/20)	\$5,392.22
I 24 Certificate 2yr. 1.95% (01/21)	\$10,554.36
	\$47,593.00



Paul Marmora steps back to admire the new native plant garden at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. A project of the Wildflower Garden Club, with volunteers from the Master Gardeners. Photo by Paul Marmora.

Herb Study: In ABC's Herb Garden by Elaine Hammes

The Herb Garden is filling out and continues to have many visitors. For Herb Study Group volunteers who like a quiet day, ABC is closed to the public on Wednesdays. For volunteers who like to talk gardening, Mondays and Fridays have visitors rain or shine. Triage is the current method for weeding, watering, staking, deadheading, trimming and some thinning in the Herb Garden.

Nasturtiums, Canarybird Vine, Painted Sage, Summer Savory, Borage, Calendula, Dill, Garden Angelica, Lady's Bedstraw, Chives, Catmint and more are blooming. The White Fireweed has a bloom even after a moose snuck in weeks ago and trimmed much of it. A few more dill and summer savory plants have been tucked into available spaces. Lady's Mantle, Meadow-sweet and Kiwi may need a trim. The slow-growing lacy Chervil is finally covering ground. Kiwi fruits are forming. Scapes are curling from garlic plants. Rhubarb continues to cover a large area even though it has already been harvested for ABC's CSA boxes several times.

Volunteer slots are open 1-3 pm each M-W-F for two people on each day to allow for physical distancing in the garden. For questions, email the Herb Study Group at anchorageherbstudygroup@gmail.com or call Elaine at 276-4295 (and leave a message if no answer).

Top: South bed in the Herb Garden at the Alaska Botanical Garden. Lemon verbena, shiso, catmint.

Below: "Name these plants!" North bed in the Herb Garden. Photos by Mary Contrary.



Seed Sharing in Anchorage by Emily Becker

When Anchorage began its Covid-19 "hunker down" order in March this year, gardeners began to plan in earnest. What if we could share resources, both material and informational, so that anyone who wanted a garden could have one? One of those critical resources, of course, is SEEDS.

Seed sharing was a key early element of the plan to spread gardens. A tactic we adopted was to use a "Little Free Library." Anchorage has many of these book-sharing boxes in neighborhoods across the city. In Airport Heights, the library near Tikishla Park was redecorated with a sign declaring it a "Seed Library" for the months of April and May. Patrons were free to take or give seeds as needed. Neighborhood volunteers, including students, were recruited to divide seeds into smaller packets. The Seed Library was promoted on the [Facebook page of a new](#) local group formed with the mission "to make gardening resources and materials accessible to everyone in the Municipality of Anchorage." The location of the library was really ideal, as many people pass through the park on a daily basis and it is located in midtown.

[The Organic Seed Alliance](#), and the [Cooperative Gardens Commission](#), sent large donations of seeds. These were incorporated into the Seed Library and advertised on Craigslist. Neighborhood volunteers again divided and packaged seeds. Some unusual seeds, like sorghum, were donated to the Grow North Farm gardeners of Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services.

There were some challenges. A second little free Seed Library was set up in another neighborhood, but it was

vandalized and the entire structure disappeared. Some people had trouble with the transition to a seed library and tried to continue to deposit books. Still, thousands of seeds were successfully dispersed! A few volunteers kept the seed library tidy and re-stocked it every few days.

On June 1, we closed the Seed Library and returned it to its former state as a book library, but plans are in place to re-open it next March. This, along with ads on Facebook and Craigslist, were great methods of distributing seeds. If you have seeds to donate for next season, please email Emily Becker, emilyandzcke@yahoo.com.



Top: The Airport Heights seed library near Tikishla Park. There was still snow on the ground when the first batch of seeds, sunflowers, were shared in the seed library. Above: Seeds re-packaged for the library. Photos by Emily Becker.



Wormwood, A Plant That Stinks in a Good Way

by Elizabeth Bluemink

Sometimes plants deserve better than the names we give them.

A case in point is wormwood, a complicated and bitter herb that grabs your attention because of its name, then

draws you in due to its beneficial uses and distinctive smell.

What is wormwood?

So far, it hasn't fallen from the sky and made the waters of the Earth bitter. However, it is likely that my ancestors used it to purge worms, clean their houses, and make beer or wine.

Wormwood isn't a single species. Rather, it refers to multiple species in the *Artemisia* genus that are bitter and aromatic.

Oil produced from wormwood leaves and stems is used in ointments and liqueurs. Dried and fresh leaves are infused for tonics or made into extracts. Many wormwood species are used to flavor alcoholic beverages, from beer to absinthe. Like many other plants, it's important to use wormwood safely and in moderation.

I became curious about wormwood last spring, while experimenting with homemade bitters. Locally, I couldn't find a few ingredients for my bitters experiments. I began to imagine a new garden planted with bitter herbs suitable for Alaska conditions, including wormwood, and in particular, the best-known European species, *Artemisia absinthium*.

Little did I know at the time that wormwood was so interesting and had many important Alaska connections. But, as is often the case, stray thoughts and bits of information began to converge.

Last April, while chatting online about a different plant, I asked Michelle Sparck, a small-business owner who grew up in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta

region, to tell me about her favorite useful plant.

Michelle mentioned the wormwood of western Alaska—Caiggluk (JAI-thlook) in Yup'ik/Cup'ik, and called stinkweed throughout Alaska. It is one of the main ingredients in skincare products that Michelle and her sisters sell through their company, ArXotica.

At the time, I was curious about the differences between ornamental *Artemisias*, like the Silver Brocade in my garden, and others grown for human consumption. I was excited that Michelle was willing to share her insights about Caiggluk as well.

Other foragers have since informed me that *A. tilesii* is not nearly as common in the Anchorage area as it is in western Alaska, where Michelle grew up. However, it can be spotted routinely on local hikes. Other *Artemisia* species, including *A. frigida*, known as prairie sagewort, can be found on dry, alpine slopes in nearby public parklands.

Moreover, an Alaska Grown cultivar of *A. tilesii*, officially named "Caiggluk," can be found in some unexpected places, such as local road easements, because it is used in road and mining reclamation projects around Alaska.

I mainly wanted to find out how some of these species compared in terms of taste, aroma, and potency, and I wanted to acknowledge and pay respect to traditional Alaska Native uses.

I knew that I'll need to grow at least one of the plants to make any comparisons.

So here we are. It's over a year later. What did I learn so far?

During the Christmas holiday, I thumbed through and took notes from a Lower 48 relative's copy of *The Drunken Botanist*, which provides significant detail on various wormwoods used in alcoholic beverages. Later during that holiday trip, I purchased a packet of *A. absinthium*, simply labeled "Wormwood," at the Baker Creek Seed Store in Mansfield, Missouri.

Better yet, in early spring, I reconnected with Michelle and did a proper interview. Here are many of the interesting things she shared:

Caiggluk means "nothing bad about it" and it's almost a perfect plant. It's functional, aromatic, and multi-purpose in its medicinal benefits.

Growing up in Chevak and Bethel, Michelle learned to use Caiggluk as a steam bath switch for joint pain or a sipping tonic for sore throats.

When Michelle was around 8 or 10, she remembers her aunt giving her a cup of cold, brewed Caiggluk to sip on when her throat and chest hurt. As the tonic went down her throat, she felt her lungs clear up immediately.

As adults, Michelle and her sisters experimented to find a way to use Caiggluk in ArXotica retail products. They continue

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Above: *Artemisia tilesii* poking out of the ground in Chugach State Park.

Above: *Artemisia* 'Silver Brocade'. Photos by Elizabeth Bluemink.

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to harvest it and other tundra plants in western Alaska—such as fireweed and crowberry—to use in their skincare products.

Michelle raves about the size and abundance of Caiggluk growing near Bethel. “These plants tower over us. They form their own little forest and are very fragrant. It’s so nice to have the scent on your fingers while you are harvesting.”

Some Alaska harvesters prefer using wormwood after the stalks have already died and turned brown, but the Sparck sisters harvest it green for ArXotica products.

For those who want to ingest wormwood, Sparck does not recommend drinking it down like a cup of tea. It should be sipped as a tonic over a number of hours, she said.

“A lot of people think plants are unassuming and harmless, but drugs come from plants, and they can be powerful. It does require care to use them.”

The Port Chilkoot Distillery in Haines sources its wormwood from a local resident, says Rebecca Kameika, the company’s business operations and supply chain manager.

While I’m not interested in making anything nearly as potent as absinthe, I would like to try using wormwood as a tonic, for culinary purposes such as DIY vermouth (I prefer vermouth

to white wine in cooking) and to continue my experiments with homemade bitters.

The Flora of Alaska provisional checklist includes 30 distinct *Artemisia* species. The late Eric Hultén described many of them as local races and pegged a couple species for forming “hybrid swarms.” (This has caused me to speculate that my cultivated wormwoods will hybridize with each other, and with Caiggluk, if I added it to my herb garden.)

For the moment, building a bitter herb garden remains a figment of my imagination, and my wormwoods are still babies.

Silver Brocade returns late without a proper blanket of mulch. The *A. absinthium* I grew from seed this year is taking off in two different parts of the yard. (From the moment they sprouted their first true leaves, the seedlings emanated a distinct and powerful aroma that wasn’t unpleasant at all.)

Caiggluk is also flourishing where I’ve seen it this summer—in the Turnagain Arm area and at the Alaska Botanical Garden. I have seen it growing side by side with native *Angelica* in the Williwaw Lakes area.

From a utility standpoint, I won’t be able to compare these wormwood species for some time, but for now, I’m having fun watching them grow and taking a good whiff, now and then.

Find Elizabeth’s blog online: [Transcendental Gardening](#).

Bird Chatter

LIKE THE REAL THING...The pressure to have something – anything – at the Fair Grounds during Fair week was just too much. Voila: Harvest Fest, set for Labor Day Weekend, Sept, 4-6. The program will offer outdoor only, socially distanced events with special relevance to the farming industry and kids: Tractor display, car show, Junior Market Livestock Auction, giant veggie and scarecrow contests, goat and cow milking, tours, dogs, games, activities – you get the idea.

Tickets have to be bought ahead of time.

Check the Fair website. [alaskastatefair.org](#)

Masks are “highly recommended” but not required. Hmmm.

WELL, RATS!... BC missed the Julie Riley party – retirement and birthday – on Zoom of course. There were lots of homages from people she’s turned on to gardening over the years, or helped to master the more arcane mysteries. Dare we hope she will return to Anchorage now – or at least to south central?

WHY NOT... Wondering what to do with those excess veggies we all grew this weird summer? August 8th is National Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbor’s Porch Day.

Honest. BC couldn’t make this stuff up.

CHANGE FOR THE BETTER... Since we’re talking about what to do with extra garden product, Wild Scoops, our local ice cream maker, reports they got so much rhubarb in their “trade” deal earlier this summer that they won’t need to re-open it this year.

For those of us who missed it, the company offered a coupon worth a pint of ice cream for 10 pounds of rhubarb, and a cone coupon for four pounds.

Something to watch for next year.

PARK IT... Everyone seems to be looking for some place – any place – to go, just to spend casual time with friends without having to worry about you-know-what. Check out the gardens at Loussac. City gardeners have really done it, for sure!

Pick a sunny day, and, after being wowed by the flowers, take a picnic and a couple of chairs two parking lots over for a socially distanced “group” event. The kids can run around in a new place and the grown-ups can eat and visit.

There were several such gatherings on BC’s last prance through the posies. They looked like they were having fun.

Master Gardener in the news: Ellen Vande Visse, creator of Good Earth Garden School, was recently featured on KTUU teaching viewers about composting. See the story [on the KTUU website here](#).



August 2020 Garden Event Calendar

NOTE: All events subject to cancellation or rescheduling due to Covid-19 precautions. Please check group websites or other social media to find out if there are alternate arrangements to events. Be mindful of the Muni's daily changes. Remember to follow Muni and State regulations for travel and meetings.

Classes /Workshops

August 1, 8, 15, Saturdays

“Botanical drawing at ABC,” 9:30a-4:30p each Saturday. Join Ayse Gilbert along with ABC staff for an in-depth look at Botanical drawing. Sign up online. 4601 Campbell Airstrip Rd, Anchorage. Website: www.alaskabg.org

Check www.uaf.edu/ces as they are always adding more Zoom classes and webinars at the last minute.

View anytime: Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association. The Malus Domestica Detectives, Science Friday, “Apples to Apples.”

<https://www.sciencefriday.com/segments/apple-history/>

Summer Field Courses in Denali National Park

Alaska Geographic and National Park Service canceled its courses due to COVID-19.

Meetings and Events

August 4, Tuesday

Monthly meeting of the Greater Eagle River Garden Club.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/greatereaglerivergardenclub/>

Messenger link: m.me/greatereaglerivergardenclub

August 6, Thursday

“Beekeeping,” 7p-9p. Anchorage Garden Club Program meeting will probably be Zoom. www.alaskagardenclubs.org

August 6, 13, 20, 27, Thursday

“Thursday Picnic in the Garden,” 6-8p. Sign up online. Catered by Middle Way Café. 4601 Campbell Airstrip Rd, Anchorage. Website: www.alaskabg.org

August 9, Sunday

Cook Inlet Bonsai Study Group, 1p. Zoom, “Prep to display at Fair and Shows” Topic may change. Paul will probably Zoom pmarmora@aol.com; Put ‘Bonsai’ in the subject line or check Facebook for details. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Community/Cook-Inlet-Bonsai-Study-Group-297304983635946/>

August 25, Tuesday

Alaska Orchid Society, 6:30p-9:30p. TBA, probably a Zoom meeting. Website: akorchid.org

AMGA 2020-2021 winter indoor meetings will probably be held via zoom. The public can contact Susan Negus, President, for instructions on how to join, senegus@gei.net

Conferences

September 12-17 2021

International Master Gardener Conference 2021 in Norfolk, Virginia. <https://www.internationalmastergardener.com>

Plant Sales

All Summer

ABC Plant Sale. Order plants online with curbside pick-up or visit the nursery in person. 4601 Campbell Airstrip Rd, Anchorage. Website: www.alaskabg.org

August 8, Saturday

Anchorage Master Gardeners Plant Sale, Canceled. Website: www.alaskamastergardeners.org

Weekly Gardening Opportunities

Ask a Master Gardener

Saturdays at ABC. This is a good opportunity for volunteer hours, familiarize yourself with Alaska Botanical Gardens and meet other gardeners. [Use the Sign Up Genius here.](#)

*Herb Study Group

Work at the Herb garden at ABC throughout the summer. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, there is a sign-up Genius. If you don't have the Sign-up Genius, contact Elaine Hammes, marye.hammes@acsalaska.net Check-in at ABC office, and take a radio. Two people at a time with social distancing and need to wear masks ABC, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road, Anchorage.

Email contact: anchorageherbstudygroup@gmail.com

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*Alaska Rock Garden Society

Maintenance at ABC Rock Garden. 2 people at a time with social distancing and need to wear masks. Talk to Will Criner at ABC for times. ABC, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road, Anchorage

Palmer Visitor Center Rock Garden

Maintenance on Thursdays-Volunteers needed throughout the summer. Contact Jaime Rodriguez: jrtinker@mtaonline.net 907-355-2463

*To volunteer for ABC you need Bear Awareness training by Stacey Shriner, volunteer coordinator at ABC

Online classes

Alaska Mill and Feed has multiple topics on gardening.
www.alaskamillandfeed.com

Good Earth Garden School by Ellen Vande Visse. Will have Online classes this Fall. Website: www.ellenvandevisse.com

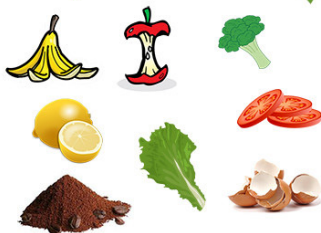
Garden Tours of Master Gardeners gardens on YouTube. Ginger Hudson is doing this and will keep adding more. [Access the channel \(and subscribe\) here.](#)



Visit the new [AMGA youtube channel](#) to see your fellow gardeners' landscapes. We may not have been able to socialize in person, but we can still share and learn from each other.

Do you have a fabulous late summer or fall garden? Share with us. Contact Ginger to arrange for a video walk through. Shy, no, you don't have to be on camera yourself! ginger@growingtall.llc

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



NO Plastic Pot Recycling Day



ALPAR has cancelled the popular event at ABC this year due to Covid-19 health concerns. See their website for other sources.
alparalaska.com/wp/

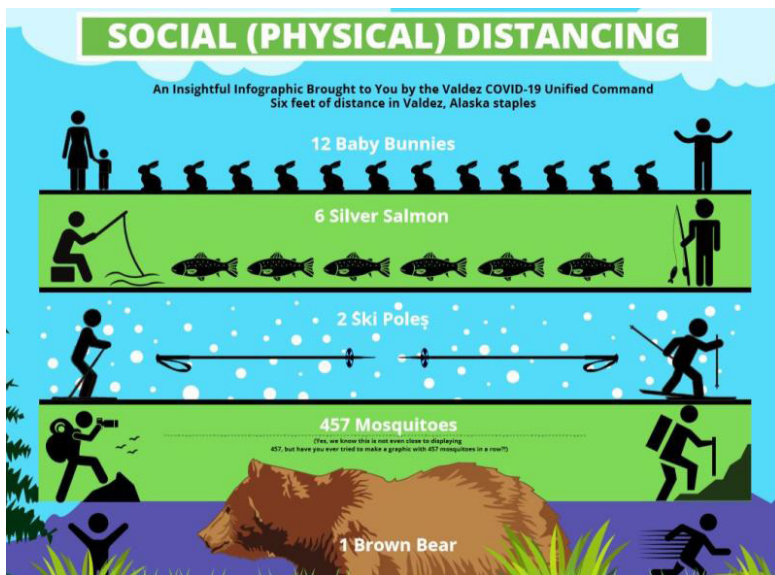
Faltz Nursery is accepting pots, there are bins near the entry parking area clearly labeled. 1401 Labar St., Anchorage.

Valley Recycling in the Mat-Su is accepting pots. Check their website for details: <https://valleyrecycling.org/what-how-to-recycle/>

Community Compost is Open!

Recycle your kitchen scraps in exchange for compost at Anchorage Solid Waste Services and disposal sites. For more information including types of materials to compost and hours of operation visit:

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/SWS/Recycling/Pages/CommunityCompost.aspx>



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

Meetings are held at the BP Energy Center, 1014 Energy Court, Anchorage, accessed through the BP tower parking lot, the Energy Center is just south of the main building.

NOTE: meeting location may change
2020-2021 meetings may be held online

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

Membership Renewal

Memberships are based on calendar year.

If you have not renewed, bring your cash or check to the next meeting. Or, find a membership form in last November's newsletter and mail to the address below. Or, contact Alexis St. Juliana: astjuliana@hotmail.com

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Betula rotundifolia, arctic birch in the new native plant garden at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. A project of the Wildflower Garden Club. Photo by Paul Marmora.



Summer Garden Tours

Keep an eye on your inbox for notifications of tours: some virtual, some by invitation, or in person. We hope!

Watch your email, check our website or facebook page, or call a friend for tour status.

The Alaska Master Gardeners Anchorage welcomes letters, opinions, articles, ideas and inquiries. Contact the editor, Ginger Hudson, at:

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Newsletter Submission Deadline

The deadline for submitting an item for publication in the following month's edition of the AMGA newsletter is the 20th of every month. Items arriving after this date may or may not be included.

Educational or garden related articles, Bird Chatter, calendar items and announcements are always welcome.

AMGA Web Site: www.alaskamastergardeners.org
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AMGA Google Group:
<https://groups.google.com/forum/?fromgroups#!forum/AkMGA>

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