

# AUGUST 2022 EVENT CALENDAR

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

**Tuesday, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 11 am-12 pm**

AARP Alaska: Fall Harvest 2022: This is a weekly series of August webinars led by CES staff. The first webinar on August 2 will feature Leslie Shallcross teaching a Jam and Jelly Basics class. [Learn more about the series and register.](#)

**Tuesday, August 2, 12-1 pm**

RurAL CAP Grow Program: Wild Ferments: Cooking with Alaska Gathered and Grown. Learn how to make your own sauerkraut and kimchi using wild plants and veggies from your garden. [Register for free Zoom event.](#)

**Tuesday, August 2, 6-7:30 pm**

The Anchorage Museum's Urban Harvest: Drying Herb Harvests. [Register here.](#)

**Monday, August 8, 6-7 pm**

The Alaska Botanical Garden: What's in Bloom Walking Tour. [Register here.](#)

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

**Saturday, August 6-Sunday, Aug. 7**

Anchorage Garden Club: 77th Annual Flower Show "Oceans 49" at the Central Lutheran Church. Starts at 1 pm Saturday. Visit the [AGC website](#) for more info and to see categories and rules. Contact Carol

Norquist at [norquistc1219@gmail.com](mailto:norquistc1219@gmail.com) or [AlaskaGardenClubs@gmail.com](mailto:AlaskaGardenClubs@gmail.com) with questions.

**Saturday, August 6-Sunday, Aug. 7**

Alaska Humanities Forum: We Are Of: A Weekend of Relating to Race & Land. AMGA is a partner in this free event. [See agenda and register here.](#)

**Saturday, August 13, 10 am-3 pm**

AMGA Late Season Plant Sale: Perennials, houseplants, three classes, garden art, and Ask a Master Gardener table. Will be held outside the entrance of the Alaska Botanical Garden.

## JOBS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

Many volunteer slots remain open for **AMGA's Late Season Plant Sale** on Saturday, August 13! Sign up using our [SignUpGenius form](#). For more information, contact Susan Negus at 907-227-6288 or [senegus@gci.net](mailto:senegus@gci.net).

The **CES Anchorage Outreach Center** is seeking a full-time Administrative Generalist 3. [Find out more and apply here.](#)

Tickets go on sale for ABG's August 11 **Wine in the Woods** event on August 1. [Learn more.](#)

Local garden-themed radio programming continues to be available, including [Ag Matters \(Big Cabbage Radio/Radio Free Palmer\)](#) and [Homer Grown \(KBBI\)](#). This comes to mind as a recent episode focused on how ['Everyone Can become a Master Gardener'](#) with Ken Blaylock.

**Catholic Social Services'** Grow Local, Give Local program uses monetary donations to buy fresh produce directly from Fresh International Gardens and Grow North Farm to distribute from the St Frances Food Pantry. More info on [the CSS website](#).

**Midtown Garden Depot** is open for the rest of the summer, accepting donations of garden supplies, has materials available to share, and offers weekly composting workshops through ACAT's Yarducopia. More information at <https://wp.me/p5affl-6xM>.

## VOLUNTEERS 4 GARDENS

Alaska Master Gardeners Anchorage and the Alaska School Garden Network maintain a list of volunteer opportunities at public gardening projects in Anchorage.

[View the list/join a project.](#)

# BIRD CHATTER

## AMGA 2022 Garden Tours

Version Date: 6/20/22

Date	Time	Name	Host
8/1/22 Monday	7 pm	Jane's Garden	Jane McClure
8/8/22		TBD	TBD
8/11/22 Thursday	6 pm	Grow North Farms	Keenan Plate
8/15/22 Monday	7 pm	Mardane's Garden	Rosa Meehan

### Notes:

- Detailed addresses will be sent to members the week before the tour.
- Pop-up tours will be added as opportunities arise

## WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER/SELL PLANTS!

### AMGA August 13 Plant Sale

Sign up to volunteer:

[SignUpGenius Form](#)

Selling plants? You will need white tags identifying what plant it is and a yellow tag with your initials and a price. AMGA is supplying the yellow tags. You can get them from Susan Negus or Emily Becker.

Additional requests:

- A few more young strong helpers for setup and takedown
- Paul Marmora would like some help to get all of his tables to the plant sale for set up and take down, maybe someone with an empty pick-up.
- Always need more tents please!

Questions? Call or text Susan Negus at 907-227-6288 or send an e-mail to [senegus@gci.net](mailto:senegus@gci.net).

**New recycling coordinator seeks input on Curbside Compost Program** Kelli Toth is the municipality's brand-new recycling coordinator. She's interested in finding ways to increase pink cart subscriptions, and generally growing the Curbside Compost program. Many local gardeners were disappointed that free, finished compost was not offered this year. (Many of us unable to maintain our own piles probably would have been willing to purchase this high-quality product.) Contact Kelli at [Kelli.Toth@anchorageak.gov](mailto:Kelli.Toth@anchorageak.gov).

**A confounding summer** Bill Yeagle of Anchorage has the following musings from his work with local gardeners in 2022:

- Single biggest task in client gardens this summer: caring for pancaked spirea and potentilla from last September's heavy wet snowfall.
- What is the cheapest and safest way to untether broken tops of birch trees?
- Please don't hedge lilacs, the resulting purple hair on top of the buzzcut just ain't.

**Les Brakes peony distribution** The AMGA members who purchased eight peonies from Les Brakes of Willow raised \$120 for the Georgson Botanical Garden in Fairbanks. Thank you!

**Hummingbirds!** Several Master Gardeners reported seeing hummingbirds in their gardens in late July. Marilyn Barker, for example, had hummingbird visits to her scarlet monarda and nasturtiums.

*What's new, interesting, confounding and delightful?*  
Send your bits of interesting garden news to [birdchatter@alaskamastergardeners.org](mailto:birdchatter@alaskamastergardeners.org).

