

DECEMBER 2021 EVENT CALENDAR

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, December 7, 6-7:30 pm

Turning Honey into Mead – An Urban Harvest Event taught by Two Season Meadery and hosted by the Anchorage Museum. [Registration and more info.](#)

Tuesdays, February 8-April 26, 7-8 pm

AMGA Class: Intro to Botany and Plant Identification with Dr. Marilyn Barker on 12 consecutive Tuesdays. View the [course outline](#) and [sign up](#). Member cost: \$50.

Wednesdays, February 9-March 16, 6-8 pm

AMGA Class: Garden Design with Brenda Adams on six consecutive Wednesdays. Member cost: \$50. View the [course outline](#) and [sign up](#).

Anytime (self-paced course)

Cooperative Extension Service: Bird vetch in Alaska. Self paced independent study online course worth 1 continuing education unit for certified pesticide applicators. This course details the biology, impact, and management of the invasive plant bird vetch as well as decision tools for control and how to report invasive species. [Registration and more info.](#) Cost: \$15.

Anytime (self-paced course)

Cooperative Extension Service: Orange hawkweed in Alaska: Self-paced independent study online course worth 1 continuing education unit for certified pesticide applicators. This course details the biology, impact, and management of the invasive plant orange hawkweed and decision tools for control and how to report invasive species. [Registration and more info.](#) Cost: \$15.

Anytime (self-paced course)

Cooperative Extension Service: Spruce Beetle in Trees and Forests: Self-paced independent study online course worth 1 continuing education unit for certified pesticide applicators. This course details the biology, impact, and management of spruce beetles in Alaska and decision tools for control. [Registration and more info.](#) Cost: \$15.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Wednesday, December 1-Monday, December 13

Mat-Su Experimental Farm & Extension Center: Virtual Holidays at the Farm. Online contests for

kids and adults, including local harvest dish (locally grown, foraged or hunted) and food preservation (most interesting way to preserve your harvest). Facebook Live tree lighting. Via Zoom. [Get details.](#)

Thursday, December 2, 10 am-noon

Wildflower Garden Club of Alaska: Holiday Wreaths at Dimond Greenhouses. [Get details.](#)

Monday, Dec. 6, 6-8 pm

Alaska Native Plant Society Meeting: Plants as Traditional Food and Medicine in the YK Delta. Via Google Meet. [Get meeting link.](#)

JOBS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

AMGA is seeking volunteer instructors for a four-session Olé (Opportunity for Lifelong Education) class in February. The 75-minute classes will begin Feb. 11 at 9 a.m. on the UAA campus. The emphasis is on beginning gardeners. Don Bladow and Debbie Hinchey have signed up as instructors and more are welcome. Topics could include houseplants, fertilizers, specific crops, exhibiting at the State Fair. Contact Don at (907) 830-5723 or at dfbladow@gmail.com if you are interested. You can also be an assistant if you are not interested in leading a class.

The Harvest of Hope Memorial Garden is seeking to fill volunteer roles: a grant writer, blogger, and volunteer coordinator. The grant writer would look for grant opportunities and write up proposals, the blogger would assist with posting and updating the existing blog, and the volunteer coordinator would coordinate activities like garden tours and enlisting volunteers. If interested, please contact Don Bladow at (907) 830-5723 or email him at dfbladow@gmail.com.

Alaska Seeds of Change has many volunteer opportunities this winter. Many of their summer interns and employees are back in school. Sign up for a shift using [Seeds Sign Up Genius](#), or if it's your first time volunteering, email volunteer@akseedsofchange.com for an orientation.