

# JANUARY 2022 EVENT CALENDAR

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

### Friday, January 14, 5:30-7:30 pm

Anchorage Parks and Rec: Houseplants 101. You'll learn how to take care of your plants, what to do if they get sad or sick and learn how to repot it when it needs a new home. Class will be held in the tropical Mann Leister greenhouse. Cost: \$15. [Register](#).

### Tuesday, January 18, 6-7:30 pm

Cooperative Extension Service: From the Ground Up! Soil Composition and Composting. Join experts from all over Alaska for the first of seven free, online classes that dig deeper into getting the most out of your land and improving local food security. [Sign up](#).

### Thursday, January 20, 4 pm

Mat-Su Cooperative Extension Service/Matanuska Experimental Farm & Extension Service: Organizing to Stay Ahead of Those Pests. Join Gino Graziano and Jozef Slowik to discuss which weeds and pests you should keep an eye out for. They'll cover how to organize a good defense to prevent them, or an effective offense to combat them if they've already arrived. [Zoom registration](#).

### Tuesday, January 25, 6-7:30 pm

Cooperative Extension Service: From the Ground Up! BioChar Basics & Other New and Exciting Ideas for Enhancing Your Soils Nutrients. Join experts from all over Alaska for the second of seven free, online classes that dig deeper into getting the most out of your land and improving local food security. [Sign up](#).

### Friday, January 28, 5:30-7:30 pm

Anchorage Parks and Rec: Houseplants 102. Learn about pruning and propagating. Class will be held in the tropical Mann Leister greenhouse. Cost: \$15. [Register](#).

### Anytime (self-paced course)

Cooperative Extension Service: Bird vetch in Alaska. Self paced online 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. Cost: \$15. [Register](#).

### Anytime (self-paced course)

Cooperative Extension Service: Orange hawkweed

in Alaska: Self-paced online 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 (independent self study course)

Cooperative Extension Service: Spruce Beetle in Trees and Forests: Online course details the biology, impact, and management of spruce beetles in Alaska and decision tools for control. [Register](#). Cost: \$15.

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Monday, Jan. 10, 7-9 pm

Alaska Native Plant Society Meeting: "Alaska's berries and their changing seasons." [Get meeting link](#).

### Thursday, January 13, 10 am-noon

Wildflower Garden Club of Alaska: Monthly meetings held the 2nd Thursday of each month. [Get details](#).

## JOBS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

The Alaska Botanical Garden is seeking speaker proposals for its virtual Spring Garden Conference on March 11-12. Do you have an area of expertise you would love to share with the larger gardening community? Send proposals to [stacey.shriner@alaskabg.org](mailto:stacey.shriner@alaskabg.org) by January 17. [Get details](#).

AMGA is seeking volunteer instructors for a four-session Olé (Opportunity for Lifelong Education) class in February. The 75-minute classes begin Feb. 11 at 9 a.m. on the UAA campus. Contact Don at [dfbladow@gmail.com](mailto: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. Also, the first HHMG planting date will be Feb. 5, for leeks and onions. If interested, please contact Don Bladow at (907) 830-5723 or email him at [dfbladow@gmail.com](mailto:dfbladow@gmail.com).

AMGA has volunteer openings: Newsletter/Website Calendar of Events coordinator; Grants Committee member, and multiple volunteers are needed for the 2023 Conference Committee. [Get info and sign up](#).