

# JUNE 2022 EVENT CALENDAR

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

**Tuesday, June 7, noon**

Matanuska Experiment Farm & Extension Center: Controlling Orange Hawkweed. [Zoom registration.](#)

**Monday, June 13, 6-9 pm**

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

**Wednesday, June 15, 7-9 pm**

Alaska Native Plant Society: Learn to Use iNaturalist! Learn to use iNaturalist to record your plant observations! Aaron Wells will lead webinar describing how to use iNaturalist to share your plant observations, provide identifications, and participate in projects like the [Alaska Botany Bioblitz.](#)

**Wednesday, June 22, 4-6 pm**

The Alaska Native Plant Society and BLM Campbell Creek Science Center are hosting a Pollinator Week wildflower work party. Help with upkeep of the center's native pollinator garden and learn how you can support pollinator conservation in Alaska. Simple gardening tools will be provided. [Contact organizer.](#)

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

**Wednesday, June 1, 7 pm**

AMGA Garden Tours begin! See current schedule on Page 9.

**Wednesday, June 1, 5:30-7:30**

Wasilla Night at the Museum: Alaska Gardeners, Don't Plant a Problem. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service presenters will cover best practices to prevent the spread of invasive plants, invasive plant identification, and some of the beautiful local alternatives you can plant instead. [Get info.](#)

**Saturday, June 4, 9 am-5 pm**

Anchorage Garden Club Plant Sale. Hardy perennials and some annuals. 3734 W. 35th Avenue. [Contact.](#)

**Saturday, June 4, 9 am-3 pm**

Wildflower Garden Club of Alaska Members Annual Plant Sale. Native plants, perennials, annuals, vegetables, berries, alpine plants for rock gardens and even some house plants. 1300 W. Benson Blvd (old DMV building).

**Saturday, June 4, 9am-3 pm**

Mat-Su Master Gardener Plant Sale located at the Downtown Pavilion 723 S. Valley Way, Palmer

**Saturday, June 4, 3-8 pm**

Friends of Boyer's Orchard is hosting an Orchard Blossom Festival in celebration of the season, its non-profit status and future possibilities. Apple trees for sale, self-guided tour, blossom bath experience, food & drink, live music, etc. [Web link.](#)

**Saturday, June 25, 9-9 pm**

Alaska Garden Club's State Convention, "Play, Plant, Propagate," hosted by the Greater Eagle River Garden Club at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Chugiak. Along with necessary business, there will be education, garden tours, and many other fun things. Cost \$78. [Registration form.](#)

## JOBS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

The **Alaska Botanical Garden** has created a [Signup Genius](#) for its summer volunteer sessions. You can now [sign up here](#) to volunteer, after you've had the volunteer orientation.

The **Alaska Botanical Garden** is hiring a Guest Services Associate for the summer season. You can find the job advertisement on the [ABG website](#)

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## 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.](#)

## AMGA 2022 Garden Tours

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Date	Time	Name	Host
Wednesday, June 1	7 pm or earlier	Rock Garden	Madge Oswald
Saturday, June 4	11 am	Coyote Garden	Les Brake
Monday, June 6	6 pm	Alaska Seeds of Change	Rebecca Knapp
Monday, June 13	7 pm	LaFleur New Garden	Nickel LaFleur
Monday, June 20	6 pm	Mann Leiser Memorial Greenhouse	Kat Karabelnikoff
Monday, June 27		TBD	TBD
Monday, July 11		TBD	TBD
Monday, July 18	7 pm	Lutheran Church of Hope	Don Bladow
Monday, July 25	7 pm	Kaplan Garden	Diane Kaplan
Monday, August 1	7 pm	Jane's Garden	Jane McClure
Monday, August 8		TBD	TBD
Thursday, August 11	6 pm	Grow North Farms	Keenan Plate
Monday, August 15	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

## BIRD CHATTER

**Gardening riposte at the candidate forum** Did you catch this exchange during a recent Congressional candidate forum, reported by Anchorage Daily News reporter Nat Herz. Apparently Sarah Palin responded to a question about her role model by naming her dad, and then said, "I'm going to go help him rake his yard when I get home."

The response from Lowenfels: "You don't need to rake."

**A new gardening show** "GardenFit" is a new public television show that is getting some hype. The show follows gardener Madeline Hooper and personal fitness trainer Jeff Hughes to gardens across America, and learn tips and techniques to avoid stress and injury.

It sounds like very useful information, but at least two MGers who saw the [New York Times article](#) tittered over the photos of Hooper and Hughes practicing good posture together.

**Start potting for the late season sale** The AMGA Late Season Plant Sale will be Saturday, August 13. Perennials, houseplants, three classes, maybe garden art, and a table for gently used tools and pots. There will be plenty of volunteer opportunities and a Signup Genius will go live in July. For more information contact Susan Negus at 907-227-6288 or [senegus@gci.net](mailto:senegus@gci.net).

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



*June Event Calendar, from previous page*

The UAF Integrated Pest Management Team is conducting a **fruit tree pollinator survey** for 2022. This survey is anonymous and will help with development of outreach/educational resources and guide potential research to improve pest management in Alaska. [Fill in survey online.](#)

The **Alaska Native Plant Society** has volunteer opportunities for [invasive weed removal along Turnagain Arm](#) and [maintaining the wildflower gardens at the Campbell Creek Science Center](#).