

MAY 2023 EVENT CALENDAR

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Friday, May 12, 5:30-7:30 pm

Anchorage Parks and Rec: Trowel and Error: Maintaining a Raised Bed Garden. Learn the basics of planning, preparation, planting, watering, weeding, fertilizing, tools, and pest management. Our horticulturalists will share lessons learned and tips for managing your bed so you still have time to enjoy our short summer \$15 registration Lidia Selkregg Chalet. Costs \$15. [Register here.](#)

May 2, 10, 16, 17, & 24

The Extension Service has an exciting bundle of webinars tied to [Alaska Native Plant Month](#), mostly at noon, including Respectful Harvesting, Landscaping with Native Plants, Backyard Insect Ecology, and Landscaping for Birds. [Check out a list of native plant month webinars and plant walks on this online calendar.](#)

May 17, 18 & 19

Anchorage Public Library: Growing Together Series. In May, APL will be covering Seed Starting, using seeds provided by the library as examples. To-go packets available at all library locations for the duration of the month or as long as supplies last. [Get schedule.](#)

Thursday, May 9, 7-9 pm

Anchorage Garden Club: Blueberries and Other Fruit at Central Lutheran Church.

Saturday, May 13, 10 am-4 pm

ABG Spring Plant Sale Kickoff. Shop the garden nursery to stock up on plants, seeds, and tools. Members receive 10% off all nursery and retail items. Online plant sales will not be available until Monday, May 15th.

Monday, May 15, 7-8 pm

What's In Bloom Walking Tour at the Alaska Botanical Garden. The hour-long outing occurs monthly May, June, and July, and is led by Patrick Ryan, ABG's education specialist. [Register here.](#)

Saturday, May 27, 12-4 pm

Anchorage Soil & Water Conservation District: We are looking for volunteers to help pot white spruce seedlings and build native plant nursery beds. Volunteers will get white spruce seedlings to take home, courtesy of the Audubon Society! Project site is at Government Hill Commons, 801 Erickson Street.

JOBS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

The Medical Respite Program at the **Brother Francis**

Shelter is looking for a Master Gardener or Master Gardener-in-training to help plan a raised bed vegetable garden. If you'd like to help, contact Raeshawndra Jett at rjett@cssalaska.org or 907-277-1731, ext. 119.

The Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association is holding two top-working workshops in early May (May 6 and May 13), the first in the Valley and the second in Anchorage. [Join APFGA](#) to participate in these events.

The Anchorage Audubon Society will distribute thousands of white spruce seedlings at various locations starting in late May or early June. Learn more about this on [this website.](#)

The Friends of Boyer's Orchard will be holding their 2023 Blossom Festival on June 3, with live music, local vendors, refreshments, and trees and shrubs for sale. [Get tickets at alaskaorchard.org.](#)

GROWING TOGETHER
Gardening basics for all skill levels

In Person at..
Mountain View *third Wednesday at 5 PM*
Loussac *third Thursday at 12 PM*
Muldoon *third Thursday at 4 PM*
Chugiak Eagle River *third Friday at 3 PM*

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday, May 1, 7-9 pm

Alaska Native Plant Society: The May meeting coincides with the first day of [Alaska Native Plant Month](#), and includes a medicinal plant talk by Elaine Hammes on *Rhodiola integrifolia* and a featured presentation by Aaron Wells on the "Flora of Chugach State Park Project." [Zoom link.](#)