

AMGA February 2019 Garden Event Calendar

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Friday, February 1

Herb Study Group: "St. John's Wort", Elaine Hammes presenting; Meeting at 12 noon at the CES office, located at Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St, Anchorage.
anchorageherbstudygroup@gmail.com

Monday, February 4

*Alaska Native Plant Society meeting: "Newfoundland AKNPS Field Trip 2018" with Debbie Hinchey, 7pm; Plant Family: speaker needed, speaker's choice; Mini-Botany: Glenn Brown – "What a plant feels" - Campbell Creek Science Center, 5600 Science Center Drive, Anch. aknps.org/Pages/Meetings.php

*Mat Su Master Gardeners: "Boreal Coir" presented by Cec Ellsworth of Veggies on the Rye; Meets at 7pm, at MTA Headquarters building in Palmer, AK, 480 Commercial Dr, Palmer.
www.matsumastergardeners.com

Thursday, February 7

Anchorage Garden Club Meeting: "Microgreens", 7pm- 9pm, at Central Lutheran Church 1420 Cordova St, Anchorage.
www.alaskagardenclubs.org

Thursday, February 14

Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association Meeting: "Backyards and Co-ops: Glimpses of Agriculture in Central Europe" – presented by Judith James; 7pm in the BP Energy Center, 1014 Energy Court, Anchorage. www.apfga.org

Wildflower Club Meeting: "What Goes into the Planning and Growing of Flowers for Our City", Presented by: Sandy Potvinsk; Sandy and her team are responsible for the colorful flower beds and baskets that beautify Anchorage each summer. As Horticulture Supervisor for the municipality, Sandy will detail the time and effort that goes into the design, planning, care and management of the city plantings that delight both tourists and residents. 10am – 12pm, Central Lutheran Church, 1420 Cordova St, Anchorage. www.alaskagardenclubs.org

Saturday, February 16

Alaska Rock Garden Society Meeting: "Starting from Seed" with Teena Garay. Teena went to China with the ARGS group, has a beautiful garden in Homer and is knowledgeable in all areas. Profile: *Cypropedium guttatum*; 2pm, Eagle River Elk's Lodge, 17111 Eagle River Loop Rd., Eagle River.
www.akrockgardensociety.org

Monday, February 18

AMGA Meeting: "Water Features in the Garden" with Ben Brown; 7pm at the BP Energy Center, 1014 Energy Court, Anchorage. www.alaskamastergardeners.org

Tuesday, February 26

Alaska Orchid Society Meeting: Repotting demonstration to include, hopefully, repotting a *Cattleya* as well as a different group or two. We will begin gathering at 6:30 pm with the program beginning at 7pm. BP Energy Center, 1014 Energy Court, Anchorage. www.akorchid.org/

CLASSES

Saturday, February 9

Alaska Botanical Garden program: ROYAL GARDEN PARTY, 12:30-3pm. Join the Alaskan Princesses for a fun afternoon of activities in the Garden. Read stories about forest critters, make bird feeders and join the Princesses for a scavenger hunt through the woods to look for birds. Members and adults are Free; Non-members \$5/child. All proceeds benefit the Alaska Botanical Garden. Please bring your own mug to enjoy some hot beverages. Princess Guided Scavenger Hunt through the Garden: 1pm, 1:30pm, 2pm. www.alaskabg.org

Thursdays, February 21st, 28th, March 7th

INSECT ECOLOGY, 3-DAY COURSE: Take a deep dive into some of the insects you may find in your gardens this summer. We will learn tips for recognizing common insects and learn about what different insects do and how they function in the ecosystems we create and tend. 6-8pm, Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Rd. Registration required.

GUIDED GARDENING WITH ABC: The Alaska Botanical Garden is offering a unique comprehensive guided gardening program for the 2019 growing season. Start your garden off right this year by growing your very own vegetable garden at ABC. Garden staff will mentor and guide participants throughout an entire growing season on choosing plants that grow best in this northern climate, preparing a rich fertile soil, managing for pests and disease, watering, and harvesting and preserving your crops. All materials provided. Registration required.
www.alaskabg.org/workshops--classes.html

Register now for Summer 2019

GOOD EARTH GARDENING SCHOOL:
THE COMPREHENSIVE ORGANIC GARDENING COURSE
6 Sessions, Feb 1 thru March 8, 2019, Friday afternoon or evening options, A 'once-a-year' opportunity.

Learn how to:

- * Fertilize organically
- * Manage pests & weeds non-toxically
- * Build powerhouse soil
- * Pack nutrient density into your food
- * Compost successfully
- * Put all the parts of sustainable growing together

Call Mat-Su College, Palmer: 745 9746 - (ask for Bettina)

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EAGLE RIVER NATURE CENTER PROGRAMS:

Friday, February 1, 7pm

Astronomy Series: **OXYGEN ON EARTH: A Four Billion Year History** The air we breathe is 21% oxygen.

While we may take our air for granted, Earth was not always an oxygenated planet. How did it become that way? How did life come to depend on oxygen? Volunteer naturalist Beth Baker will try to explain this fascinating story in an hour.

Astronomy Series meets the first Friday from October to March. If skies are clear, be ready to go outside and view the night sky. Students ages 10 and up can earn their Jr. Astronomer certificate and astronomy supplies by attending 4 astronomy programs and writing brief synopses of what they learned.

www.ernc.org/programs/FEB2019Programs_final.pdf

SAVE THE DATE!

AMGA Annual Statewide Conference

April 6

UAA campus, Lucy Cuddy Hall

Urban Gardening in the Last Frontier

Keynote speaker Robert Kourik, Author of:

Understanding Roots;

Roots Demystified;

Garden Myths: The Good, The Bad, And the Unbelievable,
and others.

✻ Plus: Presentations, vendors, AND Julie Riley! ✻

*Volunteer and get behind the scenes!
follow this link:*

<https://goo.gl/forms/FutOWGNye9KPWKd63>



Organic Gardening

The Six-Session Comprehensive Course

Mat-Su College UAA Six Fridays + optional Field Trip

Agri 138 section 35812 -afternoons 1:30pm to 4:00pm

Agri 138 section 35813 -evenings 6:00pm to 8:30pm

Six Fridays: Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8, 2019

Optional Field trip on Sunday April 7th from 3pm to 6pm

Learn how to:

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To Register:

1 credit, audit, or Senior Waiver

Mat Su College - Unless you are a full time student, it is easiest to register

either by stopping by or by calling **907-745-9746**

1 credit \$212; please call **745 9746** about Senior Waiver.

Once a year, I offer

this foundational training. You go home with an armload of practical knowledge to grow delicious vegetables, fruits, flowers, herbs, & grains on any scale of production. You'll learn how to put all the parts of sustainable growing together. If you're ready to grow more food organically, this is the comprehensive course to take. Come join the fun! --Instructor Ellen Vande Visse

www.GoodEarthGardenSchool.com

