

AMGA April 2019 Garden Event Calendar

MEETINGS

Monday April 1

Alaska Native Plant Society meeting; Tom Choate presents “Rosaceae genus Dasiphora” and Marilyn Barker presents “How a plant locates” and “Equisetum in Alaska” 7p, Campbell Creek Science Center, 5600 Science Center. www.aknps.org

Mat Su Master Gardeners MMGA Meeting, Jill Parson: “How to Make Your Garden Bird Friendly,” 7p at the MTA Headquarters building in Palmer, 480 Commercial Drive, Palmer, www.matsumastergardeners.com

Thursday April 4

Anchorage Garden Club; “Growing Dahlias in Alaska” 7-9p at the Pioneer School House, 437 E. 3rd Ave. www.alaskagardenclubs.org

Friday April 5

Herb Study Group: “Angelica” Presented by Elizabeth Bluemink. Noon-1:30 PM at CES office, located in the Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St. Anchorage. anchorageherbstudygroup@gmail.com

Monday April 15

AMGA Meeting: “Butterflies, Birds and Bees,” presented by Rick Sinnott 7p at the BP Energy Center, 1014 Energy Court, Anchorage, alaskamastergardeners.org

Sunday April 21

Homer Garden Club Meeting, 2 p, Bonsai, Baidarka Inn, Homer

Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association; “Apple Grafting Workshop,” Open to members and nonmembers. Rootstock will be available for purchase. Over 20 varieties of scion wood will be available. 1-3p Church of Love, 3502 Spenard Rd. www.apfga.org

Tuesday April 23

Alaska Orchid Society Meeting: 6:30p with program beginning at 7p, BP Energy Center, 1014 Energy Court, Anchorage www.akkorchid.org/

CLASSES

Cooperative Extension Service-Anchorage CES office, in the Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St. Anchorage. www.uaf.edu

- Tuesday April 2, “Spruce Beetles in Landscape Trees” 6-7p
- Tuesday April 23, “Gardens, Gardens...Anywhere!” 6p by Gina Dionne. Container gardening and grow your own food in place, in any space.

Cooperative Extension Service-Mat-Su-Matanuska Experiment Farm and Extension Center, 1509 S. Georgeson Rd, Palmer <https://www.uaf.edu/ces/>

Saturday April 13

- “Dehydrating Fruit and Vegetables” by Julie Cascio, 10a-1p
- “Birch Sap and Syrup Making” . 1p-3p, \$10.
- “Spring Fling with the Extension” 1p-4p

Alaska Botanical Garden Classes, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road. Registration required. www.alaskaabg.org

- “Guided Gardening with ABG” The ABG is offering a unique comprehensive guided gardening program for the 2019 growing season. Start your garden off right by growing your own vegetable garden at ABG. Garden staff will mentor and guide participants throughout an entire growing season.
- “Summer Camps for Children,” Full day and Half day options.
- Wildflower and Plant ID 5 day course, by Dr. Marilyn Barker; Wednesdays in May, 1,8,15,22,29, from 6:30 - 9p

Alaska Mill and Feed Spring Class Schedule in March. Sign up for classes, 30 person limit/class. www.alaskamillandfeed.com

Saturday April 20

- “Design your own Shade Hanging Basket”, 10a to 11:30a or 12p-1:30p or 2p-3:30p, \$35

Saturday April 27

- “Design your own Sun Hanging Basket” at 10a-11:30 a or 12p-1:30p, \$35.00
- “Design your Own Herb Planter” at 2p-3:30p, \$40.

Unique Tree Class Opportunity

Pacific Northwest Chapter of International Society of Arboriculture is hosting workshops in Anchorage
April 17, 8:30a-12:15p “Tree Disorder Diagnosis,” <https://pnwisa.org/event/tree-disorder-diagnosis/>

April 17, 1:15p-5p “Why Trees Fall-The Physics of Windstorm Tree Failure”

Enroll in both and get \$25 off the cost of the afternoon workshop. Enroll at: pnwisa.org

April 18, 8:30a-5:30p

“ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Renewal”

CONFERENCES

April 6

AMGA Annual Statewide Conference, “Urban Gardening in the Last Frontier,” UAA Campus, Lucy Cuddy Hall. Registration required. www.alaskamastergardeners.org

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June 17-21

2019 International Master Gardeners Conference, "Penn's Woods: Digging into our Roots" at Valley Forge Casino Resort, Valley Forge, PA.

www.internationalmastergardener.com

Registration: <http://www.cvent.com/d/hgqxlp>

June 13-17

Flower Judges School and Symposium, 8a-4p, Central Lutheran Church, Anchorage. Sponsored by the Anchorage Garden Club.

The courses are open to anyone interested in learning more advanced horticulture and or for those seeking to become certified Judges. The subjects appear to be Pelargoniums, Lilacs and Iris. For more information contact Carol Norquist 907-248-9563 or norquist@alaska.net

EVENTS

April 20, Saturday

Spring Flower and Garden Show, Mid-Town Mall (formerly the Mall at Sears) This is a showcase for many of the Garden Clubs in Anchorage. There will be many varieties of plant starts sold. Goes from 10a - 4p.

✻ **APRIL 6** ✻

AMGA Annual Statewide Conference

UAA campus, Lucy Cuddy Hall

Urban Gardening in the Last Frontier

Keynote speaker Robert Kourik, Author of:

Understanding Roots;
Roots Demystified; and others.

✻ Plus: silent auction, Garden Market, ✻

AND Julie Riley!

Register online:

<https://alaskamastergardeners.org/conference.html>

Award winning arrangement by Verna Pratt.
Photo by Ginger Hudson

Learn to Judge Flowers, or How to Prepare them for Flower Shows

Come and join us for Flower Show School Course 1 and/or a Symposium in Anchorage in June. Flower Show Schools and Symposiums are not only for prospective flower show exhibitors and judges, but also for all gardeners interested in flower design and horticulture. While the primary purpose of these courses is to train those wishing to become flower show judges, many people attend for information only and those people do not have to take the examinations!

The horticulture curriculum consists of basic general information on proper gardening techniques from seed / plant selection to plant culture and control of problems. Information is also presented on cultural needs of specific perennials, annuals, trees and shrubs, as well as fruits, vegetables and nuts and how to grow superior container plants.

Design instruction covers traditional floral arrangements through contemporary styles and even designs incorporating lights and motors. Many attendees are particularly interested in table setting designs showing coordination of floral centerpiece, linens and dishes. Vignettes, small segments of rooms, also give ideas on interior decorating.

Come only one day or both (if taking for credit). Flower Show School Course 1 (two days with testing on the third) is required if you want to become an accredited judge. The Symposium (two days) is necessary for our current judges to keep their accreditation, but anyone can come to either the school or the symposium. The symposium will study Pelargoniums, and combination plantings. The school will study Iris, and Syringa (lilacs). Samples of all plants will be needed, so if those in the Anchorage area would be willing to help, please contact Carol Norquist, 907-248-9563.

In addition to gaining a vast wealth of horticultural knowledge and gardening skills, you'll meet lots of interesting people and become part of a vibrant community of plants lovers.

Symposium, June 13-14; School, June 15-17

Registration and information can be found on the state website home page: www.alaskagardenclubs.org. See you in June!

