

AMGA June 2019 Garden Event Calendar

PLANT SALES

Saturday June 1

Anchorage Garden Club Plant Sale, 9am-5pm: Check web site 1-2 days ahead to find location. www.alaskagardenclubs.org

Anchorage Senior Center Plant Sale, 10am-2pm:
Main Entrance, 1300 E. 19th Ave, Anchorage. Perennials and will have White Irises

Mat-Su Master Gardeners Plant Sale, 9am-3pm: at the Palmer Pavilion (Across from the Palmer Visitors Center)

Wildflower Garden Club Plant Sale, 9am-2pm: 7435 Old Harbor Road, Anchorage. www.alaskagardenclubs.org

Saturday June 8

Central Peninsula Garden Club Plant Sale Starting at 10am:
Peninsula Grace Church on K-Beach Road in Soldotna.
www.cenpengardenclub.org

Saturday August 10

Anchorage Master Gardeners Plant Sale, 10am-4pm: Parking lot across from the Alaska Botanical Gardens.
www.alaskamastergardeners.org

WEEKLY GARDENING OPPORTUNITIES

Herb Study Group: Through the summer work on the Herb Garden at ABG Tuesdays and/or Fridays 1-3pm. All volunteers must first check in at the ABG Office. A minimum of two people are required for working in the garden at any time. At the Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road. Contact: anchorageherbstudygroup@gmail.com

Alaska Rock Garden Society: Maintenance at the ABG Rock Garden, every other Tuesday starting at 10am.
4601 Campbell Airstrip Rd, Anchorage
Contact: Madge Oswald, johnmadge@chugach.net

Maintenance at the Palmer Visitor Center every Thursday at 9a.
Contact person is Florene Carney, snowfire@mtaonline.net

CLASSES /WORKSHOPS

Saturday June 1, "Garden with Kids" at 10 - 11:30 am, \$15.
Alaska Mill and Feed, 1501 E. 1st Ave, Anchorage, Sign up online at alaskamillandfeed.com or call 907-276-6016, 30 spots/class.

Alaska Botanical Garden Classes: 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road. Registration required. Call 907-770-3692 or www.alaskabg.org

• **June 10-August 2**, Summer Camp for ages 5-13, Full and Half day options

• **June 5**, 6 -7:30 pm. Ikebana Workshop, \$80/Members and \$95/Non-Members Sign up for this unique workshop on the Japanese design of floral arrangements. Participants will learn about the history of this unique art as well as design their own arrangement to take home with them. All materials will be provided.

• **June 20**, 11am-12:30pm, Story Time in the Garden: "Benny's Big Bubble" - Join us on June 20th for a reading of *Benny's Big Bubble* by Jane O'Conner. Nature stories and activities for children ages 3-5. Must be accompanied by an adult, reading begins at 11a. Story Time is Free!

• **July 20 - 21**, 9:30am - 4:30 pm both days, "Botanical Sketch books" by Ayse Gilbert. Alaska Botanical Garden.

Thursday June 6, Anchorage Garden Club; "Thrips" 7 - 9pm, Pioneer School House, 437 E. 3rd Av., alaskagardenclubs.org

June 12, 13, 15 and 21, Advanced Master Gardener Course 2019, Flower Show Horticulture: Iris, Lilacs, Pelargoniums and combination plantings. Registration required by June 8. Cost is \$120.00. Please send your check payable to Anchorage Garden Club: Carol Norquist, 3734 W. 35th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99517. Contact: Carol Norquist, Anchorage Garden Club: 907-248-9563 or norquist@alaska.net *There may be some confusion since this is tied into the Flower Judge school and Symposium. Some of the classes will be combined and then there will be separate classes for the Advanced Master Gardening class. Description was sent to all AMGA members. Other information about the class and expectations: https://alaskamastergardeners.org/AMG_Information.pdf

Denali National Park/Alaska Geographic: Both courses stay at a field camp located 29 miles inside Denali National Park along the Teklanika River. The Field Camp includes rustic tent cabins and a common dining yurt. All meals, accommodations, transportation, and instruction are included in the course fee. Professional development credit is available through UAA. For more information or to register, call 907-683-6432, or go to <http://akgeo.org/field-courses/> email: courses@alaskageographic.org

• **June 17 - 19**, "Wildflowers of Denali" - \$333 Alaska Geographic Member Price (\$370 Non-Member Price). Join Denali National Park botanist Carl Roland for an exploration of these beautiful mountainside colors. Learn how to identify plants by sight, with a hand lens, and with field guides. We'll investigate how subarctic flora adapt to extreme latitude and high elevation while exploring the park's unique patterns of plant diversity and ecological history. This is an introductory course to Denali's wildflowers and other plants.

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• **July 26-28** “Mushrooms of Denali”- \$432, Alaska Geographic Member Price (\$480 Non-Member Price). Join renowned mycologist Dr. Gary Laursen in Denali and learn various techniques for identifying native wild mushrooms. Taking clues from the landscape, we’ll hone our observation skills to help recognize fungal friends and foes. We’ll gain experience using field guides and learn how making spore prints assists in mushroom identification. We’ll learn about the many roles mushrooms play in Denali’s vastly different environments as we gain an appreciation for wild mushrooms and how they influence our lives.

CONFERENCES

June 13-17, Flower Judges School and Symposium, 8 am-4 pm at the Central Lutheran Church, 1420 Cordova St., 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 are Pelargoniums, Lilacs and Iris. For more information contact Carol Norquist, 907-248-9563 or norquist@alaska.net

June 17-21 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.event.com/d/hgqxlpl>

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Monday June 3

AMGA Garden Tour Kick off - Members only; watch your email for location and details

Friday June 7

Campbell Creek Science Center 6 pm - 8 pm: First Friday Event- The AK Flyway Grand Opening A festive evening to rejoice in the return of summer and Alaska’s migratory birds, featuring the installation of our new bird migration exhibit: The AK Flyway. The event includes a guided bird walk, scavenger hunts for the kids, and information about birding apps, including eBird. Questions? Call 907-267-1247. 5600 Science Center Dr., Anchorage

Saturday June 8, Audubon Society “Birding Smackdown.” The Potter Marsh-a-thon. 7:30a at the Potter Marsh parking lot.

Errata: The AMGA May Garden Event Calendar listed a meeting for the Pioneer Fruit Growers Association as being on Thursday May 10. There was in fact, no meeting, and Thursday was May 9. We apologize for the incorrect information. -Ed.

Wednesday June 12

Campbell Creek Science Center, 7 pm - 8:30 pm: Midsummer Night’s Science Series- Bear Aware for Families. Summer in Alaska is full of fun, kid-friendly outdoor activities. During this program, we’ll help you get comfortable about your family’s summer outdoor adventures. You’ll learn more about bears and ways to be safe in bear country. You’ll also get a chance to learn about bear spray and practice using it. 5600 Science Center Dr., Anchorage

Monday June 17

AMGA Garden Tour-Members only; watch your email for location and details

Thursday June 20

Campbell Creek Science Center, 7 pm - 8:30 pm: Midsummer Night’s Science Series- Dragonflies- Learn more about the biology, ecology, and natural history of these ancient creatures from John Hudson, co-author of Dragonflies of Alaska and Dragons in the Ponds. 5600 Science Center Dr., Anchorage

Thursday June 27- 5:30 pm: “Peonies and Poppies”, Evening of Music, Art, Food and Flowers. Tickets available Monday May 27th for purchase online, by phone, or at the garden. Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road, Anchorage. 907-770-3692, www.alaskabg.org

Friday June 28

“International Mud Day”, 12pm-3pm: International Mud Day is a nationally recognized day to get messy and play in nature! Join us for some fun activities that will be sure to leave you muddy and happy! Be sure to bring some extra clothes for the kids to change into and bring ones you don’t care about getting dirty! Current ABG Members and Kids 10 and under are free! \$5 for non-members and kids ages 11 and older. At the Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road. 907-770-3692, www.alaskabg.org

Thursday July 11

“Beer in the Garden” 6 pm - 9: pm Local Beer, food vendors and live music. Tickets on sale in June. At the Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road. 907-770-3692, www.alaskabg.org

Saturday - Sunday July 27 - 28

“13th Annual weekend Gardeners Event” in Homer - Fergus Garrett will be speaking on Saturday evening at 7pm at Islands and Ocean Visitor Center in Homer - his Presentation is “Succession Planting in the Mixed Border”. Fergus Garrett was the head gardener of the Great Dixter, a Gardening destination in Sussex England. Open Garden Tours will be Sunday from 10am until 5pm. www.homergardenclub.org