

May 2019 Garden Event Calendar

MEETINGS

Thursday May 2

Anchorage Garden Club; "Growing Food, Supporting Youth" 7-9p at the Pioneer School House, 437 E. 3rd Ave. www.alaskagardenclubs.org

Friday May 3

Herb Study Group: "2019 ABG Herb Garden Plan." Noon-1:30p at CES office, Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St. Anchorage. anchorageherbstudygroup@gmail.com

Monday May 6

Alaska Native Plant Society meeting; Marilyn Barker: Rosaceae genus Comarum," Beth Baker: "What a plant Hears," Anne Pasche presents "Alaska Plant Fossils." 7p, Campbell Creek Science Center, 5600 Science Center. www.aknps.org

Tuesday May 7

Willow Garden Club: "Pruning and Pinching," #4 in a series with Dan Elliot. 6:45 meet and greet, 7p meeting. Willow Community Center, Willow. willowgardenclub@hotmail.com

Thursday May 10

Wildflower Club Meeting: Meeting at 10a-11:30 ABC Wildflower Trail Maintenance. www.alaska.gardenclubs.org

Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association Meeting: 7p, BP Energy Center, 1014 Energy Court, Anchorage. www.apfga.org

Friday May 11

Alaska Rock Garden Clean-up at Alaska Botanical Garden, 10a, bring tools and lunch, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Rd, Anchorage

Monday May 20

AMGA Meeting: "Strange Things Done Under the Midnight Sun: Gardening oddities, eccentricities and bizarre facts of nature", presented by Julie Riley. 7p, BP Energy Center, 1014 energy Court, Anchorage. alaskamastergardeners.org

Homer Garden Club Meeting, 2-4p, Best Western Bidarka Inn, 575 Sterling HWY, Homer. www.homergardenclub.org

CLASSES /WORKSHOPS

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

- "Guided Gardening with ABC". A unique and comprehensive guided program for the 2019 growing season. Start your garden off right by growing your own at ABG. Garden staff will mentor and guide participants throughout an entire growing season.
- "Summer Camps for Children"; Full day and Half day options.
- Bear Aware at the Zoo Booth by ABC. 12-4p, Sunday May 12
- Hypertufa and container Gardening Workshop. Tue. May 21
- Bed Prep and Planting Workshop, Thursday May 23, 6-7:30p
- Volunteer Training Days 12-6p on May 28 and May 30.

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

- Thursday May 8, "Feeding your Urban Farm, Healthy soil for Healthy Gardens". 6-7:30p, \$25. Registration Fee.

Alaska Mill and Feed, 1501 E. 1st Ave, Anchorage, Sign up online, alaskamillandfeed.com or call 907-276-6016, 30 spots/class.

- Saturday May 4, "Planting a New Lawn," 2-3p, \$5.
- "Shades of Green and a Pop of Yellow" 10- 11a, \$5.
- Saturday May 11, "Raised Bed Gardening" 10-11a, \$5.
- "Raised Bed Gardening Class 2" 11:30a-12:30p, \$5.
- "Raised Bed Gardening Class 3" 1-2p, \$5.
- Saturday May 18th, "Deck Gardening" 10-11a, \$5.
- "Deck Gardening-Class 2" at 12- 1p, \$5.
- Saturday May 25, "Composting with Worms" 10-11a, \$5.
- Saturday June 1, "Garden with Kids" 10- 11:30a, \$15.

Matanuska-Susitna Borough Solid Waste Division, 1201 N. 49th State Street, Palmer. Free of Charge. Registration required send e-mail to matsugov.us or call 907-745-0758. matsugov.us

Backyard Composting Classes: how to compost manures, yard waste, and food wastes.

- Saturday 5/11/19 from 1 to 3p
- Friday 5/17/19 from 11a to 1p
- Tuesday 5/28/19 from 11a to 1p
- Saturday 6/8/19 from 10a to 12p

Vermi-Composting(worms) Classes: how to start and manage a worm bin, avoid flies and stench and use finished vermi-compost.

- Friday 5/17/19 from 3 to 5p
- Saturday 6/1/19 from 11a to 1p

Certified Master Composting Classes are 2-day courses: how to blend and compost a wider variety of feedstocks for proper C:N ratios, trouble-shoot piles for moisture, temperature, and more. Attendance for both days is required. Master Composters are expected to pledge service hours to train others and/or start a neighborhood composting program. PREREQUISITE: Backyard Composter Cert. required. Vermicomposter Cert. recommended.

- Saturday 5/18/19 from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM
- Saturday 5/25/19 from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Saturday May 18th Central Peninsula Garden Club, open to club members first, then the public. www.cenpengardenclub.org

- Hanging Baskets with Connie from Connie's Flowers
- Wood Plant boxes and trellises with Will Hightower
- Tomato Buckets with Don St John

CONFERENCES

June 13-17, Flower Judges School and Symposium, 8a-4p, Central Lutheran Church, Anchorage. Sponsored by the Anchorage Garden Club. Open to anyone interested in learning more advanced horticulture and or for those seeking to become certified Judges. The subjects: Pelargoniums, Lilacs and Iris. For more information contact Carol Norquest 907-248-9563 or norquist@alaska.net

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May 18, Reading Rendezvous from 10a-5p CES-Anchorage, Loussac Library Lawn, 3600 Denali St. Anchorage. Includes Gardening Activities. Volunteers needed. Contact Gina Dionne at CES or use the Sign-up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4caba729a7f49-cesbooth>

July 27th-28, 13th Annual Homer weekend Gardeners Event. Fergus Garrett will be speaking on Saturday evening at 7p 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 10a until 5p. www.homergardenclub.org

PLANT SALES

Wednesday May 8 King Tech Career Center Annual Plant Sale, 9a-2p, 2650 E. Northern Lights Blvd, Anchorage

Friday May 10th, 12-6p, **Sat May 11th**, 9a-6p; Palmer High School FFA Plant Sale and Open House, 1170 W. Arctic Ave, Palmer.

Saturday May 18 ABC & Alaska Rock Garden Society Plant Sale at ABC, early admission for Garden members at 9a, 10a- 5p, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road, Anchorage. www.alaskaabg.org

Tuesday May 21 Highland Corrections Plant Sale, 9AM-6PM at Parking lot, 9101 Hesterberg, Eagle River

Saturday May 25

Homer Garden Club, 11a-1p Homer Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center, 201 Sterling HWY, Homer. www.homergardenclub.org

Alaska Rock Garden Society; 9a- 4p, Snowfire Gardens, 3379 Inlet Vista Circle, Wasilla.

Valley Garden Club, 9a-3p, Boys and Girls Club, 3700 Bogart Road, Wasilla

Saturday June 1

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

Anchorage Senior Center Plant Sale, 10a-2p, Main Entrance, 1300 E. 19th Ave, Anchorage. Perennials and "White Irises".

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

Wildflower Garden Club Plant Sale, 9a-2p, 7435 Old Harbor Road, Anchorage. www.alaskagardenclubs.org

Saturday June 8

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

Saturday August 10

Anchorage Master Gardeners Plant Sale, 9a-4p, Parking lot across from the Alaska Botanical Gardens. www.alaska mastergardeners.org

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