

AMGA August 2018 Garden Event Calendar

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Thursday, August 2

Alaska Botanical Garden (ABG): Wine in the Woods, 6:30 pm -9:30 pm, \$30- \$75. 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road

Anchorage Garden Club meeting: Garden and Wild Fruit Recipes, 7 pm at the Pioneer Schoolhouse, 437 E 3rd Avenue, 907-566-0539 (voice mail)

Tuesday, August 7

The Alaska Botanical Garden: Paper Flower Making, 6 pm-7:30 pm, \$50 - \$60; 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road

Thursday, August 9

Alaska Botanical Garden: Storytime in the Garden, 11 am - 12:30 pm, Free; 4601 Campbell Airstrip Rd. August story is *Blueberries for Sal* by Robert McCloskey

Wildflower Garden Club: Herb Cultivation with Mary Shier

Saturday, August 11, 10am - 3pm

AMGA Plant Sale, Benny Benson School Parking lot by ABG. Bring your plants to sell on Friday between 6pm - 8pm

Saturday-Sunday, August 18 - 19

Alaska Botanical Garden: Field Journal Studies with Water Color, Aug. 18, 11 am; Aug. 19, 5 pm. Two days of field journaling with Andie Thrans. Each workshop will focus on different watercolor techniques to effectively chronicle your Garden experience. \$225 - \$250

Some Classy Presentations at This Year's Fall Plant Sale

Compiled by Sheila Toomey

Timing is everything, so plan ahead: Schedule your visit to the Late Season Plant Sale on August 11 to coincide with one of the classes being offered this year. Or more than one!

The **free** 50-minute sessions, taught by people who actually know what they're talking about, are a popular feature of the annual sale. Although aimed at the general public, they offer practices and tips we can all use—no matter how many certificates we have hanging on the greenhouse wall.

Most of us have visited the amazing Ronsse gardens out Oceanview way. Bountiful vegetables, beautiful flowers. The details are in the dirt—and Dennis is going to tell us how to prepare our garden soil this fall for success next season—without spending a fortune.

OK, no use avoiding the ugly truth: This season is almost over and you know what you have to do—trim those trees and shrubs. Or do you? When and how should you cut back lilacs, forsythia, cotoneaster or whatever is growing out of control? Debbie Hinchey knows all, and will share.

August 23 – September 3

Alaska State Fair: "Memories in the Making," Palmer
Crops and Flowers Entry Dates: August 22 and 29, Noon-9 pm

OTHER WEEKLY EVENTS

Alaska Master Gardeners, Anchorage: Garden tours every first and third Monday, throughout the summer. Members only, watch your email for details and directions.

Alaska Rock Garden Society: Maintenance at the ABC Rock Garden: Every other Tuesday, 11am – 1pm.
Contact Kathy Swick: swick@alaska.net for questions.

Herb Study Group: Herb Garden volunteer maintenance at the ABG: Tuesdays and Fridays, 1-3pm; Due to updated ABC safety procedures, all volunteers must first check in at the ABC Office. A minimum of two people are required for working in the garden at any time. Contact: anchorageherbstudygroup@gmail.com or call Mary at 907-345-1562.

Audubon Society

Early Morning Bird Walks: Thursdays, 6:30 am - 8:30 am, BLM Campbell Creek Science Center Parking Lot.

MC WORKSHOP - DEADHEADING

At the Pioneer Home with Ginger. Free. Bring your hand clippers and learn to use them to benefit the plant! No workshop if it is actively raining—rule #7, don't trim plants in the rain! We'll spend 30-minutes to an hour demonstrating and practicing.

Sundays: 8/5, 8/12, 8/19 at 2:30pm

Friday, 8/10 at 6:30pm; Tuesday, 8/28 at 6:30pm

Did you have a good summer? Big beautiful flowers and large luscious things to eat? Want to be one of the chosen, with fab bragging rights? Enter the Alaska State Fair—and play to win! Kathy Liska, longtime Crop Superintendent for the Fair, will show you how to prep veggies and condition flowers for show, along with useful tips on when to harvest—for the best chance to win, win, win! She'll also talk about how to follow the Exhibitor Guides instructions.

What do most of us know about flower arranging? "Tall flowers in back, short ones in front"? Orchid and Bonsai master Paul Marmora laughs. He will talk about design principles—color, shape, positive and negative space—in both vase and container arrangements. Plus how to make blooms last as long as possible.

Which class is most interesting? Can't choose? Make a day of it. Bring a sandwich. Plop yourself down in the tent and attend them all!

CLASS SCHEDULE:

11 am Talking Dirty. Dennis Ronsse

Noon Cutting Remarks. Debbie Hinchey

1 pm Rooting for You. Kathy Liska

2 pm Beautiful Bouquets. Paul Marmora