

AMGA October 2020 Garden Event Calendar

NOTE: All events subject to cancellation or rescheduling due to Covid-19 precautions. Please check group websites or other social media to find out if there are alternate arrangements to events. Be mindful of the Muni's health mandates.

Classes / Workshops



Tuesday-Saturday September 23-

October 24 @ 10 am - 4 pm Alaska Boo-tanical Garden, Campbell Airstrip Rd, Anchorage Free for members and kids under seven; \$5 nonmembers. [Here is a link to the website.](#)

Mondays, September 30 - November 18 @ 6 - 8 pm
Registration is open for the Fairbanks gardening class. First Presbyterian Church, 547 Seventh Avenue, Fairbanks. [Here is a link to the website.](#)

Thursday, October 1 @ 1 - 2:30 pm
“Canning Meats and Poultry” Learn to use a pressure canner to process meat and poultry in jars. Heat processing low acid foods in jars, botulism, and use and care of a pressure canner will be discussed. Drying meat will be discussed; cutting meat for jerky, marinades, conditioning and packaging jerky, heat treatment methods, and general tips for freezing meat. To register for any of the Food Preservation classes follow this link <https://bit.ly/2CECoOs> Each registration fee of \$5 covers one Zoom connection. Registration closes 4 pm the day before class.

Thursday, October 8 @ 1 - 2:30 pm
“Making Fresh Sausage” Tasty all year round, sausages can be part of a main course or snack. Going through summer into fall brings the opportunity to grow and harvest produce, to fish and to hunt. Julie Cascio, Mat-Su/Copper River Valley District UAF Cooperative Extension agent, will share research-based information on ways to preserve food. Julie presents best practices for yummy products. Methods and supplies for making fresh sausage will be discussed. Offered via Zoom. Each registration fee covers one Zoom connection. UA is an AA/EO employer and educational institution and prohibits illegal discrimination against any individual: www.alaska.edu/nondiscrimination Accommodation requests related to a disability should be made five business days in advance to Julie Cascio at jmcascio@alaska.edu.
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Tuesday, October 13 @ 6 PM

“Virtual Urban Harvest: Earthquake Preparedness” Learn the science behind earthquakes and engage with museum experts who present the challenges of preparing for the unpredictable in Alaska. Refresh your knowledge of how to stay safe in the event of an earthquake and strategize your personal preparedness as it relates to food and supplies. Registration required. \$10, 10% museum member discount. Online class information included in confirmation email upon registration. [Here is a link to the registration.](#)

Monday, October 19 @ 7 PM

Alaska Master Gardeners Anchorage monthly meeting, members share photos of summer gardens. via zoom. Google email account required [to post photos here](#). Or contact Emily Becker, emilyandzeke@yahoo.com

Meetings and Events

Thursday, October 1 @ 7 - 9 pm

“Sauerkraut/Fermenting,” Anchorage Garden Club Program. 437 E 3rd Avenue, Anchorage. [Here is a link to the website.](#)

Monday, October 5 @ 7 pm

Alaska Native Plant Society monthly meeting, winter announcements and member photo sharing. Via zoom, for information email: dennis.ronsse@gmail.com

Tuesday, October 6 @ 7pm

Monthly meeting of the Greater Eagle River Garden Club at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 18444 Old Glenn Hwy. [Here is a link to the Facebook page.](#)
[Here is a link to the website.](#)

Thursday, October 8 @ 10 am - 12 pm

“Building a Water Feature” by Wildflower GC and presented by Marie and Blacky Black in their private home. [Here is a link to the website.](#)

Tuesday, October 20 @ 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Ketchikan Garden Club Program Meeting. Ketchikan Public Library, 1110 Copper Ridge Lane, Ketchikan. [Here is a link to the website.](#)

Wednesday, October 21 @ 12 noon - 2 pm

Fairbanks Garden Club Program Meeting. Members only. [Here is a link to the website.](#)



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Online

Garden Tours of Master Gardeners gardens on YouTube. Ginger Hudson is doing this and will keep adding more. As of this writing, there are eleven videos, and they are all wonderful! [Access the channel \(and subscribe\) here.](#)

If you know of events coming up or organizations not mentioned in this calendar, please contact Teresa Stephenson @ stephenson.teresa@gmail.com so she can add it to the list!

A reminder that CES has moved to a new office: 219 E. International Airport Road, Anchorage. CES is only seeing people by appointment during Covid. Check their web site for the schedule: www.uaf.edu/ces.

Warning to gardeners: those seeds arriving across the Lower 48 have gotten to Alaska, [see this article at Alaska Public Media.](#)

If you receive suspicious seeds, contact David Schade, head of the Alaska Division of Agriculture, 907-745-7200, in Palmer.



Visit the new [AMGA youtube channel](#) to see fellow gardeners' landscapes. We may not have been able to socialize in person, but we can still share and learn from each other.

Do you have a fabulous fall garden? Share it! Contact Ginger to arrange for a video walk through. Shy, no, you don't have to be on camera yourself! ginger@growingtall.llc

Community Compost still Open—for drop-off only!

Due to high demand, finished compost is no longer available this year.

Recycle your kitchen scraps at Anchorage Solid Waste Services and disposal sites.

Remaining materials will continue to compost and be available in the 2021 season.

For more information, types of materials to compost, and hours of operation:

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/SWS/Recycling/Pages/CommunityCompost.aspx>

Advanced Master Gardener Training Permaculture for Alaskan Gardeners



This intensive course will take you on a journey to understand the patterns and principles in nature, and how we can use them to create more abundant gardens that are less toil and trouble. By enlisting the help of nature as our ally, we can create more harmonious gardens that have natural beauty and productivity.

About the Instructor

Saskia Esslinger is a certified Permaculture Designer and Teacher residing in Homer, Alaska. Through her business, Teach Gardening, she has taught over 400 people how to grow more food with less work. A lifelong Alaskan, Saskia grew up in Anchorage eating garden veggies and wild game. She believes in the transformational effect gardens can have on people and the planet, and she is doing her part to cultivate a garden revolution.

Course Fee:

Priority registration for AMGA members

\$50 for AMGA members; \$70 for non-members

Questions?

Contact Gina Dionne, Program Assistant

Cooperative Extension Service, Anchorage Outreach Center

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Details

Location: Online via Zoom

Tuesdays, 6-8 pm, Oct. 20th and ending Nov 24th (12 hours total instruction)

You must attend all 12 hours of class, and complete 15 hours of volunteer work to earn an Advanced Master Gardener Certificate.

This course does NOT lead to a Permaculture Design Certificate.

Class is limited to 50 students, so enroll today!

Sign up Here: <https://bit.ly/2G0Bkq1>