

AMGA January 2019 Garden Event Calendar

January 1, 2019 – HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 3

Anchorage Garden Club: “Bulbs” - 7pm - meeting at Central Lutheran Church, 1420 Cordova St.

Friday, January 4

Herb Study Group: “2019 Herb of the Year, Anise Hyssop, *Agastache foeniculum*”. Everyone should bring experiences, research, Q&A, comments, etc. for the open discussion. 12 – 1:30 pm, Loussac Library 4th Floor in the Learning Commons next to the Anchorage CES Office. An email will be sent to those on the mailing list. For questions or to be included on the email list, contact Herb Study Group at anchorageherbstudy-group@gmail.com or call Mary at 907-345-1562.

Monday, January 7

Native Plant Society meeting: Climate Change in AK, by George Donart, including botanical effects
Mini-Botany: “What a plant tastes” with Debbie Hinchey;
Plant Family: “Rosa” with Joan Tovsen
7pm, Campbell Creek Science Center,

Mat-Su Master Gardeners meeting: Lois Rockcastle, The Botanical Gardens of New Zealand and Australia. 7pm, Matanuska Telephone Association (MTA) Headquarters building in Palmer, AK, 480 Commercial Drive, Palmer, AK 99645

Thursday, January 10

Wildflower Garden Club Regular Meeting and Program: “Remembering Verna” 10 am, Central Lutheran Church, 1420 Cordova Street, Anchorage

Saturday, January 19

Alaska Rock Garden Society: “Penstemons”, with Kathy Swick. Kathy has a beautiful little rock garden right in the middle of Anchorage and is an expert plantsperson. Profile: Botany for Gardeners; 2 pm, Elks Lodge in Eagle River, 17111 N. Eagle River Loop Rd. Enter through the side door on the left side of the building. Volunteers needed to arrive at 1:30 pm to help set up tables & chairs before the meeting.

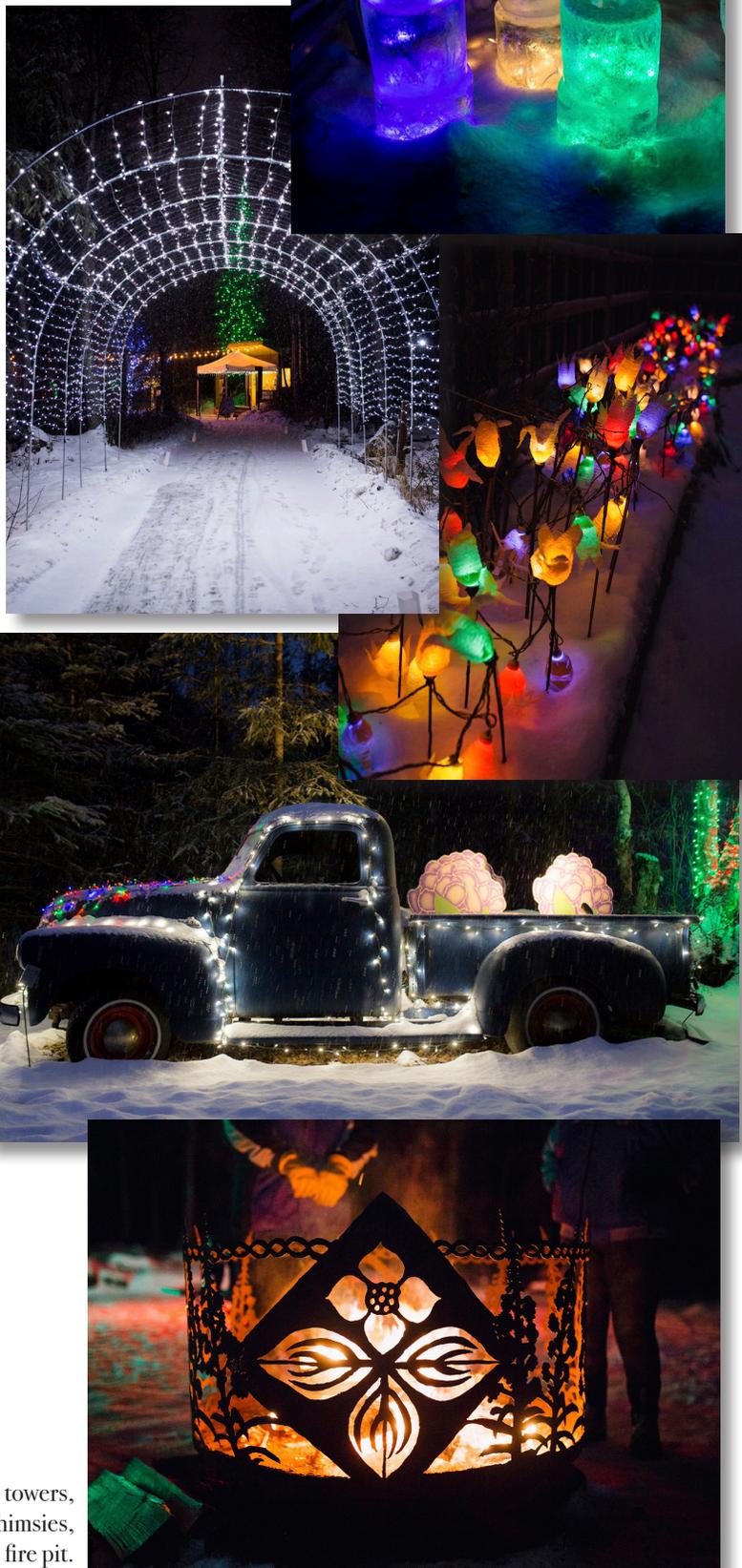
Monday, January 21

AMGA meeting: “The Science on How to Plant a Tree,” Debbie Hinchey, 7 pm, BP Energy Center, 1014 Energy Court, Anchorage

January 24-27: 2019 Alaska Peony Conference, Land’s End Resort, Homer, AK. <https://bit.ly/2QHiS6a>

ABG staff and volunteers spent days crafting glowing ice towers, the light tunnel, recycled bottle tulips, giant Alaska veggie whimsies, and everyone enjoyed warm evenings by the custom fire pit.

The Alaska Botanical Garden’s Holiday Lights were whimsical, fun, and beautiful! Thanks to ABG staff for permission to reprint here.



Alaska Peony Grower's Association presents our

15th Annual APGA Winter Conference

January 24 - 27, 2019

Land's End Resort,
Homer, AK

www.alaskapeonyconference.com

- Keynote Speakers:
Holly Heider Chapple,
Chapple Designs
Kasey Kronquist,
*Certified American Grown
Administrator*
Jack De vroomen,
De vroomen Garden Products
- Growing and business
operation workshops
- Vendor Trade Show
- Floral Design Workshop



Alaska Community Forestry Program 2019 Grants Community Orchards or Food Forests

Forests are vital infrastructure, conveying many benefits to the humans and wildlife that occupy Alaska's communities. A food forest produces a variety of foods; improves the soil; attracts pollinators; and provides a diversity of habitat. If done properly, food forests become low maintenance, high value spaces that build community and increase local food security.

These grants will support the testing and demonstration of fruit trees (and possibly nut trees) that can be grown in Alaska. Applicants are encouraged to be creative when selecting tree species for their project. Trees may be planted in an orchard or in public landscapes throughout a community.

Requirements (for complete list visit website listed below):

- Applicant must be a government entity or nonprofit organization with a current IRS 501(C)3 status in good standing.
- Applicants may apply for up to \$2,000 to purchase trees. Approximately \$10,000 is available to fund projects.
- A one-to-one match is required, e.g., a \$1,000 grant requires a \$1,000 match.
- The match may be cash, volunteer time, or in-kind donations such as trees, shrubs, mulch, or water hoses.
- The match may not include federal funds or services provided by federal funds.
- Grant funds may not be used to pay wages and the match may not be wages.

For information and assistance

Please call if you need help with your proposal. We can help you write specifications to ensure that the trees you buy are of high quality, in excellent condition, and appropriate for your site. If you need help from an experienced fruit tree grower in your community, contact your nearest UAF Cooperative Extension Service office, the Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association, a Master Gardener, or a local garden center.

- Division of Forestry Community Forestry Program:
<http://forestry.alaska.gov/community/news.htm>
- Landscape Plants for Alaska: <http://www.alaskaplants.org/>
- UAF Cooperative Extension Service:
<http://www.uaf.edu/ces/>
- Cooperative Extension Service publication: Growing Tree and Bush Fruits in Alaska <http://www.uaf.edu/files/ces/publications-db/catalog/anr/HGA-00038.pdf>
- Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association:
<http://www.apfga.org/>



Proposal deadline: January 15, 2019



For more information and grant application:

<http://forestry.alaska.gov/community/grants>

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