

AMGA March 2020 Garden Event Calendar

Meetings and Events

March 2, Monday

Alaska Native Plant Society, 7p-9p. Beth Baker presents "The botanical John Muir." Rosaceae: Joan Towsen presents *Chamaerhodos* (little rose). Alpine Beringian Endemics: Aaron Wells presents *Ranunculus turneri* ssp. *turneri*. Campbell Creek Science Center, 5600 Science Center Drive. aknps.org

March 2, Monday

Mat-Su Master Gardeners Association, 7p. Dr. Patricia Holloway "Seed Saving." Meeting at the Matanuska Experiment Farm and Extension Center, 1509 S. Georgeson Drive, Palmer. In the Kerttula Hall in the "Blue Room." matsumastergardeners.com

March 3, Tuesday

Eagle River Garden Club, 7p-8p, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 18444 Old Glenn Hwy, Chugiak. alaskagardenclubs.org

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Valley Garden Club, 10:30a. Includes a potluck lunch. First Baptist Church of Wasilla on the corner of Leatherleaf Loop and Bogard Rd. valleygardenclub.com

March 5, Thursday

Anchorage Garden Club, 7p-9p. "Alaska Birch Syrup." Pioneer School House, 437 E. 3rd Av, Anchorage. alaskagardenclubs.org

March 7, Saturday

Fur Rondy at the Midtown Mall There will be volunteer opportunities to help at the table. Look for the Sign up Genius.

March 8, Sunday

Cook Inlet Bonsai Study Group, 1p. "Building Wooden Pots for Root over Rock and Exposed Root Bonsai." Dimond Green Houses, 1050 W Dimond Bl, Anchorage. pmarmora@aol.com; Put "Bonsai" in subject line. alaskabonsaiclubs.org

March 12, Thursday

Wildflower Garden Club, 10a-12p. "Why you should be Thankful for Insects," by Jessie Moan from CES. Become a member to attend. Central Lutheran Church, 1420 Cordova St, Anchorage. wildflowergardenclub.org

March 12, Thursday

Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association. 7p- 9p. TBA. BP Energy Center, 1014 Energy Court, Anchorage. www.apfga.org

March 13, Friday

Herb Study Group, Noon-1:30p. Perilla and/or Mayapples. CES Learning Commons, 4th floor of Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St., Anchorage. For questions, send e-mail to anchorageherbstudygroup@gmail.com

March 15, Sunday

Homer Garden Club, 2p-4p. Aspen Suites Hotel, Homer. Homergardenclub.org

March 16, Monday

AMGA Monthly Meeting, munch and mingle 6:30-7p with "Seed Exchange". 7p presentation by Nick Riordan from Yarcopia, "Need a Garden Coordinator or does your Garden need a Gardener?" BP Energy Center, 1014 Energy Court, Anchorage. alaskamastergardeners.org

March 21, Saturday

Alaska Rock Garden Society, "Hypertufa Trough Essentials - Building and Planting a Trough" by Jaime Rodriguez of The Alpine Garden Nursery, 2p. NEW LOCATION: Palmer CES at the Matanuska Experiment Farm, 1509 S. Georgeson Dr., Palmer. details <https://www.akrockgardensociety.org/>

March 24, Tuesday

Alaska Orchid Society, 6:30p-9p. BP Energy Center, 1014 Energy Court, Anchorage. akorhid.org

April 2, Thursday

Anchorage Garden Club, 7p-9p. "Basic Soil Care." Pioneer School House, 437 E. 3rd Av, Anchorage. alaskagardenclubs.org

April 11, Saturday

Garden Show at the Midtown Mall. 10a-5p. This is a great event where all the garden clubs have a table and many are selling plants for this spring. Our table will have plants for sale, limit 2-4 flats per member with yellow tags Volunteer Opportunities

Classes /Workshops

March 6, Friday

CES First Friday Series, 12p -12:30 p "Waking Houseplants Up from Winter Dormancy" presented by Gina Dionne. CES Learning Commons, 4th floor of Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St., Anchorage. uaf.edu

March 14, Saturday

Alaska Botanical Garden. 1p - 4p, "Winter Plant ID and Walk" by Dr. Marilyn Barker. 4601 Campbell Airstrip Rd, Anchorage. alaskabg.org

March 14, Saturday

Alaska Mill and Feed, 10a - 11:30a "Bee Keeping Class." \$10/ person Alaska Mill and Feed Classroom, 1301 E First Ave, Anchorage. shop.alaskamillandfeed.com

March 18, Wednesday

CES. 6:30p -7:30p, "Get Set Garden" presented by Gina Dionne. \$25 per person. CES Learning Commons, 4th floor of Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St, Anchorage. uaf.edu

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"Seed Potato Class." \$10/person.
Alaska Mill and Feed Classroom,
1301 E First Ave, Anchorage.
shop.alaskamillandfeed.com

March 24, Tuesday

Alaska Botanical Garden, 6:00p-7:30p.
"Succulent Workshop" by Dawn
Groth. 4601 Campbell Airstrip Rd,
Anchorage. alaskabg.org

March 26, Thursday

CES. 6p -7:30p, "Accessible Garden
Design," Presented by Ira Edwards.
\$25 per person. CES Learning Com-
mons, 4th floor of Loussac Library,
3600 Denali St., Anchorage. uaf.edu

March 28, Saturday

Alaska Mill and Feed, 12p -1p "Raspberry and Strawberry
Care." \$10/person. Alaska Mill and Feed Classroom, 1301 E
First Ave, Anchorage. shop.alaskamillandfeed.com

March 29, Sunday

Eagle River Nature Center, 11a. "Succ-ered by Succulents."
\$15/person. Eagle River Nature Center, Main Bldg. 32750
Eagle River Road, Eagle River. ernc.org

April 4, Saturday

Alaska Mill and Feed, "Slugs, Bugs and other Thugs,"
11a-12:30p and a 12:30p-2p, \$10/person.
"Start your Veggies Class," 2p - 3p, \$10/person. Alaska Mill
and Feed Classroom, 1301 E First Ave, Anchorage. shop.
alaskamillandfeed.com

Summer Field Courses in Denali National Park

Alaska Geographic and National Park Service will have invig-
orating field courses this summer. Courses include transpor-
tation, overnight accommodations and hearty meals. For more
information or to register please visit: [https://www.akgeo.org/
field-courses/](https://www.akgeo.org/field-courses/) or phone 907-683-6432

June 8 -10: Birds of Denali

June 23 -25: Wildflowers of Denali.

June 26 -28: Paleontology in Denali"

July 8 -10: Wolves of Denali

July 29 -31: Denali Large Mammals

August 5 -7: Denali's Mosses and Lichens

August 7- 9: Denali's Alpine Wildlife and Climate Change

August 19 -21: Bears of Denali Conferences



Conferences

March 20 - 23

Southeast Alaska Garden Conference. "The Art and Science of
Gardening." Juneau. Tickets Available at seak-mastergardeners.org

July 18 - 22

Botany 2020, Organized by the Botanical Society of America, will
be in Anchorage. In association with the American Fern Society,
Society of Herbarium Curators, International Society for Plant
Taxonomy, and more: cms.botany.org/home.html

Alaska Community Forest Council offers Arbor Day grants

The council is offering grants in the \$200-\$500 range,
which can be used to plant trees or shrubs, or support
other activities that promote Arbor Day in Alaska. The
grants are aimed at local governments, schools, and
nonprofit organizations. **Grant applications must be
submitted by 5 p.m. on March 20.**

The grants are intended to fund projects that:

- Increase public awareness of the benefits of trees and forests; build support for planting and caring for public trees
- Provide a public demonstration of proper tree selection, planting and care
- Use trees to solve community problems: reducing or treating storm water, creating wind breaks or living snow fences, restoring streams and rivers, planting fruit trees to provide healthy food, screening surfaces prone to graffiti, calming traffic, and beautifying school yards.

Forms and guidelines:

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