

AMGA September 2019 Garden Event Calendar

PLANT SALES

All Summer - On-going plant sale at the Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road.

WEEKLY GARDEN OPPORTUNITIES

Herb Study Group: Through the summer, work on the Herb Garden at ABG Tuesday and /or Fridays 1-3p. 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. Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Rd. No meetings posted in September, Contact: anchorageherbstudygroup@gmail.com

CLASSES /WORKSHOPS

August 26, Monday

Beginning of the Anchorage Master Gardening classes, Mondays, 5p - 8p, except holidays through Dec. 9. At the Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St. Anchorage. www.uaf.edu/ces

September 3, Tuesday

Beginning of the Palmer Master Gardening class. Tuesdays, 6p - 9p, through Dec. 10. Matanuska Experiment Farm and Extension Center, 1509 S Georgeson Rd, Palmer. www.uaf.edu/ces

September 3, Tuesday

Edible Berries, 6p - 7:30p, by ABC Horticulturist Will Criner. Learn to Identify which berries are safe to eat and which ones to avoid. Class is outside rain or shine. Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Rd. Members \$30, Non-members \$40. Reservations required, 907-770-3692. garden@alaskabg.org

September 8, Sunday

"Vermi (Worm) Composting," 3 p -5 p, by Ellen Vande Visse. Free. Registration is REQUIRED by sending an email to compost@matsugov.us or calling 907-745-0758. Matanuska-Susitna Borough Solid Waste Division, 1201 N 49th State St, Palmer. Details at: ellenvandevisse.com

September 12, Thursday

Handling the Harvest Class: The Big Freeze. Properly packaging food to be frozen. 6p - 7:30p, \$25/class. Cooperative Extension Service-Anchorage at the Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St., Anchorage. www.uaf.edu/ces

September 14, Saturday

Certified Backyard Composter, 10 a - 12 p. Free. Registration is REQUIRED by sending an email to compost@matsugov.us or calling 907-745-0758. Matanuska-Susitna Borough Solid Waste Division, 1201 N 49th State Street, Palmer.

September 19, Thursday

"Tree Biology," 8a - Noon; "Using an air-spade for soil remediation, transplanting," 1p - 3p. Instructor Jim Flott, sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources, Alaska Community Forestry Program. See description page 4 this newsletter.

On the APU campus. CEUs available, registration required. Contact Jim Renkert, 907- 269-8465, communityforester@alaska.gov

September 20, Friday

"Tree Pruning," 9a - Noon; "Shrub Pruning," 1p - 4p Instructor Jim Flott, sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources, Alaska Community Forestry Program. See description page 4 this newsletter. Location in Anchorage, TBA. CEU credits available, registration required. Contact Jim Renkert, 907- 269-8465, communityforester@alaska.gov

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September 21, Saturday

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September 23, Monday

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September 24, Tuesday

Garlic Planting Workshop, 6p-7:30p. Join ABC's Horticulturist Will Criner for hands on planting instruction with tips for growing garlic and other bulbs. Participants will receive garlic to take home and plant. Members \$45, Non-members \$55. Reservations required. Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Rd. 907-770-3692, garden@alaskabg.org

September 27, Friday

"Certified Backyard Composter," 10 a - 12p, by Ellen Vande Visse. Free. Registration is REQUIRED by sending an email to compost@matsugov.us or calling 907-745-0758. Matanuska-Susitna Borough Solid Waste Division, 1201 N 49th State St, Palmer. Details at: ellenvandevisse.com

September 30, Monday

"Vermi (Worm) Composting," 3p -5p, by Ellen Vande Visse. Free. Registration is REQUIRED by sending an email to compost@matsugov.us or calling 907-745-0758. Matanuska-Susitna Borough Solid Waste Division, 1201 N 49th State St, Palmer. Details at: ellenvandevisse.com

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

August 22, Thursday – September 2, Monday

Alaska State Fair “Crazy Good”. The best time to see the Flower awards will be August 22 and August 29, while they are fresh. Alaska State Fair Grounds, Palmer. www.alaskastatefair.org

August 22, Thursday – September 2, Monday

Cook Inlet Bonsai Study Group, Paul Marmora will be at the State Fair in the Barn Display every day of the State Fair. Welcome to bring in plants or come to ask questions. Meetings will resume in October. Facebook: Cook Inlet Bonsai Study Group or pmarmora@aol.com

September 5, Thursday

Anchorage Garden Club; “Terrariums/Dish Gardens” 7p - 9 p at the Pioneer School House, 437 E. 3rd Ave. www.alaskagardenclubs.org

September 10, Tuesday

Eagle River Garden Club Program Meeting, 7p - 8p. 18444 Old Glenn HWY at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

September 10, Tuesday

Valley Garden Club 10:30 a, First Baptist Church of Wasilla on corner of Leatherleaf Loop and Bogard Rd. www.valleygardenclub.org

September 12, Thursday

Wildflower Garden Club, “Building Garden Fertility” by Dennis Ronsse. Members will meet at a private garden for talk and demonstration. www.wildflowergardenclub.org

Harvest Days Festival, Alaska Botanical Garden, Members \$5, Non-members \$7. Kids ages 6 and under free. Yard games for the kiddos. 4601 Campbell Airstrip Rd. For tickets contact 907-770-3692. garden@alaskabg.org *Canned Food Drive all week for the Food Bank of Alaska, bring canned goods with you*

September 12, Thursday

Day 1 of 4, 5 p - 7 p; Potato, Garlic, and Lefsa Tastings.

September 13, Friday

Day 2 of 4, 5:30 p - 7p, Cider and hot chocolate by the fire; DIY Mushroom Cultivation Workshop.

September 14, Saturday

Day 3 of 4, 11a - 3p. DIY Small Planters, 11a - 2p, Join Home Depot to make your own small planter to take home. Hyper-tufa Demonstration, 12p - 1p with ABC's Patrick Ryan. Uncle Leroy's Coffee Bar. Fall Centerpiece Workshop, make fun centerpieces using materials from garden.

September 15, Sunday

Day 4 of 4, 11a - 3p. Spinners and Weavers Guild demonstrations. Meet and Greet Goats in the Garden. Everything Bees: Honey for sale and information on bee keeping. Uncle Leroy's Coffee Bar.

September 16, Monday

AMGA Meeting: “Making your Yard a Wildlife Habitat” by Bonnie Lembo. 7p at the BP Energy Center, 1014 Energy Court, Anchorage. <https://alaskamastergardeners.org>

September 17, Tuesday

“Creekside Discoveries”, 9:15a - 3:15p; For Students 4th grade and up, \$22/student; Parents are free. matsucentral.org

September 21, Saturday

Alaska Rock Garden Society, Plant Exchange, Eagle River Elks Lodge, 17111 Eagle River Loop Rd., Eagle River. There may be conflicts with this site, please check for more details. www.akrockgardensociety.org

September 23, Monday

Garlic tasting and Sale: 11a - 5p. \$5. Garlic for sale and tasting of different varieties. Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Rd. For Tickets contact 907-770-3692. garden@alaskabg.org

September 23, Monday

South Central Alaska Beekeepers Association, VFW Post 9785 Bldg. 10527 VFW Rd. Eagle River. www.alaskabees.com

September 24, Tuesday

Alaska Orchid society. Meeting will start at 6:30p. At the BP Energy Center, 1014 Energy Court, Anchorage. Program TBA. Check website for more details. www.akorchid.org

September 28, Saturday

National Public Lands Day, 10a - 5p. Meet at Prospect Heights State Parking Lot. Trail Maintenance on Wolverine Trail. For more details go to: www.eventbrite.com

First Indoor Meeting September 16

“Making your Yard a Wildlife Habitat”
by Bonnie Lembo. 7p at the BP Energy Center,

October 21 Meeting

Prepare to share about 10 of your favorite pictures from the summer at our October show-and-tell meeting. Bring your images on a thumb drive for transfer to AMGA computer.

Plant Perennials and Bulbs Now!

By time you read this, hopefully the area received enough rain to soften the ground so you can dig those holes! If you snapped up some hardy perennials at the Late Season Plant Sale, now is the time to plant! It is also time to plant garlic, tulips, and other ornamental bulbs.