



President's Patch

By President Kevin Johnson

IMPATIENT

This is the attitude of me and probably many of you. The starters are starting to show, the snow is leaving, daylight is good. Temperatures are still low, and the ground is still frozen. Last year, I planted many new perennials and want to see what Year 2 will show. The good part is we are pushing forward as we do every year in laying out new landscaping in our mind or on paper, searching catalogs, greenhouses and online for ideas and purchases. With such a short season, we are stockpiling now for the warmer weather. Hopefully, this summer we will have a lot better weather for the entire season.

This summer please track hours that you assist others, conduct training or other items listed on the MMGA Volunteer Hours form. We are assisting the Extension Center with gathering hours from Master Gardeners. This includes the hours for the MG Class, Advanced MG Class, and volunteer hours. The form will be available soon through the MMGA website. I have been told that possibly this summer that an online version from the Extension Center might be available.

Saturday, June 1 the MMGA Annual Plant Sale will be happening at the Palmer Downtown Pavilion. Many of our MMGA members will be there selling plants. The plan right now is for an information table, and more new items. If you have an idea for something at the event, please contact me.

We have had some great speakers at the monthly meetings. We start at 7:00 pm, on the second floor of the Extension Center main building. There is a short business meeting followed by a guest speaker until about 9:00 pm. Over the past year, speakers have talked about soil, flower arranging, ergonomic garden tools, pruning, growing potatoes and photos of members' gardens at the end of the year. Come out and join in.

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REGULAR MEETINGS

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

NEXT MEETING

APRIL 1, 7:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

**MATANUSKA EXPERIMENT FARM AND
EXTENSION CENTER,
KERTTULA HALL, ROOM 208, SECOND FLOOR
1509 S GEORGESON DR, PALMER**

AGENDA

7:00 TO 7:30 PM BUSINESS MEETING

7:30 GUEST SPEAKER

KATHY LISKA



PEASANT'S PERSPECTIVE:

BY CURT MUELLER, MASTER GARDENER – PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR

It's that time of year when it is beginning to warm up, and we hope it will stay with us. It's also time for migrating birds to show up; perhaps some of you have already seen some. Sadly, populations of some birds are dwindling. Therefore, it behooves us to help them while they're in Alaska nesting and raising their young. We can help by providing nesting places and food sources and protection from predators.

One of our neighbors is semi-retired from AK Department of Fish and Game. His word for enhancement of conditions for wildlife is habitat: Woodlands in a wild condition, planting shrubs and trees that provide a food supply, leaving areas to grow up in dense native grasses and shrubs to provide nesting and hiding places for ground nesters, bird houses and bird feeders; there are many ways to aid our friends, not only birds but other wild creatures. To let the wild creatures help take care of the insect population is another way, and to keep our own pets in check also. Weeds where they're not harming anything except maybe our aesthetic preference can provide a food source when the seeds mature.



This batch of juncos was under a cantilevered part of our house and above a flower bed. They are in a petunia basket and out of sight from ground level. Fortunately, all survived. Feeding by adult birds must have taken place when we were out of the area until we finally saw one leave the nest.

We have found that some birds like to nest in hanging baskets, as you may have as well. Juncos, which usually nest on the ground in thickets seem to like the protection provided by the dense foliage of petunias and begonias. We have blissfully watered baskets without knowing they contained a nest full of baby birds in the center until an adult bird flew out of the basket. Behold! We get a stepladder and peek into the basket and find a lively bunch of gaping mouths! Watering around the perimeter of the basket must then take place until the young ones fledge.

It is indeed a pleasure to live among the wild creatures and satisfying to help provide for them, for yes, they were here first.

Thanks, folks.



Baby juncos in a begonia basket. Don't ask why they didn't get drowned from watering until we discovered they were nested in the basket. The basket was hung under the eaves of our house and the nest was out of our sight. We continued to water away from the nest. All the young finally flew away to our happiness and relief. How could they get to such a size without us seeing the adult birds feeding them?

MEETING MINUTES
Mat-Su Master Gardeners
Association
March 4, 2024

Respectfully submitted by Jenny Weaver in Jana Gooch's absence.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by President Kevin Johnson.

In attendance were, Sandy Bohling, Dawn Wolski, Curt and Marge Mueller, Greg Kalal, Deb and Ken Blaylock, Craig Lisonbee, Brenda and Tom Cruickshank, Isaac Vaughan, Jenny and Todd Weaver, Gabe and Lindsey Kitter, Ken Johnson, Cathy Crew, Kristina Tornqvist, Lindell Klebesadel and Dorte Mobley. There were enough members present for a quorum.

Kristina Tornqvist made a motion to approve the minutes, and seconded by Ken Blaylock. Motion passed.

President's Report

Kevin told us that although he tried to join the statewide presidents' meeting for March, he could not connect via Zoom. Next meeting is in April.

Deb Blaylock drafted the letter of support for Cooperative Extension Service's Community Food Security Grant. Kevin signed it and the letter was submitted to our local office. Treasurer Cathy Crew asked if we were still considering acting as the financial pass-through for that grant. Kevin said the grant was due before we, as a board/organization, could meet to make a decision. The University of Alaska Fairbanks jumped in to act as the financial pass-through for the grant money.

Treasurer's Report

Cathy Crew provided the Treasurer's report. She has not yet investigated options to convert some of our savings account into CDs. There were no questions or comments.

Master Gardeners Volunteer Hours

Kevin shared the draft volunteer hours sheet constructed by Deb Blaylock. During our February meeting we discussed collecting volunteer hours performed by our members to show support for our local Cooperative Extension Service and to document the value of the Alaska Master Gardener Program. Documenting our volunteer hours will

help quantify the magnitude of the reach of our program within the Mat-Su community. Draft forms were passed out for individual member use.

Guest Speakers

Jenny Weaver reported that Kathy Liska, Superintendent for Crops at the Alaska State Fair, will speak at our April meeting. She will share valuable information about the department and explain how to enter your crops for the 2024 State Fair.

Zoe Fuller, of Singing Nettle Farms, will present during our May meeting. Singing Nettle is an experiment in sustainability, with the aim to help nourish and heal our communities. Zoe is also a founding member of the Matanuska Community Farmers Market, which runs from mid-June through September in Palmer.

Rebarchek Farm

Deb Blaylock moved to hold our June meeting at Rebarchek farm. Seconded by Isaac Vaughan.

Isaac clarified our plant and arbor location at Rebarchek. He asked the group to consider July and August meetings at the farm to plan and plant. Deb reminded the group that we do not hold formal meetings for those months.

A brief discussion followed during which Isaac explained that the Agricultural Park was developed to give new farmers, clubs, and organizations experience in gardening and farming. We have use of 1/8 of an acre of the 40-acre farm. Consensus seemed to favor Isaac planning some events, then telling us when to be at the farm. Isaac was asking for a little more structure from the group. "If you build it we will come."

The June 10th meeting at Rebarchek will also include the distribution of checks from the Saturday, June 1st plant sale.

The group voted to approve Deb's motion.

Membership Directory

Dorte Mobley reported that she did not print the new membership directory. She will bring it to the April meeting.

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My Jewelry Box – by Dorte Mobley

Having bought primroses - or primulas, as they say in Europe - at numerous plant sales, I realized that some of them actually don't really like the rock garden, where I had planned for them to live. My solution to the problem happened when my husband put pavers down on the north side of the house outside our back door to keep dog feet from bringing in a lot of dirty water and mud in the springtime. He had one end of the area coming off at an angle, and it was a pain to mow. So, we cut off the corner and made the pavers end at a 90-degree angle to the house. But what to do with that other part? I came up with the idea of a raised bed that would mostly be in the shade because it's on the north side of the house, and I figured that the more shade loving primroses would like it there. And I was right. Not only the primroses, but other plants too. I have already moved a white shooting star that got huge, and a few other plants will have to come out this spring.



There are more than 400 primrose species in the world. Most of them are native to China and the Himalayas but many are found in the mountains of Europe, Asia, and North America. Their habitat ranges from alpine screes to woodlands, but they are also found in moist meadows and grasslands. Some of them are fragrant, others not. One thing they have in common is that they have beautiful colors early in the season, when we all need it after a long white – or grey – winter. They are red, yellow, pink, blue and orange surrounded by emerald-green foliage, and this is why I call that bed my jewelry box. In it is a beautiful assortment of colors that almost shine like little jewels when the light is on them, a real treat outside the door and visible from my kitchen window.

Primroses are pretty easy to grow from seed and you can get those either at the American Primrose Society, North American Rock Garden Society or Barnhaven Primroses. Or you can buy plants from Digging Dog Nursery, Far Reaches Farm or Sequim Rare Plants. Or at local plant sales!

If you are interested in learning more about primroses, there are several books on the topic – including a small one called Alaskan Primrose Primer which I bought at the Botanical Garden in Anchorage. It is written by Sally Arant, who used to garden in Anchorage where she had quite a collection of primroses.



CEC Ellsworth, Owner of Studio Orchards, Coir Master, and Inventor Extraordinaire

A summary of our March Meeting Presentation by Jenny Weaver

If you didn't attend our March 4th meeting, you missed another quality presentation, provided this time by Cec Ellsworth. In truth, I don't even know where to start, because you really "had to be there." Cec is a clever, inventive, funny, and seemingly undaunted spirit. Cec volunteered to share with us the path to developing his Boreal Coir business, his successes and failures using high tunnels; and to let us in on some of his inventions. He did not disappoint.

Cec began by telling us that when he bought his property on Rye in Wasilla (eventually transforming into Veggies on Rye), he soon realized that his land held virtually no usable topsoil. Combined with a drought in Canada, which left little peat moss to be found anywhere, the cost to build useable garden soil was prohibitive. Searching for alternatives, he discovered coconut coir.

Coconut coir is a fine material made from the husks of coconuts, more specifically that portion between the meat of the center and the long, shaggy, external covering. His quest eventually led him to India and a manufacturer that processes coconut shells into a quality, buffered coir, perfect to sprout seedlings and grow all manner of fruits and vegetables.

Cec sells his Boreal Coir in compressed bricks roughly 12"X12"X5." To utilize coir for planting, the entire brick is hydrated with approximately nine gallons of water to produce about three cubic feet of pristine planting medium. Coir retains water but drains well. Coir is pH neutral at 6.8-7.

Cec adds worm castings to hydrated coir in a one to nine ratio to enhance caking ability and add nutrients. He demonstrated how he presses the coir into 1/2-inch blocks with a hand press to start his seedlings. He then transplants sprouted seedlings to 2-inch cubes of coir and finally into 4-inch cubes.

Cec showed us how he puts bricks of coir in planting beds and in his chicken coop. Wet weather hydrates the bricks. The chickens break up and scatter the coir further, with the added

benefit of mixing the coir with chicken droppings, which makes a hearty blend for future seedlings.

Cec also shared slides of his high tunnels, long planting beds abutting outbuildings, greenhouse plans, and old bomb containers (now used to grow potatoes). His gardens host a variety of fruit trees including apricots, plums, peaches, and nectarines. He has grown English walnuts and hazelnuts, grapes, berries, and a wealth of vegetables.

During the winter of 2023, Cec's three massive high tunnels collapsed under heavy January snowfall. Fortunately, most of his indoor orchard survived. Last summer he removed the damaged high tunnels and tended his gardens outdoors. Future plans include rebuilding, albeit reinforcing, his high tunnels, the addition of several planting beds, and the completion of a greenhouse abutting his massive warehouse.

Cec owns several patents, including a current invention called HydroSlats, a series of planters and mechanisms that require less space and grows more vegetables. It incorporates a centrally located light source, vertical plantings, and mechanized rotation of the HydroSlats.

Many thanks to Mr. Ellsworth for his informative and fun presentation.

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Committees

Kevin passed out sign-up sheets for three committees: June Plant Sale, July Garden Faire, and Planting Committee.

Kevin added his name as Committee Chair for both the Plant Sale and Planting Committee. We need a Chair for the Garden Faire. Although several folks filled in volunteer slots, all three committees still seek volunteers.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 with a motion by Deb Blaylock, a second by Ken Blaylock and a collective vote of "Aye."

Cec Ellsworth's presentation followed.

APRIL GUEST SPEAKER



Kathy Liska, Superintendent of the Crops Department at the Alaska State Fair, will speak at our next Master Gardeners meeting. She has been involved in the Fair Crops Department since 1994; this year marks her 21st year as Superintendent!

Kathy’s experience and knowledge is invaluable to those who plan to enter crops at the State Fair. She will provide a brief history of the Crops Department and share information on the huge variety of Divisions and Classes for Crop Department Fair entries. Kathy will provide information on how to prepare crops for judging and give guidance on completing entry forms.

Join us to learn important details about Alaska State Fair crops as we begin the 2024 growing season. Hope to see you on Monday, April 1st, 7 p.m., at the Matanuska Experiment Farm and Extension Center in Palmer.

The 2024 Crops Department Exhibitor Guide is available to download at:
<https://www.alaskastatefair.org/site/exhibitor/crops-2024/>

The 2024 Flowers Department Exhibitor Guide is available to download at:
<https://www.alaskastatefair.org/site/exhibitor/flowers-2024/>

General Exhibitor Information and other Exhibitor Guides is available here:
<https://www.alaskastatefair.org/site/exhibitors/>

2024 Committee Volunteers

Newsletter	Deb Blaylock
Website Manager	Eva Cohnen-Brown
Guest Speakers	Jenny Weaver
Membership Directory	Dorte Mobley
Rebarchek Farm Project	Isaac Vaughan
Annual Plant Sale	Kevin Johnson
Palmer Veterans & Pioneers Home Planting & TBD	Kevin Johnson
Midsummer Garden & Art Faire	
Summer Garden Tours	Dorte Mobley
Alaska State Fair Awards	Deb Blaylock
State Fair Parade	
Nomination Committee	Kevin Johnson
2024 Christmas Party	Jana Gooch
Meeting Space/Equipment Coordinator	Jenny Weaver

Thank you to those who have volunteered to participate in our committees. We rely on volunteers to run our committees and activities. Please consider one of the committees, activities, or board positions. Most committees or activities are something which can be as little as two or three hours to accomplish – some are a bit more involved but so rewarding to be involved in. See the Standing Rules for detailed information on what each committee involves.





MATSU MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2024 PLANT SALE

Each plant or item offered for sale is to be marked with two tags - a white tag and a color tag. Tags will be available only for members who have signed up for the 2024 plant sale and will be available at the April and May 2024 Mat-Su Master Gardener Association meetings.

Choose an ID to mark your tags with. Most use their initials (two or three). Indicate your tag ID on the Plant Sale Sign-In sheet when you arrive at the morning of the plant sale. Please ensure your tag ID is unique. Remember, your ID tells who gets paid for the sale of the item.

Use permanent marker or #2 pencil to label the tags:

White tag has common or botanical name of plant and any optional information.

Yellow tag - the item price (**in \$1 increments ONLY** - please **no 25¢, 50¢, 99¢, etc.**) and your unique tag ID

Yellow Tag - Front
Price



Yellow Tag - Back
Unique ID



White Tag Plant Name



The MMGA receives 20% of the sale from each plant or item and you receive 80%. If there is no yellow tag or the unique tag ID is unreadable, it is assumed that all proceeds go to the MMGA. (Thanks for the donation!)

Members often ask how to price plants, but you may want to price yours other than the suggestions below. Price them to sell. Plants that have not sold by noon may be reduced in price.

SUGGESTED PLANT PRICING (These are just suggestions - you may use any price for plants as long as it seems reasonable, and **prices are in \$1 increments - this is non-negotiable**)

Perennials, including herbs:	3" pot	\$3 - \$4
	4" pot	\$4 - \$5
	6" pot	\$5 - \$6
	gallon pot	\$6 - \$8
Annuals, including herbs	4/6 cell pot	
	3" pot	\$3 - \$4
Vegetables	4/6 cell pot	
	3" pot	\$3 - \$4
Tomatoes (plant size, variety, and pot size determine price)		\$3 - \$10
Strawberries (depending on pot size)		\$1 - \$2
Raspberries, Currants, Rhubarb	gallon pot	\$5 - \$10
Shrubs, trees	2-gallon pot	\$10 - \$15

2024 PLANT SALE PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

The Plant Sale will be held on **Jun 1st, 2024**, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Palmer Pavilion (across from the Palmer Visitor's Center). This is our major fundraising event for the year and members are encouraged to participate either by bringing plants to sell or helping out with the sale. It is an immensely popular event with members of our community and draws a large crowd.

1. All Mat-Su Master Gardener Association (MMGA) members who have joined or renewed their **membership AND signed up to participate in the plant sale by May 6th, 2024** can participate in the plant sale. Helpers are needed to help with checkout, help the cashier, sort tags, answer buyer questions, and direct buyers to the appropriate tables.
2. Plants should be brought to the Pavilion between 7:30 and 8:30 am on the morning of the plant sale. Please check in, sign your name, and verify your unique tag ID. **No one may sign up on the day of the plant sale to participate as a vendor.**
3. All plants for sale must be tagged with a white tag showing the common name and/or botanical name of the plant. All items will have a yellow tag showing the item's price and the seller's unique ID. If there is no ID on the yellow tag, the item is assumed to be a donation to the Association. For all sales, the MMGA retains 20% from the sale of each item. The MMGA member will receive 80% from the sale of each item.
4. Native plants should be garden grown (PLEASE, no digging in the wild!). Please avoid bringing invasive plants like orange hawkweed, spotted knapweed, butter and eggs, etc. The Cooperative Extension Service offers a lengthy list and description of suspected invasive species.
5. Inspect all plants carefully to ensure no plants have evidence of insects or disease.
6. MMGA members may also sell crafts, arts, or garden-related items by providing and staffing their own tables. These items will also have the appropriate yellow price tag attached.
7. **All sales** will be made through the central check-out stand. Volunteers are needed to staff this.
8. There are some tables available at the Pavilion; however, it is recommended that you bring your own table. It is highly recommended that you bring items for your own comfort such as chairs, warm clothing, beverages, snacks, and lunch.
9. **All unsold plants need to be picked up after the sale.** If you can't be there at 3 pm, please arrange for someone to take your plants. **Do not just drop off plants and leave them.** Plants or items left behind will be discarded.
10. You may also donate your excess plants to the MMGA for the various Association planting projects. **Donations must be coordinated prior to the closing of the plant sale.**
11. Proceeds from the sale will be calculated after the plant sale has ended. Normally, our Treasurer will either mail each individual's 80% to their address on file with the Association or hand out checks at the following June 10th MMGA meeting. Please indicate on the sign-in sheet how you would like to receive your check.



Matanuska Experiment Farm and Extension Center Classes

March 21, 12:00-1:00 pm	Winter Tree Identification	Class held via Zoom
March 25, 6:00-7:00 pm	Soil Sampling and Fertilizers	Class held in person
March 28, 12:00-1:00 pm	Grow a Giant Cabbage	Class held in person
April 11, 1:00-5:00 pm	Canning Meat & Vegetables*	Class held in person
April 16, 12:00-1:00 pm	Backyard Pollinators	Class held via Zoom
April 24, 6:00-7:00 pm	Alaska Gardening	Class held in person
April 25, 1:00-5:00 pm	Making Pickles & Sauerkraut*	Class held in person
April 30, 6:00-7:00 pm	Backyard Chickens	Class held in person
May 24, 6:00-7:00 pm	Lawn Care	Class held in person

*There is a fee for this class

Visit our Facebook and Instagram pages as well as our website for additional information & registration links, or call us at 907-745-3360

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<https://www.facebook.com/matanuskaexperimentfarm/>
<https://www.uaf.edu/ces/districts/matsu/>
https://www.instagram.com/matanuskaexperiment_farm/

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Garden Links (updated March 2024)

Alaska AgrAbility Program ****New Mar 2024****

<https://www.uaf.edu/ces/agriculture/agrability/index.php>

Alaska Botanical Garden

<http://www.alaskabg.org/>

Alaska Center for Conservation Science

<http://aknhp.uaa.alaska.edu/botany/>

Alaska Community Forestry ****New Dec 2023****

<https://forestry.alaska.gov/community/index>

Arbor Day Foundation

www.arborday.org

Alaska Division of Agriculture

<http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/>

Alaska Garden Clubs

<http://www.alaskagardenclubs.org>

Alaska Grown

<http://www.buyalaskagrown.com/>

Alaska Master Gardeners Association, Anchorage

<http://alaskamastergardeners.org/>

Alaska Native Plant Society

<http://www.aknps.org/>

Alaska Non-Native Species List

<https://accs.uaa.alaska.edu/invasive-species/non-native-plant-species-list/>

Alaska Orchid Society

<http://www.akorcid.org/>

Alaska Peony Society

<https://www.alaskapeonysociety.com/>

Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association

<http://www.apfga.org/>

Alaska Plant Materials Center

<http://plants.alaska.gov/>

Alaska Rhodiola

<https://www.akroseroot.com/>

Alaska Rock Garden Society

<http://www.akrockgardensociety.org/>

Flora of North America

<http://floranorthamerica.org/>

Good Earth Garden School

<https://www.goodearthgardenschool.com/>

Georgeson Botanical Garden

<https://georgesonbotanicalgarden.org/>

Integrated Pest Management Program

<http://www.uaf.edu/ces/ipm/>

IPM Alaska Pest Reporter

<https://plw.man.mybluehost.me/>

Junior Master Gardener

<http://www.jmgkids.us/>

Landscape Plants for Alaska

<https://visionplusapps.com/alaska-plants/>

Mat-Su Borough Rain Garden Program

<http://www.matsugov.us/environment/raingardens>

Mat-Su Master Gardener Website

www.matsumastergardeners.com

Master Gardener Research Link (Extension)

<https://extension.org/search/>

Master Gardeners of the Tanana Valley

<https://fairbanksmastergardeners.wordpress.com/>

Mat-Su/Copper River Cooperative Extension Service

<https://www.uaf.edu/ces/districts/matsu/>

Matanuska Experiment Farm and Extension Services

<https://www.uaf.edu/afes/places/palmer/>

National AgrAbility Program ****New Mar 2024****

<http://www.agrability.org/>

Palmer Soil & Water Conservation District

<http://palmersoilandwater.org/>

Society of American Foresters, Cook Inlet Chapter

<https://forestry.org/cook-inlet-seedling-sale/>

South-Central Alaska Beekeepers Assoc.

<http://www.sababeekeepers.com/>

Southeast Alaska Master Gardeners Association

<http://seak-mastergardeners.org/index.html>

Sustainable Agriculture – UAF

<https://www.uaf.edu/ces/agriculture/sare/>

UAF Cooperative Extension Service

<https://www.uaf.edu/ces/>

UAF Cooperative Extension Service Publications

<http://www.uaf.edu/ces/pubs/catalog/>

UAF CES Citizen Pest Monitoring Portal

<https://pestreporter.alaska.edu/>

UAF Herbarium

<http://www.uaf.edu/museum/collections/herb/>

UAF Alaska Master Gardener Program

<https://www.uaf.edu/ces/garden/mastergardeners/>

University of Saskatchewan Fruit Program

www.fruit.usask.ca

USDA/NRCS Plant Database

<https://plants.usda.gov/home>

Wildflower Garden Club of Alaska

<https://wildflowergardenclub.org/>



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If you have gardening news, photos, or information you would like to share in the newsletter, please send to the MMGA email.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2024 AND BEYOND

- Apr 1**, Palmer, Regular Meeting, Kathy Liska, Alaska State Fair Crop Entries
Apr 27, Anchorage, Spring Garden Show, Midtown Mall
May 6, Palmer, Regular Meeting, Zoe Fuller, Singing Nettle Farms
Jun 1, Palmer, Annual Plant Sale, 9am-3pm
Jun 10, Palmer, Regular Meeting, MMGA Plot at the Rebarchek Farm Project
Jul 13, Palmer, Midsummer Garden & Art Faire
July-August – Summer Garden Tours TBD
Sep 9, Palmer, Regular Meeting
Oct 7, Palmer, Regular Meeting
Nov 4, Palmer, Annual Meeting/Elections
Dec TBD, Palmer, Christmas Party

Don't forget to check out the photos tab on our webpage! Eva updates it periodically from activities our Association participates in.

<https://www.matsumastergardeners.com/photos.html>

Club Membership

The membership year runs from January to December each year. Annual individual memberships are \$15 and family memberships are \$20. Family memberships are only for family members living in the same household. The deadline to join was **February 5, 2024**, to be listed in the annual membership directory. Join or renew online.

Thank you!

How and What to Submit for the Monthly Newsletter

Your submissions are appreciated and make our newsletter what it is - so do not be shy about submitting items for publication.

However, there are a few rules which we all must pay attention to:

Articles, stories, poetry, upcoming events, and pictures (garden-related) are needed for inclusion in the newsletter. Please submit pictures in JPEG format and other items in Word format with no special formatting other than paragraphs. When submitting pictures, please provide a brief caption or explanation as to who or what is in the picture.

If you are not the author or photographer, please ensure you have permission of the author or photographer to use their material in the newsletter. The newsletter publisher is not responsible for obtaining this for you.

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Deadline for submission of articles and info: 20th day of each month -- Thank you--



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