



President's Patch

By President Jenny Weaver, photos from the author

Greetings Mat-Su Master Gardeners! Rally round troops, there's a gardening revolution in the Valley! I know that sounds a bit silly because we are the gardening mecca of Alaska. But it's true!

Through the years the Palmer office of the Cooperative Extension Service has offered many courses on how to garden in Alaska. Included in this effort were regular classes of the Alaska Master Gardener course. But in recent years, spurred on by isolation during Covid, a concerted effort for Alaskans to access a sustainable food supply, and frequent limited food access due to E. coli, bird flu, etc., multiple resources now offer a wealth of free and for-fee classes and courses.

Along with our local Extension Service office, Alaska Tribe offices and the Kenai, Homer, Anchorage, and Fairbanks Extension Service offices all offer excellent online classes available to Alaskans statewide. In-person and Zoom attendance are included, and most Zoom classes are also recorded. So, if you cannot attend either in-person or via Zoom, you can watch the recording at a later time/date at your convenience.

Many farms, gardens, greenhouses, and organizations also offer classes, and several provide free downloadable information that covers gardening subjects from A to Z. You can access information on soil sampling, how to plan your garden, how and when to start seedlings, how to make a raised bed, tend a greenhouse, use of ground covers, row covers, mulches, companion planting... the list goes on and on.

In the midst of this gardening revolution, an effort towards regenerative farming/gardening has emerged with emphasis on how to nourish our soils and avoid harmful chemicals, including those found in fertilizers, insecticides, fungicides, and

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REGULAR MEETINGS

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

NEXT MEETING

APRIL 7, 7:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

REBARCHEK FARM, SOJDIN BARN, EAST REBARCHEK ROAD, PALMER, ALASKA

AGENDA

7:00 TO 7:30 PM REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

7:30 SPEAKER:

PATRICK RYAN

AGING GRACEFULLY IN THE GARDEN

herbicides. This trend towards more organic methods and a concentrated effort to build healthy soils tends now to be the rule, rather than the exception.

Examples of these soil conscientious businesses include Seeds & Soil Farm and Singing Nettle Farm, both on Lazy Mountain; Arctic Organics, the long-standing gardens of Sara and River Bean;

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SOMEWHERE IN THYME

A WAYBACK ARTICLE FROM A PAST MMGA PUBLICATION – ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED JULY 2009

We recently lost our beloved CES Advisor, Dr. Steve Brown. In case you didn't know him, he was an avid mountaineer, marathon runner and jokester (amongst many more talents.) Steve was our CES advisor since 2008 and his advice to gardeners and farmers throughout our region was invaluable. This article was published in our July 2009 newsletter and is a perfect example of his tongue-in-cheek humor. He will be greatly missed. If you see his wife Eva, please give her a big hug.

Tips for Gardening on Denali

Dr. Stephen Brown

Mat-Su/Copper River District Agriculture Agent

Nationally, the Cooperative Extension Service and its Master Gardener Programs have done a fairly good job reaching the diverse needs of gardeners across the nation. Be it Key West, Florida or Kenai, Alaska, you can find gardening information for virtually any location...or so we thought! It turns out that almost no information exists for mountaineers wishing to garden while attempting to climb Denali. How this need was missed for so long is a mystery, but the University of Alaska Fairbanks quickly dispatched two Ag/Hort Agents (myself and Heidi Rader) to the 14,000-foot camp to assess the needs of this overlooked population.



Growing your own garden while climbing Denali is fun, exciting and an easy way to cheer up your camp during storms, avalanches or waiting to be medically airlifted off the mountain.

As suspected, we found virtually no evidence of gardening activity anywhere on the upper slopes of

Denali. After interviewing many mountaineers as to why they did not live up their camps with gardens or supplement their food supply with fresh veggies, their puzzled looks and frequently repeated expletives made it evident they simply had no knowledge of glacier gardening. The following tips should be useful for gardening on North America's tallest mountain:

1. Contrary to popular belief – wind, not cold – is the gardener's biggest enemy on Denali. Windbreaks that can withstand sustained 120 mph winds are crucial to a successful garden. For this reason, it is especially important that hardening off plants not be skipped. Also important is for the Denali gardener to remain roped up for safety while gardening.

2. Despite repeated attempts, we did not find that raised beds or mounding significantly increased planting temperatures. The easy solution to this problem was to place chemical hand warmers beneath the root system. However, they do have to be replaced about every 8 hours. We calculated that a typical 90-day cherry tomato plant would require approximately 4,000 hand warmers to go from germination to fruit. Expensive? Yes, but we found many climbers who would be willing to sell their soul for a fresh tomato.

3. We did not find insects or disease to be a problem on Denali. This stunning discovery has big implications and may mean our biggest mountain could also become our biggest breadbasket! Of course, there is the small issue of commercial farming not being allowed in a national park, but that should be a small matter for Congress to fix.

4. It is a common misconception that organic gardening is not possible on Denali. Nothing could be further from the truth! Socks worn for a week provide all the nutrients needed to support healthy plants. Simply pour warm water through you socks to produce nutrient rich "sock tea." However, don't be tempted to try this with underwear worn for 3 weeks. Compost them first as they may burn your plants.

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Good Earth Garden School founded by Ellen Vande Visse; Common Ground Alaska; and Sun Circle Farm.

This spring provided two major opportunities to learn about gardening, farming, and homesteading in Alaska. The Alaska Farm and Garden Show, held in February at the Menard Center, included workshops and a vendor fair. On April 4-6 Common Ground Alaska's "Homestead Expo" will be offering 3-days filled with workshops, seminars, and demonstrations.

Other options to learn more about gardening in Alaska include a plethora of gardening clubs and organizations, most of which offer regular meetings that feature guest speakers. Listed here, along with our own Mat-Su Master Gardeners, are the Valley Garden Club, Alaska Rock Garden Society, the Willow Garden Club, and the Alaska Peony Society. In addition to those, local greenhouses and nurseries offer classes, including EweTopia, Mid-Valley Greenhouse, and Ken's Garden Center.

Community Gardens are also experiencing an upsurge, such as C'enyaxde Ugheli Community Garden ("Something Good Grows") in downtown Palmer, the Mat-Su Cooperative Extension Service Garden expansion, and the City of Wasilla. New community gardens are emerging in Sutton (as Joy Mathias shared with us at our last meeting) and MatSu Valley Rebuild, both with plans to provide access to summer garden plots. School gardens are popping up as well, like the bountiful raised beds at Butte Elementary.

In short, it's a wonderful time to access local, pertinent, and accurate information to help folks succeed at gardening in the Mat-Su!! As Master Gardeners most of us long ago fulfilled our 40 hours of community service. But there is much more to learn and share. What are your plans/goals for this season? What are your ideas for how our organization can help? Let's all raise a green thumb to the Valley revolution and dig in!



Something Good Grows



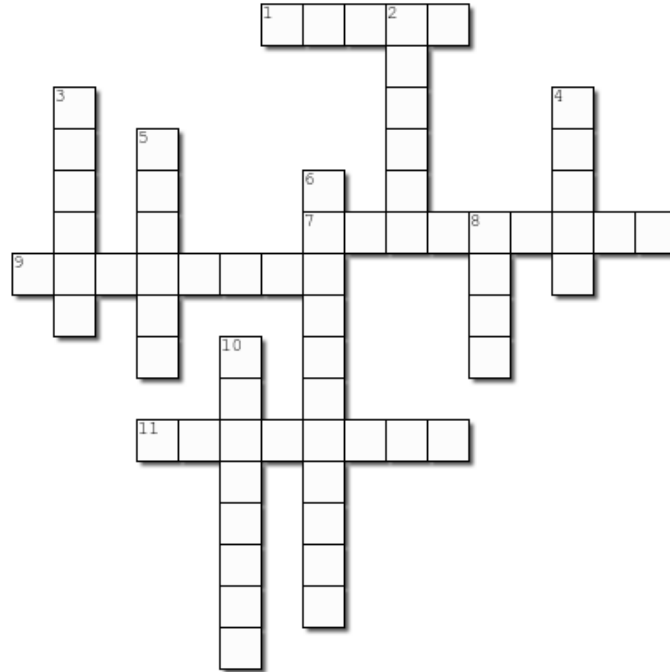
City of Wasilla Community Garden



Butte Elementary Student Garden

Plant Propagation (Sexual)

Questions and answers to this puzzle were taken from the April 2011 edition of the Alaska Sustainable Gardening, The Alaska Master Gardener Manual, HGA-00339.



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Across

1. This can stimulate or inhibit germination of some seeds.
7. The part of the seed which is a food reserve.
9. Open pollinated plant varieties which have been saved and replanted for a minimum of 50 years..
11. This prevents a seed from germinating until a favorable environment occurs.

Down

2. The result of the cross between two different species.
3. Respiration of seeds increases during germination, it is important to have a loose planting medium to provide this compound.
4. An adequate supply of this is important to seed germination.
5. The young plant contained within the seed coat.
6. This affects both the speed of germination and germination percentage.
8. The result of the union of pollen and an egg within a flower.
10. To provide an artificial chilling period for plants to help break dormancy.

ANSWERS TO THE MARCH 2025 CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. nitrogen
3. soil
4. soil test
6. carbon
9. clay
10. sulfur
12. phosphorus
13. lower

DOWN

2. organic
3. structure
5. largest
6. calcium
7. texture
8. water

March 3rd, 2025, MMGA Meeting Minutes

submitted by Secretary Jana Gooch

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm

Members and guests present:

-Pearl Weaver	-Cathy Crew
-Jana Gooch	-Dorte Mobley
-Todd Weaver	-Kay Fyfe
-Marlun Maestas	
-Craig Lisonbee	GUESTS:
-Ken Blaylock	-Mary Lisonbee
-Debby Blaylock	-Fred Maestas
-Sue Glenn	-Martha Murphy
-Jenny Weaver	-Joy Matthias
-Rhonda Schneider	-Kathryn Kalal
-Gregory Kalal	-Deb Benson

Joining in via Zoom were Michael Kircher, Ellen Van DeVisse, Phylis Kircher, Carlene VanTol, Jill Parson.

Motion to approve last month's minutes made by Dorte Mobley, Sue Glenn seconded. Motion passed.

Cathy Crew gave the Treasurer's Report. We had two more members join. No questions regarding the budget. Motion by Ken Blaylock to approve the 2025 report. Craig Lisonbee seconded. Motion passed.

On a sad note, Dr. Steve Brown of the Cooperative Extension Service passed away. A card of sympathy was passed around for Eva Cohnen-Brown (his wife). There will be a Celebration of Life here in Alaska in May after final arrangements are made out of state.

We went around the room and introduced ourselves.

Mat Valley Rebuild is getting their garden going. 30-35 people showed up for the seed share.

Sutton Community Garden is getting put in.

Our next meeting will be at Rebarchek Barn on 4/7/25. Also, we are looking for a co-chair for the Rebarchek Committee.

Dorte passed out the membership directory.

Todd Weaver is the State Fair Committee Chair.

We need to do a three-year plan for Rebarchek.

Dorte Mobley will help with the Art in the Garden event (as it is now called—previously the Midsummer Art and Garden Faire).

Notebooks were passed out to committee chairs to utilize that included: 1) Committee responsibilities; 2) Ideas to consider; 3) Recent correspondence with key players; 4) List of members who expressed interest in each committee.

We had a brainstorming session for two of the committees:

Plant Sale: Kevin Johnson will co-chair the plant sale (May 31st). For the plant sale ideas were: a table for kids to grow a sunflower; CES handouts at the tables; preprinted cost sheets to streamline the cashiering process so they don't have to count plants; have a food/coffee vendor/truck/stand--maybe have a sports team do it (or a school group, FFA, 4-H, others); new signs needed; parking solutions needed; need more volunteers to help with the money and have the volunteers gather for a meeting beforehand to help organize the effort and teach volunteers their job; need a list of do's and don'ts for the Plant Sale put in the next newsletter.

Palmer Veterans and Pioneers Home: Usually occurs two weeks after the Plant Sale. Ideas were to do perennials as well as annuals; redo the brick planter; buy coir for planters that have poor soil; add compost to the soils; plant red, white, and blue in the flagpole bed; have a theme for each bed; change the date to May so it will look nice for Colony Days.

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A question was asked whether we were going to do something at the temporary library.

Joy Matthias gave a report on what the Sutton Library is doing. They want to offer a seed starting night; would like a volunteer to teach them and give them tips; they have a greenhouse going up; they had 80 community members for the Harvest Night; they plan to donate some of the extra food to the food bank; wants kids and community members to learn; possibly do Zoom meetings; hoping someone would be willing to teach canning skills.

7:58 pm, turned meeting over to David lanson, who had a presentation prepared on Mycorrhizae.

Meeting adjourned.



APRIL 7th Meeting at Rebarchek Farm

Our Monday, April 7, meeting will be held at Rebarchek Farm, on Rebarchek Avenue, just past the Red Gate at the Alaska State Fair Grounds. The agenda includes brainstorming sessions for two committees: the Colony Days Parade (June 14) and Rebarchek Farm MMGA Plot.

Bring ideas to share what you plan to do to prepare for gardening this summer. Our guest speaker, Patrick Ryan, will join us online to present "Aging Gracefully in the Garden." Zoom connect information will be emailed to all members by Wednesday, April 2. Hope to see you there!

April 7th Guest Speaker

Patrick Ryan is a garden writer, an Alaska Master Gardener, and the Education Specialist for the Alaska Botanical Garden, where he has worked for 20 years. Patrick trained as a Junior Master Specialist at Texas A&M and started a summer camp in Anchorage in 2004.

A retired elementary school teacher, Patrick has presented his engaging and practical horticultural talks around the country. He has offered his expertise to gardeners, to those who teach gardeners, and most important—to the children who will be gardeners in the future. Pat believes everyone who plants a seed is connected to a miracle.



Our April 7th guest speaker, Patrick Ryan will present on...

Aging Gracefully in the Garden

Gardening is a healthy, stimulating physical activity that can be enjoyed by older people. The garden, equipment and tools can all be modified to suit the needs of older people.

Gardening increases levels of physical activity and maintains mobility and flexibility.

Having to adjust physical activities due to aging can be a difficult pill to swallow, so come see an actual living senior citizen/gardener who is still learning to adapt to his changing abilities. With practical advice and a nod to gravity, you will leave with new ideas to help you continue doing what you love.

Raising Vegetables in Mini Gardens, HGA-00136

Vegetables are usually grown on farms, gardens or in greenhouses. But you can raise vegetables on a sunny deck, windowsill, or balcony. It's easy. To get started, you'll need some containers, a soil mixture, and seeds.

Containers

You can grow vegetables in many kinds of containers. Three-pound coffee cans, plastic buckets, gallon cans and bushel baskets make good "pots." Large-growing vegetables, like tomatoes, should be planted in large containers, such as bushel baskets or 5-gallon cans. Radishes and other small vegetables can be grown in the smaller pots. On the side of your containers, near the bottom, punch four or more ¼-inch holes for drainage of water.

Soil

Fill your container with a commercial potting soil or make your own. Mix two parts sand, two parts peat moss and one part compost. Add ¼ cup of garden lime for every 5-gallon bucket of soil made. Slow-release fertilizer pellets can be added directly to the dirt before planting. An example of a slow-release fertilizer is Osmocote for vegetables. Follow the directions on the label. Optional – Adding up to 1/5 volume compost will help with success.

Planting and Thinning

Plant seeds twice as close as shown in the spacing chart. When plants come up, remove the weaker ones, leaving remaining plants spaced about as far apart as the growing guide in this booklet suggests.

Light

Full sunlight outdoors is best for growing vegetable plants. Plants grown indoors require supplemental light such as fluorescent lights. Cool white, fluorescent bulbs will work for leafy vegetables. Flower plants will require full spectrum bulbs.

Fertilizer

Plants need fertilizer for healthy growth. They can be fertilized with either a soluble fertilizer such as 15-30-15 or an 8-32-16 granular fertilizer. Soluble fertilizer should be applied weekly following the directions on the label. Pre-warm the water before using. Granular fertilizers are used less often. Put 1 level teaspoon of 8-32-16 fertilizer on each square foot of soil about two weeks after plants have emerged and every three weeks thereafter. Mix the fertilizer with the top ½ inch of soil and water well. Take care not to damage roots.

Watering

When the soil becomes dry to a depth of ½ inch it's time to water. It is best not to let the soil dry out completely as this will cause vegetables to have a bitter taste and bolt prematurely. If containers are put outdoors during summer, they may need water every day. Plants growing in cool weather need water less often. Slowly apply water until approximately 10 percent drains from the bottom of the container each time you water. Use a pan to catch the excess water, then remove the drained water.

Insects and Diseases

Your vegetable crop may be attacked by diseases or insects. If insects or diseases become a problem, contact your district Extension office for information on control options. Integrated pest management (IPM) techniques are very adaptable to container plantings.

Harvesting

You can tell when your vegetables are ready for harvest by comparing them to the size and color of fresh vegetables in markets. If you wish, you can harvest leafy vegetables (lettuce, collards, etc.) before they grow as large as those in markets. Beet greens and lettuce can also be used as they are thinned. Remember that your homegrown vegetables may not be as large or as blemish-free as market produce, but their flavor is just as good or better.

Vegetable Growing Guide

Group 1

These vegetables can be grown in small pots (6-10 inches). They can withstand a little shade and do well in cool weather.

VEGETABLE	DAYS TO HARVEST	PLANTING DEPTH	SPACE BETWEEN PLANTS
Mustard greens	30-60	¼ inch	4 inches
Leaf lettuce	45-60	¼ inch	4 inches
Swiss chard	60-80	¼ inch	4 inches
Turnips	55-65	¼ inch	3-4 inches
Green bunching			
Onions	90	¼ inch	2-3 inches
Chives	80	¼ inch	2-3 inches
Radishes	25	½ inch	2 inches
Beets	60-80	¼ inch	2-3 inches
Collards	80	¼ inch	1 plant per pot
Carrots	65-75	¼ inch	2 inches

Group 2

Plant seeds of these vegetables in large containers (5-gallon size). They need full sunlight and warm water. The vegetables should be planted outdoors in June. You can start tomato and pepper plants indoors six weeks early, then move them outdoors at the proper time.

VEGETABLE	DAYS TO HARVEST	PLANTING DEPTH	SPACE BETWEEN PLANTS
Tomato	140-150	¼ inch	1 per pot
Green pepper	140-160	¼ inch	1 per pot
Summer squash	50-60	¼ inch	1 per pot

Adapted from Raising Vegetables in Mini Gardens, HGA-00136, University of Alaska, Cooperative Extension Service. Original publication available online at:
<https://www.uaf.edu/ces/publications/database/food/raising-vegetables.php>

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MMGA 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 2025 plant sale and will be available at the April and May 2025 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 names of plants 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 post 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

2025 MMGA PLANT SALE PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

The Plant Sale will be held on **May 31st, 2025**, 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 5th, 2025** 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 a.m. 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% of the sales of each item. The MMGA members will receive 80% of the sales 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 and chairs. 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 9th MMGA meeting. Please indicate on the sign-in sheet how you would like to receive your check.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the plant sale, contact Jenny Weaver or Kevin Johnson (contact info on page 12), the Co-Chairs for the Plant Sale Committee. We need folks to help with set-up of the check-out area, the MMGA information table, putting up MMGA sales banners, and a multitude of other tasks. Boxes are always needed at the plant sale for folks to take home their purchases. A few folks are needed to go to the local stores and ask them for empty boxes. Does anyone have garden wagons they could bring to the sale?

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

<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.akorchid.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/>

iNaturalist *****New May 2024*****

<https://www.inaturalist.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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2025 AND BEYOND

Apr 7, Palmer, Regular Meeting, Patrick Ryan, Aging Gracefully in the Garden
May 5, Palmer, Regular Meeting, Casey Gasch, Soil Health
May 16-18, Juneau, State Master Gardener Conference
May 31, Palmer, Annual Plant Sale
June 9, Palmer, Regular Meeting, Rebarchek Farm Project Day
June 13-15, Palmer, Colony Days
June 14, Palmer, Colony Days Parade
Aug 15 – Sep 1, Palmer, Alaska State Fair
Sep 8, Palmer, Regular Meeting
Oct 6, Palmer, Regular Meeting
Nov 3, Palmer, Annual Meeting
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 is **February 3, 2025**, 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.

Please do not provide magazine articles or pictures from the internet unless they are public domain items.

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



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