



Dec 2023



## President's Patch

By President Kevin Johnson

Aloha. Cynthia and I are in Hawaii enjoying the hot weather (80 degrees). While we are here, I think winter has arrived in Alaska. We no longer have to worry about lack of snow to protect our perennials. By all indications, we are above average for snow fall. If you had not heard Anchorage averages 80" a season, but in November they've had over 40" already. I have not seen or heard any data for the Valley, but my guess is we are above average also.

During the November meeting, we had our elections. Congratulations to everyone and to Jenny Weaver as our new Vice President. Jenny did a fantastic job gathering information and organizing the award winning MMGA float for the Alaska State Fair Parade.

The December meeting will be on TUESDAY, December 5 at Turkey Red in Palmer at 7:00 pm. Please RSVP to the MMGA email by November 30. There will be a White Elephant gift exchange, \$25 limit. The meal is a potluck and I encourage everyone to bring something from their garden. One more thing, we encourage Ugly Sweaters to be worn. Many of us are waiting to see what Ken Blaylock will be wearing.

The 2024 memberships forms are available. You can renew online, or the form is available on the website to print out. I have looked at the membership numbers over the past five years. Each year we have grown. Please encourage your fellow gardeners to join MMGA - you do not need to be a certified Master Gardener to join. The benefits include participating in the annual plant sale and member-only summer garden tours. Monthly meetings are open to the general public and cover a wide range of topics.

This past year, we were involved in many community activities. Please watch the activities and come out and join the fun! There has been some brainstorming of additional activities. Watch the newsletter and website for future information.

Due to cutbacks at UAF, the Master Gardener courses have been affected. So, watch for information on courses and other informational courses provided by them in various communities.

In October, I had a zoom meeting with the other Master Gardener Presidents from around the State. In sharing the information, we all have the same issues: Membership, activities and UAF cutbacks. Watch for

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### REGULAR MEETINGS

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

NEXT MEETING

DECEMBER 5, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

NOTE THIS IS A TUESDAY

LOCATION:

TURKEY RED RESTAURANT

BANQUET ROOM

550 S ALASKA STREET, PALMER

MEETING ACTIVITY:

MMGA WINTER PARTY

6:30 - DINNER SET-UP

7:00 - DINNER

7:45 WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE

more information as what we have talked about in the meeting.

Hope to see lots of members at the December meeting, TUESDAY December 5 at 7:00 pm at Turkey Red in Palmer. Mahalo (thank you).

## PEASANT'S PERSPECTIVE:

BY CURT MUELLER, MASTER GARDENER – PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR

We've experienced most of the varying kinds of winter weather we usually get for months on end, but the peasant has been happy to watch the pine grosbeaks that have been busy feeding on our crabapples and chokecherries with an occasional visit to our feeder. They've been feeding every day for the last two or three weeks. Seed eaters, they let the pulp fall away as they ingest the seeds. A small flock of eight or ten of these beautiful birds surely brighten one's day.

By the time you read this Thanksgiving Day will have come and gone. The peasant hopes it has been a pleasant one for you. The days are winding down to our next holidays when we'll once again begin a new cycle.

Thanks, folks.



This is a photo of a male pine grosbeak on Mueller's feeder. He's feeding on black sunflower seeds which he shells out, drops the husks, and swallows the seeds.



This photo is of a female pine grosbeak on our feeder. The dark band on the lower body is from a shadow. These sleek birds have a powerful beak capable of cracking hard seed coats.



## December Meeting Info

Our December meeting is our traditional winter get-together – celebrating our past year of accomplishments and hard work. We are meeting on a **Tuesday evening**, instead of our traditional Monday. We will gather at the Turkey Red Banquet Room, 550 S Alaska Street, Palmer. Park at the back of the building and use that entry. The room opens at 6:30 pm and we will eat at 7 pm.

The Association is providing turkey and ham. Members are asked to bring a dish (side/main/salad/dessert) to share. We have a sign-up list at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844AEA82FA3FECF8-45995857-christmas>. We ask everyone to **RSVP no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>** so we can give Turkey Red a headcount. Please let Kevin know how many will be in your party (907 775 2808) or send an email to [matsumastergardeners@gmail.com](mailto:matsumastergardeners@gmail.com). Please bring a 3x5 card with a brief description of your side dish with ingredients (i.e., gluten, nuts, dairy, etc.)

Following dinner is a white elephant gift exchange. If you wish to participate, bring a wrapped gift (not to exceed \$25). To add a little fun to the evening, everyone should dig out and wear their ugliest or most creative holiday sweater or attire.

This is a good time to renew your membership for 2024! Bring your completed membership form and check or cash. Cathy will gladly take them and get you signed up for 2024.



## 2024 Committee Volunteers

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

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.

## COLD WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

1. Install a carbon monoxide detector.
  2. NEVER run generators indoors.
  3. Open a window slightly when using a kerosene heater and follow the manufacturer's instructions.
  4. NEVER use a gas oven to heat your home.
  5. If your heat goes out, you can keep warm indoors by closing off rooms you do not need, dressing in layers of lightweight clothing, and wearing a cap.
- Find more tips at:  
<https://www.weather.gov/media/aly/PSAs/ExtremeCold.pdf>

## MMGA Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 6th, 2023

Submitted by Secretary Georgiana (Jana) Gooch.

Members present: Todd Weaver, Jenny Weaver, Pearl Weaver, Kevin Johnson, Ken Blaylock, Deb Blaylock, Cathy Crew, Georgiana Gooch, Greg Kalal, Craig Lisonbee.

Meeting opened at 7:08 pm

Kevin Johnson affirmed we have a quorum established.

Kevin Johnson reviewed the positions on the board that are filled and being vacated and asked for anyone who wants to run for the board to make it known. Jenny Weaver has volunteered to be VP since Lois Rockcastle has indicated she would like to step down. It was motioned by Ken Blaylock that all board members who are currently in place will be serving another term and that Jenny Weaver be accepted as the incoming VP. Deb Blaylock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

We reviewed the standing rules. Deb Blaylock mentioned that we are changing the deadline for membership fees to the first meeting in February. Also, Deb Blaylock motioned that we strike out of the rules the yearly library planting since the library has been demolished. Ken Blaylock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Deb Blaylock motioned that we only have guest speakers from February through May and that June would be a special project month, to be determined. Ken Blaylock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: The Proposed 2024 Annual Budget was presented in the last newsletter.

Discussion ensued regarding discontinuing our current post office box rental and receiving our mail through another route. The current fee for the rental is \$274 as compared to \$250 this past year. Jenny Weaver offered that she would speak with the Experiment Farm about

the possibility of having the club's mail go to their address.

We discussed that the projected plant sales for 2024 should be raised to \$15,000. Our budget this year allowed for \$9,000 and we brought in nearly \$14,000.

Also, we discussed that the total operations profit/loss resulted in a profit of \$780 this year (as of the November meeting).

Membership fees paid for the past couple of years were 84 in 2022, 87 in 2023 and, so far, this year we have 20 memberships that have been paid.

Cathy requested that memberships be mailed to one consistent central place. The 2024 Membership Form has Cathy Crew's mailing address on it.

Discussion ensued regarding the association's post office box. Deb Blaylock motioned that we keep the post office box. Ken Blaylock seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ken Blaylock motioned that we allow \$300 in the new budget for the post office box fees. Craig Lisonbee seconded the motion. Motion carried. The 2024 Budget will be revised from \$250 to \$300 for the post office box.

We discussed the current rate of \$75 for speaker's fees and whether or not we want to drop that amount to \$50. Every year we have eight speakers, which amounts to \$600 a year. Some speakers are generous in that they donate back their fee to the club. Deb Blaylock motioned that we keep the speaker fees at \$75. Craig Lisonbee seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ken Blaylock motioned that we accept the revised budget and put it in the newsletter. Craig Lisonbee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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The Winter Gala is next month at Turkey Red, but we will change the meeting date from Monday to Tuesday the 5th of December since Turkey Red is closed on Mondays. Meeting time is 7:00 p.m. Georgiana Gooch volunteered to cook the turkey this year and Deb Blaylock volunteered to cook the ham. The club will reimburse Georgiana and Deb for the cost of the items. We will exchange a white elephant gift that should be under \$25 and wrapped. It was agreed that we would wear crazy sweaters at the gala.

Jenny Weaver questioned why we had a guest speaker talk about biochar. The speaker, Jeff Smeenk, offered his perspective on the use of biochar. It was noted we had a speaker on biochar because it was a topic requested by members.

Jeff Smeenk was our speaker for the evening. Jeff introduced himself as the primary agricultural consultant for the Palmer Soil and Water Conservation District. There are nine districts in total. He is also, among other positions, the consulting agronomist for the Mat-Su and project manager for JBER.

The mission of the Palmer Soil and Water Conservation District is to help "you do it right." They have no regulatory role, so folks should feel free to consult with the organization about their concerns. As Jeff put it, the Palmer Soil and Water Conservation District is the unfunded division of the Department of Natural Resources.

There was a statewide cover crop trial. Planted were 23 species of cover crops in Homer, Kenai, Palmer, Wasilla, Copper Center, Fairbanks, and south of Delta Junction. There was adequate growth which equaled no erosion over the winter.

They have several informational videos on their website:

<https://www.palmersoilandwater.org/> and <https://www.youtube.com/@aacdvideo6629>

They want to make a forest management plan.

They are working on conservation educational projects.

They do agricultural consulting as well as GIS consulting. They are looking at soil moisture monitoring efforts.

They have a project with the Fish and Wildlife Fish Hatching Program.

There is a project on JBER right now for bird air strike hazards (BASH).

They have a project in JBER's drop zone to put in good vegetation that will be set on fire to control the advancing trees (800 acres) and divot repair.

They work with the Knik Tribal Conservation District.

They offer soil testing to landowners at \$25 per sample.

They do the community harvest at the State Fair.

And, finally, there is a lot of contract work that Palmer Soil and Water is involved in.

After the speaker's presentation, the meeting continued. Cathy Crew requested that we move \$3,000 to savings. Discussion ensued. There will be some research done regarding utilizing CDs in order to earn more money for the club.

Also, Kevin Johnson mentioned that it is our turn to host the annual master gardener conference in 2025 and that will cost the club. Several members pointed out that we had agreed to be in a biennial rotation - where the conference is held every other year. This had been agreed upon about 4 years ago by the three major Master Gardener clubs - Anchorage, Fairbanks and Mat-Su.

Georgiana Gooch motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Ken Blaylock seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

## *Favorite Holiday Recipes*

### Fresh Cranberry Relish Bonnie Hager

- 1 bag of fresh cranberries (1 lb.)
- 1 whole orange
- Honey to taste

Cut orange into 1/8's, peel and all put in Cuisinart. Pulse a bit and add rinsed cranberries. Continue to pulse until fine. Add honey to taste (about 1/4 cup.). If you have a large bag of cranberries use 2 oranges.

Best if it sits overnight.

### Pepper Gingersnaps Deb Blaylock

- 1 ½ C butter, softened
- 2 C white sugar
- 2 eggs
- ½ C unsulfured molasses
- 4 C flour
- 4 teaspoons baking soda
- 4 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons ground cloves
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons ground black pepper (or more) (I like the coarse ground black pepper)

Mix all ingredients together.

Roll into 1-inch balls.

Roll balls in white sugar.

Place on cookie sheet and bake at 350° for 10 - 12 minutes.

Makes 6 dozen.

### Bourbon Apple Butter - Best I've Ever Had! Connie Zellweger

#### Ingredients

- 5 pounds any sweet apple, peeled, cored, and diced small (1/4-inch dice)
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1 cup good quality Kentucky Bourbon (we used Jim Beam)
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1/2 cup apple liquor (this is our favorite brand) or apple juice
- 2 tablespoons molasses
- 2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Yield: 4 cups

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Coat apples with lemon juice as you cut and place in a medium to large nonstick pot.

Add bourbon and water and bring to a boil, cover and cook on a low boil for 10 minutes.

Add brown sugar, apple liquor, molasses, cinnamon, allspice, nutmeg, cloves, and salt.

Cover, bring to a boil, lower to a simmer with cover offside letting a little steam escape.

Cook for 30 minutes, stirring often towards the last five to ten minutes as the liquid evaporates.

Puree in a blender or with an immersion blender until creamy.

Can using the water bath method.

### Christmas Cheese Ball Marge Mueller

- 1 - 8 oz cream cheese, softened
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1 jar (2 oz) diced pimientos, chopped
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

Beat cream cheese until fluffy. Beat in cheese, onions, pimientos, butter, Worcestershire sauce. Press into a ball and refrigerate; Remove 15 minutes before serving. Serve with assorted crackers.

### Brandy Slush Sue Glenn

- 12 oz frozen can of orange juice and lemonade thawed
- 7 cups water
- 1 cup sugar (optional I rarely add any)
- 1 1/2 to 2 cups brandy
- 4 tea bags steeped in 1 cup water for about 10 mins. Black tea or any other flavor you wish.

Mix well and freeze overnight.

Remove from freezer about one hour prior to planned use so it becomes softer but not a liquid.

Scrape portions into a glass. I usually offer up spoons to make it easier to enjoy.

Flavored tea or even flavored brandy can be used to make it your own special recipe. If thawed to a liquid can be refrozen for later consumption. Different amounts of brandy will affect thawing time.

Recipe is easily doubled, tripled etc. A larger recipe may need more time to become slushy.

Enjoy

### Sue Wallin Holiday Wassail

This is an aromatic cup of cheer! Recipe from my husband's Godmother.

Tie these spices in a small cheesecloth bag:

- Two two-inch sticks of cinnamon.
- 1 teaspoon whole cloves.
- 2 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice.
- 1 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

In a large kettle place:

- 1 six ounce can frozen orange juice concentrate, diluted
- 5 quarts. apple cider
- Juice of five lemons (I use Santa Cruz or Lakewood organic lemon juice) Ratio on label says 2 Tablespoons = one lemon)
- Add some pineapple juice.

Low simmer 15 minutes. Remove spices, serve hot. I like to let it simmer in a crockpot and spice the air.

### Roasted Spiced Nuts

Spray PAM in a crockpot. Place one cup each of your three or four favorite nuts. Mix to homogenize. Drizzle with 2T Maple syrup. Toss to coat.

Sprinkle spices over nuts.

- 1 teaspoon curry,
- 1 teaspoon. rosemary,
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper,
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

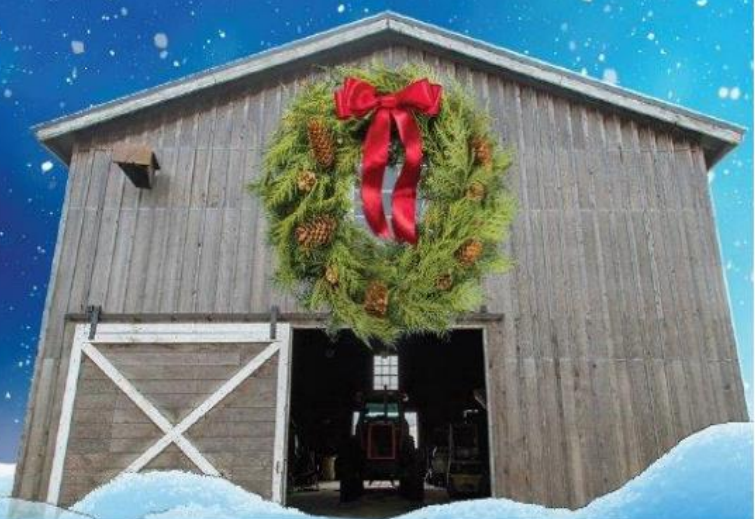
Cover and cook on High, stirring every 20 min. Keep a tally each time stirred. 80-100 min total. Caution: pecans toast much faster, add later.

Walnuts, almonds, hazelnuts, Brazil nuts, macadamia nuts - all work great!

Spread out on wax paper to cool. Place in a large jar, cover tightly. Enjoy within 2 weeks.

# Matanuska Experiment Farm & Extension Center

## HOLIDAYS AT THE FARM OPEN HOUSE



**Dec 8th**  
**4-6 PM**  
**1509 S.**  
**Georgeson Dr**  
**Palmer, AK**  
**99645**

Join us for this free family event! In conjunction with Colony Christmas we are hosting our annual Open House at the farm. Everyone is welcome!

Stop by anytime between 4-6 PM

- Games and activities for kids
- Pony Rides
- Hot Chocolate and Cookie Bar
- Christmas Tree Giveaway
- Soap Bar drive for Food Bank
- Q/A sessions provided by Extension Faculty and Staff
- Caroling
- Tree Lighting and MORE

Facebook Event page:  
Scan to follow along  
for updates.



Scan me

Bring along some newly packaged soap bars to donate to the Food Bank! If you have any questions please call our office at 907-745-3360.



## 2024 Mat-Su Master Gardener Approved Budget

				P & L	2023	2024
				Jan 1 - Oct 2, 23	Budget (current)	Approved Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>						
<b>Income</b>						
<b>General Income</b>						
			Interest Income	\$ 6.69	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00
			Membership Dues	\$ 795.00	\$ 825.00	\$ 825.00
			<b>Total General Income</b>	\$ 801.69	\$ 830.00	\$ 835.00
<b>Ed/Comm Outreach Fundraising</b>						
			Annual Plant Sale Income	\$ 13,665.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
			<b>Total Ed/Comm Outreach Fundraising</b>	\$ 13,665.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
			<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 14,466.69	\$ 9,830.00	\$ 14,835.00
<b>Expense</b>						
<b>Operating Expenses</b>						
			Banking/Square Fees	\$ 266.49	\$ 150.00	\$ 275.00
			Christmas Party		\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
			Equip Rental (PO Box etc)		\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00
			Licenses, Fees and Permits	\$ 10.30	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00
			Membership Appreciation		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
			Membership Directory	\$ 41.07	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
			Supplies/Stamps/Copying		\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
			Insurance - Liability, D and O	\$ 400.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 400.00
			Website/Computer Expense	\$ 173.90	\$ 125.00	\$ 25.00
			<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	\$ 891.76	\$ 1,610.00	\$ 1,650.00
<b>Ed/Comm Outreach Expenses</b>						
			Board Discretionary Expense		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
			Plant Sale Member Expense	\$ 10,991.20	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 11,200.00
			Plant Sale Expense - Misc.	\$ 159.80	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
			Pioneer Home / Library Planter	\$ 435.18	\$ 400.00	\$ 450.00
			Rebarchek Farm		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
			Speakers Fees - Meetings			
			Meeting Speakers	\$ 765.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
			Speakers Fees - Meetings - Other		\$ 600.00	\$ -
			<b>Total Speakers Fees - Meetings</b>	\$ 765.00	\$ 1,200.00	
			State Fair Prizes	\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
			<b>Total Ed/Comm Outreach Expenses</b>	\$ 12,851.18	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 13,950.00
			<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 13,742.94	\$ 12,110.00	\$ 15,600.00
			<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$ 723.75	\$ (2,280.00)	
			<b>Net Income</b>	\$ 723.75	\$ (2,280.00)	\$ (765.00)

## Garden Links (updated November 2023)

### 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](http://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/>

### 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](http://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/>

### Palmer Soil & Water Conservation

<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](http://www.fruit.usask.ca)

### USDA/NRCS Plant Database

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

### Wildflower Garden Club of Alaska

<https://wildflowergardenclub.org/>

## CLUB CONTACT INFO

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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

### DECEMBER 2023 AND BEYOND

**Dec 5, Palmer, Christmas Party (this is a Tuesday)**

### 2024

**Jan 8, Palmer, Regular Meeting**

**Feb 5, Palmer, Regular Meeting**

**Mar 4, Palmer, Regular Meeting**

**Apr 1, Palmer, Regular Meeting**

**May 6, Palmer, Regular Meeting**

**Jun 1, Palmer, Annual Plant Sale**

**Jun 10, Palmer, Regular Meeting**

**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>

**It's time to renew your membership! You can renew by printing out and mailing in a 2024 membership form. You can also renew online by completing the online form and submitting your payment online using the convenient credit/debit card option.**  
[www.matsumastergardeners.com](http://www.matsumastergardeners.com) – look for the **Membership Application tab.**

## 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 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.

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

**Deadline for submission of articles and info: 20<sup>th</sup> day of each month -- Thank you--**



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