



### President's Patch

By President Kevin Johnson

We have started 2023. At the January meeting, a very energetic Josh Smith presented his work regarding growing nuts in Alaska. He is working with others developing a Food Forest on the State Fair grounds. Being a military brat, his family lived in Fairbanks, a Zone O climate. He then joined the military and was stationed in the Dakotas; there he also worked on his ideas for growing in cold areas.

Back in Alaska, he is working to develop the Food Forest and has many seedlings of nuts to grow in Alaska. Josh has a Facebook page, The Frozen Plant Guy. There you will find videos of Josh explaining many of his projects, including Alaskan plums.

At our regular meetings, we invite speakers to present their ideas and expertise. In November, we had a representative from the Alaska Botanical Garden. Lots of information on wintering plants. Look for the upcoming schedule in each newsletter, the website, or our Facebook page.

With the snows so deep, this is great for insulation of our plants. At my house, the front yard has about five feet and back yard about three feet of snow. So, when break up comes, we will be trying to divert water way from moist areas and contain water in others. It will be a fun task.

Are you interested in helping MMGA, but do not know where to start? We have various committees and some of them need a person to head them up. This only takes a little bit of time for each committee. Find the list in this newsletter and let us know.

2023 Membership for MMGA is open and please pass a form or website to others. We are working on incentives to be a member of MMGA, so watch future updates. As a reminder, you do not need to be a Master Gardener to be a member. We were told last meeting that the local Master Gardener classes will be beginning again soon, and registration will be through the Cooperative Extension Service.

Have a great month and we will see each other soon.

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REGULAR MEETINGS
FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH
NEXT MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2023, 7:00 P.M.
LOCATION:

MATANUSKA EXPERIMENT FARM AND EXTENSION CENTER, KERTTULA HALL, "BLUE ROOM," 1509 S GEORGESON DR, PALMER, AK AGENDA

7:00 TO 7:30 PM BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 GUEST SPEAKER

PAUL MARMORA WILL GIVE A CLASS ON FLOWER ARRANGEMENT. THE THEME IS VALENTINES DAY. THIS IS OPEN TO THE FIRST 20 PEOPLE WHO REGISTER FOR THE CLASS. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE 5 SLOTS AVAILABLE (SEE PAGE 3). TO REGISTER, EMAIL:

WWW.MATSUMASTERGARDENERS@GMAIL.COM NLT

JANUARY 25TH.

PAUL IS PROVIDING FLOWERS AND OTHER SUPPLIES. EACH PERSON MUST BRING THEIR OWN CONTAINER. CONTAINERS SHOULD BE A SHALLOW DISH (ABOUT 3 INCHES DEEP) AND NO LARGER THAN 6 INCHES IN DIAMETER.

## PEASANT'S PERSPECTIVE: BY CURT MUELLER, MASTER GARDENER

PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR

Here we go again! Alaska's daylight is coming back, much to our pleasure. The peasant has seen this happen for fifty-four years and has concluded that we can expect it to happen for a while yet. The peasant has also been writing a monthly effort for our newsletter since the mid-1980s and is beginning to wonder if he can continue without boring you people too much. It's a bit difficult to come up with new stuff every month. The effort has been to share experiences from the peasant and other gardeners that might be helpful to you. The peasant must cut back on much of his gardening and must therefore draw from experiences without previous being repetitive.

Growing and storing late cabbage has been a practice of the Muellers for some years, and if properly handled, good quality cabbage can be stored well into January. We start with a late season variety with a maturity of 100 to 110 days. The size of the mature cabbage is in the five-to-six-pound range, rather than a very large size. the smaller heads are more compact and will store better. Late storage cabbage can withstand moderate frosts, and can be left in the garden into October, thereby shortening the time of storage.

The cabbages are stored in a bin with air temperatures in the 40F range. If this is not available to you, a couple of heads will store well in your refrigerator's vegetable crisper for an extended time.

Marge and the peasant have grown several varieties of cabbage to extend the season during which they can be enjoyed. We start with Parel, which has a 45-day maturity. At present Parel is not available as the seed came from Ukraine, which unfortunately stays under bombardment. The seed for Parel was developed in the Netherlands. The variety produces excellent quality heads but may never be available again. A replacement

could be Katarina, or perhaps another new variety will become available. Next in maturity is Golden Acre, an old but good one. From there varieties in the 80 to 110-day range extend the season. Incidentally, Golden Acre makes a good sauerkraut variety, with firm heads that are easy to work with.

Thanks, folks.



Cabbage removed from storage on January 19. Wrapper leaves have been removed. Cabbage is very firm, and quality looks good.

## Seeds to Start in January/February

Alliums - leeks, onions, shallots, chives

Slow growing/germinating herbs - rosemary, lavender, oregano, parsley, catnip, stevia

Slow growing vegetables - celery and artichokes

Super hot peppers

## Planting an Impressive Tree

Written by Master Garden Isaac Vaughan

Multi-trunk trees are not only beautiful, but also hardier than their standard counterparts. A multi-trunker is a denser, tougher windbreak, as each trunk shields and supports the others while adding to the mass of the tree. Some tree species will naturally attempt a multi-trunk form, but often the most impressive species will do all they can to keep a single meristem. Careful pruning for a few seasons can make nearly any tree species grow to be an awesome, many-trunked specimen.

Depending on the species you would like, selection is important. For most deciduous trees, look for one that already has strong branches 6-12" off the ground at around 60-degree angle to the trunk. This is known to make the strongest branch junction for most (!) deciduous trees: Too much more of an angle and the branch can't hold a snow load, too much less and a strong wind will easily split the branch off the trunk. conifers, choose something like a mugo pine, bristlecone pine, or larch to start with; most conifers vehemently detest having any more than one trunk. If they are coaxed into developing this form, they often split apart at the joint (I would be interested to hear if anybody knows of other conifers that can develop a strong multi-trunk).

Then comes the pruning. Choose how many trunks you would like your tree to have: tree species with larger trunks should normally have fewer trunks than the smaller species. Other than the leader, choose your trunks (strong primary branches at around 60 degrees from the trunk, 6-12" off the ground). If your tree has few or no branches, treat buds as branches. Tip: if a bud refuses to grow for more than two years, make a horizontal cut in the bark half an inch above it to break its dormancy. Prune the meristem

back to a strong branch, but do not let the branch become the new leader: let it be its own trunk but keep it equal to the other trunks. Allow your chosen number of buds beneath this chosen branch to grow, pruning the strongest ones back to near equal with the weakest ones to prevent the tree from reverting to standard.

If the branches grow out at an undesirable angle, you can use stakes or ties to hold them until they stiffen. When the trunks grow out one or two feet from the original trunk, let them go vertical, pruning any side branches they have before this point. The whole process should take less than ten years, and the resulting tree continuing on for (hopefully) centuries, providing enjoyment for generations.

## VALENTINE'S DAY FLOWER DESIGN CLASS SIGN-UP LIST

1. CATHY CREW
2. THERESA PHILLIPS
3. DENISE BOWLAN
4. EVA COHNEN-BROWN
5. DORTE MOBLEY
6. GEORGIANA GOOCH
7. ISAAC VAUGHAN
8. KEVIN JOHNSON
9. DEB BLAYLOCK
10. KEN BLAYLOCK
11. SANDY BOHLING
12. SUE GLENN
13. RAYNA MORGAN
14. MARGE MUELLER
15. MEL STOKES
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#### **2023 Standing Committees**

- Monthly Newsletter Deb Blaylock
- Website Manager Eva Cohnen-Brown
- Guest speakers Deb Blaylock
- Room, Equipment, Zoom Coordinator Vacant
- Membership Directory Kristina Torngvist
- Rebarchek Farm Project Isaac Vaughan
- Annual Plant Sale Vacant
- Palmer Library & Pioneer Home planting -Vacant
- Midsummer Garden & Art Faire Vacant
- Summer Garden Tours Vacant
- Alaska State Fair Special Awards Deb Blaylock
- State Fair Parade Vacant
- Nominations Committee Vacant
- 2023 Christmas Party- Vacant

A few hours of your time will help all the committees meet their goals. Have questions or want to volunteer? Send us an email at <a href="mailto:matsumastergardeners@gmail.com">matsumastergardeners@gmail.com</a>.

Thank you!

#### MMGA Meeting Minutes Monday, January 9, 2023

Submitted by Secretary Jana Gooch

Members and non-members present:

Dorte Mobley, Kevin Johnson, Deb Blaylock, Ken Blaylock, Curt Mueller, Marge Mueller, Kristina Tornqvist. Ellen VandeVisse, Isaac Vaughan, Amie Vaughan (non-member), Greg Lisonbee, Georgiana Gooch, Greg Kalal, Theresa Phillips, Cathy Crew, Eva Cohnen-Brown, Denise Bowlan, Sandy Bohling (non-member).

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm

Dorte Mobley moved to accept the November 2023 minutes. Kevin Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

Ken Blaylock moved to accept the December 2023 minutes. Craig Mueller seconded. Motion passed.

Need volunteers to: Push membership, attend to Rebarchek, the Senior Center, the Pioneer Home and the Plant Sale.

January newsletter has lot of upcoming events.

Committee vacancies - volunteers needed.

Cathy Crew presented the Treasurer's Report for 2022 and 2023. Also handed out the Profit/Loss - Actual to Budget Statement for 2022 and 2023. The State Fair check is still outstanding. Cathy needs contact information to follow-up on this matter.

Deb Blaylock moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ken Blaylock seconded. Motion passed.

Isaac Vaughan presented information on the meeting with LaMarr Anderson from Rebarchek. We need to move our pergola. Rebarchek wants to use some of our plot for access. We have 1/8 acre set aside (we were told we have 1/8 acre, but that is not in the original proposal).

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If we install shallow beds, we will need to water them twice daily. It was suggested to move them to the Senior Center. Regarding fencing, we need some fencing, but it must be Colony Style (split rail for example). We have water available at the plot. Rebarchek said they will build a shed for storage.

No other Old Business

Committee Reports:

Monthly Newsletter - Deb Blaylock needs information by the 20th.

Website Manager - Eva Cohnen-Brown reports website is up to date.

Guest speakers - Deb Blaylock reports the class next month is limited to 20 people. We have a possible speaker in April, Mark Oathout of Mid-Valley Greenhouse. We are all lined up for speakers except for September and October.

Membership Directory - Kristina Tornqvist reports several members have not paid their dues and the deadline is January 15 if you want to be included in the member directory. Kristina will pass out directories next month. Will not mail a directory to anyone not in the directory. Also, would like to include a description of the Member at Large duties.

Annual Plant Sale Committee needs someone to volunteer for this committee. The following committees also need a volunteer to head the committee:

Room/Equipment Coordinator, Palmer Library & Pioneer Home Planting, Midsummer Garden & Art Faire, Summer Garden Tours, State Fair Parade, Nominations Committee, and the 2023 Christmas Party.

State Fair Awards - Deb Blaylock is working on this.

Dorte Mobley moved we do not participate in the Midsummer Garden & Art Faire if we are going to have to pay a fee. Isaac Vaughan seconded. Discussion ensued. Kevin Johnson will approach the Palmer Chamber of Commerce and find out what we have going on regarding an \$85 fee. Motion passed.

Eva Cohnen-Brown mentioned that there are three Master Gardener classes starting in March at Anchorage, the Experimental Farm/Palmer, and Fairbanks. Also, there will likely be two online courses. All information is on the UAF website. The cost is \$300.

Guest speaker was Josh Smith, Rebarchek Josh shared Rebarchek's vision. Highlights include: they are putting in a food forest in the patch of spruce and birch at the farm. Also doing a future crops initiative at the UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm as well as at Rebarchek. Wants to share the food forest concept with anyone who will listen. Food security is a big piece of it. Wants to reach out to home gardeners. Wants to promote food security for Alaskans. Will be experimenting with all sorts of nut trees. Invitation to come out to Rebarcheck and learn about the food forest. Josh's websites: Frozen Plant Guy on Facebook and Instagram, and Bear Mountain Forest Nursery in Chugiak. Cinnamon has anti-molding properties. Geese are great for eating horsetail. Ducks have soft feet and will not scratch up your seedlings, plus they eat slugs.

Meeting adjourned.

# Board of Directors Meeting 1/7/2023 and Meeting with LaMarr Anderson/Rebarchek Farm

Members and non-members present: Dorte Mobley, Kevin Johnson, Deb Blaylock, Ken Blaylock, Kristina Tornqvist, Rachel Schoonover (non-member), Ellen VandeVisse, Isaac Vaughan, Amie Vaughan (non-member), Georgiana Gooch

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Meeting opened with LaMarr Anderson introducing himself.

The barn will be available for meetings soon, and it will have internet.

They have reserved the front 1/8 acre in the corner for MMGA and are reserving a 20' x 25' width for access. What are MMGA's plans regarding the plot? Rebarchek has reserved space for education and community involvement.

Most plots cannot have fences and if they do, Rebarchek wants a wood-style fence. LaMarr will send pictures of what they have in mind. They have seen zero moose droppings. Maybe castle block raised beds will be okay.

Rebarchek has three main areas of focus: 1) They want to preserve the history of agriculture in our area, 2) They want to promote agricultural pursuits today, and 3) They are focusing on a youth development area to support agriculture for the future.

The UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm has severe restrictions; cannot just do anything. MMGA has to have insurance to meet there. If youth are involved, they want background checks.

Every plot has water. The gates are kept locked. Before MMGA does anything with planters, let Rebarcheck look at the plans. Definitely no T-posts and chicken wire on the plots.

Chemical usage needs to be approved for everyone except MMGA. No permanent fences.

Rebarchek envisions an area designated for a permanent shed. MMGA is considered a permanent resident.

MMGA's plans include outlining the plot with castle rock and building different raised beds. They will not develop the entire allotment but would develop a block of the plot every year. MMGA is concerned about the trees that

have been planted around the allotted plot—will the trees impede our efforts?

Rebarchek will work with us if we can use the plot in the current location.

The State Fair supports the farm by paying utilities of Rebarchek Farm.

MMGA asked how long does Rebarchek see MMGA being at the Farm? Per LaMarr, as long as MMGA has a mission there, MMGA will have a place. The leases on the plots are one-year leases and it was explained in further detail. Boundaries are not concrete. Just need to know MMGA's master plan for collaboration purposes.

Rebarcheck is holding a Planting Day on May 20<sup>th</sup> and other events such as Arbor's Day and Colony Days. They want to open the Farm.

MMGA asks what percentage does Rebarchek want completed of the plans for the plot? LaMarr explained that will not drive us. There may be an overlap of reasons by the different organizations as to why we develop our plot and that is to be expected.

If people want to volunteer at Rebarchek, they are welcomed.

Rebarchek has saved the lower logs from the barn and offered them to MMGA to use along with some wood that was left over from Art Nash.

Would like MMGA to participate in the May 20th Planting Day and the other events.

Once MMGA installs the planter boxes, Rebarchek will no longer mow that developed area. They will continue to mow the open areas, however. If MMGA wants trees and shrubs, share plans with Rebarchek. Communication is key.

Parking is okay for MMGA members at the barn, especially for maintenance of the plot. However, no general parking will be allowed at the Barn. General parking will be behind the berm.

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Isaac Vaughan is now the current committee chair for MMGA Rebarchek Farm plot.

#### Board of Directors' Meeting at 2:12 p.m.

We can use Rebarchek for public events and get publicity. Suggested we invite Anchorage Master Gardener Association to our project as they have quite a large amount of funds available. We can do membership drives at events. We need weeding and watering volunteers, and we are not able to get volunteers. Question was asked, who mows? Do we bring our own mower or hire teenagers to mow?

How do we strategically plan (using gravel, landscape fabric)?

Dorte mentioned that labels are needed. Deb says we have about 2,000 each of the white and yellow. She will order 2 boxes of yellow and 3 boxes of white.

Will we participate in the Summer Garden Art Faire? Discussion ensued. MMGA not willing to participate if we must pay to be present.

Anchorage Master Gardeners is doing a conference in April, and they are asking for vendors.

Kevin will visit greenhouses and request they allow a discount for MMGA members.

Kevin passed out the Profit and Loss Budget Overview provided by Cathy.

Isaac to write up a synopsis of this meeting and share at Monday's meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

### New Year, New Themes, New Programming

The Matanuska Experiment Farm and Extension Center will be bringing you new monthly themes, as well as the most popular themes will be back with new presenters and topics.

We are so excited to share our 2023 Themes of the Month!

***JANUARY	Planning your year (covering a wide range of life planning)  History (Exploring the history of various aspects of the Matanuska Experiment Parm & Extension Center and the community.			
***FEBRUARY				
MARCH	Sustainable Living Earth/Eco friendly AK AG			
APRIL				
MAY				
***JUNE	Summer in Alaska (Discover what's happening in 4-H, community gardens, agriculture and more throughout our State)			
+++JULY	Get to know your district (What is happening in your local area?)			
AUGUST	Local Foods, Harvest			
SEPTEMBER	Preparedness			
OCTOBER	Home safety, energy			
NOVEMBER	Wellness and Nutrition			
DECEMBER	Holidays			

Watch our Facebook, Instagram and website for up-to-date info & registration links! https://www.facebook.com/matanus.kaexperimentfarm/ https://www.facebook.com/matanus.kaexperimentfarm/ https://www.uaf.edu/ces/districts/matan/

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#### Matanuska Experiment Farm and Extension Center

January/February Classes January Theme: Planning Your Year February Theme: History

Jan 24	Winter Gardening Blahs: Design & Plan Your Garden Now!
	- Deb Blaylock-Hybrid
Jan 26	The Magic Doesn't Happen Overnight! - Jodie Anderson - Hybrid
Jan 26	Backyard Chickens - Steve Brown - Zoom
Jan 31	Planning to Provide Fuel-Wood Energy Security - Glen Holt - Zoom
Feb 2	The History of the UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm & Extension Center – Jodie Anderson – Hybrid
Feb 16	GPS Navigation of Snowmachiners - Steve Brown - In-Person
Feb 21	A Brief History of the Introduction of Invasive Plants in AK - Gino

#### Watch our Facebook, Instagram and website for up-to-date info & registration links!

Graziano - Zoom

https://www.facebook.com/matanuskaexperimentfarm/ https://www.facebook.com/MatsuExtension https://www.uaf.edu/ces/districts/matsu/

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### Garden Links (updated Apr 2022)

Alaska Botanical Garden

http://www.alaskabg.org/

**Alaska Center for Conservation Science** 

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

**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 Master Gardener Blog

https://alaskamastergardener.community.uaf.edu/

**Alaska Native Plant Society** 

http://www.aknps.org/

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/

**Good Earth Garden School** 

http://ellenvandevisse.com/

**Grow Palmer** 

http://growpalmer.org/

Georgeson Botanical Garden \*New\*

https://georgesonbotanicalgarden.org/

**Integrated Pest Management Program** 

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

**Junior Master Gardener** 

http://www.jmgkids.us/

Landscape Plants for Alaska

www.alaskaplants.org

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)

http://search.extension.org

**Master Gardeners of the Tanana Valley** 

https://fairbanksmastergardeners.wordpress.com/

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/alaska/

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 Georgeson Botanical Garden** 

http://www.georgesonbotanicalgarden.org/

**UAF Herbarium** 

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

**UAF Alaska Master Gardener Program** 

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

**UAF School of Natural Resources & Extension** 

http://www.uaf.edu/snre/

University of Saskatchewan Fruit Program

www.fruit.usask.ca

**USDA/NRCS Plant Database** 

https://plants.sc.egov.usda.gov/



#### **CLUB CONTACT INFO**

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Treasurer: Cathy Crew 907-632-4401
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If you have gardening news, photos, or information you would like to share in the <u>newsletter</u>, please send to the MMGA email.

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#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### **FEBRUARY 2023 AND BEYOND**

Feb 6, Palmer, Regular Meeting, Paul Marmora, Valentine's Day Flower Arrangement Class Mar 6, Palmer, Regular Meeting, Dan Elliott, Fruit Tree Grafting, Pruning and Q&A Apr 3, Palmer, Regular Meeting, Carol Symonds, EweTopia Farms Greenhouse, Hanging Baskets

**Apr 7-8,** Anchorage, State Master Gardener Conference, "Party in the Garden",

https://www.alaskamastergardeners.org/

May 1, Palmer, Regular Meeting, Ellen VandeVisse, Biochar

Jun 3, Palmer, Annual Plant Sale

Jun 12, Palmer, Palmer Library Planting

Sep 11, Palmer, Regular Meeting, TBD

Oct 2, Palmer, Regular Meeting, TBD

**Nov 6**, Palmer, Annual Meeting, Dr. Jeff Smeenk, TBD

Dec, Palmer, Christmas Party

Do not 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

Membership renewal for 2023 is now available on the website:

https://www.matsumastergardeners.com/onlinemembership-application.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 January 15, 2023, 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:  $20^{th}$  day of each month ~~ Thank you~~



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