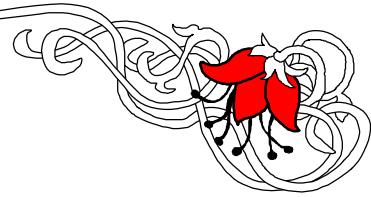


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From the President's Corner

By Dana Klinkhart

How many of us have placed our noses to the ground looking in expectation of the growth that promises the return of spring? Lots of us, I think. As early as mid-April I poked and probed to find the tiny beginnings of tulips, bleeding hearts, peony buds and delphinium sprouts. In fact, even the 'leaf rollers' were present around the delphinium sprouts a couple of weeks ago. Those critters were taken care of right away, you can be sure. Their promise of a spring meal was dampened, I hope.

As we move ahead in plans for our gardens let's leave time on our calendars to volunteer for the planting work party and maintenance of the Alaska Botanical Garden Entrance Beds and Pioneer Home. Place a call or e-mail to your volunteer coordinator, Linda Klinkhart. The planting and planning committees need your help. The planting schedule is soon to be determined and will occur during the last week in May.

We have an extra activity planned for Master Gardeners in May. In addition to our regular program scheduled on Monday, May 17th, a special tour has been scheduled for Monday, May 24th at the Forget Me Not Nursery. Kathy Feathergill Calvin will be our guide to view those 20,000 bulbs that were planted last fall. It promises to be a spectacular display.

Can you put your 'finger' on the many garden centers and nurseries in the Anchorage area and beyond? Plans are being developed to have a substantial list created for you at the next meeting in May. Be sure to attend so you will have your copy for the season. This is just one more way your Alaska Master Gardeners Association is here for you to **share the seeds of resource and inspiration.**



Helpful moose - familiar sight in Anchorage yards year round



AMGA Has New Email Address AMGA@GCI.NET

The email address for AMGA has changed. Due to about 250 SPAM emails to sort through per day, it was necessary to get a new email address. The web site will remain on the Corecom server, CORECOM.NET/~GARDENER - only the email address has changed. One day, we may have our own domain, but until this occurs, please correct the email address in your Directory, & send all email correspondences to: AMGA@GCI.NET



April 19th AMGA Meeting Report

Dr. Jeff Smeenk, from the Palmer Experimental Research Station, spoke to our group on "Compost Tea and the Food Web". He was kind enough to 'step up to the bat' after an emergency called away our scheduled speaker for that date. Jeff spoke on the pros and cons of using compost tea, and provided a power point presentation. Some of the many points made by Jeff were that compost tea provides foliar feed of nutrients, give plants a jumpstart into the microbial food web, and has a potential to control diseases, altho this last point is controversial. Compost tea is not the liquid that seeps out of the bottom of a compost pile, which is high in nutrients, salt and pathogens, so don't use this as a foliar spray. He discussed the composition of compost tea, the many ways compost tea is manufactured and distributed, and a very in-depth discussion on the composition and functions of the soil web. It was all very fascinating and thought provoking.

Jeff provided his email address for anyone with questions: jeff.smeenk@uaf.edu and a good web site to visit for more information on compost tea: www.attra.ncat.org

First AMGA Summer Tour Planned for May 24th

Our summer garden tours start early this year with a spring visit to Forget-Me-Not Nursery in Indian. Kathy Feathergill-Calvin (master gardener) planted over 20,000 bulbs this fall and has graciously agreed to set up a special Master Gardener tour on Monday, May 24th at 7:00. If the timing is right, we should see many spring blooming bulbs, a special "American Flag" display and lots of other spring blooming plants. The nursery, which has been in operation for 8 years, will also be open for viewing and purchasing plants.

Directions: Take the Seward Hwy. to mile 104, take a left on Indian Road (look for lots of mailboxes and the Forget-Me-Not sign), take the 4th driveway on the right - Poppy Lane. There should be plenty of parking.

CORRECTIONS TO DIRECTORY:

- Darcy Bromley is incorrectly listed as a 02/03 Master Gardener, and her mom (Cathy Bromley) is a 96/97. It should be the other way around. Darcy is also a Tree Steward, in the first TS class, in either 96 or 97.
- Gina Docherty's email address is: docherty@gci.net

What's New? Golden Kiwi

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Communications Manager, The Oppenheimer Group

This summer, people around the world will get their first taste of the new golden kiwifruit, which originated naturally in New Zealand. Here is the story of how it came to be:

In 1977, tiny *Actinidia chinensis* kiwifruit seeds were brought from Beijing Botanical Gardens in China and planted at New Zealand's Te Puke Research Orchard. Four years later, further *Actinidia chinensis* seeds were collected from wild plants in South and Central China, as well as the Guangxi Institute of Botany in Gulin. The seedlings of these seeds and the second generation of seedlings from Beijing were evaluated two years later.

Here lies the beginning of the new golden kiwifruit from New Zealand. Its mother was one of the plants originally from Beijing, chosen now for its yellow flesh and excellent flavor. A male plant from the Gulin family was chosen as father because its sisters all produced large, succulent fruit.

One generation later, in 1992, a single plant from this family was selected for its golden flesh and delicious flavor. Planted in block 37, row 1, bay 16, and position A, it came to be known as Hort 16A. Then began evaluation and selection criteria for taste, color, size, storage, shelf-life and other commercial considerations.

Trial plantings of Hort 16A continued to be nurtured, naturally, by hand at the Te Puke orchard, nestled in the rolling hills of the sun-drenched Bay of Plenty. A few years later, 40 hectares of Hort 16A were established to release to New Zealand Kiwifruit grower – whose experience with the green kiwifruit variety spans 70 years.

Tended with willing hands under a warming sun, Hort 16A was then grafted to Hayward (green) kiwifruit varieties and the results taste-tested by people from different ethnic origins.

In 1997, Hort 16A grew to cover almost 400 hectares of land. 4,000 trays of the fruit were exported that year, and the name "ZESPRI™ GOLD Kiwifruit" was adopted.

This success came from ZESPRI International's environmental integrity program supporting orchardists as they grew their first yellow kiwifruit. These growers, working in harmony with the land, have harvested increasing volumes.



So, from cherished seeds to seedlings, graftings to new plantings, 11 years from its genesis, this gift of nature grew into a new, totally natural gold kiwifruit variety. This new kiwifruit has proven to offer not just a moment of delicious enjoyment, but the benefits of many nutrients, including vitamin C, vitamin E, potassium and fiber.

For more information, contact:
Karin Gardner, Communications Manager
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MGs are E-mail Savy

A perusal of the new 2004 AMGA Directory shows that 89% of Master Gardeners listed gave e-mail addresses. This is phenomenal! Those that stood out include the following.

Garden related addresses:

Sue Baily, akgardengirl@hotmail.com
Gina Docherty, gardener@corecom.net
Gail Hooyer, vine_lady72@yahoo.com
Kristin Permenter, sproutkrp@alaska.com
Linda Slack, slugart@aol.com
Carmel Tysver garden@corecom.net
Linda Vick, rooterroot@aol.com

MGs with garden-related names:

Rosemary Kimball, rosmarinus@gci.net
Connie Sanders, botanical4@aol.com (street address)

There must be a story:

Barbara Atcheson, akpepper@msn.com
Fran Flint, wheezerp@gci.net
Genevieve Holubik, frogstop@gci.net
Ruth Kircher, oldhouse@girdwood.net
John Tracy, frozenfish13@hotmail.com

E-mails with people related names:

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Jill Pawson, akjillybean@aol.com
Jean Poor, akgenie@att.net

AMGA Membership, 2004

About five years ago, membership dues for the Anchorage Chapter of the Alaska Master Gardener Association (AMGA) were added to the registration fees for class participants. This meant that anyone who signed up for the course, automatically became an AMGA member for one year. Those who didn't complete the course, became non-voting AMGA members. The rationale behind this approach was two-fold. One was to give new Master Gardeners a sense of being part of something bigger than the class. The other was to enable CES to be able to provide information on volunteer opportunities through the AMGA newsletter and not have to do separate mailings asking for volunteer help.

The table below pairs AMGA membership with the dates members took the course. While the table isn't necessarily a good indication of where the most active membership lies, the data does show that the greatest number of members are from recent Master Gardener classes.

It's especially exciting to note that there are AMGA members from the very first classes taught by Wayne Vandre in Anchorage/Eagle River. The data also includes membership from the Kenai Peninsula and Fairbanks. Most Master Gardeners have two dates along with their membership record. These relate to course completion and the following year when most Master Gardeners complete their 40 hours. Those MGs who are listed as pre84 took the class before 1984, the point at which Cooperative Extension Service started keeping records.

2004 AMGA membership according to class dates

Date	#/members	Date	#/members
1978	2	1992	No class
1979	1	1993	9
1982	2	1994	6
pre-84	4	1995	2, no class
1984	2	1996	5
1985	2	1997	10
1986	1	1998	7
1987	2	1999	14
1988	3	2000	11
1989	3	2001	15
1990	3	2002	39
1991	6	2003	43

Volunteer Needed From Jeri van den Top

I volunteer for Habitat for Humanity Anchorage and was asked by the construction manager, Jim Fredrick, if I was a Master Gardener – I admire all of you but I am not.

He is putting together a committee to work on some landscape projects for the Habitat homes in Anchorage. I don't know if this is of interest or could count towards the Master Gardener program hours. I thought I would pass it forward.

The person to contact to learn more about this potential service project -

Jim Fredrick, Construction Manager
Tel: 907-272-0800 ext. 107
jfredrick@hfhanchorage.org



From the "Ask a Master Gardener" Files: "Out of State Questions"

Q: How can i get rid of crayfish mounds in my yard?

A: You ask an Alaskan???? Eat them!!!! I don't know how to capture them. I know I have seen them when we were on the east coast. We aren't so lucky as to have them. You need to ask a Master Gardener in LA or GA or wherever you are. Contact your Cooperative Extension Office near you. Bon appétite.

Q: I live in south carolina i want to know what to plant on the north side of my home that gets no sun light.

A: Whow! is that a leap of faith on your part to ask someone in AK for advice for a place where anything will grow! Impatiens and also ferns are the things that come readily to mind. Find the phone for the SC cooperative extension service and see if they don't have a Master Gardener that needs to work off their hours and will make a house call, and see if they have some pamphlets on shade gardens. Hostas? and some of them are fragrant. some with the varigated leaves need some sun for contrasts to show. Try your local nurseries and ask what is available. Or mingle a lot of stuff on that north wall for visual interest.

Q: I am conducting nutrient research at the University of Utah on the castor bean seed and the soil in which it grows. I am looking for sources (gardens and people) that grow the seeds and soil samples from the beds in which the plants grow. I was wondering if you know anyone who might be a good resource for me.

A: I have tried to grow castor beans here at my place, but they didn't seem to like it. Either it was too cold here in AK, or it didn't like the area it was planted in. I never tried to grow it again.

Q: My mulch has many ants and I would like to know if it would hurt my lilies or other plants. I am using miracle grow. Is it good enough for my lawn and flower garden. My soil is very sticky and it is hard to grow things. What is the best way to grow garden in such a soil. Sorry I asked you more than one question.

A: First question back to you...Where do you live that you have ants? Not in Alaska. It depends on what kind of ant and what they are eating -there are ants that like sweets and ants that like meat. Are they using your lilies (are your lilies in pots?) as a home rather than cafeteria? Do your lilies look in good health?
[editor's note: there are garden ants in AK]

Miracle Grow - It's very expensive to use it for that. How big is your lawn? Can you rent a fertilizer spreader (they sell new for about \$40) cheaply and use a granular fertilizer?

It sounds as if you need to dig in peat moss or compost or sand or all of the above in order to lighten your soil and make it lighter. These types of soil amendments can be bought at home centers and garden centers...go for cheap. You should also probably have a soil test to learn the acidity/alkalinity of your soil. Soil for vegetables and flowers should be somewhere between a pH of 6 and 6.5 in the perfect world...one I don't live in.

You may ask as many questions as you wish because we all have ideas. We've even had a question from England!!! And questions from Florida!

Q1: hi im looking for the rose lady

A1: In or near what town? Alan Deitz the rose man in ANC has moved to ID but still answers questions. Most of us grow roses but I wouldn't call any of us rose ladies... Go to www.alaskahardy.com which is the site for Fritz Creek Gardens and look at their selection of roses. So what is the question?

Q2: I wanted to add some Roses to my yard, but in the past haven't had much luck. Can you give me any suggestions or helpful hints? I live in Eagle River.

A2: OK. You live in a nice place. You also have access to Landscape Supply on the Wasilla/Palmer Road and Recluse Nursery in Wasilla. That's where you want to go to select roses. Canada has done a lot of breeding and they have the Parkland series and the Explorer series. I fell in love with Martin Frobisher (as in Frobisher Bay) and got a bunch. anything that has an explorer name should be good...ditto the Prairie series. Anything that says Altai or Rosa spinosissima will go gangbusters! FJ Grootendorst is sweet. Ditto Helen Bland--and there are three in the Bland series named after the Bland sisters and who they are I don't know.. Hansa works but is so "ordinary" There is a rose supplier from Maine--The Rosarie at Bayfield--that has a neat catalog with the zones of the roses that is worth the \$\$ to get one and use it as a reference source. If you are down on the peninsula, e-mail before coming and I'll dig you a Helen. Thornless and red twigs in the winter..cluster of small pink blossoms. HJ Groot is like that but with thorns and no red twigs. Ditto Martin. Get roses on their own roots because if they die back to the ground during the winter (and we have winters and winters) they will sprout true to type and not the rootstock on which it was grafted.

[Not all questions are from out of state! Many are local folks who just need some sage advice. If anyone is interested in answering these questions by email, please contact me: amga@gci.net & I will include you on the list. But please, do your part, & ANSWER questions if you can, and then CC your reply to me, as we are keeping track of these Q&A's for the CES. Many thanks to those who participate & send replies - you're doing a GREAT job, & people really appreciate it! Gina]



Central Peninsula MG News

By Rosemary Kimball & Barbara Jewell

On March 18, 35 hardy gardeners braved the cold and wind (reported at a windchill factor of -20° F) to attend the third in our MG lecture series. Guest lecturer, Pepper Johansen, of Arctic Eden Greenhouse in Nikiski explained the process of her home hydroponic system. She displayed her vertical stacked system and explained the system's operation, its necessary nutrients and growing medium. She answered the many questions from the audience and showed photographs of her greenhouse system. She offered her services to help home gardeners set up manageable hydroponic systems.

The last program of our series, April 22, was Dr. Roseann Leiner of the Palmer Experiment Station talking about the techniques for growing those baby greens that cost you an arm, a leg and a few digits at the grocery store: four seeds to the inch in rows and the cabbage family, especially the Oriental vegetables, have more flavor than lettuce. She talked and showed pictures, fed us salads, then did statistics. It's changed the way some of us are going to garden this summer, for sure. Why eat a pedestrian salad when gourmet greens are possible?

Master gardeners needing to do their 40 hours of volunteer time have numerous opportunities to do so by volunteering at Heritage Place planting their flower beds, helping with the MG booth at the Home Show, or possibly setting up a garden tour in our area for a visit from the Seward gardening group."

And Rosemary adds:

It sure is good to be back in Alaska after my spring "thaw" which, with the record heat in the Phoenix area, turned into a "wilt". It was so hot at 95°, the air so visible, and the traffic so thick that I didn't make my trip to the Boyce Thompson Arboretum outside of Superior, and that is a first.

The Rock Garden Winter Study Weekend in Eugene Oregon, the first weekend in March, stretched my mind taut with sights (flowers that bloom in the spring, tra la) sounds (people talking "plant") and ideas (took pictures). I went with Debbie Hinchey and Carmel Tysver of Anchorage and

we visited botanical gardens and nurseries down the I-5 corridor between Battle Ground, WA, (Collectors' Nursery) and Eugene for 3 1/2 days.

After the weekend I flew to my son's house in southern California with a roll-on full of plants and a box of plants in my checked luggage...then got more. Why do we do these things??? Going down to Southern California's Roger's Nursery, that gardener's "candy" store, started the acquisition gene anew. It took some hard plastic to get out of there...BUT! I got a yellow clivia (clivias are foundation plantings down there) at a fraction of the cost when they first came out. Do I need another clivia? I don't think so. So I added it to my plant stash in my son's side yard. I drove east to various places in AZ. There had been enough winter rain that it was a good cactus blossom year and I started taking pictures. The oranges, lemons and grapefruit were in bloom too but cameras don't capture the heady aroma. Now that I am home with a hundred flower pictures, I wonder why I took them...except that they were pretty and they were there. Got to see my first palm oasis at Anza Borrego State Park west of the Salton Sea on the way back to California.

It was very interesting to pick up and wrap that stash of plants at my son's in preparation for the trip home. Newport Beach has a very healthy population of slugs, snails and sow bugs. I cleaned out the critters that had taken up residence in the potting soil as I wrapped the plants. I can now differentiate the eggs from slugs and snails. Coming back on the plane, my roll-on was so heavy it had to go under the seat as there were no weight lifters in the immediate vicinity.

Life has returned to normal on the Peninsula. The greenhouse is filled with plants between 1/16 of an inch and 1 inch tall. Unfortunately the most robust of the pots needing transplanting is the ONLY ONE without a label. I hope it is broccoli.

Help Needed

Gardeners to weed, water and dead-head Master Gardener maintained beds at the Pioneer Home and Alaska Botanical Gardens. Sign-up for a week of care. Amount of time varies, depending on weather, time of season, etc. If you work at the same time as your partner, maybe two work sessions that week. If the two of you split the visits, maybe just once that week. We have lots of spots to fill. If everyone could help, it will be much easier. It's only a couple of hours out of 1 week of your summer. Remember: "Many hands make less work". Please help.

Call or e-mail Linda Klinkhart to sign-up 345-2672 or gek@gci.net



Bird Chatter

- Found a neat Primula site – shows most species w/photos & growing conditions:
<http://members.shaw.ca/primulaworld3/personal.htm>
- Give a weed an inch and it will take a yard
- If you would be happy for a lifetime, plant a garden...but shouldn't you substitute busy for happy?
- Linda Klinkhart was at a new medical clinic in mid-town (around Eagle St) and noticed profuse development of perennials at the entrance between the sidewalk and the building...stuff was blooming, i.e. pasque flowers and other flowers excluding bulbs. She inquired inside and was told that they have 'heated' sidewalks...wouldn't that be nice? Hmmm Heated sidewalks....
- Tulip Trivia: Did you know that Holland grows 9 billion bulbs in their tiny country, 7 billion of them are for export, & 3 billion are tulips? Have you seen those gorgeous colorful fields of tulips blooming? Did you know they take a harvester & cut off all the blooms to allow the bulb to grow large over the following year? Hurts to think about it.....To hybridize 1 bulb, it takes 7 years to get the first flower.
- Judy Wilmarth (the Peony Lady) has apricots, cherries & plums blooming in her greenhouse
- Rosemary Kimball has successfully brought her cherished Rengarenga Lily (*arthropodium cirrhatum*, a New Zealand Native) into bloom. The blooms have bright white petals, and tri colored furry sepals of purple, white and yellow. Seeds came from Gina Docherty, who is green with envy.

arthropodium cirrhatum - photo by Rosemary Kimball



Letter from Sue Lincoln

Dear Master Gardeners,

It is with a sad heart that I write this letter. As of April 5, 2004, I have resigned my duties as Horticulture Program Assistant. I have thoroughly enjoyed my interaction with all of you and will miss you.

I am still around, though! I will be working in Water Quality across the hall! Do stop in and say 'Hi' when you are in the office. I imagine you will be seeing me at some of the AMGA meetings as well!

I wish to thank all of you who have supported the Master Gardener program in Anchorage. Your efforts are not unnoticed! The impact you have in this community is tremendous. Keep up the fabulous work!

In the meantime, until a replacement is found, please continue to volunteer in the office and be generous to Julie when she asks for volunteers. She will need a lot of help trying to juggle her regular Agent duties and managing all the volunteer opportunities that spring up!

Those of you who are working on projects that need my attention, please continue to work on them. Contact me via my home email address.

I'll see you in the gardens!
Sue Lincoln

For Sustainable Horticulture Enthusiasts

The growing season is gearing up as rapidly as the daylight returns! Below are the latest learning opportunities AND some job positions!

Please look below this list for the details.

MAY - AUGUST See you at the Anchorage Farmers Market with fresh compost and compost tea, compost tea bucket brewers, and compost instruction on video.

JULY Wild Herb Workshops with Janice Schofield.

Needed: Two organic garden interns for the summer at the National Outdoor Leadership School in Palmer, with part-time pay. They will be provided housing and meals. They will be learning market gardening under my supervision for 20 hrs a week (no pay), and working for pay in other departments the other 20 hrs a week. NOLS is a very beautiful and fun place to work. Call me at 745-0758
Needed: An instructor for a composting session at the May 29 Organic Gardening Workshop. Call me at 745-0758. Here are the details.

May- Organic Farming, LS 192- May block class. Join us for a practical, hands-in-the-soil experience at the Kellogg and NOLS Farm gardens in Palmer. Actually prepare soil, select organic fertilizers, plant, and make compost. Stay at the Kellogg Farm or commute. Call 564-8301.



Wild Herb Workshops– Our beloved Alaskan herbalist Janice Schofield returns to Palmer! She is the author of *Discovering Wild Plants*, *Alaska's Wild Plants*, and *Nettles*. Janice will lead us in another delightful 2.5 days of identifying and harvesting wild herbs in the morning, and making tinctures, foot baths, salves, and teas in the afternoon. Choose one of 3 repeat classes. Dates are July 9 – 11, or July 13 – 15, or July 16 – 18, 2004. Each class starts with an evening from 7-9 pm and two days from 9am-5pm. Her Wild Herb Workshops always fill quickly, so let me know if you'd like a registration form.

I hope to see you! Ellen Vande Visse
 Good Earth Garden School
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 Palmer, AK 99645
 (907) 745-0758
goodearthgardenschool@hotmail.com

7th ANNUAL PERENNIAL PLANT SALE

Friday, May 28, 5 pm - 10 pm
 Saturday, May 29, 11 am - 4 pm
 4960 East Fifth Avenue (between Pine Street and Boniface)

Several gardeners are combining passions to offer ornamental plant material of both the perennial and the annual persuasion. In addition to live plants, there will be garden art and supplies for gardeners. Participants include Sally Karabelnikoff, Sally Koppenberg, Susan Haines, Susan Miller, Bud Dubay, and Annie Nevaldine. There's sure to be something to appeal to everyone this year.

Do you have Bulbs Blooming?

Annie Nevaldine is doing a photography project this spring and summer photographing bulb flowers in bloom and following blooming throughout the season. If you have bulb flowers that you'd be willing to let her photograph, please contact her at 333-2100 or alzina@acsalaska.net. You will get a picture or two of your bulbs in exchange as a thank you.

Free Manure!



I'm an Anchorage Master Gardener with too many horses. And that also means a big pile of manure! The stack was started last fall and has been covered and hot all through the winter. I have a front end loader and would be willing to load anyone with a pick up or trailer up on weekends. I'm anxious to get the pile gone so the sooner the better. Should make great compost/fertilizer. Keeping it covered keeps steaming hot all winter, which helps to kill most weed seeds and break it down. I use it in my yard and gardens with excellent results. Just had more horses than I can "absorb" this winter.

Linda Boggs - 5500 Wild Mountain Drive, Eagle River, AK 99577
 (907) 696-0646

Gardening Calendar

May 6

Anchorage Garden Club: " Container Gardening" 7:30 pm Pioneer Schoolhouse presented by Ayse Gilbert; Call 566-0539 for info.

May 14

ARGS - Graham Nichols of England will be speaking in Anchorage at 7 pm, definite location to be announced. His talk will be titled Tips and Tricks of Growing Alpines. He is the author of the recently published "Alpine Plants of North America, an Encyclopedia of Mountain flowers from the Rockies to Alaska". This speaker will be very informative and we are extremely fortunate to have him in Alaska.

May 15th

Anchorage Garden Club: Lobelia Basket Workshop \$45 Advance registration required (learn how to put together a lobelia basket similar to the ones the city puts up downtown, go home with a completed basket) Call 566-0539 for info.

May 16

ARGS- Graham Nichols will be speaking in Homer. The title of his talk is Starting with Alpines.

May 17th

* Anchorage Garden Club: Alaska Arbor Day –join in planting trees at one of Anchorage's schools in celebration of arbor day; Call 566-0539 for info.
 * AMGA Program meeting: TBA - 7 p.m., CES Conference Rm 130, 2221 E. Northern Lights Blvd. Call 346-1631 for info.

May 22

* ARGS- Plant Sale at the home of Sally Karabelnikoff, 7435 Old Harbor Road, Anchorage from 9 am to 4 pm.-Contact Carmel Tysver 277-4242
 * Alaska Botanical Garden Plant Sale, 10am-4pm, ABG member, 12-4pm Public. Contact Barbara Miller: 770-3592
 * Mat-Su MG Plant Sale - Contact Julie Pollard: 746-1067

May 24

AMGA Tour - Forget-Me-Not Nursery - contact: d4ckfty@aol.com

May 28

* Clare House Garden Party, BP Explorations Atrium - 5-9pm; Contact 297-7719
 * 7th Annual Perennial Plant Sale @ Annie Nevaldine's - see article for details.

May 29

ARGS- Plant Sale at Doug and Florene Carney's, 3379 Inlet Vista Circle, Wasilla from 9 am to 4 pm. Plan to have other gardens in the Wasilla area open to visit. Maps will be available at the plant sale.

June 3

Anchorage Garden Club: 7:30 pm Pioneer Schoolhouse "Aphids, Birch Leaf Miners & Bugs" presented by Ed Holsten - Call 566-0539 for info.

June 5

Anchorage Garden Club Plant Sale 9-5pm 3734 W 35th Ave - Call 566-0539 for info.

June 6-12 National Garden Week

For information about membership or upcoming programs, contact:

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