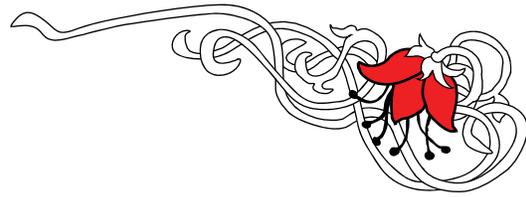


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ALASKA MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER November 2011



Message From Jane

I cannot believe this is November - the past few weeks have seemed like a mild September, did we skip October?

I held off spreading my many bags of leaves for winter mulch waiting for frozen ground for a long time. I was still sitting in my lawn chair surveying my domain until this past week (albeit in several layers of fleece and a hat) and marveling at some very late re-blooming primroses, pansies and the nicely colored Autumn Joy sedum! Finally today (Oct 28th) after a couple of 20 degree mornings, I have to admit the green grass is finally yellowing and the night crawler worm bumps are now frozen lumps. Hmm.....how deep do they go in winter and do they have built-in antifreeze?

Nominations: are being accepted through November 21st. Nickel LaFleur is serving as Chair of the Nomination Committee. See Nickel's article on the nomination process and give her a call or email if you're interested in serving on the Board. Call any of the Board members if you have questions about just what's involved in Board service.

Election: Judy Christianson is taking the Board lead on the Elections Committee. Elections will be conducted electronically again this year during the first part of January with results announced at the January 16, 2012 annual meeting. E-ballots will be sent via Survey Monkey for voting. Voting members without email addresses will once again receive paper copies of the e-ballot to complete and return by postal mail.

Resignation: It is with regret that the AMGAA Board has accepted Sandy Harrington's resignation from the Board of Directors because of a personal family situation that will require more of her time, energy and involvement in the coming months. Sandy has a long and dedicated record of AMGAA support, and has maintained the membership database and produced the MG Directory for a number of years. Thank you, Sandy for your long time support.

Membership #1: Renewals are due December 31st. A renewal form will be included in December's newsletter or can be downloaded for completion and mailing from our website www.alaskamastergardeners.org Update your mailing address, email, phone and numbers on the

renewal form as this is what will appear in next year's MG Directory. Dues remain at \$20 for yet another year.

Membership #2: Barbara Baker will be assuming the Membership database function from Sandy Harrington. Questions, changes and/or corrections in addresses, email, phone numbers, etc., should now be directed to Barbara Baker. Barbara's contact information is in the MG Directory.

MG Conference 2012: The conference committee under co-chairs Mary Schier and Dana Klinkhart are developing timelines and committee functions. Volunteers who signed up during the September meeting will be contacted in the near future. Others who wish to help with the conference can contact me by email and I will see that your name is added to the conference volunteer list.

December Newsletter Request: MGs should send in Garden Tips they have come across recently and your Christmas gardening wish lists to Gina D. at amga@alaska.net. What would you like to find under your Christmas tree? Get your submissions to Gina by November 25th..

MG Volunteer Needed: A MG volunteer is needed to independently compile a recurring, monthly calendar of garden events for Newsletter and the AMGA website. The Event listings need to be submitted by the 25th of each month. This requires online research of and/or contact with Anchorage, Valley and Peninsula garden related groups for garden events, workshops, seminars, programs, including dates, times & places. Contact Gina Docherty if you are willing to commit to this recurring monthly project. NEW MGs - check with Julie Riley about crediting this activity toward your 40 hour volunteer service.

Happy
Thanksgiving!



Nominations for Board of Directors Vacancies

We need you to step up and serve!

Nickel LaFleur
Current Board member
& Chair of the Nomination Committee

The Board of Directors for the Alaska Master Gardeners Association Anchorage is looking for current AMGAA voting members to fill vacancies on the Board. There are four 2-year terms and one 1-year term vacancies. Board members are elected "at large" and the Executive Office positions (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary) are determined from within the newly constituted Board.

The Board meets once a month in September through May for a two-hour meeting and occasionally for specially called meetings. Meetings are now regularly scheduled for the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the CES Office, but could be changed by the Board to best accommodate Board members.

Nominations opened at our October 17th meeting and will continue to be accepted through our November 21st meeting so that nominations may be accepted from the floor. Nominations can be sent through November 21st by email to amga@alaska.net or mailed to AMGAA, P. O. Box 22-1403, Anchorage, AK 99522-1403.

Self-nominations are welcomed, but please get permission from others before nominating them. We ask that you indicate your preference for a two-year or one-year or either term.

Nominees should also provide a short bio of about 100 words or less along with a picture. The slate of nominees with bios and pictures is scheduled to appear in the December newsletter. The election will be conducted electronically the first part of January, 2012, with results announced at the January 16 annual meeting.

If you want to see how to put your bio together, take a look at this past January 2011's newsletter online at www.alaskamastergardeners.org. If you can't find your hard copy give me a call or email so I may assist as well.

Qualifications for AMGAA Board service include (a) current paid membership as a voting member; and (b) ability and willingness to attend and participate in regularly scheduled and specially called meetings as may be necessary to conduct Association business.

If you have any questions about Board service, please call or email me or any Board member. Contact information is in the MG Directory. Thanks and please step up and offer some new blood to our wonderful organization!

"The ultimate expression of generosity is not in giving of what you have, but in giving of who you are."

Johnnetta B. Cole

"The Year Foretold"

The Anchorage Garden Club welcomes you to attend - and participate in - the 51st Annual Holiday Flower Show, November 15 and 16, 2011, at the Wells Fargo Bank, "C" Street at Northern Lights.

Show hours	Tuesday 12:00 to 6:00
Tea time	Tuesday 12:00 to 2:00
Show time	Wednesday 10:00 to 5:00

Interested show entrants, call chairman Della Barry 279-1306 for a copy of the schedule, or consult the internet www.alaskagardenclubs.org/anchorageclub.htm to download.

Entry times, for Horticulture, Design, and Artistic Crafts, are 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15th or earlier by special arrangement.

The public is invited to the Holiday Tea in the adjacent Heritage Library, at noon Tuesday, featuring entertainment by harpist Skookums.

Removal of exhibits is 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16th.

The show judging follows the Standard System of Awarding, following "Handbook for Flower Shows", National Garden Clubs, Inc (NGC) 2007 as revised. Judging begins at 11:00 a.m.

HORTICULTURE CLASSES: "Movin Indoors" includes conifer branches, growth pattern specimens, house-plants, combination plantings (dish gardens, terrarium, planter), cacti & succulents, orchids, African violets, and "Other".

DESIGNS "The Four Seasons" features small dishes in "Tales Told Round the Table", creative "Eerie Sights and Sounds" which may incorporate battery powered lights, "Sprigs and Sprays" staged on a pedestal; and "The Weather Outside": "Summer Song" still life using a frame; "Wind in the Willows" a hanging (mobile) design; "Hawaii Calls" staged on a table space, and Wee celebrations: "Hearts and Flowers" (less than 5"), "The Wearin' of the Green," maximum 8", "First Flowers of Spring", small stretch design less than 8".

ARTISTIC CRAFTS "Simple Pleasures of the Season" are three classes which use some plant material: Quilt block "A Stitch in Thyme"; face mask not to exceed 14" "Carnival"; and an ornament "Decorate the Tree".

First-time entering and attending is encouraged. Expect snowfall when entry or attendance time arrives!

Della Colver Barry, Chairman 279-1306 250-6312

"Volunteers polish up the rough spots in our communities."

Jefferson Award Winner Alice Sandstrom

Master Gardener Focus: Master Gardener Volunteers By Cheryl Chapman

In Anchorage, a good many toddlers, the active elderly, people in wheelchairs and walkers, pedestrians, motorists, neighborhood homeowners, tourists, the occasional moose (shooed off), Master Gardener volunteers and the president of the United States all have something in common: the Pioneer Home at 923 W. 11th Ave., just off the Park Strip. All are unknowingly united by thousands of hours of volunteer work there by many Master Gardeners and others -- but the tip of the volunteer hat here would have to go to Judy Christianson and Mary Shier.

Toddlers stop and sniff the hundreds of flowers that have been planned, planted and tended by Judy and Mary. Residents bask in the sun on benches next to the beds, neighborhood walkers, joggers and motorists slow down to take in the beauty, and to thank volunteers busily watering, staking, deadheading, weeding and tidying, moose check out the beds, though, says Judy, "so far the only thing they've eaten has been the Bergenia," and in 2010, President Barack Obama honored Judy and Mary for their devotion (Judy now has about 20 years and Mary, 16 - 7,500 hours and 4,500 hours, respectively, as calculated by other Master Gardeners) with presidential Volunteer Service Awards, a recognition administered by the Points of Light Institute.

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy," once noted Marjorie Moore of Belleville, Il., who's with Mind's Eye Information Service, a radio station for those whose vision has failed. "You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."

Until their retirement after Labor Day, Judy and Mary had been voting almost daily for the Home ever since Alaska's economy tanked in the early 1990s, and state budget cuts stripped the operation of its full-time groundskeeper in 1992.

"By 1993, this place was a giant weed patch," says Robert Montague, Pioneer Home activities coordinator. "And we had no money." He dispatched an urgent appeal to the city's garden clubs and the Master Gardeners, and Judy and the MG board picked up the ball.

"At that time there were no perennials, no shrubs," says Judy. "There were a couple of rose bushes. The Master Gardeners were to have charge of the front beds, but after I took a close look, I had to say to myself: Can we really do this?"

She dug into the long front raised bed, in theory, warmer, a promising start. "It was an iceberg," says Judy, who with her husband, Mel, owns and operates Christianson Landscaping. "I amended soil like crazy, but it was always two steps forward, one back. When there was construction, a lot of our soil would disappear and be replaced with garbage and rocks. In the winter, the plows would pile snow and salt and road debris into that bed, although the other raised beds back from the street always did nicely."

She and later Mary, who came aboard in 1995, began starting seeds in the fifth-floor residents' solarium, with access to the roof, and table beds planted by the residents. Later, they moved their seed-starting operations to their homes.

"Everybody who lived there seemed to love the seeds, and that much love isn't necessarily good for seeds," says Judy. "The cells were on racks in solid-bottom trays, and when we'd check, sometimes the plants would have fallen over, and the trays would be so heavy we could hardly lift them for the water."

"One year Mary and I planted 400-500 bulbs in the front bed. They were gorgeous. Then the next year was a no-snow year and we lost every one of them. What does well depends on the year, but we can always count on the Cosmos, the Sonata series, the pinks, burgundies and whites. The oranges and yellows don't do. The Cleomes have gone nuts for us, and the petunias and clary sage, and this past summer the sweet peas were showstoppers.

"And we try to incorporate vegetables and work with the chef," she says. "We have parsley, of course, and lettuce, cabbages, kale, rhubarb and this year, corn. When the chef would harvest, he'd let the residents know where the food came from - their very own garden."

"The very best of the work, though, was the residents and staff. It didn't matter if we were starting seeds, planting out, weeding, watering - they'd come by, they'd stop, they'd say thank you, they'd say how much the flowers meant to them."

"I didn't think of it as volunteering. I thought of it as fun."

Judy and Mary, who with her late husband, Glen, co-owned and operated the nursery DeArmoun Greenery, had their routine down. Fall and winter were for seed catalogs, and mulling over the list of donated Ed Hume Seeds. After New Year's came seed-starting, the rooftop cold frame, hardening off, Memorial Day's planting out, summer maintenance and fall cleanup.

In the dark months, residents watched for them like seasonal robins. "They'd say, 'Oh, the Master Gardeners are here! Spring is coming!'" says Mary.

Once upon a time, gardeners for the City of Anchorage, "City of Flowers," set color themes each year, and Mary and Judy planned around those. In 1998, for instance, a rose-purple-gold year, the Pioneer Home blazed with heliotrope, Cosmos, Nicotiana, Verbena, Aster, dwarf Aster, flowering kale, summer savory, viscaria, sweet peas, Canary Bird Vine, nasturtiums, sunflowers, irises, Chrysanthemums, petunias and millet, in addition to perennials the two added along the way.

Mary kept the meticulous files with maps of what went where and plant lists with comments on the back: "Don't use geraniums out front"; "kick-start cosmos earlier - don't pinch!"; "Millet round planters east raised beds: Don't use again"; "East Courtyard raised beds: Short plants OK, color combo good (dusty miller, Verbena, baby's breath), had calming effect."

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Strawberries, Cherries and Pinwheels

By Troy & Lori Zaumseil



We had a bumper crop of strawberries and cherries this year!! Our strawberry "Patch" is a three tier stacked box arrangement and we treated for slugs around the perimeter and on each layer this spring.....almost NO slug damage until late into the season!! And for once, the moose didn't strip the plants as has been done in the past, without any particular tricks to keep them safe!!



The cherry tree has improved exponentially every year since we fenced it in and the moose don't strip the branches clean every year!! This year's crop was awesome, all from one tree!!

Grand daughter Tyelyn

We had a funny experience a couple years ago with the pinwheel theory of keeping the moose away!! We searched high and low and finally found some pinwheels to "stand guard" on the strawberry patch. The ultimate test came when I saw a yearling moose head into the yard and straight for the strawberries. Our cat Charlie was on the deck watching the moose advance. I texted the picture to my husband, Troy, who was out of town.



"Charlie on guard duty, moose approaching the strawberry patch" is what the text said.



The moose sniffed around the patch, and within minutes has made his decision about how much he needed to avoid the pinwheels. I texted the photo evidence of that decision to Troy as well.

My phone rang almost immediately with Troy's irritated request through

gripped teeth. "THROW THE CAT AT THE MOOSE"

Fall Garden Clean Up Includes Herbicides, Pesticides, Fertilizers & Lawn Mower Gas

By Jane Baldwin

Many of these products have limited shelf life and deteriorate with time. Some should not be stored in freezing temperatures or in damp conditions. Some are just plain toxic and/or dangerous to have around. Consider cleaning up those partially used and nearly empty garden products stored in your garage or elsewhere. But don't dump down drains!



These are considered hazardous wastes as is gasoline for your lawn mowers which you may not want to store over winter and should not store in your garage. They are on the acceptable list to drop off (up to 40 lbs for FREE) at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at the Central Transfer Station at the intersection of E. 54th and Juneau (east of the Old Seward Highway). Hours of operation: Tues, Thurs & Sat 8:00am to 5:00 pm. A pick up service is also available for a fee. Phone 907-428-1742 or 907-343-6262 for further information.

Household hazardous waste can also be dropped off at the Hazardous Waste Collection Center, located at the Anchorage Landfill at the intersection of the Glenn Highway and Hiland Road, near Eagle River. Hours of operation: Tues thru Sat, 8:00am to 5:00pm. They accept hazardous wastes from households AND businesses.



Central Peninsula Master Gardener News By Rosemary Kimball

All's quiet on the Southern front. Very quiet. People are drawing into winter mode. For the most part things are cleaned up, canned, frozen or given away. No one has confessed to having made their seed orders for next year. I had a certain amount of freedom as I had no garden beyond a whiskey barrel on the side porch and my neighbor, MG Mark White's, greenhouse overloaded with tomatoes.

One thing that does stand out in the central peninsula is the berry-loaded Mountain Ash trees in yards and along the Spurr Highway. The trees are so full of berries that they look red. Mark's Hawthorn tree was also full of orange berries and if anyone wants some--they're easy to start--let me know and Sharp Shovel Landscape Service will "purchase" some for you. Bring on those waxwings!

The Garden Club had a bonus speaker, Dr. Petra Ilig, who introduced us to *Rodiola rosea*, a cousin to our native rose root, which is the latest medicinal root for many ailments. It is a plant that grows in cold climates very successfully and Alberta, Canada, has started an extensive cultivation of it. Besides being medicinal, it starts easily from seed, is forgiving to grow on, but takes four to five years to have roots big enough to be of commercial use. Mark has one plant (reduced from three--but I only took the small ones) in his rock garden. They are a real pretty addition to the yard with yellow blossoms turning to red as they mature. Go to www.alaskarhodiola.com/ for more information and pictures.

Some other of you MGs are going to have to start writing something that Gina can use for fillers on page five of the newsletter to make up for what's not happening down here. Consider writing a long or short something about anything. ANYTHING.

MG Kathy Wartinbee and I will be commuting to Anchorage for the advanced MG Botany class starting Halloween. See some of you there.

Herbal Thought for the Day By Rosemary Kimball

Want to embalm your cat? Use thyme as the Egyptians did. The Greeks used it in their baths. The Romans spread the genus around Europe. You can see that thyme has been known as a culinary and medicinal herb for quite awhile. Listerine is flavored with thyme as the oil is an antiseptic.

Thyme needs to be grown as if it were a weed...hot, sunny location in a well-drained soil. There are varieties that will overwinter up here.

Lemon thyme is a joy with salmon. It also makes a wonderfully flavored honey. Fill a jar with fresh sprigs of lemon thyme. Pour warm honey over them, put a lid on the jar and store somewhere for a month. Rewarm and then strain the honey. Serve with toast and butter...

Take time for thyme.

Master Gardener Focus: Volunteers cont. from page 3

Though Mary and Judy have stepped aside, their knowledge and advice have not, and their guidance will be freely available to the volunteers who will move in to their places to meet the need, to make a difference, to do something that matters. As Dave Gynn, who was with the Ohio counseling operation Coleman Professional Services, said once, "Don't ever question the value of volunteers. Noah's Ark was built by volunteers; the Titanic was built by professionals."

Now in November the beds are mulched and sleeping, but however deep the snow, Bob Montague and his camera keep them alive for Pioneer Home residents all winter. He's set up a continuous flower loop on a DVD flat-screen TV, with a bench so residents can revisit their salvia, marigolds, poppies, roses and peonies whenever they need a little pick-me-up.

"It just makes you feel so much better," says Bob. "Seeing flowers gives people a sense of hope."

Member's Woes and Wonders of 2011

Woes is easy - #\$\$%&* slugs. Also did not get the growth in vegetable garden I had hoped for with hoops. Wonders - redid some of the paths - enjoyed them and the plants that survived last winter. Still so much to do. Judith Brendel

What was wonderful was not having a garden to worry about. What was NOT wonderful was the vigor of the weeds and grass in the 100'x50' garden. I'm not looking forward to gardening next summer except that I'm having guest and must serve local produce and I think our farmers' market is pretty expensive and I have all these seeds on hand... Rosemary Kimball

As a more novice gardener (3rd year gardening in Alaska) with fortyish small "garden helpers" in our school garden, here s some things for the what was wonderful and what was not so great about our garden this year:

What was great:

- Our purple cosmos carrots turned out beautifully, as did all of my carrots this year.
- All of my perennials came back - I did mulch them more heavily than last year.
- No thrips or aphids! Not nearly as many slugs, either.
- I found out that if you grow peas along the fences around the garden as decoy veggies, small children will eat your peas but not try to reach into the garden to go after everything else. (I didn't use any pesticides, organic or otherwise.)
- Many less spiders, etc., died horrible deaths at the hands, feet, plastic trucks of the preschoolers after several talks about beneficial insects.

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Bird Chatter

--Be sure stop by the Municipal Greenhouse (near corner of Debarr/Boniface) and take a look at the attractive light display done along Lydia Selkregg Drive. When you stop by, you'll see what our talented horticulture staff of the City built. Be sure to 'thank' the City Greenhouse crew if you see one of them- we are blessed to have such a talented group. Their designs show great ways to recycle branches! See recycling and reusing coverage in Anchorage at the Muni solid waste services website. Read the current and archived copies of "Anchorage to Zero Waste Guides" for some great ideas, including composting and yard waste. <http://www.muni.org/Departments/SWS/recycle/Pages/default.aspx>

--MG Joette Storm was appointed by Governor Parnell in September to the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission.

--MG Gina Docherty carved a 'were-rabbit' from one of her very own grown pumpkins. Were-rabbits are creatures peculiar to Alaska, right Cheryl? Unfortunately it didn't last until Halloween because the moose attacked in on her deck and ate its brain.....



Wonders and Woes cont. from page 5

What was not so great:

- I got root maggots for the first time, and many of my turnips were damaged beyond all hope of salvaging. (I rotate, and this is the third year of the veggie garden, but no crucifers had ever grown in that area.) For some reason, it was just the turnips and not any of my other vegetables even though they were not that far away and all supposedly susceptible to root maggots.

- I can never seem to get my broccoli, cauliflower and kohlrabi to grow very big. I have to figure out what I'm doing wrong.

- I had no time to garden from July onward, so my garden languished at the end of the summer, but other people stepped in for me, so I guess it was not so bad.

KC Elliott, Anchorage

The woes this year as it has been the same for the last five or so has been the slug problem, they have been getting worse no matter what I use for the past 5 years or so. I did manage to save my strawberries from the slugs until mid August.

The wonders this year has been my big cherry crop (Evans sour cherries). Picking them with my granddaughter was my garden wonder.

Troy Zaumseil

What was wonderful:

Our begonias were outstanding this fall - way into October! The pest population (mosquitoes, aphids, and slugs) was way down. Even the thrips seemed less plentiful. (No use of pesticides, either!) The Nierembergia (Zone 7-10) lasted until October 1. Early pea planting (a la Julie Riley) and frequent picking gave us two tasty snow pea crops.

What was woeful: All of the "mother" lily bulbs died, leaving a circle of tiny, tiny plants surrounding bare ground. The rhododendrons and lilacs had a bad bloom year. It was too cold for the tomatoes to do well in our unheated greenhouse. We lost some perennials that we'd had for many years. But there's always next year!

Keven & Dawn Kleweno

Gardening downtown

My summer was dominated by babying along new grass. My pleasures were growing bare root roses in containers in Anchorage and having a tomato greenhouse for the first time. It was a surprise to see the difference in vigor of the tomato plants coming up from seed. The biggest tomatoes in size were Jubilee, a yellow tomato, but they didn't get ripe.

My most interesting little experiment was the Topaz jewel (shrub rose). The Topaz jewel got going kind of late. By October, the TJ was blooming like crazy. I spent a lot of time hauling the TJ to a spot in Eagle River near the foundation of the house which turned out to have No topsoil below 4"! The hope for spring—that I will see it come up at all, and perhaps bloom and thrive. Crazy gardener mentality; I am sure this is familiar to many!

LaVonne Rhyneer

My climbing rose that is usually beautiful had about 2 blooms thanks to my discovering it's Blackspot too late

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Pat Anderson

For 2nd year, deformed Sitka strawberries...they looked all gnarly! What might be cause?

Joyce Palmer

Not so great about my garden: all the spittle bugs and knowing the spit isn't coming out of their chewing orifice; the never ending supply of slugs and the big cost of purchasing SLUGGO by the gallon.

Things I've learned: plants do better when given more soil space to grow in (both perennial and annuals); tomatoes on a tomato plant that a friend gives you grows the sweetest tasting tomatoes.

Nickel LaFleur

Master Gardeners In The Hood Spruce Up Neighbor's Garden By Pat Anderson

A fellow gardener on our street of Apollo Drive has had some health problems. First she had a benign brain tumor that was operated on and was healing when she found out that she had cancer. A couple years later with treatment at the Native Hospital, she has been declared cancer free.



During this time, her garden has become a bit over-run with weeds, and promiscuous perennials. The most fun of the summer was had by some neighbor Master Gardeners, Camille and Pat, who with the help of Jeri's two grown children Palmer and Taylor, raised and re-planted the primula bed, and put in a Primrose Path.

Later, a pleasant broken paver path was put in, with two tied together arches to add a bit of dimension. The MGs went along the Seward Highway, along with Jeri Dreyer, the former sick person, and brought home beautiful large rocks. A toboggan helped carry the large stones to the truck, where willing hands placed them. A place was found where we could get clean gravel free! So more than three dozen bucketfuls later, the pavers were laid, and the garden had new life.



Jeri herself planted Hostas and many other perennials and surprised herself at her strength and durability. She was given a rock birdbath from Aces to place in her 'new' garden alongside the path - for her birthday next February. (The birdbath was on sale NOW.)

Jeri has said that she will put lights on the arbors this Christmas to celebrate.

The Anchorage Chapter of the Alaska Master Gardeners Association welcomes letters, opinions, articles, ideas and inquiries. Contact the editor, Gina Docherty, at:
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Garden Event Calendar

November 3

Anchorage Garden Club, Program: Ice Sculptures Inspirations & How to Make Them; Kathy Zeitz, Valley Garden Club. 7:00 p.m.; meeting at Central Lutheran Church, 15th & Cordova. 566-0539

<http://www.alaskagardenclubs.org/anchorageclub.htm>

November 4

Herb Study Group. Meeting focus: Caraway & Sweet Cicely; 11:30 a.m., CES, 1675 C Street; BYO snack or brown bag lunch.

November 7

Alaska Native Plant Society, Program: Spruce and Berry Crop Defoliators, Michael Rasy, UAF/CES Integrated Pest Management Program. 7:00 p.m., Campbell Creek Science Center, 5600 Science Center Drive. <http://aknps.org>

November 7

Mat-Su Master Gardeners, Program: Landscape Design presented by Luanne Urfer from Sustainable Design Group. 7:00 p.m., MTA conference room, Palmer. matsumastergardeners@gmail.com

November 10

Wildflower Garden Club, Program: Softening Vertical Surfaces presented by Annie Nevaldine. 10:00 a.m., Central Lutheran Church, 1420 Cordova Street (15th & Cordova). This is also the Club's annual Thanksgiving Potluck luncheon where everyone is encouraged to bring a dish made from something Alaskan: fish, game, berries or veggies you've grown.

November 10

Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association, Program: 2011 Season Wrap-Up: Fruit growing harvest successes and Failures. 6:30 p.m., BP Energy Center. <http://www.apfga.org>

November 12

Alaska Botanical Garden, Winter Seed Sowing & Fall Planting Workshop, Patrick Ryan & Bill Yeagle. 2:30 p.m., Bell's Nursery on specking Road. Registration required, \$25, \$20 for ABG Members. 907-770-3692 <http://www.alaskabg.org>

November 15-16

Anchorage Garden Club, 51st Annual Holiday Flower Show & Holiday Tea. (see article on page 2 for details)

November 19

Alaska Rock Garden Society, Program: Penstemon Plant Family, Jaime Rodriguez. 2:00 p.m., CES, 1675 C Street, Anchorage. <http://www.args.org> 522-3490

November 21

AMGAA Monthly Meeting, Program: Hardscape Happenings - Arbors, Fences & Walkways, panel of MGs presenting. 7:00 p.m., CES, 1675 C Street (entrance off 16th Avenue). www.alaskamastergardeners.org

November 22

Alaska Orchid Society, Program: Orchid Companion Plants, Wayne Toups. 7:15 p.m., BP Energy Center, Anchorage (south of BP building, corner of Benson & New Seward).

December 2

Herb Study Group. Meeting focus: Rosemary and Sweet Woodruff; 11:30 a.m., CES, 1675 C Street.

December 5

Alaska Native Plant Society, Program: Macro photography Workshop, Julie Jesson; 7:00 p.m., Campbell Creek Science Center, 5600 Science Center Drive. <http://aknps.org>



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