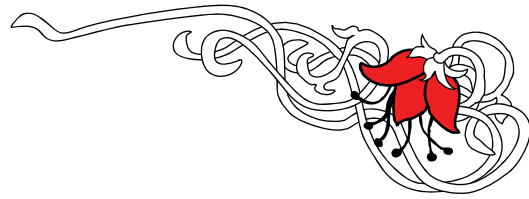


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A Nickel's Worth from President LaFleur

What happened? I wasn't ready for the snow to stick. Sure, a dusting on the Hillside is one thing, but to stay and stick on my east Anchorage yard on the 23rd of September is just wrong. I rescued the majority of the dahlias and begonias I had at my job sites but wasn't ready to pull the geraniums until much later. Guess Mother Nature had other plans.

I plan to overwinter a lot of my tender perennials. Keep them at a temperature above freezing but not too warm to where they want to grow. I also make it dark in the storage area to help with their rest, too. Give them a little moisture and wish them the best. I'll check them in late December to see if they need a drink. A friend moved and gave me her beautiful tuberous begonias that are so old they have stems that are the size of a person's wrist. I'm excited to be able to inherit them and hope they are as happy at my house as they were at hers.

Time to get your AMGA membership renewed for the 2014 year. We have 3 fabulous door prizes to speed up your decision: a box of 100, size medium, purple gardening gloves; an extendo rake; and a string of ten dragonfly lights. To be eligible for one of these gifts, you just need to have your membership to us by the end of October. The drawing will be held in early November.

We are looking for members to help serve on the Board of Directors as well as those that are interested in doing more volunteering but don't have time to take on a Board position. Is this you? Can you help? Have you found yourself with some time on your hands for once and want to be able to give back to the community? If so, we need you to join us. Please give me a call at 337-5651 or email me at tagalak@alaska.net and let me know where your interests lie and I'll do my best to get you pointed in the right direction. We are ALL volunteers and it takes all of us to make this organization run. Besides, volunteering as a Master Gardener is a great way to get to know others with like passions. Give it a try!

The next class of Master Gardeners starts the 7th of October and they will be meeting at the CES office from noon until 3pm. I am looking forward to introducing myself and the AMGA organization to them at one of their first few sessions. As you know, the first year membership in the AMGA is included in the tuition when they join. We look forward to having new members and

I hope each of you take the time to welcome them when you see them.

On Monday, October 21st we are excited to have Dave Ianson and Jeff Schmenk share their methods of growing rhubarb and introduce us to the different varieties and their unique qualities. Who knew?? Leslie Shalcross will join them to discuss the nutritional properties of rhubarb and talk about some of the many ways it can be prepared. Rumor has it that there may be some sort of rhubarb chili being whipped up. Make sure to come to our October meeting so you don't miss out on the excitement. See you there.

Treasurer's Report

Balances 7/31/2013

Checking S-88	2104.24
Savings S-1	12659.91
CD-112.1 (ABG)	3369.01
CD- 126 (Education)	3024.45
	<u>\$21157.61</u>

Revenue:

Interest	1.61
	<u>\$1.61</u>

Expense:

Hospitality	125.00
Newsletter	559.30
Website	90.00
	<u>\$774.30</u>

Balances 8/31/2013

Checking S-88	1329.94
Savings S-1	12661.52
CD-112.1 (ABG)	3369.01
CD- 126 (Education)	3024.45
	<u>\$20384.92</u>



PLANTS TO DYE FOR by FRANNY JUNGE
By Pat Anderson

The introduction for Franny's talk began at the door of the AMGA meeting. On the table as you entered were many vegetables from purple cabbage to onions. MGs were given cards with yarn on them, with the words: "Name the dye source". At the bottom of the card undyed and dyed yarns were attached. MGs were to guess what was used from those plants, veggies etc. displayed on the table to dye the yarns.

Franny explained that while she and her husband were on a cruise her daughter, MG Amy Olmstead, had volunteered her to give this talk. Franny confided to us that speaking before an audience isn't her favorite past-time, and that her daughter would definitely be going on their next cruise! Daughter-in-law Elaine Junge assisted with the presentation as well.

Our speaker went on to delight and inform her audience how to dye fibers, plant and animal, with items found in a garden and elsewhere. She discussed veggies and plants you can use to dye, the equipment, making the dyes and everything else that is needed.

In extracting the dye, you need a stainless steel pot using a gallon of water for 4 ounces of fiber. Bring water and plant material to a boil. You can use chopped beets, yellow onion skins, rhubarb leaves (not the stalks), etc. Fig stems have poison, as do other plants, so do your research before you dye. Sometimes you have to dry the material, such as marigolds before you start. Dyes can be made from protein (animal) or cellulose (plant). Synthetic dyes are richer than natural dyes and last longer. Natural dyes are softer in color usually.

Franny uses a water canner and adds mordant to water which is what allows the fiber to accept the dye. Alum is a common addition to natural dye with cream of tartar. There is a long list of equipment on her list, which includes the pan, something to stir the dyes with, and perhaps a cast iron pot which is nice to use for mordanting. There are different processes for different fibers and information can be found online and on 'You Tube'.

At the end of her talk, she revealed to her audience which veggie or plant was used on what numbered card. Talk about surprises! Beautiful soft yellows, pale oranges and other colors from red onions, beets, parsley, carrot tops, red cabbage, rhubarb leaves, marigolds, and yellow onion skins. It was fun to see the resulting color from the vegetable or plant.

When she was asked why she loves to dye fabrics and yarns she explained that it is the serendipity of it- the mystery of 'how will this turn out', or "what would happen if I did this", that keeps her excited. This talented lady of course spins and weaves her yarns, as well as dyeing them. She brought beautiful samples of her weaving! The license plate on her car is "LV2SPN".

Master Gardeners had a wonderful learning experience with Franny Junge, and some will certainly pursue what they have learned from this 'fiberholic' who belongs to the Alaska Weavers and Spinners Guild, and has been a Master Gardener since 2003.

The meeting ended with the drawing of surprise gifts from some of the 44 attendees for the lucky winners.

Blue Light Special, in the Garden Aisle!!!
Storing those 'End of Season' Garden Deals

By Amy Olmstead

This time of year in Alaska, greenhouses and box stores are blowing out their perennials or worse: throwing them out!! Many places offer extreme discounts as crazy as 75% to 90% off of their plant material so that they do not have to store it or take a hit if they do not make it through the winter.

But how to store these cheap treasures is often overwhelming and daunting to say the least. Below is a list of plants that will winter over well and a great way to bed them down till spring when you can find that perfect home for them.

These plants store great when purchased in the fall and kept in their pots:

Astilbe: Astilbe spp
Black eyed Susan: Rudbeckia hybrids
Coneflower: Echinacea hybrids
Daisy: Leucanthemum hybrids
Hosta: Hosta hybrids
Salvia: Salvia spp
Tall garden phlox: Phlox paniculata
Veronica: Veronica spp

There are many others that are worth trying, especially at the cheap prices that are out there. Trees and shrubs can also be overwintered in this fashion as well. The following method works well for these great sales as well as plants shared by friends and fellow gardeners:

Start with a layer of landscaping fabric. It is not critical, but it helps with clean up in the spring.

Now lay down the trees, shrubs and potted plants on their sides, close together, in opposite directions so that you can store as much plant material that you can. Be careful not to scrape the trunks of the trees.

Sprinkle a few mothballs around the plant material to keep the mice and rodents away.

Now cover your entire stash with 5-6 inches of chopped, preferably dry, leaves. Let the leaves settle in-between the pots, and be sure that there are 5-6 inches above the tallest potted plant.

Now lay another layer of landscaping cloth over the leaves.

Then lay down an even thicker layer of compost and chopped leaves, about a 50/50 mix. Make it 24-30 inches thick. The thicker the better as we never know what our winter will be like here up north.

Lastly lay down evergreen branches. Make it a thick and intertwined layer so that they will hold down the leaves and the wind will not blow the compost and leaf mass away. This will also help to insulate the mass and remind you where you stored your beauties in the spring!

Now wait for nine months and uncover it after the last frost. Viola!! You have new and inexpensive perennials waiting for you for the next season!

Scenes from the 2013 International Master Gardener Cruise

(Photos from Julie Riley)

Special pins for volunteer service? Duct tape them to your name tag!

Julie's favorite conference find... Tennessee MGs using duct tape to attach recognition pins to their name tags!

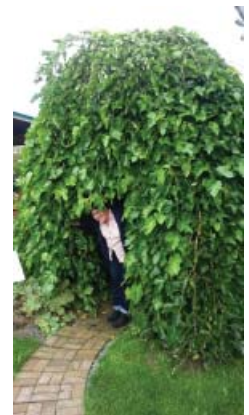


Rosemary Kimball with one of her favorite cruise characters. Note the elaborate floral door.



Rosemary Kimball peeks through a weeping mulberry at the entrance to the children's garden in the WSU Discovery Garden designed and maintained by Skagit County MGs.

Julie Riley meets Mr. Lee, ambassador for the 2014 MG conference in South Korea.



Rosemary Kimball meets with Skagit County MGs who have created a fabulous demonstration garden for the public. The Discovery Garden contains 25+ different garden areas that are also used as training grounds for MG interns. Skagit County MGs must complete 60 hours of volunteer time as interns of which 25 hours must be in the Discovery Garden. MG Virgene Link, in yellow bibs, manages volunteers at the garden.



Superman hiding out with salmonberries in Sitka



Featured conference speaker Rose Marie Nichols McGee promised MGs a 10% discount at Nichols Garden Nursery. Just mention you are a MG when placing your order.



Mobile MG reference cart at Furney's Nursery in Seattle. Note Sustainable Gardening, the manual on which Alaska's MG course text is modeled.



The MG Program started in King County, WA. Here MGs were busy answering questions on a Sat. at Furney's nursery.

How did your Garden Grow this year? From the Google Group

East Anchorage:

My biggest success was nasturtiums - 'heirlooms' I suppose you'd call them. Saved the seeds in a paper bag from seasons-past and planted each one into 4" pots early in their development. I gave them plant food in their waterings as well as tossed in Osmocote (3 month slow release) into the soil mix to promote growth. Being on the south end of a building in a huge cement planter made it a sun-magnet! I planted a cardoon in the center along with poppies, cosmos, marigolds, phlox and ornamental cabbages to fill out the planter. It's been fun to watch the changes over this fabulous summer. Nickel LaFleur

Here's a report from Turnagain:

I just harvested my potatoes: 19lb from 4 different varieties in 4 pots approximately 18" in diameter using half shredded leaves and half soil. Next year I would be more diligent about the slugs; I think they would have produced more. Stupice fomatoes, started from seed indoors, then grown completely outdoors on the patio: 35 to 40lb. from 5 pots. A good portion (1/3?) of the soil was mushroom compost, which produces more fruit and fewer leaves. And this is a little off topic, but although many of my 31 varieties of hardy roses had winter damage, I lost only 2. All are zone 3 or 4, except for an heirloom rose recently reclassified as zone 5. Unlike previous years when it died back to the ground, this year it had no winter damage!! Plants continually surprise and amaze me! Shirley Kelly

Bird Creek:

Instead of buying new plants to replace all the great ones that died last winter I decided to wait and see and plant a lot of nasturtiums instead. Last week I felt bad that they would all die with the first frost and started looking for recipes for nasturtiums. I have done pickled nasturtium seeds with great success before, but now I discovered a pesto recipe and tried it out. It turned out absolutely delicious:

4 cups packed with nasturtiums leaves
2 cups nasturtium flowers
5 pieces of garlic (or more)
1 to 1 1/2 cups olive oil
1 to 1 1/2 cups shredded parmesan
1 to 1 1/2 cups nuts (pine nuts or pecans or walnuts)

It's easier than pie - I will plant loads of nasturtiums next year and make pesto from spring to fall. All in all my garden did very well, great kale, collards, brussel sprouts, herbs, sun flowers By the way, it is snowing as I am typing (: Martina Steinmetz

South Anchorage:

The sun was wonderful this summer - my plants loved it and so did I. The horsetail thrived. My currant bushes are trying to take over, but they did produce a lot of fruit this year. They will get cut back before spring. The robins ate all my honey berries and left purple droppings everywhere to show off. Still working on growing corn - I changed locations & did get a few small ears, but they still weren't perfect. And after many years, one of my late blooming asters finally bloomed - there are several small blooms popping out now at the end of the season.

Gina Docherty

A day in the life of an Exotic Plant Management Intern: Nara McCray Excerpted from the Seward City News, August 13, 2013



"So you just pull weeds all summer?" is a question I receive quite often when I inform people of my summer job title, Invasive Plant Management Intern with the Student Conservation Association. Being a part of the Kenai Fjords National Park Exotic Plant Management Team encompasses more than just pulling weeds. Our responsibility is to protect the [native] flora of the park. Along with

removing invasive plant species we do trail impact monitoring, maintain the Harding Icefield trail registration system, re-vegetation projects, mark and clear trails in order to protect sensitive alpine vegetation, as well as educate visiting trail crews on minimizing the spread of invasive plant seeds into the park, and more.

"Why eradicate the presence of invasive plant species in the park?" is a question I am asked regularly. It may seem obvious to some but it is highly important to manage invasive plants because of their ability to grow prolifically and take over, pushing out native plants. Compared to other states, Alaska has a relatively small invasive species problem, and we can still control or eradicate those found in Kenai Fjords National Park.

Therefore our role within the park is vital to ensuring plants like common dandelion, yellow toad flax, common plantain, annual blue-grass, clover, chickweed, and countless others do not crowd out beautiful native wildflowers, harm species that depend on the native plants or become uncontrollable. One reason these weeds are so successful is because they typically release a huge amount of seeds which can be transported by wind, water, clothing/shoes, vehicles, animal scat or fur and equipment. To counter some of these venues of dispersion we provide a boot brush at the Exit Glacier Nature Center so hikers can clean their shoes before hiking in the park. We also make sure that invasive species found in the Exit Glacier parking lot, the park's maintenance yard, and campsites are all controlled, or at least prevented from going to seed.

The areas of the park with the most traffic are the most vulnerable to invasive plant infestation but unfortunately our biggest enemy, common dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*), has made its way to even some the most remote areas of Kenai Fjords National Park such as the gorgeous Nuka Bay and Northwestern Fjord. I had the privilege of visiting both of these amazing areas this summer to survey for and control invasive plants.

So although some consider my summer job a grueling one, spent on hands and knees pulling weeds, it has been one the best I've had yet! Being complimented by visitors about how nice my 'office' looks also really puts things in perspective! The weather has been spectacular especially for Seward. I have had the fortune of working with great people, hiking the Harding Icefield Trail at least once every week and visiting areas of the park many don't get to visit. I have also learned a ton about invasive and native flora as well as gained GPS skills and most importantly, I have helped reduce the presence of invasive plant species within Alaska's pristine wilderness.

Editor's Note: Nara McCray is a recent college graduate in the field of environmental science and is the daughter of Master Gardener Janice Berry.



Central Peninsula Master Gardener News

By Rosemary Kimball

No one has too much to say except that they are finished with gardening, canning and freezing so I'm going to start with one of my two favorite red cabbage recipes. This

one, Blaukraut, comes from the woman who cuts my hair and whose mother was from Germany.

BLAUKRAUT

1 head red cabbage thinly sliced
1 onion sliced
1 apple pared and chopped
3 chopped slices bacon
1 t. salt
6 T. sugar.

Put bacon in large pot, brown, and use use bacon fat also for flavor.

Add the rest of the ingredients plus:

1 c. red wine vinegar
1-1/2 c. water
1/4 t. allspice
1 bay leaf
2 cloves
6 peppercorns

cover and simmer 2-3 hours; uncover and simmer 1 hour until liquid reduces.....enjoy.

I first made this in 1989 and while I still had a garden, and grew red cabbage just for this recipe.

I like Margaret Simon's comment, "The garden is stripped and I'm settling in for a long winter's nap...." Kathy Wartinbee followed it up with, "At the moment, the garden is all pulled and the stuff is outside the veggie patch fence. The moose come over to browse on the reject pile ... It's the stuff that they have wanted all summer and is now available to them."

Barb Jewell has her yard mowed and trimmed for the winter. Summer gardening season is over and the catalogs haven't started arriving.

The fungus gnats have moved inside. It is amazing how they can fly between you and the computer or TV and not be caught. I've found the secret though, a wet hand and they can't escape. We've had some pretty good frosts so the white socks are out with blood in their eyes.

For the last few years the mushroom numbers where I usually hunt have just disappeared. I thought the lack of water this summer was the cause, but Mark's driveway which has been lined for years with birch boletus has been naked for the last two years. And after the wonderful summer of 2010 when I was able to find 52 king boletus I haven't seen another since. I didn't even have amanitas this year. Never mind orange delicious. I found one instead of a whole bowl.

The fall leaves are strange too. They are usually at their most yellow mid-September and then take their dive soon thereafter. So far, on the 27th, the color is rather brownish-yellow blah and still holding on to their stems. I run the lawnmower over the leaves so I don't have to rake...sloth strikes.

And now, the International Master Gardeners Confer-

ence held on the Holland America Line's Westerdam cruising up the inside passage. Julie Riley and I went and entered the altered state of cruising. Of the almost 2,000 passengers, 987 of them were connected with the IMG conference. We did meet some neat people. We eschewed the formal dining room except for one night when we ate down there with Steve Brown, Palmer CES, and his wife Eva. And if you've ever heard Steve talk and sling out his jokes, he didn't even do one at dinner. I was disappointed.

And of course cruises are known for food. We ate on the Lido deck buffet. Julie and I had a system. We'd look for a four-top table with two people there and asked if we may join them. Met a second generation mushroom farmer from Pennsylvania and learned all about mushroom farming. One night we met two MGs from Toronto and we spent an hour talking and laughing our heads off and entertaining the eavesdropping couple sitting behind us. The two women were the first recipients of the Alaska Master Gardener coffee mugs. I had a half dozen and distributed them around here and there to people we'd met. Julie was selling MG T shirts and did quite well.

The talks were generally good with a couple of them being outstanding. A very good one was a CES woman from northern Mississippi said that you need to pass on your gardening knowledge to younger people. And a very nice thing that the organizers did was to put a thumb drive with all the power point presentations on it.

We took the garden tour of Juneau which was interesting, and went to two private gardens and one community garden. There was the prettiest pea there which also had pods that needed picking if they were edible. With the blessing of the tour guide the vine suffered a little "finger blight". They were absolutely the sweetest pods I've ever snitched! I had never seen that flower before. Can anyone identify the variety from this picture? Let me know. It was stringy but the flavor made up for that and they're easy to string. I fell in love with both the flower and the flavor.



And as a note, it was sunny in Juneau and sunny in Ketchikan and after we left, the windy, rough weather scotched those huge ships' landing. Our weather must have been good because Master Gardeners are such nice people.

After we docked back in Seattle we scurried up to Anacortes to the home of a MG who's active up there. We stopped at Conway because there was a huge trailer full of shucked corn, 5/\$1. We got 10 ears and continued up to Anacortes. It was absolutely WONDERFUL when Carolyn cooked it for dinner.

When we left to go to the airport on Tuesday Julie had mailed the unsold T shirts back to Alaska and we made that our last stop. She got 2 dozen ears of corn and since I'd bought a suitcase to carry back some rock garden plants, I had room for three dozen. Are we nuts up here or not?

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Bird Chatter

- A quote recently overheard in public: "A rose by any other name is a weed if it's growing where you don't want it."

- In case you weren't at the last AMGA meeting, Mary Shier brought in a 2 headed dandelion to show. It had 2 blossoms growing from a central stem. Hopefully she killed it and it won't multiply.



- Jane Baldwin has been known to hide from her Stellar's Jay: he stalks her and watches for when she goes in her garage, and then lets her know that he wants his peanuts by tapping on her window or making a loud ruckus!

Volunteers are seldom paid; not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS!

--author unknown

I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody.

--Lily Tomlin

"I believe in the spirit of sharing and I believe we are what we are because of those around us."

"I am what I am because of other people and they are what they are because of me being around."

"One hand cannot clap on its own but it needs the other hand to make a clap."

"Many hands make light work."

- Maasai tribal sayings



A Few Discoveries From Sandra Harrington



Miniature Coleus - photo by Sandy Harrington

A few years ago in a garden magazine there was a gorgeous photo of a planter of Coleus. In the container there were six different Coleus plants of contrasting colors and leaf shapes. For 3 years, my attempts to duplicate the photo were an exercise in futility and frustration. Every year the Coleus would start well and then rot before June was a memory. 2013 was to be the last attempt at growing Coleus. The successful growing of Coleus had become a mission. Thankfully, Pat Ryan came to the rescue and shared an invaluable bit of information. One of the tenets of gardening is good drainage for most plants. Come to find out, Coleus need excep-

tional drainage to grow and excel. Pat introduced me to a commercial soil by Miracle Gro called Cactus, Palms, and Citrus Mix. With a bit of pride on the line combined with determination, I used the Miracle Gro commercial soil with a couple of handfuls of plain cactus mix, for luck, in an eight-inch deep by fourteen-inch wide pot. Once again, six Coleus (with dread in their leafy little hearts) were purchased. Finally triumph, even through 18 straight days of rain, the Coleus were standing tall, looking lush and were in full dazzling color.

This was a summer of discovery; I read a review about an 1100 page book devoted entirely to Hostas. It is called The Hostapedia by Mark Zilis (2009). I was able to obtain the book through Interlibrary Loan. It is an amazing book, somewhat to the point of being overwhelming, but what a treasure trove of information. The book is also available on Amazon as are several others pertaining to Hostas.

It is a privilege to belong to a group of gardeners whose passion and knowledge are freely shared and cultivated, so we are able to nurture heartwarming gardens that are characterized by healthy plants and contented gardeners.

CES Annual Invasive Species Conference: Nov 5-7, 2013 in Fairbanks

The conference is a forum for discussing invasive species management activities within the state and offers expert presentations about emerging invasive species science and management issues.

The 2013 conference is scheduled for November 5 - 7 in Fairbanks at the Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge. Registration is now open.

For more conference information, including online and mail-in registration: <http://www.uaf.edu/ces/pests/cnipm/annual-invasive-species-c/>

!! ALERT !! 2014 AMGA Membership Renewals



The 2014 membership renewal form included in this newsletter contains your contact information merged from AMGA's current database. This is the information that will appear in the 2014 MG Directory. Last names are listed first and this is the alphabetical order your name will appear in the directory. If you have a compound surname and preferences for alphabetizing, this is an opportunity for you to make changes.

After ensuring that your contact information is correct, mail the form along with your dues payment to AMGA's post office box (on the form). Even if you have already renewed your membership through 2014 or beyond, please take a minute to review your contact information for listing in the 2014 MG Directory. Send any changes to Jane Baldwin. Dual memberships will each be receiving a newsletter only for this month to accommodate the merge membership renewal form insert.

You can also renew online using PayPal on the AMGA website: www.alaskamastergardeners.org
On the top menu, Click on AMGA ☐
Join/Renew AMGA.

See Prez LaFleur's article about the drawing for early renewals to help with earlier distribution of the 2014 MG Directory. To ensure directory listing, renewals should be received or postmarked by December 31st. This is a great organization to belong to and the Directory is a handy tool. Please renew early this year to have it created in a timely manner!



Central Peninsula MG News....cont. from page 5

Monday, Carolyn navigated us around the peninsula to nurseries and gardens and roadside stands and we stopped (again) at the MG demonstration garden in Mt. Vernon.

Tuesday we were included in the group weeding/grooming at the garden. They do three hours and then have a potluck lunch. Fresh peach pie was almost enough to make me want to leave Alaska. Left a MG coffee cup with Carolyn.

Julie's comment was that the trip really started with the Anacortes trip.

If you have questions or want to make address or email corrections, please contact Jane Baldwin at: jbaldwin@alaska.net

Garden Event Calendar

October 10

Wild Flower Garden Club: "It's All About the Soil" presented by Julie Riley and Jane Baldwin. Central Lutheran Church: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. 1420 Cordova, (15th & Cordova) Anchorage

October 17

Anchorage Audubon: "Brad Benter's Big Alaskan Year". He's hot on the trail of every Alaskan Bird. 7:00 p.m. BP Center, 900 E. Benson, Anchorage www.anchorageaudubon.org

October 21

AMGA Meeting: "Growing and Preparing Rhubarb" presenters: Leslie Shalcross, Dave Ianson and Jeff Schmenk. 7:00 PM CES 1675 C Street, Anchorage. www.alaskamastergardeners.org

November 7th

Anchorage Garden Club: "Creating Creative Designs" demonstrated by Alaskan NGC accredited judges. Pioneer School House, 437 E. Third Ave. Anchorage
<http://alaskagardenclubs.webs.com/anchorageclub.htm>

November 14

Wild Flower Garden Club: "First Impressions, Front Yard Gardens" a pictorial tour by Annie Nevelidine. Central Lutheran Church: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. 1420 Cordova, (15th & Cordova) Anchorage

November 18th

AMGA meeting: "Profile of a Green Roof" with Mike Monterusso, manager for the ABG. 7 p.m., CES 1675 C Street, Anchorage

November 19th

Anchorage Garden Club: "Holiday Tea," Wells Fargo Bank, 301 West Northern Lights Blvd., 12:00 to 2:00 pm

November 19-20

Anchorage Garden Club: 53rd Annual Holiday Flower Show "Twisted Holidays". The theme for this Standard Flower Show is a whimsical look at the season's celebrations from Halloween to New Year Eve. Enter your best house plants or create a floral design and win ribbons, fame and glory. Located at the Wells Fargo Bank, 301 West Northern Lights Blvd., Show Hours: Tue. 12:00 to 6:00, Wed. 10:00 am to 5:00 p.m.
<http://alaskagardenclubs.webs.com/anchorageclub.htm>



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Port of call-- Sitka roses surround the Sitka Pioneer Home. Photos from the 2013 International Master Gardener Conference Cruise on page 3, and more about the trip in the Central Peninsula MG News.

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