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From the President's Corner

By Dana Klinkhart

The 2006 Alaska Master Gardener Conference held in Palmer in July was aptly titled *'Pass Along Gardening'*. This conference attracted gardeners from around the state and 'passed along' a bushel of information. Although it was held in the middle of our busy Alaskan summer, it proved to be a success. Because it was held in conjunction with the Garden and Art Festival, it gave gardeners the opportunity to enjoy it all. Primroses made the headlines during the conference. Thanks to Ed Buyarski, President of the American Primrose Society, the primrose was given top billing during his slide presentation. His vast knowledge for growing and propagating primroses demonstrated his passion for gardening. The sun came out and followed us around as we toured the Euwer perennial garden and the Mueller vegetable garden in the valley. Oh yes, I must tell of the Friday evening dinner at Stonehill Gardens catered by Sally Koppenberg. Seafood, buffalo, chutney, salads and homemade breads were on the menu. It was not only delicious but the ingredients were harvested or caught right here in Alaska. Those terrific recipes that treated our taste buds could be 'passed along'. Is there a cookbook in the making, Sally?

The Alaska State Fairgrounds became a creative and resourceful venue for presentations, demonstrations and shopping. Expert advice was available at the Garden Forum on just about any gardening concern. Were you looking for information on bees, birds, bats, beneficial insects or earthworms? Just ask one of the experts. Did you have a question about clematis, lilies, roses, dahlias, hostas, delphiniums, ligularia, iris or Himalayan poppies? The experts were more than helpful. It was a great opportunity to investigate a gardening problem.

While so many workshops were scheduled back to back, it became a challenge deciding which one to attend. It helped to take notes on the programs so we could 'pass along' the knowledge to others. Information on soils, composting, greenhouses, herbs, wreaths, flower arranging, nutrition and flower photography were some of the topics available. There was something for everyone.

After the busy two days of conference, I thought about the concept of 'pass along' gardening. With pen and paper, I inventoried the 'pass along' plants that I've received from friends and family. To my amazement, the list totaled over fifty different plants. Most were perennials and some were houseplants. There were annuals that brightened the garden and tasty vegetables included on my list. The 'pass along' plants in my garden have grown with fond memories of friends that gave them to me. Some of those friends I'm fortunate to see often but others have moved away. And then there are those that have passed on. Their 'pass along' gifts still reside in my garden. The plants that I've shared with others probably trigger a memory for friends as well. Sharing skills, sharing ideas, sharing plants... that's just what gardeners do. Master Gardeners are volunteers. They teach others and at the same time, they continue to be students and perennial learners. Hmmm, so how has your garden grown? Are there memories planted? I hope so! As the season approaches to divide plants and rearrange the garden the 'pass along' gardening concept will thrive. Enjoy the opportunity.





Amelia's Amazing Garden

by Jo Anne Banta

Amazing, awesome, what else is there to say about Amelia Walsh's gardens? About fifty master gardeners turned out for the grand tour and annual potluck there. What a spectacular sight – both the gardens and the buffet table.

One arrives at the Walsh's through a circular drive lined with pots of gorgeous dahlias (There are 70 total, including those on the deck). The center garden itself provides a burst of brilliant red formed by an entire "field" of poppies, not to mention the accompanying lilies and foliage. Following the dahlia trail, one is led past Amelia's new "glass house" full of juicy red tomatoes, by a bubbling fountain and on to the back lawn for a glimpse of the terraced gardens below.

Words cannot begin to describe the rock terraces that run nearly half the width of their two acre lot. The Walshes have used sedum, mostly stunning yellow kamtchaticum as an accent throughout; and great splashes of multicolor blooms show between them, bright fuchsias, midnight blue lobelia, hot pink dianthus to name only a few. At the bottom of the three terraces is a rock patio with conversationally spaced concrete benches and a center fire pit. A cleverly hidden wood box is topped by more blooms. Garden art abounds here, as well. There is a metal cat with 10-penny nails for whiskers and a spade-bodied chicken. I especially loved the two Easter Island type heads with blue fescue hair

On level with the patio is a full dahlia garden: two long rows bend to form a rectangle surrounding a large bird bath. (250 dahlias live there.) Amelia and John have not neglected native plants and their beauty, for the gardens gently fade into natural habitat. Off in the woods, a 3-piece dragon lolls in a bed of native dogwood flowers. There are strategically placed devil's club whose red berries and huge yellow leaves must be gorgeous in the fall. Native elderberries grow along with Jacob's ladder and cranesbill. A ceramic cactus hides among the native spruce. Wonderful birdhouses pop up throughout the trails, many in the form of cathedrals or churches; and the viewer is never far from the sound of trickling water from charming fountains.

Wander on through a maze of color in mounded gardens, rock gardens and trees. There is a cotoneaster hedge; there are Canadian red cherries; and there is a host of cedars that nearly hides the garden shed. Golden nine-bark and lady's ferns glisten along the way. Rocks surround beds of primroses and Artemisia. A spectrum of colorful foxglove, anemone, nicotiana, and violas forms mounds of beauty. Blue spikes of Veronica stellar form a background for lamium and pansies. The rock gardens are gorgeous and bursting with varieties of sedum, saxifrage and succulents,

growing with a rare (in Anchorage) *Primula vialii*, called the red-hot poker or orchid primrose.

A gnarled, scorched stump forms a background for a family of gnomes and a bevy of tiny birdhouses, as the viewer hears the soothing sound of running water. Here one finds a sparkling waterfall, cascading down between tiny terraced beds of foliage and blooms, where it empties into two ponds. A metal carp spews water while a copper lad fishes in one, flamingos in sunglasses standing guard. A restorative bench sits nearby, and all manner of whimsical animals, frogs, turtles and gnomes pop up in surprising places. Around the smaller pond there is a field of low bush cranberries. What glory that must be in the fall!

Rock stairs lead from the waterfall back to the lawn and the many pots, urns and hangers – there are a total of 320 containers: dahlias, geraniums and glorious begonias, all of which the Walshes winter themselves in their garage and greenhouse. (Remember, there are 250 more dahlias in the garden, as well.) It would be impossible to name all the wonderful perennials, but Amelia promises that someday she is going to list and count them.

We should note that John and Amelia have done all the work themselves. They have planned and built each and every bed, terrace and water feature. They have hand-picked and hauled in every rock from the countryside, planted every tree, shrub and flower – and the process is on-going, ever changing. We can hardly wait till next year.

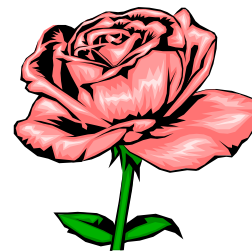
Is it any wonder that the Walshes' showplace is the scene of many requested garden tours? I asked master gardeners what their favorites were, and they stressed the water features, the dahlias, and even the devil's club. I, myself, loved the garden art, what Amelia calls her "whimsies." She says if something makes a visitor smile, she feels good about her garden. And we agree: we smiled, we laughed, we "oo-ed" and "ah-ed." Amelia should feel very, very good about her garden.





Discovering New Roses to Love

By Kathleen Tarr



Before my MG friend, Martha Jokela, and I left for the Alaska Master Gardener Conference in Palmer, we first took a “walkabout” of her garden. I drool every time I step foot on Martha’s south Anchorage property. She has a real garden with real acreage and real southern exposure. And real rabbits. The fluffy herbivores have tried her gardening patience this summer, a problem I’ve never had to contend with.

Martha knows how much I love roses. Right after she related her rabbit woes, we walked over to some of her roses, and to one in particular purchased at the Alaska Botanical Gardens: **Winnipeg Parks**. Although I’ve grown and experimented with many hardy shrub roses, I’d never heard of Winnipeg Parks.

On day two of the MG conference, we spent the day at the second annual Alaska Garden & Arts Festival at the state fairgrounds– a relaxing, interesting, and wonderful event. I went straight to the Alaska Rose Society’s booth, and within sixty seconds, spent \$15 on a Winnipeg Parks.

Later, I looked up Winnipeg Parks in my various reference books, but saw no mention of it. On a whim, I called Debbie Hinchey, president of the Alaska Rose Society, and was lucky to catch her at home on a hectic Saturday morning.

“Winnipeg Parks is a very nice rose,” Hinchey said. “It was named in commemoration of the park system in Ontario. It reminds me of hybrid teas, more than the shrub rose it really is. It has deep red flowers, but not as deep as Mr. Lincoln’s. And it’s in the Parkland Series of roses.”

Hinchey is one of the co-founders of the Alaska Botanical Garden and the owner of Debbie’s Horticultural Service. She asked if she could put me on hold for a minute. Hinchey has about ten feet of rose reference books. After consulting *Growing Roses in Cold Climates* (Jerry Olson & John Whitman), she returned to the phone and provided some more in-depth description about Winnipeg Parks, a cold-hardy rose that garnered a high, four-star rating.

“The flowers are larger than two-inches across with a slight fragrance. It says the plant has medium green foliage, it’s hearty, grows to three-feet tall, and repeats bloom.

“If you want to see one, you can go to the Centennial Rose Garden at the Park Strip,” she advised.

Since Hinchey had all those great reference books at her fingertips, and I had her attention, I went ahead and asked her about another rose: pink **KnockOut™**. I found pink KnockOut at Lowe’s for under \$20 in the summer of 2005, and bought it again this year. I took an immediate liking to this pink profusion, and left it growing in a pot, along with my other container arrangements. P.Allen Smith’s garden show on PBS (July 22, 2006) featured a Watsonville, California nurseryman highly recommending KnockOut. (He also mentioned that Audrey Hepburn was the rose which has brought him more satisfaction than any other due to its massive blooms.)

Hinchey knew all about KnockOut. She’s been growing the original KnockOut rose– the red version– and has even revived it after a winter in the ground. “It’s an award-winning rose, and I can understand why,” she said. “It blooms like crazy even though I’ve forgotten to water it. It dies back to the ground before winter, but then it comes back.” Under the proper care and conditions, of course.

From the Internet, I learned KnockOut™ was developed by William Radler of the Chicago Botanic Garden, and released in 1999, a tidbit I shared with Hinchey.

Hinchey asked me to hold again while she retrieved another book. She owns the *World Encyclopedia of Roses*, published by the American Rose Society, something she paid \$125 for. By now, it’s probably gone up in price, though, and I may never own it. In *Modern Roses XI*, she found this description of KnockOut™ :

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"It's medium red to deep pink. 5-11 petals, 1.5 inches across... three foot growth... slight tea fragrance, semi-glossy leaves, resistant, bushy round growth."

"I plant everything deep," Hinchey explained. "I planted a pink KnockOut for a client recently, three inches deeper than normal, deeper than the first branching of the plant. I'm guessing that most of Lowe's roses are grafted, but you want them on their own roots. So bury them deep, 3-5 branches below surface. That way, they'll really be protected in the soil. This is *real* important," she said. Along with plenty of sun and good air circulation.

"I don't profess to be an organic gardener, but I am in practice. I mulch with leaves and grass clippings."

From the rose encyclopedia, Hinchey recited information about KnockOut's parentage: one of its parents was *Carefree Beauty* x with an unknown rose; and the other was *Razzle Dazzle* x with an unknown rose.

Under Hinchey's suggestion, I did walk around the Centennial Rose Garden at the west end of the Park Strip. If you haven't been there lately to see all the fine work the Alaska Rose Society has done, you're missing out. Unfortunately, I couldn't locate Winnipeg Parks, but I plan to go back before summer is rose history.

Winnipeg Parks and my ever-blooming, pink KnockOut™ are both sitting in their plastic pots, clearly on view from my office window, as I write this.

I have deep rose guilt. I bought them both knowing full well I have no possible place to plant them. I will need to sacrifice a cotoneaster or two, or maybe a bushy spirea, to make room for my new roses. Or, I may have to ask Martha if she can start a rose holding bed for me somewhere in her lovely garden, far away from the rabbits.

Stir Fried Broccoli From Rosemary Kimball

A bunch of broccoli divided into small flowerets
1-2 large cloves of garlic, minced
1-1/2 t. shredded ginger
1 T. salad oil
1/4 c. water
Soy sauce to taste

In a large frying pan sauté the garlic and ginger very briefly in the oil. Add the broccoli, stir and toss. Add the water and soy sauce. Cover and steam for 5 to 7 minutes or until the broccoli is just tender. Four people may swoon with pleasure.

Use the broccoli stems, shredded for slaw. Check out the produce section where I've seen it in sacks that the store wants money for!

Free Trees and Plants.com

My name is Debra Ersch. I am cofounder of a project called *Free Trees and Plants.com*.

The project has four goals:

1. To help eliminate a huge waste of Trees, Shrubs, Bulbs, and Perennials.
We gather unsold plants from growers across the country.
2. To support employment of workers with disabilities.
We ship unsold plants to workshops that employ workers with disabilities. There, the plants are prepared and packaged.
3. To benefit communities and individuals through the beautification, recreation, and satisfaction of gardening.
Gardeners receive beautiful free plants to enhance the value of their property and to bring greater beauty to their communities.
4. To develop a model, self-sustaining, program that does not further deplete the already overburdened availability of nonprofit funds.

The free plants are available to anyone who reserves them on our project website, freetreesandplants.com, and pays \$6.95 to cover pay for the workers, packaging materials, and shipping. Each package always includes at least 2 plants of the same variety.

As Master Gardeners, you know the wonderful benefits of planting tulips, daffodils, crocus and other spring blooming bulbs. The time to plant them is just a couple of months away. Master Gardeners also know that the bigger the bulbs, the better the plant will be in the spring. *Freetreesandplants.com* has acquired the highest quality bulbs and we are anxious to find homes for them. Of course, we also have thousands of trees, shrubs, and perennials available for the Fall planting season..

We have no money for advertising and depend on the media, civic organizations across the country and word-of-mouth to bring visitors to our website, and we sincerely need your help. Would you please consider sharing information about this important project with your fellow members? Simply call me at 402-429-9722 or email dersch@freetreesandplants.com. I will be delighted to answer all of your questions.

Thank you so much for your consideration. Any help that you can offer to build the buzz about freetreesandplants.com will be so very appreciated.

Kindest regards,

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Central Peninsula Master Gardener News

By Rosemary Kimball

I asked MG Margaret Simon of Nikiski what was going on in her garden towards the end of July and this is what she replied:

"The saw fly larvae are stripping the currants and gooseberries of their foliage...

The robins are helping themselves to the ripening strawberries...

The slugs are feasting on cole crops and lettuce, "Giant Caesar" lettuce being their greenery of choice...

The onion maggots are leaving only a "few good onions"...

The peas are very SLOWLY climbing the pea fence...

The beets had poor germination...

BUT

I'm eating fresh cauliflower and kohlrabi...

I'm enjoying the beauty of the potato plants, the "flame" of the over-the-fence lily, the seed heads of the pasque, the maturity of the hosta bed, and the rain this morning. Today I won't have to water!

I sn't gardening fun?"

Every warm day has seen a pent up desire to grow in the garden and greenhouse. I was given a Tumbler tomato this year and it is certainly a winner in production and earliness. Next year I'm going to have two in the biggest hanging basket I have! The front of July was so cool down here that the bubble wrap went back over the tomato roots in the greenhouse! I also know it's been cool because the root maggots are more than a week later than usual. I figure most years that they are there for the 4th of July. A guy in the Organic Gardening class found another source for nematodes that is inexpensive compared to Arbico: <http://www.suburbanhabitat.com> It is a neat site to wander around, too.

The attack rooster and two hens that my neighbor is summering over here have kept our house and grounds free of carpenter ants! Talk about an environmentally friendly insecticide— even if he does stalk and attack me. I keep in my mind visions of rooster and dumplings.

David Hale from Portland, Oregon is going to be speaking in Anchorage at 7 PM at the CES office on Saturday, August 12th, cosponsored by the Kenai Master Gardeners and the Anchorage branch of the North American Rock Garden Society. The next day, Sunday the 13th, he will speak down here on the peninsula at the Kenai Visitors' Center at 2 PM. His topic, in Anchorage, is "Perennials of the Dolomites" and down here he will talk about the creation of his two perennial gardens. We do have a bunch of "cousins" of the Alpine plants as well as some of the same and it should be real interesting to see the similarities and differences. He takes wonderful pictures.

And don't forget the sex life of the squash: Girl flowers have the fruit behind the blossom, Boy flowers, don't. Since most neighborhoods are short of bees it is up to you to introduce the two. Forget the paintbrush routine...I just pick the Boy(s) and dust the Girls. Girls may be "serviced" even the day after the blossom closes. If you have lots and lots of Boys and few Girls it is an indication that your plant is hungry and a quick dose of liquid fertilizer will take care of the problem...and then you will have too many Girls and few Boys. Fertilize to your sexes balanced.

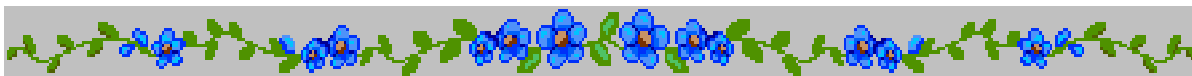
MG Kathy Wartinbee and I went to Palmer for the last day of the MG Conference at the Fair Grounds which also included the Garden and Art Festival. What a trip!!! A memorable quote from somebody was that perennial gardening was the slowest form of performance art. I have two criticisms of the afternoon there. The speakers were so interesting I couldn't skip an hour and didn't get to see the perennial garden and herb garden and didn't get to the vendors' building. I even had money in my jeans! The other gripe I heard was there was no junk food, only healthy stuff. So Kathy and I finally dragged our weary bodies to a fast food establishment, where when scarfing down french fries, she said, "French fries are thighs in the larval stage". That any festival should have such picky gripes - I can hardly wait to go again!

Don't forget to try baking your sugar snap peas at 500°F for 2 minutes instead of blanching them for the freezer. Ours were so crisp when we used them from the freezer that they crunched. (Snow peas take 1 minute.)

I know that Shasta daisies are noxious weeds but on a drive to Anchorage in early July they were so pretty on the roadside in the mountains!

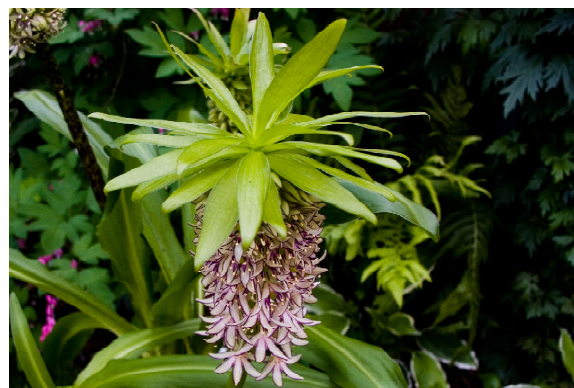
Rosie's Rule of Thumb: Never seed scallions where you have a problem with poa annua! Realization of the rule was when I weeded out some of the scallions as grass... 'Nuff said,





Bird Chatter

- The September 2006 issue of *Horticulture* features an article on how to collect, clean, and store seeds of all your favorite plants.
- Kathy Tarr was looking for someone who had an extra hypertufa pot and MG Mark White (Sterling) generously donated one of his unused hypertufas. She filled it with a Saxifraga "Purple Robe" and reports that it's still living, as of this writing.
- See June 2006 issue of Natural History for a story on, "Origins of Floral Diversity." *Arabidopsis thaliana* is the plant of choice for laboratory study, the "fruit fly" of the plant kingdom.
- From a recent PBS garden show: When looking to design flower containers, remember this simple rule: "You'll need thrillers, spillers, and fillers."
- Chives can be chopped and frozen in a zip-loc and won't stick together!
- During the Alaska Master Gardener Conference field trips in Palmer, Dana Klinkhart ran into a friend she hadn't seen in 20 years. Gardening brings people together.
- In addition to raising money for the Alaska Botanical Garden and the Willow Garden Club, the open house at Les Brake's Coyote Garden brought in \$900 for the New Orleans Botanical Garden. AMGA member Judith Wilmarth donated cut peonies for those who made the extra donation. MG Edith Goodgame (and David) sent a generous check even though they were not able to attend the event.
- Odd green flowers were seen on established delphiniums at Annie Nevaldine's office.
- The summer of 2006 will go down in history as the "Year of the Leaf Roller". Did anything not get leaf rollers?
- Watch for an article in the August **Organic Gardening** magazine by Donna Freedman on Bethel gardeners Tim and Lisa Meyers.
- Has anyone dug up their purple loosestrife? Please report to Julie Riley. Also let her know if you have replaced it with *Liatris* or have decided to keep it in your garden.
- Question overhead in the front CES office, "Do ladybugs kill chickweed?" Answer: "I don't think an atomic bomb will kill chickweed."
- The Tanana Valley Master Gardeners will be hosting the 2007 Alaska Master Gardener Conference in Fairbanks. Virginia Damron, Tanana Valley MG President gives March 16 & 17 as the dates to plan a trip to Fairbanks.
- Tracy Disabato-Aust's book, **The Well-Tended Perennial Garden**, is a best seller according to Timber Press who is reprinting a new edition, available this month. (The Tanana Valley MGs are hoping Tracy will speak at their conference next March.)
- The MG Gardener Garage Sale spearheaded by Kyle Wessells and Cindy Marinkovich brought in over \$1500 for horticultural reference books.



Pinapple Lily, *Eucomis bicolor*, grown and photographed by Dana Klinkhart

Summer Bulb Trials

Julie Riley, Extension Horticulture Agent

An unexpected package of summer bulbs arrived at the Extension office this spring from **Brent & Becky's Bulbs**. Brent Heath had spoken at the Alaska Greenhouse & Nursery Conference in February and generously sent bulbs for us to trial. The bulbs (corms and tuberous roots) were beautiful and in good shape. I didn't have the heart to tell Brent that it was too late in the season to plant most of them. Instead, I called on volunteers to give it a try.

I was amazed that Master Gardeners were willing to go through the work of planting bulbs that might not flower. I was even more amazed to get the following photo from Dana Klinkhart of the pineapple lily, *Eucomis bicolor* that bloomed for her in less than 2 months! Pineapple lily is listed as a Zone 7 perennial, but if the plants flower when planted in spring, we can treat them as other tender bulbs.

Bud Dubay potted up the dahlias, Herb Spencer took the gladiolus, and Morgan Welsh included the lilies in his Eagle Scout project at the Anchorage Pioneer Home. We'll see what late summer brings.

August AMGA Field Trip

Don't miss the last 2006 Summer AMGA Garden tour! It should be fantastic!

When: Monday, August 21st, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Who/Where: Thais Thomas' garden 7-8 p.m., 3501 Lake Shore Drive, followed by Cathy Rasmussen's Wind Sculpture Garden at 2719 Marsten Drive, from 8-9 p.m.

How to get there: Lake Shore Drive is off Spenard Road, between Spenard and Wisconson. Directions will be sent out by email; if you don't have email, contact Marge Olson @ 333-5868.



MG Volunteer Opportunities

Alaska State Fair Volunteers Needed

Cooperative Extension is hosting a booth at the State Fair in Palmer. Thanks to Larry Puckett and Lupita Weese for signing up. More Master Gardeners are needed. Those who staff a slot will receive a free ticket to the fair and a parking pass. To schedule a time, contact Dora at CES, fndew@uaf.edu or 786-6319.

State Fair Scarecrow(s) Needed

Herb has been a regular at Extension's State Fair Booth. This year Herb is getting a wife and family if someone will put him together. The 4-H Kids will be giving the bride a name. (Apparently the kids are from a previous marriage.) If you are feeling creative, please give Julie a call and she can describe the display and show you a picture of Herb who lives at the Palmer CES office.

Fall Gardening Classes

Alas, Anchorage Community Schools is no more, but Alaska Mill Feed called looking for fall gardening classes. Is anyone interested in teaching a 1 hour bulb class in September (or another topic of your choice)? The Fall Home & Garden Show, September 15-17, also offers an opportunity to present, 786-6300.

Hort Phones

MGs are needed to staff the Horticulture Hotline, especially Aug 9 -18 and Sept. 7-12. Call or e-mail Julie if you're available, 786-6300, afjar@uaa.alaska.edu

AMGA Garage Sale = Huge Success!

The AMGA Garage/Plant/Baked Goods Sale and Invasive Plant Demonstration was a huge success. They raised over \$1500 for the Alaska Master Gardener Association to be used by the CES for education purposes. "It was wonderful, lots of fun - there is truly a sisterhood of green goddess gardeners out there," reports Kyle Wessells, coordinator of the sale. Thanks go to Judy Wilmarth for her incredible donation of peonies and sale items; to Jane Baldwin for her plant donations and meticulous taxonomy; to Kathy Gardner for her sale donations, company and conversation; to Cindy Marincovich, baker extraordinaire, who stayed up all night baking; Linda Watson for her sales pitching skills, Cheryl Shroyer for her brain and for being there; Della Berry for her garage sale donations and keeping them company; and to Gina Docherty and Dorothy Hardesty for the garage & plant donations. Thanks also to all the others who dropped items off & stopped by to visit and share. And a special thanks to Kyle for putting it all together!

There are still some a few perennials left if anyone wants to come by & pick them up and/or make a donation. Call Kyle Wessells at 243-5581.

Gardening Calendar

August 10

Making a Rhubarb Leaf Bird Bath - Wildflower Garden Club member's home 10:00 AM Wildflower Garden Club workshop led by Florene Carney. Cost: \$10.00 Website: communitynews.adn.com?group_id=684 Contact: 868-1886

August 11

Alpine Plants of the Dolomites - Cooperative Extension Service, 2221 E. Northern Lights, Anchorage 7:00 PM Alaska Rock Garden Society special presentation by David Hale. (The Domotes are part of the Alps). Contact: 522-3490

August 18-20

Seed Collecting Trip to Thompson Pass - Starting location TBA. Alaska Rock Garden Society special field trip led by Carmel Tysver Contact: 522-3490

August 21

AMGA Field trip to Thais Thomas' garden, 7-8 p.m., followed by Cathy Rasmussen's Wind Sculpture Garden, 8-9 p.m.. (See article and information on page 7)

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Mushroom Walk - Meet in Alaska Botanical Garden nursery. Walk through the woods and learn about Alaska's mushrooms from Diane Pleninger. Website: www.alaskabg.org

Aug 30 - Dec 17

Introduction to Horticulture - Chugiak High School - Wednesdays, 6:30 PM - 9:20 PM AGRI A136, 3 credits, taught by Gregg Terry. Offered through UAA's Community & Technical College Chugiak-Eagle River Campus, \$360 plus fees. Contact: 694-3313 Website: uaa.alaska.edu/ctc/programs/chugiak-eagleriver

Aug 29 - Dec 17

Modern Home Gardening - Chugiak High School - Tuesdays, 6:30 PM - 9:20 PM AGRI A139, 3 credits, taught by Barbara Hedges. Offered through UAA's Community & Technical College Chugiak-Eagle River Campus, \$360 plus fees. Contact: 694-3313 Website: uaa.alaska.edu/ctc/programs/chugiak-eagleriver

September 07

Wetlands - Pioneer Schoolhouse, 3rd and Eagle, Anchorage - Starts at 7:30; Anchorage Garden Club program given by Holly Kent, Anchorage Waterways Council. Public invited. Website: communitynews.adn.com/agclub

September 14

Design and Construct a Rock Garden - Central Lutheran Church, 1420 Cordova St, Anchorage - Starts at 10:00 AM Wildflower Garden Club presentation by Verna Pratt. Website: communitynews.adn.com?group_id=684

September 18

Bonsai - Cooperative Extension Service, 2221 E. Northern Lights Blvd, Anchorage - Starts at 7:00 PM Master Gardener's Association presentation by Paul Marmora, Cook Inlet Bonsai Study Group. Public welcome, 786-6300. Website: www.alaskamastergardeners.org



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Amelia Walsh's Terraced Garden seen at the AMGA's July Garden Tour and Picnic. See related story on page 2.

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