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ALASKA MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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From the President's Corner

Dana Klinkhart

The ink had barely dried on my message written in June when I received a call from the Fairbanks Extension Service. Since that communication, the 2007 Garden Conference plan has changed. The call reported that the Tanana Valley Master Gardeners in Fairbanks have also scheduled a state conference in March 2007. After receiving this information, I called Fairbanks. It was my pleasure to speak with the president of the Tanana Valley group, Virginia Damron. She confirmed the 2007 plans for the Tanana Valley Master Gardener State Conference. Through email communication, our board of directors agreed that Fairbanks should hold the conference as they have already made arrangements for guest speakers and decided to support the garden conference in Fairbanks in March 2007. In the end, I believe this is good for us. This decision provides our Anchorage chapter with an additional year to plan for a garden conference while cooperating fully with our neighbors in the north. Virginia and I have made plans to meet at the Master Gardeners State Conference in Palmer this month. Our intent is to bring master gardener representatives to the meeting to address the future plans for regional and state garden conferences. The rotation schedule of conferences will certainly be front and center in our talks as well. Your board of directors and I will keep you posted on what transpires.

Summer solstice has past and now July marks the time that our gardens are producing the fruits of our labor. The vegetables are on a race with time to grow with the abundant sunlight and our flowers are finally showing their colors. Our backyard chickadees have nested and hatched. The young have fledged. The young swallow family is chirping loudly for their fair share of bugs. Soon they will fledge as well. Oh yes, the salmon are running and the fisherman are chasing them. I am racing from flowers to fish for the next several weeks. While I prepare this article from our cabin in Seward, I am being easily distracted with the constant activity of the Rufus hummingbirds vying for position at the feeder. With the hum of activity around me, I want to be sure to remind you of the July 17th tour and potluck scheduled at Amelia and John Walsh's beautiful garden. Gardeners always prepare great potlucks, so you don't want to miss it. I hope to see you there!





June's AMGA Tour

by Gina Docherty and Jo Anne Banta

It was with sadness that Master Gardeners learned that In The Garden in its present location was closing; so, despite the cool weather, many brave gardeners showed up for our final tour of that specialty nursery. Sally Arant, a landscape architect, and Anchorage gardener Lori Abel have been in business since 1998 supplying Alaska-hardy perennials to gardeners and landscapers, alike.

In Sally's half-acre grounds, we walked on crushed gravel paths through island gardens of primroses, rock gardens and woodland shade gardens, all artfully arranged and accented with antique garden art. There is a lovely wild pond and many unusual shade plants. .

The private backyard is filled with sold projects and unusual goodies that Sally and Lori are donating to Alaska Botanical Gardens or saving for special friends. There is a native spotted lady slipper orchid (Sally sold 80 of these this spring.) and a gorgeous nine-bark 'Coppertina.' We loved the *Dienanthe bifida*, a hardy hydrangea cousin. There are hundreds of plants destined for one job: Sally and Lori do the garden design, order and/or grow the plants and arrange for a contractor to install them.

Lori will carry on the name and the tradition from a new location after Sally moves to Illinois. Should you wish to purchase new perennials, In The Garden still has sale tables and will remain open through July 8.

Then it was on to Jo Anne Banta's comparatively new garden. Among the many nice plants in her small lot, Jo Anne has a three-year-old 'Endless Summer' hydrangea and an Azalea 'Rosy Lights' in full bloom. Her front hanging baskets are made from buoys, and there's an anchor in the flowerbed out front – evidence of her fishing background in Cordova. A winding gravel dry creek solves a drainage problem. There is a small creek behind the house, and a footbridge leads to the bank on the other side, planted with unrestrained plots of raspberries, strawberries and rhubarb to help control erosion. One particularly interesting plant was a maroon lilac – it was blooming madly, and so rich in color! She didn't know the name, as she'd gotten it from a friend. Her birch trees had the latest means of insect control: a band of tree wrap with sticky insect goo. Apparently the birch leaf miners crawl up the tree to do their damage in the spring.

We then meandered down Meander Lane to Dana Klinkhart's. What a treat! The front borders feature tall irises alternating with bleeding hearts; next to the house, peonies, primroses and herbs thrive against a background of ornamental Allium. Center beds hold a variety of perennials -- the Turk's cap *Lilium* is a rare beauty.

A wonderful Charlotte Jackman Clematis nearly covers a wall next to a Polestar rose.

Entering Klinkhart's backyard is like walking into a fairyland. Against a tall cedar fence, tiered gardens become a panorama of color. Clematis, roses and delphiniums form a background for a trickling waterfall that flows into a pond featuring native marsh marigolds and floating islands of colorful potted petunias. This time of year the dame's rocket dominates and becomes a riot of purple accenting the cottage garden effect. There is a Miss Kim lilac; ornamental rhubarb; and a huge red fern-leafed peony in full bloom. Garden art features Ed Klinkhart's hand-made bird houses, complete with birds. (If you saw the picture of the chickadee with worm in the paper last week, you should know that it came from Dana's backyard.)

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Spring Time in Alaska

By Marge Olson



We live on the east side where we get more snow than the balmy downtown and west side. We just had visitors from New York who chose to come to Alaska at this particular time to experience spring in Alaska. In preparation for their arrival I had raked up the debris from the front yard since our back yard still had an occasional icy spot here and there. At least the front yard looked clean but bleak with only occasional tufts of green.

They arrived late after a grueling day flying clear across the lower 48. They didn't notice anything when they went in the house. The next day Karen kept saying that she wanted to walk around the yard and see the flowers. I finally walked her to the window to look out on the back yard. She was shocked because it hadn't even been raked. That sounds better than saying that our two dogs had the run of a steep back yard all winter where it is too dangerous to walk and it hadn't been cleaned up yet.

They spent a week here busy with meetings. Everyday the little green tufts grew but not even crocus had decided that it was spring. They left without seeing a single flower.

Then spring arrived two days after they left. The weather warmed and my flowers sprang from their winter bed to grow inches every day. A border of bright yellow violas line the front bed with blue bells and *troilus* intermingled behind them. I bought the *huechera* and *astilbe* already blooming and they joined the ferns that were growing so fast that I think you could see them get taller while I watched. The primulas are blooming and the *ligularias* are filling out. The dead vine of clematis is alive with green. The roses leafed out and the crabapple is blooming. It is springtime in Alaska and it isn't 40 below.



Confessions of Ignorance

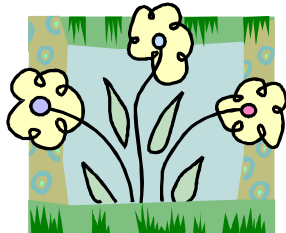
by Kyle Wessells

Little did I know that for years I was passing it on... the dreaded STD's: Sneaky Transplanted Dicotyledons, or invasive plants as I was most guilt ridden to learn.

My friends would say, "I love those yellow flowers" (Toad Flax, *Linaria Vulgaris*), "and I need a ground cover". Of course, being the buddy that I am, I gave aplenty with a warning, "They do spread". (Unbeknownst to me, into the surrounding forest).

I even gave the little devils a ride to the hillside with some lovely ferns, now they love the view!

I can't take all the credit for this faux pas. My parents originally planted toad flax, Siberian pea shrub (*carigana arborescens*), Rampian Bell flower (*campunula rapunculoides*) in 1968. I have never seen a bigger grand daddy of a pea shrub than in my parent's yard... he has at least 5 children (who knows how many grand children?) playing at the forest edge. The bell flower is now making its way into the woods via a trail. (resourceful little hummer!)



So if you want to see invasive plants in action, come join us at 5429 Skylark Drive for the upcoming fundraiser for the master gardeners.

The rest of the summer I will be with trowel & shovel doing my penance.

Master Gardener Benefit Garage Sale, Plants & Baked Goods Master Gardener Booth: Come See Invasive Plants in Action!

Master Gardener Kyle Wessells and associates are sponsoring a Master Gardener benefit sale: garage sale items, plants, baked goods. 100% of the proceeds will go to the Alaska Master Gardener Association, Anchorage Chapter. Donations are welcome. There will be a Master Gardener Information booth, featuring invasive plants in action. Bring baked goods, extra plants, & garage sale items to donate.

When: July 28 - 30

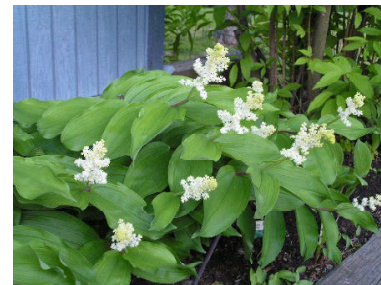
Where: 5429 Skylark Drive, off Sand Lake.

Who: Contact Kyle Wessells: 243 - 5581

False Solomon Seal

by Gina Docherty

One of the interesting plants featured at Sally Arant's garden tour was False Solomon's Seal, *Smilacina racimosa*. This plant resembles *Polygonatum multiflorum* (Solomon's Seal) but the blossoms are on the terminal stalk, creamy white, small and numerous rather than pendulous along the stalk. The blossoms are also very fragrant. The terminal cluster of white flowers in the spring turns into a cluster of berries by fall. A native of the Pacific Northwest, and hardy in our climate, it makes a good ornamental foliage plant in moist shaded beds.

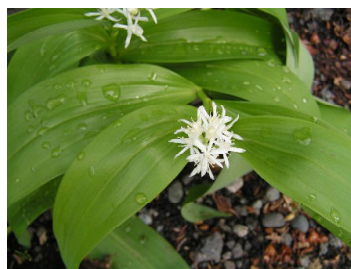


Smilacina racimosa, False
Solomon's Seal

Both true and False Solomon's Seal are members of the Lily family. They are differentiated by the distinctive scar left at the base of the plant stem when it is broken away from the root; True Solomon's seal has a distinctive pattern which reminded early American colonists of the seal of King Solomon, while the False variety merely exhibits a circular pattern. However, it is also claimed that the original medieval Latin refers to one of the pendulous flowers hanging like a seal on a document.



Polygonatum multiflorum,
True Solomon's Seal



Smilacina stellata,
Star Flowered
False Solomon's Seal

Another variety of this species is Star-Flowered False Solomon's Seal, *Smilacina stellata*. The rhizomes are slender, pale and "wide ranging" (in other words: invasive!) while the flowers are star-like.



Mostly Mulch

By Sheena Adams

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What is mulch? Put in the simplest terms, mulch is just another name for any number of materials spread on our soil surface.

This material can be straw (avoid hay), leaves, bark, wood chips, stones or even compost. In fact, it can be any suitable material that will help protect the soil from freezing, rain drop compaction, evaporation and weeds. It also keeps the garden looking tidy and fresh, adds nutrients and give those hard working worms a place to hide! A variety of mulches are readily available to buy, such as the beautiful black fish compost or the cinder red bark mulch. But you may wish to be more inventive, creative and plant specific. Here are a number of do-it-yourself mixes to help your garden grow gloriously. Mulches can be applied any time of the day or month. There are no mulch restrictions.

Acid Loving Plant Mulch

- 2 cubic feet peat moss
- 2 cubic feet bark mulch
- 5 lbs. manure or fish compost
- 4 cups bone meal
- 4 cups old coffee grinds

Mix thoroughly and place a 2" layer around plant drip line, then water well.

Alkaline Loving Plant Mulch

- 2 cubic feet peat moss
- 3 lbs. mature compost
- 3 cups wood ash
- 6 cups lime

Mix thoroughly and place a 2" layer around plant drip line, water well.

Succulents and Cacti Mulch

- 10 cups clean sand
- 2 cups compost
- ½ cup bone meal

Mix thoroughly and place a 1" layer around plants, water lightly.

Perennial & Herb Mulch

- 1 cubic foot peat moss
- 2 cubic feet bark mulch
- 5 lbs. fish compost
- 2 cups bone meal

Mix thoroughly and place 2" layer on plants and water well.

Gardens West Website: www.gardenswest.com

*A friendship can weather most things and thrive in thin soil;
but it needs a little mulch of letters and phone calls and small,
silly presents every so often - just to save it from drying out
completely.*

Pam Brown

2006 Alaska Master Gardener Conference

By Sally Koppenberg

A few noteworthy things: The price is very reasonable!

We are holding the conference this year in conjunction with the second annual Garden and Art Festival. This affords us a wonderful shopping venue as well as a great format for our conference.

There are MANY garden tours this year with species lists and expert guides: a rose garden, perennial gardens, vegetable garden, arboretum, historical colony garden, city garden, pond, fruit garden, herb garden and so much more!

The Mat-Su Master Gardener chapter graduated the first JR. MG group in the state last year, and in keeping with this celebration, as well as our theme 'Pass Along Gardening', we are breaking ground with a full children's venue at this year's conference! There is also a child's registration for the conference.

Participants will have a many topic choices - too many to choose from, including Ed Buyarski's encyclopedic knowledge of Primroses, Dan Elliot's expertise on growing apples in Alaska and Annie Nevaldine's garden photography insight. Add to this an introduction to two great books: Jeff Lowenfels's 'Teaming with Microbes' and Hazel Koppenberg's 'Cracker Box' (including herbal crackers and flatbreads), and some fabulous garden and wild food, and this will be a conference to mark on the calendar!

Thank you all for passing the word! Hope to see you all there!



Central Peninsula Master Gardener News

by Rosemary Kimball

All of a sudden while walking down the road and looking at the mountains, I realized that the snow there last week is gone!

Summer (and this year it is summer-sort-of) is here. Is there any one who is not complaining about the cold weather? In Sterling we had a 24° morning around the middle of the month and the poor cauliflower took a real hit. I was too lazy to cover them with floating row cover and we'll see what happens when it goes to maturity. I'm betting that the cold stress is going to give me cauliflower the size of a 50-cent piece. I did replant but by that time the plants from the nursery were root bound - not an auspicious start to the summer. The green beans (under row cover- not too lazy for that!) are going gangbusters. I just wish that the peas would take inspiration and go likewise. We always put peas out as 28-day transplants and then seed on the other side of the wire. The transplants are fine but the seeded peas are not enthusiastic.

If you are interested in adding to a global warming opinion poll, e-mail Jenny Allen (jralen@ak.net) who writes "I am especially interested to know about gardening changes that you and your colleagues have seen in Anchorage over the years due to our gradually warming climate. For example, I have read older articles about new and more severe pest infestations, and I hear anecdotally about more tender species seemingly surviving, as well as longer growing seasons (in general that is, not counting this present unusually cool year!)" She does realize that this was not really the right year to ask about warming? She is a volunteer with Deborah Williams and volunteers certainly deserve a hand.

In Skagit County, Washington, Master Gardeners, to keep their accreditation, must do continuing education yearly so I signed up for a class in Organic Gardening at KPCC taught by our local agent, Tom Jahns. Land for the practicum was donated by Alaska Christian College and, after classroom computations for fertilizer types and amounts, we went to work. Peat was incorporated into the winter hockey rink and rototilled. Ten rows were set: the first three to commercial fertilizer plus chicken manure, the middle four to all-organic fertilizer (Sea-Ag plus green sand) and the last three to regular commercial fertilizer only. I confess that I haven't been over to see what has

sprouted as I am too taken up with my own garden. But I've met some neat people that I want to keep in touch with. Isn't that the way it goes when meeting gardeners?

And this is the time of the year when we use only dark towels in the bathroom as I forget to scrub my knees. Mud streaks on ivory towels is sooo tacky. The Poa in our garden is certainly not annual! It bloomed before the strawberries and is the reason for the dirty knees. Gardening must be a religious activity since one spends so much time on one's knees.

I have been blessed with a friend from Germany for two weeks in June. I don't dare mention to Uschi that I might someday soon weed before she is telling me to get busy and what weeds and why am I not down in the garden. She even cleans the kitchen which I appreciate from the bottom of my heart. (Did anyone see the sign in my kitchen "*Many people have eaten from this kitchen and gone on to lead normal lives*")?

Tomatoes are starting to ripen and the basil is good to go. I've got to get back on my knees....

ARGS Speaker set for August

David Hale, a rock gardener of reknown, will be speaking on the Perennials of the Dolomites on Sunday afternoon, August 12. At this time the place is not set so call Rosemary at 262-6187 for details closer to August 1st.

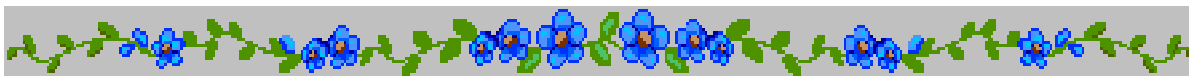
California Master Gardener Seeks Gardens to Tour in August

The editor received an email from a California MG who will be here on August:

*Hello, I am a University of California Master Gardener in Yuba and Sutter counties, (Northern California). I am visiting Alaska in August; I will be hiking the Kenai Peninsula - starting in Anchorage and ending in Homer. I would like to visit some gardens and talk to gardeners are any of your members willing to share their gardens? I write for our local newspaper and host a radio show, "Garden Talk", I think it would be great to share the gardens of Alaska through both of these mediums as well as with my fellow Master Gardeners.
Thank you, Ellie Cary*

(Dates in Alaska - August 19th - mid-day August 26th)

Please contact Gina Docherty (amga@gci.net, 345-4099) or Dana Klinkhart (klinkhart@gci.net, 346-1631) if you would be willing to share your garden with a fellow MG.



Bird Chatter

- MG Sonja Arduser reports that as an ABG docent she got to lead a tour for a group of spouses from the Pentagon.
- Herb Spencer has donated one of his *Aquilegia* to Extension's quest to identify the species of the columbine defoliator. His plant is now sitting encased in cheese cloth until the adults emerge from their pupal stage.
- Congratulations to Brigitte Ressel and Roberta Landgren for completing their 40 hours of volunteer time!
- At a silent auction to benefit TREErific Anchorage Julie Riley bought 3 hours of Nickel LaFleur's pruning expertise. Not only did Nickel prune, she also weeded!
- Linda Ewers was seen speeding along on her bicycle wearing her MG nametag as she helped organize vendors setting up for the ABG Fair.
- MG Blythe Campbell did a bang-up job on her feature stories for the Anchorage Daily News. One was on "Weathering the Chill"; the other on new ABG Director Ann Rothe. (Reporter Donna Freedman is back in town to do garden writing for July and August.)
- AMGA President Dana Klinkhart's picture was in the ADN on June 15 demonstrating the use of "specialty" fabric to protect her tomatoes which were already the size of a fist.
- Julie Riley attended the national Master Gardener's Coordinator's meeting outside of Chicago June 28-30.
- MGs Ruth Kircher, Margaret Barnard, Amy Olmstead and Donna Rulien are assisting with the Junior Master Gardener program at ABG. Donna and Brenda Krauss even taught entire 3-hour sessions while Pat Ryan was at an Ag in the Classroom Conference.
- Tip from Brenda's JMG class on roots (or was it Donna's): the ginger root in real gingerale is not a root, it's a rhizome which makes it a stem. Don't believe what you read on the label!
- After their June meeting, North Root Big Lake Garden Club members (including many MGs) went on a "greenhouse gallop" to four Big Lake greenhouses to see who could score the most points by buying plants to beautify the Big Lake Library while keeping their purchases under \$40.
- Think about participating in the Anchorage Garden Club's Annual Flower Show, August 5 & 6. You don't have to be a member to make a horticultural entry. MG Sally Mallory is general chairman of the show. For questions, leave a message at 566-0539.
- A Master Gardener is needed to write a short "Volunteer of the Month" article for the AMGA newsletter. The AMGA Board of Directors decided to highlight a Master Gardener each month and your Extension Horticulture Agent spaced-out finding a volunteer to do the writing (and someone who can take digital photos).

Soil Testing

Now is the perfect time to get a soil test to be ready for next year. Companies outside Alaska are the most economical. With the CES you just get NPK for \$40. With Brookside Laboratories, you get NPK plus sulfur, magnesium, calcium, manganese, zinc, copper, boron, iron, cat ion exchange capacity and percent base saturation. All that for \$16.50! (www.blinc.com) The caveat with getting an out-of-state soil test is that you must request a certain procedure to have the fertilizer requirement compatible with the CES recommendations. For Brookside, it is "Soil Test Package S001AN". Another company is SoilTest Farm Consultants, (www.soiltestlab.com) the cost is \$20 for most of the stuff above and the Test Group to request is S3. See CES publication FGV-00045.

MGs Strut their Stuff at Garden & Arts Festival

Master Gardeners are a talented group. If you check out the web page for the Alaska Garden & Arts Festival, you'll see at least 10 AMGA members making presentations at the event. Mary Jo Burns is speaking on primroses; Annie Nevaldine on flower and garden photography. Homer MG Rita Jo Shoutlz is giving a talk on what everything on those confusing garden labels means. Dan Elliott will share his knowledge on apples and even though he lives in Wasilla he went through the MG course in Anchorage so we can claim him.

Anchorage Master Gardeners sharing information in the **Special Plants Forum** include Catherine Renfro on Delphinium, Marge Olson on Ligularia; Annie Nevaldine on Lilies; Sally Karabelnikoff on Clematis; Sharon Davies on Hosta and Mel Monsen on Lilacs. Master Gardeners from other locations in the state are also on the agenda.

JUNE'S AMGA TOUR CONTINUED...

In the shade corner, a little girl fountain pours her watering can for the juncos and baby chickadees.

And, of course, there are her beautiful living wreaths, great splashes of impatiens, violas and alyssum in their mossy homes, hanging on walls and fence.

Food and fellowship in Dana's warm garage completed the evening. Many thanks to Sally, Jo Anne and Dana who volunteered their gardens at the last minute and saved our summer tour program! Next month it's the Summer Tour and Potluck at Amelia Walsh's garden, 12330 Lilac Drive, phone 345-9343. 'See you there.



July Summer Garden Tour and Pot Luck

Where:

Amelia Walsh's garden
12330 Lilac Drive
345-9343

When:

July 17th, 7 p.m.

How to get there:

From Seward Highway, travel 1.8 miles up Huffman Road, left on Lilac (the sign is hidden behind some trees) it's the second house on the left.

Bring a dish and your appetite, but please no children or pets. Also, please stay on the paths and stay off the rocks around the waterfall!

Food Bank of Alaska Can Use Your Produce

MG Roberta Landgren has set up a special field trip to visit the Food Bank of Alaska on July 11 at 5 p.m. While helping coordinate speakers for the ABG Fair, Roberta met Food Bank of Alaska Director of Development, Merri Mike Adams. The Food Bank of Alaska is happy to accept donations of fresh garden vegetables and Merri will tell us more on how to get involved. In order to donate produce, gardeners need to know where to go to drop off their items. Checking out the location of the Food Bank of Alaska in advance will make it easier to drop off five extra potatoes or the lettuce that you can't eat.

The Food Bank is just down the street from Alaska Mill Feed & Garden Center. To get there take East 1st Avenue towards the mountains (E), turn left (N) on North Sitka and then right (S) on Spar Ave. The Food Bank of Alaska's building is at 2121 Spar Ave., phone number 272-3663.

For a number of years MG Judy Christianson and her granddaughter have been stapling instructions to "Plant a Row for the Hungry" on free seed packets distributed by Master Gardeners. "Plant a Row for the Hungry" is a national effort supported by the Garden Writers Association. You may have heard Jeff Lowenfels promoting that gardeners donate their extra vegetables to food banks and soup kitchens. Keep track of the number of pounds of produce you donate. It can be then be added together with the amount donated in the rest of the country. Report your efforts to Julie Riley at the end of the season.

Gardening Calendar

Tuesday, July 11

5:00- 6:00 p.m. Master Gardeners tour of Alaska Food Bank. Learn how and where to make donations of food. The Food Bank accepts fresh garden produce, large or small quantities. 2121 Spar Ave. Map available at www.foodbankofalaska.org. Contact CES if you have questions, 786-6300. Public welcome.

Thursday, July 13

12:30-3:00 p.m., Invasive Plants Identification Workshop. Learn which plants are of concern in Alaska. Workshop includes live plants and herbarium specimens. Bring in your unknown weeds for identification. Free, but pre-registration required, 786-6300.

Monday, July 17

7:00 p.m. Anchorage Master Gardener Association field trip and potluck. Amelia and Jon Walsh's, 12330 Lilac, Dr., CES 786-6300.

Friday & Saturday, July 21 & 22

Alaska Master Gardener Conference, Palmer. "Pass Along Gardening" Includes walking tour of historic Palmer, garden tours, presentations on primroses, apples and more. Featured speaker Ed Buyarski, MG from Juneau and President of the American Primrose Society. Includes dinner at Stonehill Gardens with presentation and book signing by Jeff Lowenfels, Teaming with Microbes. Registration \$85/adult, \$40/child. Conference brochure available at CES, in Anchorage 786-6300.

Saturday, July 22

Alaska Garden & Arts Festival, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. \$5, In conjunction with the Master Gardener Conference, includes presentations, tours <http://www.alaskastatefair.org/2006/yearevent/2006gardenshowspeakerlist.html>.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, July 28-30

Master Gardener Fundraiser GARAGE SALE, baked goods & plant sale (and Invasive Plants display), 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., 5429 Skylark, right off Sand Lake Road. To donate items (including plants), contact MG Kyle Wessells at 243-5581.

Monday, August 21

7:00 p.m. Anchorage Master Gardener Association field trip to the garden of Thais Thomas, 3501 Lake Shore Dr., CES 786-6300.

August 24 – September 4

Alaska State Fair, Palmer. "A Tradition of Gathering: Gettin' Together for Fun". Enter your flowers and vegetables August 23/ August 30, 12:00 – 9:00 p.m. Look for the CES display in Raven Hall.



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