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From the Presidents Corner

Dana Klinkhart

As I headed to Steven's International Airport on April 27th, I hoped that I had remembered everything I wanted to take along. The Southeast Garden Conference 2006 was occupying my mind so I wasn't exactly sure just what I had packed. Somewhere in my excitement, the trip list was ignored. I had not been to our capitol city since the spring of 2000. The last garden conference I attended in Juneau was packed with so many great gardening tips and ideas that I wondered if this conference could possibly beat it. I was not disappointed. The presentation on clematis and the workshop on propagation that followed were full of ideas for selecting clematis. The garden sanctuary presentation featured practical design elements to create an outdoor space. Raintree Nursery owner from the state of Washington, Sam Benowitz, shared his experience in cultivating fruit varieties that thrive in a maritime climate. His workshop titled "Grafting without Corruption" demonstrated different methods for grafting fruit trees. Les Brake of Coyote Garden in Willow brought to the conference a slide show with samples of fall colors. Our own Anchorage gardeners shared their skills, too. Carol Norquist taught a class in concrete leaf print dishes for the garden. Debbie Hinchey spoke to gardeners on creating a smart garden by combining science and personal experience. There were numerous topics to choose from, the difficulty came in deciding just which one. Floral arranging, pruning Rhododendron and azalea, working with native rock, diagnosing house plant problems and a talk on pain free gardening were all included in the list of classes. I certainly could not attend them all but the conference was all I needed to spring into action for making preliminary plans for our own garden conference. Our AMGA board met recently to address our conference scheduled for 2007. The month of March has been selected as the target date. We are now looking for the most appropriate location. We will be searching for speakers, planning workshops and thinking about what to include in the trade show. In the merry month of May our Alaska Master Gardeners Association meeting featured Rita Jo Schulz from Fritz Creek Nursery. Once again Rita Jo joined us to share her passion in gardening, this time her topic of discussion was titled "Flowers, A Few of My Favorites". And if you were looking for inspiration, her energy was contagious and her colorful slide show provided an abundance of ideas for us all.

While the gardening season started in January for some of our avid gardeners, others waited until February and March to start seeds or bulbs. It is in transplanting those starts in April that signals the arrival of spring in Alaska for me. My favorite moment though is discovering the return of the perennials. That is really exciting. This winter appears to have

been kinder to most of the perennials in my yard. So, gardeners, start your engines! Gardening 2006 is here! Master Gardeners have already planted the entrance beds at the Alaska Botanical Gardens and flower beds at the Pioneer Home. Not only are gardeners sharing gardening information in the community, they are deeply involved in the personal gardens as well. Let's be sure to include plenty of sunscreen and gloves in our gardening supplies along with a shade hat and sun glasses. The sun is good for plants but it is not good for us without protection. Practicing appropriate lifting postures should be right up there on the list of 'important things to remember'. We want to enjoy the entire summer. After the garden is in and it's time to reflect, take note of things you've learned and of the great new plants you've tried. Plan to bring those ideas with you to share with your gardening friends at our first meeting in September. In the meantime, I'll be looking forward to seeing you at our summer garden tours.



Let's All Go To Fritz Creek

by Jo Anne Banta

What a joy it was to have Rita Jo Shoultz speak at May's AMGA meeting. The wonderful slides she used to depict her topic, "My Favorite Things," had us all drooling and ready for a trip down the Kenai Peninsula.

Rita Jo is the owner of Fritz Creek Gardens in Homer. She began growing plants in 1995, concentrating on "Alaska Hardy" perennials suited to our northern environment. Her business has literally "blossomed," and she now has one of Alaska's most scenic, popular nurseries. Fritz Creek's catalog, "Alaska Hardy Plants 2006" is one that every gardener should have.

Rita Jo has traveled extensively in her search for beautiful hardy perennials. We saw marvelous slides of English cottage gardens, of English formal gardens, of Holland's canals, tulip fields, and composting facilities. We saw Jim Gardiner, curator of Wisley, the Royal Horticulture Society's main gardens, in his delphinium trial bed. There was Derri Watkins, a well-known English plant expert, drying seeds – which she sells, by the way; and there were great slides of old castles. (Incidentally, Rita Jo says one can stay in an English castle room and that it is less costly than a hotel room.)

Importing plants is an iffy business. We saw Dan Hymes, co-owner of Oregon's Terra Nova Nurseries, carefully washing dirt from roots. Inspectors use a white paper rub to determine if any soil remains. There are serious consequences for not following the rules exactly. When we saw the slide of Stephanie Cohen of Shortwood Gardens, Rita Jo told us that she had a new premier book coming out. We now know the title, The Perennial Garden Design Primer. It promises to be great reading and viewing.

The real Alaskan beauty came when we saw the slides of Fritz Creek. There was a light blue veronica that will not die, great for paths said Rita Jo. Hillside Black Beauty, *Cimicifuga simplex* (bugbane) with its tall spikes, truly is a beauty. Other charming flowers: *Calypso albosa*, native lady slipper (now in bloom, incidentally); *Lysimachia Alexandria*, firecracker, grown with tulips; lilies and yarrow, grown together; *Lamiastrum*, Ladies Pride, and the long blooming *Dicentra golden heart*. The dwarf irises with the large (normal size) blossoms are wonderful, Candy Apple in particular.

Fritz Creek has thirteen display gardens. There is a woodland garden, several rock gardens, a butterfly and bird garden, an Asian garden, a water garden and even a beneficial insect garden (in the orchard area). There is a unique attractive bed enclosed by upside-down wine bottles, buried to the neck. Their catalog lists all of the

Volunteer Spotlight:

GEORGE PATRAWKE



Master Gardener George Patrawke has been gardening since 1937 when he had his first garden outside his family's kitchen window in Fairbanks. In the '40's they moved to Anchorage and George continued growing vegetables. He claims to have been growing brussels sprouts in Anchorage before anyone else was giving them a try. In 1942 he joined 4-H but there was no

Alaska State Fair in Palmer at which he could exhibit his crops.

George has also been growing fruit for 50 years– currants, gooseberries, strawberries and raspberries. He said when he lived on 8th & M the plants would just come under the fence into his yard. Martha Galbreath first met George when they were both gardening at the C Street Community Gardens. George grew vegetables at the City's community garden for 10-12 years until the stealing got too bad.

George's primary gardening interest is still vegetables, but he told me his apple tree had 100 blossoms last year. Unfortunately, he got no apples. "Out of 1,000 trees in my yard, the moose have to pick that one tree to chew on," he said. In addition to gardening, George also loves dogs. He currently has only two. At one time he was up to six. And they never bothered the garden. Except the Doberman that ate his 8" potted cauliflower.

When the AMGA Board of Directors decided who to profile in the newsletter, the vote was unanimous. George comes to all the AMGA meetings and always wins the door prize!

Photo: Judy Wedemeyer
Article: Julie Riley



STAKING FLOWERS

Julie Riley, Cooperative Extension Service

Promise not to let your flowers get away from you this season. Plan to stake early. Once flowers flop, it's extremely difficult to stake them up discreetly. To help ease the need for staking, space plants closely together. Or plant two different types of flowers together so they can support one another. One supportive combination is allowing vines to grow through shrubs. Some cultivars are better at standing up straight than others. In her presentation last month Rita Jo Schulz mentioned that *Veronica* 'Royal Candle' doesn't split open like some of the other *Veronicas*.

Certain plants, such as valerian, can be pruned back after flowering to help avoid the need for unsightly stakes. Other flowers such as snapdragons might not need to be staked at all if plants had been pinched back when they were young.

When using wildflowers in the garden, fertilize little or not at all. If grown with too much fertilizer, native plants often get outrageously tall and flop over. I've seen this happen with bluebells (*Mertensia*), roseroot, and burnet, (*Sanguisorbia*). Two others to grow lean include *Veronica spicata* and Artemisia 'Silver Mound'. Once 'Silver Mound' flops open with a big hole in the center, it will look this way until the winter puts it out of its misery.

Below is a list of flowers that often require staking. If there are others I need to add, please let me know.

Perennials

Meadowrue, *Thalictrum aquilegifolium*, (sometimes)
Yarrow, *Achillea filipendula*, *A. millifolium*
Monkshood, *Aconitum napellus*
Columbine (sometimes)
Peach-leaved bell flower, *Campanula persicifolia*
Giant bellflower, *Campanula latifolia* ('Brantwood' may not require staking)
Delphinium
Meadowsweet, *Filipendula rubra* 'Venusta'
Baby's breath
Sneezeweed, *Helenium autumnale*,
Shasta daisies (some cultivars)
Peony
Painted daisy
Veronica spicata
Veronica longiflora
Elecampagne, *Inula helenium*
Valerian

Biennials

Angelica
Foxglove (sometimes)
Hollyhock (sometimes)

Annuals

Bachelor's buttons (if not dwarf cultivar)
Malva sylvestris mauritania (sometimes)
Blue flax
Sunflower

Tender Perennials

Dahlia

Anchorage's Columbine Defoliator

In recent years Anchorage gardeners have been battling a little green "worm" that completely defoliates columbine. All that the Anchorage IPM office knew was that the culprit was a sawfly larva. During IPM training last month it was noted that in addition to Anchorage, the insect had also been found in the Mat Valley. Fairbanks gardeners haven't been so unlucky as to have this problem yet. Entomologist Jim Kruse with the U.S. Forest Service in Fairbanks encouraged Extension's IPM technicians to rear out the larva so that a positive identification could be made and specimens added to Alaska's insect collection.

Thanks to Gina Docherty for tracking down the article below from the University of Minnesota. The description sounds very similar to the columbine defoliator we are seeing in Alaska. Hopefully this season, we'll be able to confirm the pest's identity.

Be On the Watch For Columbine Sawfly

Jeffrey Hahn, Assist. Extension Entomologist

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/yardandgarden/YGLNews>

If you grow columbine in your garden, watch out for a defoliating insect known as columbine sawfly, *Pristophora aquiligae*. Sawflies are similar in appearance to caterpillars but grow up to be non-stinging wasps. You can distinguish between them as caterpillars have 2 - 5 pairs of prolegs, fleshy false legs located on their abdomen while sawflies have 6 - 10 pairs of prolegs. Columbine sawflies are green with greenish heads and lack stripes or spots on their body.

Columbine sawfly larvae are active in May feeding on the leaves of columbine. They start along the edge of leaves and feed until only the midveins remain. A badly defoliated plant will look like a stem with thin sticks protruding out. Because of their green color and the fact that they are often on the underside of leaves during the day, it is easy to miss these sawflies until defoliation becomes severe and obvious.

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Camp for FREE in Denali National Park

- (1) Denali National Park: Dandelion Pull
Session 1: June 6 - June 9, 2006
Session 2: June 12 - June 16, 2006

- (2) Denali National Park: "Need for Seed"
Session 1: August 8 - August 11, 2006
Session 2: August 14 - August 18, 2006

In return for your participation in one of these sessions you may camp for free in Denali National Park while volunteering, plus up to three additional days. Just bring your camping gear, warm clothes and raingear "just in case".

Dandelion Pull: Help control the spread of invasive dandelions along the DNP road system. Volunteers in 2005 removed 610 pounds of dandelions from the road system.

"Need for Seed": Whenever any kind of construction occurs within DNP, the construction site is revegetated using native plant seeds collected by volunteers. Help gather seeds from various vetches, asters, grasses, and more! [As an added bonus - the blueberries ripen in the Park during August! Yum!]

Contact: Wendy Mahovlic, Vegetation Technician, Denali National Park (wendy_mahovlic@nps.gov)

Wildflower Seminar in Denali National Park, June 16-18.

The Murie Science and Learning Center, in cooperation with the National Park Service, is offering a three day wildflower course taught by wildflower expert and author Verna Pratt. Participants will explore both tundra and taiga identifying wildflowers and learning about plant classification. This course is designed to give wildflower enthusiasts a deeper understanding of plant families and their characteristics. Participants will stay as a group at a field camp located 34 miles inside Denali National Park. Course begins at 6:30pm on the first day and ends at 4pm on the last day. For more information, please visit www.murieslc.org, email courses@alaskanha.org, or call toll free 1-888-688-1269.



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available plants together with their qualifications: height, bloom time, sun, shade etc., with a special column for Rita's favorites, sure bets for your garden.

Rita Jo brought several plants with her: roses, Ligularia, Hostas, and Cimicifuga. They were all snapped up immediately. If you just can't make the trip and you'd like to order, however, you can do so on line or by phone. The Homer Stage Line leaves Homer daily at 8:00 a.m. and arrives in Anchorage (3331 Fairbanks St.) at 2:00 p.m. Fritz Creek delivers daily at 7:00 a.m.

Other words of wisdom from Rita Jo: 1) Fishy Peat, an Anchor Point product, is great for plants. 2) When using grasses, pull seed heads off to stop their spreading. 3) Use Neem oil spray on columbines to get rid of saw flies. (Be sure to spray under leaves.) 4) Divide lilies every three years. 5) Lilacs do not like lawn fertilizers; too much nitrogen causes lack of blossoms.

AMGA goes on its usual summer schedule of field trips next month. See the update on page 7 for where it will be located!

COLUMBINE SAWFLY CONT. FROM PAGE 3

If you have had a problem with columbine sawfly in the past or want to protect your plants against these insects, check your columbine frequently to detect the larvae when they are first active. The younger the sawflies are when you find them, the less damage they have inflicted on your plants. Once you find them, you can determine what the best course of action is. If you are dealing with a small number of sawflies, an easy solution is to handpick them. Just throw them into a bucket of soapy water to be sure they die.

If physical removal isn't practical, there are insecticides that are effective. Insecticidal soap is good low impact product. When using insecticidal soap, it is important to hit the larvae directly with the spray. There isn't any residual activity so any sawflies that walk onto treated leaves later will not be affected by it. Another low impact product that should be effective is spinosad (e.g. Conserve)

There are also any number of residual garden insecticides that would work against sawflies, such as esfenvalerate, bifenthrin, and permethrin. Columbine sawflies are thought to have one generation so after they are gone in June, you should be done with them for the season.



South Central Peninsula Master Gardener News

By Rosemary Kimball

Things have settled into spring routine...little green things about one inch high to start the month. They were followed by that dismal snow at the end of the first week of May. It was just enough to give the reminder that we are 60°N. The temperatures have been within the normal range, but the only people I haven't heard grumble about our cold spring are people who don't live up here!!! This reminds us how spoiled we have gotten the past few years. Then there was Memorial Day weekend for the weather to "make nice".

Spring is officially here. Neighbor Mark, Kathy Tarr and I made the annual foray into the Valley nurseries and worked our way back into town. We didn't go to the big Anchorage nurseries as they are, as Kathy put it, rather boring compared to the smaller ones outside of town. Our first stop, historically, is Recluse Nursery which has been renamed "Rhonda's Nursery". I got a neat plant, *Glaucium Flavum* "Extra" - Yellow Horned Poppy, that looks like a yellow meconopsis. It was rated zone 4 and I gave it to a friend as she is warmer than I and doesn't have a weed pile for a garden. Another nursery of note is Northern Fruits Nursery just up the road from Bushes Bunches on Clark-Wolverine Road in Palmer. (Keep going on that dirt road until you see a greenhouse on the right.) The family has all sorts of U-Pick fruit in season as well as plants for sale. I was specifically after aronia berry plants for my small fruit section of our garden and there were two which I snapped up. Open hours are 9-6 and the phone is 745-1070. What will make me go back there is that they do their own grafting and use root stock that is more suited to Alaska's climate.

For the first time in years we've had to scan the yard for snowshoe hare. They were noticeably absent when the season was supposed to peak. So far we've had Julia Child's rabbit stew, furry curry and the third one is in the freezer.

I got an e-mail while we were in Hawaii from neighbor Mark wanting to know if we wanted some chickens to which I replied "chicks or soup?" And to which he replied. "Aesthetically pleasing adult birds to complete the farm-like ambiance". Now a rooster and two hens are caged right outside our bedroom window. He starts bellowing at 4 AM but they have become yard birds as long as they don't eat my flowers. We are trying to encourage parenting at the moment.



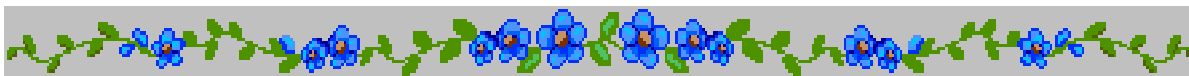
My parents were married in Hilo Hawaii in 1927 and we got a chance to house sit for friends in April about 20 miles north of there. We didn't say no! Harry is a gardener and grows a wide range of stuff including *Piper nigrum* vines. Between Harry's garden and the Hilo Farmers' Market, we ate an entirely different menu while we were there. His slugs were really something. When I was growing up in Honolulu we had small snails, but nothing like the slugs in Harry's garden. It would take 10 of the Sterling slugs to make one Ninole slug. And those Hawaiian slugs were the color of the dirt they lived in and would burrow in half way in to become effectively camouflaged. We developed a technique for rousting them out: Phil would rake where ever and that would turn them over exposing their yellow undersides and I'd skewer them with the barbecue skewers. Twelve slugs to a skewer and over the side and into the ravine they flew. Then we'd leave the unknown remainders a bit of a metaldehyde snack. Going to get the newspaper in the morning was a real visual treat! I had to walk up the



driveway which was bordered by small palms with orchids attached to the trunks and a small jungle of various bromeliads underneath.

It is time to play the tune "Pavane pour un jardin defunct" as I go around to see what didn't come back. Thinking optimistically, that's opportunity for new plants.

[Photos: Harry Kami and his *Piper Nigrum* vines and a close up of the peppercorns]



Bird Chatter

- Check out the new community website for gardeners in the central Kenai Peninsula area. The address is: www.cpcgardeners.com
- Congratulations to Judy Wedemeyer, MG class 2005, for completing her 40 hours of volunteer service while answering the Horticulture Hotline.
- Thanks to Beth Schlabaugh for heading up the design and planting of the ABG entrance beds. The purple pansies used as a border should hold up better to white mold than the lobelia did in past years.
- Overheard on a cold Saturday in May– "Cooperative Extension needs to do a class on hardening-off gardeners! We're not used to gardening in this cold weather."
- The Herb Study Group has been taken over by Master Gardeners. Those who worked in the ABG herb garden last month include Mary Shier, Jill Shepherd, Margaret Love, Lupita Weese, Erna Rousey, Marguerite Barnard, Margaret Keicher, and Michelle Semerad. Join the group Tuesdays at noon.
- Out of the bedroom and into the greenhouse– MG Roberta Landgren and husband Jay are using an old waterbed frame to grow plants!
- The July issue of **Horticulture** magazine contains an article on Homer gardener Teena Garay. Article by Les Brake and photos by Julie Riley.
- A crew led by Judy Christianson and Mary Shier (Lupita Weese, Rebecca Shellikoff, Dana Klinkhart, Marguerite Barnard, Ginny More, Ann Spohnhotz, CJ Douglas) finished planting the Anchorage Pioneer Home beds in the rain May 31. This year's design includes some interesting plants including MUSTARD!
- Combos recommended by Rita Jo Schultz at the May AMGA meeting: *Pulmonaria* 'Little Star'/Aleutian speedwell; *Lysimachia* 'Firecracker'/red tulips; *Trollius pumilus*/fan columbine, *Aquilegia flabellata*.
- Heronswood Nursery in Kingston, Washington unexpectedly closed its doors on May 24. W. Atlee Burpee & Co. has owned Heronswood for the last 6 years and according to president George Ball, operations will be moved to Pennsylvania, http://www.kitsapsun.com/bsun/local/article/0,2403,BSUN_19088_4738081,00.html.
- Thanks for their generous donations to the Pioneer Home go to Mary Jo Burns for her primulas, and Judy Wilmarth for her peonies for the court yard.
- Unfortunately Anchorage Community Schools has to close its doors and Master Gardeners will need a new venue for teaching classes next spring.

Newsletter Articles are due the last weekend of the month to be included in the next month's newsletter.

"Pass Along Gardening", MG Conference '06

The Mat-Su Master Gardeners ask that you put July 21-22 on your calendar for the statewide Master Gardener Conference. According to Conference Chairwoman Sally Koppenberg, registration will be in downtown Palmer with a walking tour of historic Palmer including the Arboretum at the UAF Experiment Station. Friday afternoon will be field trips to noted gardens and the evening will include a "Wild Alaska" catered supper.

On Saturday the conference will take place at the Alaska State Fair so that participants can also enjoy the 2nd annual Alaska Garden & Arts Festival. Topics include primroses, apples and children's gardening. More details will be shared as they become available or you can check out Sally's blog sites at dirtdivasgardening.blogspot.com/ or stonehillgardens.blogspot.com/.

Outreach Container Gardening Program Volunteer(s) Needed

Parks and Recreation is planning an outreach container gardening program this summer. The program will be advertised and open to the public. The class will teach folks how to successfully grow herbs and vegetables in container gardens. Volunteers will teach folks who do not own land or have the space to plant a regular backyard garden that they can successfully grow healthy produce in a very limited amount of space. This will also include recipes explaining healthy ways to prepare their container garden food.

Parks and Recreation will provide all the supplies for this free program. They are also offering a children's "Gym Games" series at the same time so folks won't have to worry about child care; they can bring their kids along and our staff will occupy them with a variety of fun activities and plenty of exercise.

Some great instructors are needed. Ideally, one awesome instructor would teach the whole series, or a new instructor each week. Is there anyone out there interested in volunteering to teach this series? Please contact:

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Fairview Recreational Center, Anchorage Parks and Recreation

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Alaska Master Gardener Summer Tour CHANGE IN PLANS!!

The Master Gardeners have had a change of plans for the June meeting. Sally Arant of "In The Garden" will have an open garden for us to visit and purchase plants if you want on June 19th from 7pm to 8pm. From Sally's we will venture on to the gardens of Jo Anne Banta for a walk thru her gardens. The evening will end at Dana Klinkhart's garden for refreshments. Sounds like fun? See you there.

Directions to "In The Garden": Drive southbound on the New Seward Highway to DeArmoun Road. Drive east for almost ½ mile up to **3021 DeArmoun Road**. Sally's place is on the left, next to Bell's DeArmoun Nursery.

Directions to Jo Anne's house: From DeArmoun, drive back down DeArmoun, then right onto the Frontage road along the New Seward Highway to Huffman Road. Turn right on Huffman, take the 1st left @ Gregory. Drive up ½ block to the 1st left, Circle Wood. At the bottom of the hill is Jo Anne's, **1810 Circle Wood**. There is an anchor in the garden in front – you can't miss it.

Directions to Dana's: From Jo Anne's, drive back to Huffman road, take a left, towards the mountains & take the 1st right on Meander. 'Meander' around until you come to **1941 Meander Circle**, on the right.

Mosquito Repellent Report

Consumer Reports for June 2006 evaluated insect repellent and now that the little mosquitoes that bite first and ask questions later are out, it's worth reading. Deep Woods Off is a hands down winner but it is 98% DEET and would love to melt your plastic. It's closely followed by 30 to 34% DEET sprays. Unfortunately, the lemon eucalyptus that smells so good is way down the scale of effectiveness; however, the bright spot... According to the Avant Gardener, crushed leaves of Callicarpa (Beautyberry), a native of the southwest, has a compound called callicapenal which has proved as effective as DEET in preventing mosquito bites. It's not on the market– yet– but cross your fingers and scratch your bites.

GARDEN & PLANT SALE

Saturday, June 17, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. - 5801 Arctic Blvd., in Mini Mall south of International Airport Road.

Includes perennials, native plants, rock garden plants, annuals, vegetables, berries, herbs, roses, trees, hanging baskets, garden art and related items including books, magazines, note cards, jams and jellies.

Sponsored by St. Alexis Orthodox Christian Church Contact: Nicki Nielson, rjn@alaska.net

Gardening Calendar

June 7 – Aug 30

– **Guided Tours of the Alaska Botanical Garden** Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m., meet at the ABG entrance for a docent led tour. Call ahead (770-3692) for groups of 15 or more. Website: www.alaskabg.org

– **Docent on Duty at Alaska Botanical Garden** Wednesdays from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Website: www.alaskabg.org

June 08 & 09

Pesticide Applicator Course, Initial Certification - Cooperative Extension Service, 2221 E. Northern Lights, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM. Certification class for licensed pesticide applicators for categories 2, 3, 4, 7, and 9. Preregistration required, \$30. Contact: CES, 786-6300

June 09

Wildflowers for Northern Climates - In the Garden Nursery, 3021 DeArmoun Rd, Anchorage Starts at 10:00 AM. Space is limited; call Lorri at 346-4246 to register. [Repeats June 10th at noon] Website: www.inthegardennursery.com

June 10

– **Build & Grow: Desktop Set** - Lowe's Home Improvement, 333 E. Tudor Rd., Anchorage; Starts at 10:00 AM

– **Bell's Open House / Garden Fair** - 13700 Specking Ave, Anchorage 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Preview 2007 trial plants and vote on your favorites. Representatives from garden manufacturers, growers, brokers, will be on-hand. Website: www.bellsnursery.com

June 12 – Aug 2

Junior Master Gardener Camp - Alaska Botanical Garden, 9:00 AM – 12:00 or 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday sessions. Hands-on activities for kids ages 7-11 with a focus on botany, horticulture and ecology. Led by Patrick Ryan, certified JMG Specialist and Master Gardener.. Enrollment is \$125 per child. Contact: Cynthia, 770-3692 E-mail: cynthia@alaskabg.org

June 16

Hot Plant Combos: In the Garden Nursery, 3021 DeArmoun Rd, Anchorage Starts at 10:00 AM Space is limited; call Lorri at 346-4246 to register.[Repeats June 17th at noon] Website: www.inthegardennursery.com

June 19

Anchorage Master Gardener Association Garden Tour Sally Arant's "In the Garden", followed by Jo Anne Banta's, ending up at Dana Klinkhart's for refreshments. See "Change in Plans" article this page.

July 16

Ancient Tree Style Bonsai Location TBA 1:00 PM - Cook Inlet Bonsai Study Group special presentation by Tom Zane, Florida. Website: www.alaskabonsaiclubs.org

July 22 – 23

Thyme on Your Hands Central Lutheran Church, 1420 Cordova St, Anchorage 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Anchorage Garden Club sponsors a two-day course given by National Garden Club instructors on "**Flower Show Procedures**", "**Herbs, Annuals & Biennials**", and display design for flower shows. Course fee. Contact: 566-0539

July 26

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

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