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Message From Lynne Opstad Co-Vice President AMGA

We can't deny it any longer, one glance at the mountains tells us that our summer gardening season is at an end. I'm sure most of you spent parts of your week in the garden putting away garden art, harvesting the remaining vegetables and cleaning out your flower gardens and pots. Although I love fall, I am never ready for winter and somehow it always takes me by surprise.

The summer is easy to fill with activities, the more time outside the better. The winter hours are harder since our time outside is necessarily limited because of the short daylight hours and temperatures. If you are like me, now is the time you start wondering how you are going to fill those dark winter hours.

We are so fortunate to live in a community that offers so many ways to spend our time. Consider joining one of the local garden clubs. From the Alaska Native Plant Society to the Primrose Study Group, all the garden clubs welcome new members and provide further education into specific branches of the gardening tree. You can find a full list of garden clubs on the AMGA website in the Resources section and in the 2015 Directory on pages 36-39.

Look for information coming soon about the next Advanced Master Gardener class on entomology, the scientific study of insects. If you've fulfilled your volunteer requirements for the Master Gardener course you are eligible to sign up for Advanced Master Gardener courses. Look for details coming soon; classes fill up fast so make sure to sign up as soon as registration is open. Giving your time to advance your community is a great way to use your skills and stay engaged. The AMGA will be hosting the 2016 Statewide Master Gardener Conference in April. The conference committee is in the process of finalizing the speaker line-up. Our keynote speaker will be the dynamic Marianne Binetti, read her bio on page 6, or check out her website:

<http://www.binettigarden.com/>. We are excited about offering a relevant and interesting conference to the gardening community but will need lots of help to do so. Look for volunteer requests in future newsletters and email notices.

And please consider serving on the AMGA Board of Directors. AMGA is a vibrant and strong organization; keeping it that way requires an enthusiastic Board of Directors. Don't think that someone else will do it, if you have skills to share on the board don't be shy, step forward and self-nominate- the AMGA needs you! Contact any board member for more information or to nominate yourself or someone else (with their permission). Nominations are open until October 7th.



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AMGA September Meeting & Presentation on Plant Propagation by Julie Riley

The room was filled with conversation about the amazing summer we all experienced. It was difficult to start the program since there was so much to share among us from successes at the state fair, the bounty of our vegetable gardens, the extraordinary gardens at the Pioneer Home, and new garden projects undertaken. Barbara Baker, co-president opened the meeting welcoming back our members and guests visiting from around the state and Hawaii. Forty-seven were in attendance.

Announcements were made including:

****Pioneer Home Garden Clean-up on September 28 at 10:30.**

****Statewide Master Gardener Conference Volunteer Opportunities:**

****Need dream team to champion fundraising idea for the conference to develop Grow Your Own Seed Packets and Recipes for Salsa, Herb Garden, etc. Contact Sue Looney for more information.**

****Seeking donations for Silent Auction garden related gift items to be held at the conference. Donation forms will be available soon and items can be brought to future meetings.**

****Sue Looney is collecting names of volunteers for the conference. Duties of the positions will soon be available.**

Nominations for Board Members are open through October 7, 2015. There are four vacancies. Anyone interested in nominating or self-nominating should contact the nomination committee: Cindy Walker, Melanie San Angelo or Jane Baldwin. Voting will occur from October 28 through November 7, 2015.

Cooperative Extension Agent, Julie Riley presented a summary of the recent Advanced Master Gardener class on Plant Propagation taught by Doug Tryck. Forty MGs took the class. With the assistance of class participants Fran Pekar, FX Nolan and Martina Steinmetz, Julie outlined the course, discussed various techniques used and provided pictures of what they learned. Plant propagation is broken out between sexual (seeds) and asexual (cloning). They studied three cloning techniques: cuttings (soft- and hardwood), division and bulb scales. Doug Tryck's nursery/home was made available as a living laboratory of unusual plants where MGs collected some of the materials for their experiments. They propagated trees and shrubs, perennial and annual flowers, houseplants, vines, vegetables and grafted apples. Also, Jane Baldwin demonstrated soft wood cloning to reproduce a favorite crimson snapdragon she enjoys in her garden. Many lessons were learned in this course. Proper technique, lighting, moisture, air movement and the correct propagating medium all play a role in the success of their experiments.

Photos from AMGA's last garden tour for 2015

August 31st at Clark Orchards

Photos by Tony Flores



2015 AMGA Summer Garden Tours - Success!

Thank you to Phyllis Rogers and Melanie San Angelo for organizing our summer garden tours. And to everyone that has graciously opened their gardens to us this summer:

Forget-Me-Not Nursery- Courtney Ruckel;
Alyeska Resort Hotel- Stacie Lordan;
Shaun Monico;
Dimond Greenhouse- Daryl Leiser;
Ilene Rountree;
Gail Hoefler;
Pioneer Home & Rose Garden Volunteers;
Shannon Kesting;
Diane Kaplan;
Margery Quick;
Amy Olmstead;
Pat Anderson;
Marge Olson; (hosted by Frannie & Dave Junge for Marge)
Elaine Junge;
Sharon Davies;
Carol Ross;
Clark Orchard- Tony & Sonja Arduser

2015 Alaska State Fair "Green Art"

Maybe it was the weather, but this year's State Fair gardens were a sight to behold: the Vegetable garden, the Perennial garden, all the plantings around the fairgrounds, the Crops displays, and the Virgil Eckhart garden, where peace and quiet reigns - all were remarkable.

Becky Myrvold, Head Gardener at the Alaska State Fair, deserves a "Shout Out" for all the beautiful "Green Art" displayed around the Fairgrounds. When contacted by Barbara Baker this is what she replied:

"Thank YOU for enjoying the 'green art' in the gardens this year. I do all of the garden design work here at ASF. They all start as tiny ideas in my head and just proceed from there. Ultimately, I portray the image to the grounds staff and they build/weld the frames as I instruct them to 'make it bigger here' or 'shift that this way' etc. In June myself and my crew plant the topiary figures and grow them on until Fair time."

Well done Becky & her grounds staff!



Above: Topiary structures at the AK State Fair
Photos by Barbara Baker



Bird topiary & Living Wall Quilt at the Alaska State Fair
Photos by Barbara Baker



Other art in the Crops Department: Scarecrows and pumpkin exhibits at the AK State Fair - Photo by Barbara Baker



Lavender and Thyme Herb Bed in the Virgil Eckart Garden at the Alaska State Fair
Photo by Shirley Ryan



Growing Young Gardeners: Making Gardening Fun!

By Amy Reed, MG

Gardening gives me so much enjoyment—flowers blooming, plants taking root, new growth sprouting on the bottom of bushes. It also gives me a bit of guilt when it becomes all consuming and cuts into family time. Who wants to be weeding a flowerbed while your kid is playing bubbles or chalk in the driveway next to you? I have found that introducing children to gardening and making it fun actually creates more family time.

The benefits of gardening for children are numerous—learning cause and effect, added responsibility, patience, and a deeper understanding of nature. Also, when a child is digging in the soil, lifting pots and watering cans, they are getting physically active! Studies have shown that children that grow their own vegetables and fruits not only understand how our food is produced are more likely to eat them! My daughter will happily pick blueberries and raspberries off our bushes if she can sample a few. I also have a budding entomologist who loves finding bugs in our outdoor garden to feed to her indoor carnivorous plants. We have learned all about stick bugs and ladybugs this summer by watching our garden creatures.

Introduction to gardening with children can be very easy and fun. First, start small. Grow a marigold in a Styrofoam cup from seed together and later transfer it into the garden. Let your child pick out a seed packet at the store that they will be responsible for growing. When I was a child, my responsibility every year was growing the morning glories in our backyard. I was in charge of planting, watering, and winding the vines around the trellis as they grew. It gave me such a sense of accomplishment when the vines reached the top of the trellis!

Visit local farms and gardens as a family to show children where food is grown. Pick-your-own farms are especially fun for little ones. The most fun I had was digging for potatoes at a farm in Palmer one year. It was like a treasure hunt and boy, did we get dirty!

A trip to the botanical garden is a great way to educate and inspire. The Alaska Botanical Garden has wonderful programs for children, such as Story Time in the Garden, Junior Master Gardener Summer Day Camp, Garden in the Schools, and many festivals throughout the year. Check out the website at <http://www.alaskaabg.org> for further details.

Finally, design a theme garden together with your child. One theme I have done with my daughter for two years revolves around her love for fairies. We have a fern patch that provides lovely shade for her container garden fairy house. The fairy house was constructed with elements we found around the yard, such as sticks, moss, bark, stones, and pinecones. We sprinkled a bit of "pixie dust" aka glitter to entice the fairies to take up home in the garden!

Gardening with children provide so many benefits, but most of all it nurtures wonderful memories and shared family time.

Fruits of Summer By Rosemary Shinohara

I brought a scraggly, crooked-stemmed cherry tomato plant in from our unheated greenhouse a few days ago. We neglected the plant over the summer as other, bigger tomatoes hogged our attention.

But now the regular tomato plants are dead. And the bedraggled cherry tomato plant on the dining room floor is all that's keeping me from the nuthouse.



This year my husband and I planted the biggest vegetable garden ever - two kinds of potatoes, carrots, a new-to-us variety of strawberries, kale, leaf lettuce, broccoli, plus Japanese mizuna and shiso.



We actually replanted greens and cucumbers (in the greenhouse) mid-season for the first time. We have so much shiso - a bushy, red and green herb used in Japan for salads, tempura and other dishes - that we don't know what to do with it all.

The results, probably due to fabulous weather more than skill, satisfied us greatly.

Then September arrived and the broccoli went to seed. The greens slowed way down. Some even turned bitter. The snow peas lost their tenderness. Flowers keeled over right and left.

Sure, these dark days come every year and to everyone. It hurts, knowing you won't taste a fresh tomato for six or seven months.

That's why it makes me happy to wake up every day and see the one hold-out cherry tomato plant still ignoring reality. The fruit is sweet in more ways than one.

Fall Foraging - The Highbush Cranberry

By Marylynne L. Kostick



As the leaves fall with the change of the season - the cold crisp air and the weight of first snowfall - our landscapes will be bedazzled with the little jewels that are the berry-like fruits of many shrubs and trees. Many of these berry-like fruits will be sought out and devoured by the birds and other non-human animals as they continue to put up rations and put on the calories for the fall/winter months to come, yet we human forgers in our own backyard will overlook them with the belief that their season is over. They are no longer the firm-skinned, not-too-sweet- not-too-tart expression of freshness that we come to expect from a berry-like fruit and many of these overripe and freeze-thawed morsels will hang around for the months to come, offering their beauty and nutrients throughout the fall/winter.

The highbush cranberry (*Viburnum edule*; a.k.a. squash-berry, mooseberry) is one of my favorites to find on the land as I clean up the garden/yard for the fall and explore the winter scene in the snow. While the taste of the raw highbush cranberry may be preferred just prior to the first frost, the highbush cranberry takes on a unique and pleasant flavor throughout the year.

This deciduous shrub's deep burgundy leaves in the fall/winter and brilliant red clusters of highbush cranberries will draw you towards the plant, which is not actually a cranberry, but is a member of the honeysuckle family (*Caprifoliaceae*). However, don't let this detail dissuade you from collecting them throughout the fall/winter to create a warm 'cranberry' sauce - a handful of these berries, a drizzle of honey, and some spices heated together in a sauce pan and paired with some root vegetables and wild meat makes for a beautifully balanced meal.

The berries are high in vitamins A and C, dietary fiber, and antioxidants, which not only make them a beneficial side dish, but support their use as medicine. In addition, the boiled bark of the highbush cranberry shrub is used

by the Dena'ina, Upper Inlet people, and others as medicine for sore throats, gastrointestinal relief, laryngitis and colds - especially common in the fall/winter months. The bark can also be used to create salves and lotions to aid in relieving muscle cramps and other pains. As a food-producing medicinal perennial shrub that thrives in its native Alaska, the highbush cranberry is one to consider adding to your landscape. The shrub ranges in height from a couple feet to over ten feet and grows well in disturbed and slightly acidic soils. Potted plants should be available at your local nurseries and if not, cuttings are suggested over seed starts for propagation (see Gorman, 2009; Mytty, 2003). Enjoy.

(*Viburnum edule*, Marylynne L. Kostick)

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Treasurer's Report for October 2015

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| Balances 7/31/2015 | |
| Checking account | 7993.86 |
| Savings account | 11696.16 |
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| Revenue: | |
| Fundraising/plant sale | 6934.00 |
| Interest | 1.49 |
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| Expense: | |
| Directory | 8.37 |
| Fundraising/plant sale | 4986.99 |
| Operations | 49.99 |
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| Checking account | 9813.03 |
| Savings account | 11697.65 |
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| Dedicated Funds | \$6512.57 |





Bird Chatter

BERIBBONED. . . . A little bird whispered that Marya Morrow, she of the fantastic dahlias, won the "Alaska State Fair Extreme Exhibit Award." To quote Kathy Liska, the award is given to someone who enters "a crazy amount" of exhibits in all kinds of categories. It's sort of like being crowned the "Division Champion of Everything."

If you were at the September meeting, you got to applaud Melanie San Angelo for wowing Fair judges with the biggest sunflower ever -- a state record. Way to go guys!

THE FUTURE IS US . . . Honoring AMGA's mission to educate and produce new Master Gardeners, the board at its September meeting approved a \$900 grant to Julie Riley for AMGA course scholarships.

FOR THE BIRDS. . . . Magpie gangs have been storming Cheryl Chapman's home in Muldoon, a first, she says. The roving flocks of seven to 10 juveniles at a time are marching in lockstep over the flower beds, pausing to poke about with their bills and gobbling insects and worms turned up by winter prep but slowed by frost. Bird whisperer and artist Gina Hollomon ascribes the onslaught to family blowups and seasonal opportunism -- of the birds, not Cheryl. "The parents of these little delinquents have finally thrown up their wings and screamed, 'Go! Find friends! Find somebody who cares!' and dumped them out of the nest," said Gina. Also, the little thugs have mastered dive-bombing. "These kids -- they don't want to work, just to eat," Gina says.

WELCOME. . . . The Kenai Peninsula CES has a new guy on staff -- Casey Matney. He was spotted recently at a high tunnel training session.

ANNOYINGLY AUTUMNAL EQUINOX. . . . We passed the point of no return last week -- more darkness than daylight from now until March. And, of course, we all got our gardens put down for the winter with our tender perennials super-mulched and our pots all washed and neatly stacked.

Yeah, right.

Not to worry. Soon all our sins of omission will be covered with snow, out of sight and easy to forget. Meanwhile, here are some high and low points of the past season noted by members at the September meeting:

BEST GARDEN SUCCESS: Sunshine Kobercha squash outside! ..Beautiful ferns from Marge Olson's yard... Transplanted carrots (wow, says Bird Chatter). .. Best green bean year I've ever had! .. Planted three trees (Boy, are they heavy)...Completed 63-foot bed (double wow, says Bird Chatter)...Five different apples grafted onto one tree! ...Used Dawn soap solution with pump spray to kill current defoliators...Zucchini in a tub... California poppies bloomed all summer!

NEVER GOING TO DO IT AGAIN: Colored lupine hybrids -- yuk!...Ornamental kale in moose zone...Rock garden...Pot up 110 dahlias...Brussels sprouts-never again!...Plant too much kale. I don't even like kale...Tomatillos--aphid magnets & too slow to fruit...Plant dahlias late...Plant strawberries in the raspberries...Plant leeks around the edge of the potatoes. Potatoes shaded them...Beets, got some tops, no bottoms...Buy plants without careful scrutiny.

And so it goes. . .

P.S. Don't forget to VOTE for board members next month! Elections have been moved up.



AMGA 2016 Speaker Profile: MARIANNE BINETTI

Marianne Binetti is a northwest horticultural expert: Marianne has a degree in horticulture from Washington State University and writes a syndicated gardening column that runs in over a dozen newspapers each week including the The Tacoma News Tribune (Sundays) and The Daily Olympian (Saturdays). She has also written or co-written 10 gardening books including "Easy Answers for Great Gardens" and her latest book "Edible Gardening for Washington and Oregon".

She lectures and gives seminars on a variety topics, appears weekly in the summer on her show "Dig In Seattle" and leads garden tours around the world with her husband Joe. She lives with her family in Enumclaw, near Seattle, Washington.

<http://www.binettigarden.com/>

Marianne will be the Keynote Speaker for our 2016 Master Gardener Conference in April.

Garden Event Calendar

MEETINGS and EVENTS

Thursday, October 1

Anchorage Garden Club Monthly Meeting: The Good The Bad and The Ugly- Spiders by Charlie Kempton. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Pioneer Schoolhouse, 437 E 3rd Avenue, Anchorage. Details at: <http://www.alaskagardenclubs.org/anchorageclub.htm>.

Monday, October 5

**Ak Native Plant Society Monthly Meeting: Slide Show: Members Share 10 Photos of Their Summer Activities and Potluck. 6:00 pm. Campbell Science Center, Anchorage. Details at: <http://aknps.org/Pages/Meetings.php>.

**Mat-Su Master Gardener's Monthly Meeting. 7:00 pm at MTA building, Palmer. Details at: <http://www.matsumastergardeners.com/calendar-of-events.html>.

**Meadow Lakes Bloomers Garden Club Monthly Meeting: Annual Business Meeting and Potluck. 10:30. Meadow Lakes Senior Center, Wasilla.

Tuesday, October 6

Valley Garden Club Monthly Meeting: Home Grown Floral Pieces by Heidi Garditee from Aurora Flowers. 10:30 am - 12:15 pm at the First Baptist Church on Leatherleaf and Bogard Road. Details at: <http://www.valleygardenclub.com/>.

Thursday, October 8

Alaska Wildflower Garden Club Monthly Meeting: Basic Flower Design by Martie Black. 10:00 am - 11:30 am at the Central Lutheran Church, 1420 Cordova St, Anchorage. Details at: <http://www.alaskagardenclubs.org/apps/calendar/>.

Friday, October 9

Herb Study Group: Results of the Cilantro Trials at ABG and Discussion of Topics for Next Year. 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm at Anchorage Cooperative Extension Service 1675 C Street, Suite 100.

Saturday, October 17

Alaska Rock Garden Society Monthly Meeting: Conifers, What Every Well Dressed Rock Garden Is Wearing, by NARGS Speaker, Jerry Kral. 2:00 pm at Anchorage Cooperative Extension Service 1675 C Street, Suite 100. Details at: <http://www.akrockgardensociety.org/Calendar.html>.

Monday, October 19

AMGA Monthly Meeting: Outdoor Bonsai: Learn the Basics of Bonsai for Outdoor Plants, Including Plant Selection, Containers, Planting Medium and Shaping and Pruning Techniques. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Anchorage Cooperative Extension Service 1675 C Street, #100. Details at: http://www.alaskamastergardeners.org/2015_2016_AMGA_Programs_2.pdf.

CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Saturday, October 3

Alaska Botanical Garden Workshop: Potato Harvesting and Saving by Will Criner. 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road, Anchorage. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Cost: \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. Details at: <http://alaskabg.org/events/>.

Saturday, October 10

**Alaska Botanical Garden Workshop: Tree and Shrub Basics: Learn of Tree and Shrub Installation by Paul Guzinski of Paul's Tree Service. 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road, Anchorage. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Cost: \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. Details at: <http://alaskabg.org/events/>.

**Eagle River Nature Center Workshop: Worm Bin Composting: Turn Your Green Kitchen into Garden Compost, by Sandy Christenson. 2:00 pm at Eagle River Center Nature Center, 32750 Eagle River Road, Eagle River. Details at: <http://www.ernc.org/calendar.html>.

Wednesday, October 14

Alaska Botanical Garden Workshop: Tools of the Trade: Learn to Clean, Maintain and Sharpen Garden Tools, by Mike Monterusso. 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road, Anchorage. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Cost: \$45 for members and \$50 for non-members. Details at: <http://alaskabg.org/events/>.

Thursdays, October 15 - November 12

UAA Continuing Education: Beginning Pruning: Hands on Class to Learn to Properly Prune Shrubs and Trees. 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Eagle Center, 10928 Eagle River Road, Eagle River, Room 228. Cost \$135. Details at: <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/continuing-education/upload/continuing-education-schedule-2.pdf>.

Saturday, October 17

Alaska Botanical Garden Workshop: Worms and Wine with Will: Learn Vermiculture Techniques by Will Criner. Included in the Workshop are 2 glasses of wine, a worm bin and approximately 500 worms. 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm at Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road, Anchorage. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Cost: \$110 for members and \$120 for non-members. Details at: <http://alaskabg.org/events/>.

Wednesday, October 21 and Saturday October 24

Alaska Botanical Garden Workshop: Wreath Making with Recycled and Natural Materials. 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm on Wednesday and 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm on Saturday at Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road, Anchorage. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Cost: \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. Details at: <http://alaskabg.org/events/>.

Tuesdays, September 29 - October 13

UAA Continuing Education: Greenhouse Operations. 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Eagle Center, 10928 Eagle River Road, Eagle River, Room 228. Cost \$99. Details at: <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/continuing-education/upload/continuing-education-schedule-2.pdf>.

Happy Halloween!



Calling All Library Volunteers By Nickel LaFleur

Once we get our gardens cleaned up and tools put away, we are going to get back together at UAA Consortium Library to work on the Anchorage Times Collection again. We meet on the 2nd floor of the Library on Friday's (when parking is free) taping newspaper articles back into the binders.

If you are interested in this project, email Tagalak@alaska.net or call 337-5651 for more details.



AMGA regularly meets at 7:00pm every third Monday of the month, September through May (except for December).

Meetings are held at the
Anchorage Cooperative Extension Center
1675 C Street, Suite 100
(access off of 16th Avenue)

Monthly educational programs are free and open to the public.
Visitors and guests are welcomed and encouraged.

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The deadline for submitting an item for publication in the following month's edition of the AMGA newsletter is the 20th of every month. Items arriving after this date may or may not be included.

Educational or garden related articles, Bird Chatter, calendar items and announcements are always welcome.

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