

## **Currant Affairs**

### **November 22, 2021 Edition**

Compiled regularly by Nick Riordan on behalf of Yarcucopia (a program of Alaska Community Action on Toxics) and the Alaska Food Policy Council

**\*\*Marks new and updated items in this issue**

## **WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS, & SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **November 23**

**Making Jerky – the last in the ‘Winter is Coming’ Food Preservation Workshop series** put on by the UAF Cooperative Extension. Taught by Agent Sarah Lewis from her home kitchen in Juneau from 5:30-7:00 PM. [More info and registration here.](#)

### **\*\*December 7**

**Turning Honey into Mead** – An Urban Harvest Event taught by Two Season Meadery and hosted by the Anchorage Museum. 6:00-7:30 PM. [Register and more info here.](#)

### **\*\*December 7-9**

**Intertribal Agricultural Conference** in Las Vegas Nevada has a concurrent virtual option. Registration for the virtual conference is \$195. You can [view the agenda](#) and [register here.](#)

## **PROGRAM and JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*\*Organic Gardening – The Comprehensive Growers Course** offered by **Good Earth Garden School** runs February 4 – March 11 at Mat-Su College. [More info and registration here.](#)

**\*\*Two Alaska Master Gardeners Anchorage Classes** will begin in February. **Garden Design with Brenda Adams** will run six consecutive Wednesdays, 6-8 pm, starting on Feb. 9. **Intro to Botany and Plant Identification with Dr. Marilyn Barker** will run 12 consecutive Tuesdays, 7-8 pm, starting Feb. 8. Classes are open to AMGA members. Sign up for Mastering Garden Design with Brenda Adams [here \(course outline\)](#), and sign up for Intro to Botany Concepts/Plant Identification [here. \(course syllabus\)](#). Each class costs \$50.

**\*\*Seeds and Soil’s Jennifer Sharrock** offers a multitude of classes during January-April 2022, from garden design, mushroom cultivation, soil amendments, the list goes on. [Read more here!](#)

**The Midtown Garden Depot** maintained by **Yarcucopia (a program of Alaska Community Action on Toxics)** and **Anchor Gardens**, provides free access to wood chips, leaves, manure, compost, cardboard, and gardening supplies. This is a self-serve model, so stop by **2930 Cheechako Street** at your convenience. Drop-offs of materials and equipment are encouraged.

Please reach out to Nick at Yarducopia (907-717-4392) before dropping off green grass, manures, and food waste that need to be covered, mixed, and managed in a timely manner. [Donations](#) and input to Yarducopia are encouraged to help support and improve this project.

**Space Farming Institute** is accepting applications from Junior and Senior high school students for an after-school science project as part of the **NASA Growing Beyond Earth Project**. Space Farming Institute's lab is near the Midtown New Sagaya (4700 Old Seward). Contact Lorrie Irwin at [lirwin@spacefarminstitute.org](mailto:lirwin@spacefarminstitute.org) or [check out their website](#) for more info.

**Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) Alaska Region/Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)** has a **Native American Student Internship Opportunity** to help support the next generation of Alaska Native land managers. [More info on their website.](#)

**Alaska Seeds of Change** has many volunteer opportunities this winter. Many of their summer interns and employees head back to school in the fall/winter, so it's a good time to step up to help this great organization. Sign up for a shift using [Seeds Sign Up Genius](#) here, or if it's your first-time volunteering, email [volunteer@akseedsofchange.com](mailto:volunteer@akseedsofchange.com) for an orientation.

**Alaska Food Festival and Conference – Save the date! March 18-19 2022.** [More info at the AK Food Policy Council's Website.](#)

**A List of Anchorage Food Pantries** can be found at [AnchorageFood.org](http://AnchorageFood.org) (Address, hours, etc.)

**Looking for space to grow your own food? To learn how to garden? Or to get connected with a gardening project in your neighborhood?** Yarducopia might be able to help. [You can read more and sign up on our website.](#) Or reach out to [garden@akaction.org](mailto:garden@akaction.org)

**Alaska Master Gardeners Anchorage** and the **Alaska School Garden Network** compile a list of public garden projects and volunteer opportunities – [you can view it here.](#)

**Anchor Gardens** continues to recruit **neighborhood garden coaches**. Coaches serve as community mentors for those interested in learning about growing food in their own neighborhoods and assist in linking people to resources - [anchorgardensanc@gmail.com](mailto:anchorgardensanc@gmail.com).

## **FALL FARMERS MARKETS, INDOOR FARMS, & WINTER CSA's**

**Arctic Harvest** has an [online winter farm stand](#), will be selling turkeys for the holidays, and much more. Submit your order from 3 pm Friday to 9 pm Sunday for pickup/delivery next week.

**Blue Market** carries lots of locally grown and fermented foods. You can find **Happy Mushroom** mushrooms, **Common Root** Kimchi and Curtido, greens from **Seeds of Change** & much more.

**Local Greens** sell hydroponically grown veggies year-round in Anchorage. [Get a weekly or every-other-week subscription](#), and pickup at Double Shovel Cidery at your convenience

**Far North Fungi** grows and sells fresh and dried mushrooms in Anchorage and teaches fungi cultivation. They'll be at...

**City Farms** is an indoor hydroponics farm in Anchorage. Their veggies can be found at New Sagaya, Natural Pantry, and Fred Meyer. <https://www.cityfarmsalaska.com/>

**Anchorage Greens** sells direct to consumers through a weekly Green Bag subscription as well as folks who stop by for on-site ala carte purchases. <https://www.anchoragegreens.com/>

**Alaska Sprouts** sells sprouts and microgreens online for pickup in Anchorage - <https://www.alaskasprouts.com/> . Read more about their story in a [2017 issue of Edible Alaska](#)

**Petit Bloom Microgreens** is on hold for winter – hoping to see them back in business next year! <https://www.lepetit-bloom.com/>

**Space Farming Institute** has an [8-week microgreens subscription](#) and sells hydroponic towers for growing your own plants at your school, home, office, etc. This is a wonderful non-profit and whether you're buying greens or a tower garden, well worth a visit to their Living Lab. Lots more info about their many programs and resources at <https://www.agronauts.org/>

**The Alaska Farmers Market Association's** [Market Directory](#) is a simple and easy way to find and learn more about farmers markets you live by, locations, hours, payment options, etc.

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