

## **Currant Affairs**

### **February 18, 2021 Edition**

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

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

### **February 18**

Alaska Botanical Garden hosts an online workshop, **Making a Garden Journal**, from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Winter is a great time to think about gardens. The seed catalogs are arriving earlier each year, tempting us with new varieties and old favorites. Creating a garden journal is a great way to plan. In this online workshop, join **Education Specialist Patrick Ryan** in preparing your own garden journal for the new season ahead. Small fee. [Learn more/Register here.](#)

### **\*\*February 19**

**Alaska Mill & Feed Class Series** continues with **Getting your Seeds Started** at 10:00 AM on Zoom. Registered folks will have access to the recording at a later date. [More info & register here.](#)

### **\*\*February 19**

**Grow North Farm** (a partnership between CSS & ACLT) is hosting a Facebook Live event at noon to share highlights, thanks, and updates on the farm. [Link to join.](#)

### **February 23**

The Alaska Food Policy Council, Alaska Farm Bureau, and Alaska Farmers' Market Association are hosting a webinar for **Alaska Cottage Food Producers**. Alaska Food Code allows the sale of non-potentially hazardous foods sold directly to the consumer without a permit as long as certain conditions are met. Presenters from the Alaska DEC and Municipality of Anchorage Food Safety and Sanitation programs will provide an overview of cottage food regulations and requirements and answer questions. [Learn more/Register here.](#)

### **\*\*February 25**

**Matanuska Experimental Farm and Extension Center** is offering a **Soil Sampling** workshop at 1 pm. [More info and registration links here.](#)

### **February 25**

Alaska Common Ground's **Climate Action Plan Series** continues with **Land Use and Transportation**. Free. 7:00 - 8:30 PM [Learn more about this series and register here.](#)

### **\*\*February 26**

**Alaska Mill & Feed Class Series** continues with **Poultry Management Basics** at 1:00 PM on Zoom. Registered folks will have access to the recording at a later date. [More info & register here.](#)

### **March 1**

Good Earth Garden School, led by **Ellen Vande Visse**, offers **What's What with Potting Media?** an online, hour-long discussion to 'pool our knowledge and experience' on the subject. 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM. [Learn more/Register here.](#)

### **\*\*March 2**

**Matanuska Experimental Farm and Extension Center** is offering a virtual **Composting** workshop at noon. [More info here.](#)

### **March 5 & 6th**

Save the date! The annual **Spring Garden Conference** hosted by the Alaska Botanical Garden will be virtual this year. Details to come.

### **\*\*March 9**

**Yarducopia and Adrift Gardens** are partnering to run a two-hour **Design Your Garden Workshop** from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. This will be activity based, so pencil, paper, and your imagination are a must. Registration is on a sliding scale. All welcome. Reach out to [garden@akaction.org](mailto:garden@akaction.org) for more info.

### **March 11**

Join **Sarah Lewis** and the Cooperative Extension Service, as part of their Reset, Refocus, and Recharge series, for an hour-long cooking class - **Veggie Slam: A Week of Vegetables in One Hour** from 6-7:00 PM. [Learn more/Register here.](#)

### **March 11**

AK Pioneer Fruit Growers Association has invited UA's Matt Carlson & Justin Fulkerson to present on **Pollinators and Their Habitat** at their March membership meeting. 7:00 – 8:00 PM

### **March 15**

Alaska Master Gardeners Anchorage monthly membership meeting 7:00 – 8:00 PM – topic TBA

### **March 18**

Southeast Alaskans can now apply for a workshop to learn how to start their own mariculture farm. Registration priority given to Southeast Alaska Native residents. [More info here.](#)

### **March 20**

Alaska Farmland Trust, Alaska Farm Bureau, Homer Soil & Water Conservation District, Matanuska Experiment Farm & Extension Center & UAF CES Anchorage are bringing you a VIRTUAL **Alaska Women in Ag Conference** in March. Registration opens on February 1. Save the date & stay tuned for more details.

### **March 25**

Alaska Common Ground's **Climate Action Plan Series** continues with **Food Systems**. The Muni Climate Action Plan goal is to 'support local, sustainable food systems', and the event will consist of 10+ speakers giving short presentations on this topic. 7-8:30 PM [Learn more/Register here](#).

### **\*\*March 30**

**Yarducopia and Adrift Gardens** are partnering to run a two-hour **Seed Starting from Scratch** Workshop from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. This will be a hands-on session starting your seedlings in your own home with live instruction and Q&A. Seeds, trays, soil, and a limited number of lights available for participants. Sliding scale fees, so pay what you can so we can support those who can't! Contact [garden@akaction.org](mailto:garden@akaction.org) for more info and to register.

### **April 3**

Good Earth Garden School's **Ellen Vande Visse**, and Alaska Mill & Feed are hosting an online class **Beyond Compost – Other Ways to Build Your Soil**. 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Registration details to come.

### **\*\*April 8**

Cook Inletkeeper is putting on an **Alaska Salmon-Safe Agriculture Workshop**.

### **\*\*April 9**

**Alaska Farmers Market Association Annual Summit**. [More info here](#).

### **April 30**

Good Earth Garden School's **Ellen Vande Visse**, and Alaska Mill & Feed are hosting an online class **Slugs, Bugs, and other Thugs – Non-Toxic Pest Management**. 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Registration details to come.

## **SIGNUPS & PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Anchorage Community Garden signups** is open for renewals until April 5, and it will open for new gardeners on April 10. [More info on their website](#).

**WIC and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program** will have open enrollment for farmers, farms, farm stands and farmers' markets interested in participating starting ~ February 15. Applications to receive WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition coupons close May 15. [More info here](#).

**Arctic Harvest** – Winter orders ongoing; Summer subscriptions start back up in April. [More info](#)

## **GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

None that I'm aware of.

## **OPEN POSITIONS & INTERNSHIPS**

\*\*Application period opens for **APU Farm Internship at Spring Creek Farm** – [Read on!](#)

\*\***Alaska Botanical Gardens** is advertising for several 2021 garden positions. [Read more here.](#)

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE**

None that I'm aware of.

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