VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS, CONFERENCES, & SPECIAL EVENTS

March 20
The Alaska Women in Ag Conference is this Saturday at 8 am. Registration filled.

**March 24
Cooperative Extension’s ‘In the Virtual Garden Series’ continues with City Chickens from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Register here.

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 28
Anchorage Permaculture Guild and Anchor Gardens are co-hosting a seed exchange from 1-4 pm. Details on the Anchor Gardens website.

March 30
Yarducopia and Adrift Gardens are partnering to run a two-hour Seed Starting from Scratch Workshop from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Hands-on session starting your seedlings in your own home, live instruction, Q&A. Seeds, trays, soil, & lights available for participants. Sliding scale fees, so pay what you can so we can support those who can’t. Read more and register here.

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 7
Cooperative Extension’s ‘In the Virtual Garden Series’ continues with Spice Up Your Garden (Herb Gardens) from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Register here.
Cook Inletkeeper is putting on an Alaska Salmon-Safe Agriculture Workshop. More event info here.

April 9
Alaska Farmers Market Association Annual Summit. More info here.

April 13
Yarducopia is hosting a Perennial Propagation Workshop from 6:30-7:30 PM. Cuttings and other materials are available for pickup prior to the evening event as needed. More info here.

April 19
Alaska Master Gardeners Anchorage monthly membership meeting 7:00 – 8:00 PM with Troy Weiss presenting Preparing and Managing Soil

**April 21
The Alaska Food Policy Council’s next Quarterly Food Systems Discussion Panel will be on Transportation and Cold Storage, from 12:00 to 1:30 PM. More info here.

**April 21
Cooperative Extension’s ‘In the Virtual Garden Series’ continues with Pollinator Gardens from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Register here.

**April 27
Yarducopia is hosting a discussion on Neighborhood Composting Projects (existing, new, and ideas to start your own). More info here & register 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. Register by calling 907-276-6016.

**May 5
Cooperative Extension’s ‘In the Virtual Garden Series’ continues with Amazing Annual Flowers from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Register here.

**May 19: Cooperative Extension’s ‘In the Virtual Garden Series’ continues with Perfect Perennials from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Register here.

SIGNUPS & PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS
**Alaska Master Gardeners and the Cooperative Extension are running a Master Gardener Class starting on/around April 19. More details to come.

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**
Federal support for specialty crops in Alaska – Letters of intent due by March 22 - [Press Release]

The **Alaska Master Gardeners Anchorage** are accepting [grant applications] through April 15.

**Bruce Williard Scholarship** offered by the **AK Farm Bureau** provides $2,000 to support two students pursuing agricultural or natural resource fields in school. Applications due by April 23.

**OPEN POSITIONS & INTERNSHIPS**
**APU’s Spring Creek Farm** in search of [Farm Interns] and an [Assistant Production Manager].

**Alaska Botanical Gardens** is advertising for several [2021 garden positions].

**Sun Circle Farm** is hiring [a few seasonal employees] to work on the farm over the summer.

**Calypso Farm** (in Fairbanks) is hiring a [Farm Educator for the summer].

**Kids Gardening** is hiring a remote [Garden Education Specialist]. Live in Anchorage, prepare gardening curriculum to be used across the United States – [More info here].

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE**
**Yarducopia** has a short list of asks, from perennial propagation, to sign making, to hosting a neighborhood compost. [See the whole list here].

The **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** is recruiting [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. Reach out to anchorgardenssanc@gmail.com.

**Alaska Farm Bureau** is searching for a contract webmaster and bookkeeper for 2021.

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