

Currant Affairs

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VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS, CONFERENCES, & SPECIAL EVENTS

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 6**

The Anchorage Museum's Urban Harvest series presents a virtual class on [Foraging from the Forest](#) from 6:00 – 7:00 PM.

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. [Registration](#).

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 12**

Anchor Gardens is hosting their first **Coaches Meeting** of 2021. Anchor Gardens Coaches are in every community council in Anchorage and are there to support neighborhood gardens and gardeners. For more info, contact anchorgardensanc@gmail.com

****April 13**

The Anchorage Museum's Urban Harvest series presents a virtual class on [Seeding Your Summer Garden](#) with the fine folks from Grow North Farm and Catholic Social Services.

April 13

Yarducochia 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 so you can start your own. [More info here](#) & [register 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 – 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 27-28**

The **Alaska DEH** is hosting an **Alaska Food Protection Task Force – Manufactured Food Workshop** – [Details on the DEH website.](#)

****April 28**

This **National Stop Food Waste Day**, the Food Tank and the Compass Group are hosting a discussion of how to end Food Waste – [more info and 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 17**

Ginger Hudson & Verna Pratt will be presenting **Carried Away by Flowers** at the May Alaska Master Gardeners meeting from 7:00 – 8:00 PM

May 19: Cooperative Extension's '**In the Virtual Garden Series**' continues with **Perfect Perennials** from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. [Register here.](#)

****June 2**

Cooperative Extension's '**In the Virtual Garden Series**' continues with **Fabulous Flower Design** from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. [Register here.](#)

****June 16**

Cooperative Extension's '**In the Virtual Garden Series**' continues with **Terrific Tomatoes** 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

Seeds of Change & the **Food Bank of Alaska**, are seeking volunteers to package seeds for distribution to food-insecure households throughout Alaska. To get involved, email Grace at gjohnstonak@gmail.com for more info.

The community gardening program **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 anchorgardensanc@gmail.com.

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

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