

Currant Affairs

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

VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS, CONFERENCES, & SPECIAL EVENTS

April 13

Yarcucopia 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 15**

Cooperative Extension's Julie Cascio is teaching an hour-long online class on **Birch Tapping & Syrup Making** from 6-7:00 PM. [Registration 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 20**

Cooperative Extension's Joey Slowick is teaching an hour-long online class on **Spruce Beetles**, their natural role in the environment, AK outbreak history, and management from 12-1:00 PM. [Registration info here](#).

April 21

The Alaska Food Policy Council's second **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 22**

The Alaska Botanical Garden is hosting a conversation with the authors of the new book **All the Land's Surface is Medicine: Edible and Medicinal Plants of Southwest Alaska**. [More info and registration](#) on the ABG website.

April 27

Yarcucopia is hosting an evening discussion on **Neighborhood Composting Projects** - existing, new, and ideas to start your own - from 6:30-7:30 PM. [More info](#) & [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 12**

Seeds and Soil's Jennifer Sharrock is teaching an online class on companion planting from 6:30-8:30 PM. [Register here](#).

****May 17**

Ginger Hudson, who did her MFA on wildflower expert Verna Pratt, will be presenting **Verna Pratt: 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](#).

****May 22**

The Midtown Mall is hosting their **Annual Spring Garden Show** from 10:00 – 5:00 PM. Masks are required inside the mall. Should be a hoot!

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

Local Food Leader Certification Program this summer (May-August) offered by the Cooperative Extension and partner organizations. [Check out the info flier here.](#)

Want to become an Agronaut?! The **Space Farming Institute** is offering spring and summer classes for students and families on **hydroponic gardening** (and other topics). [Read on.](#)

New Municipality Community Garden site announced for the 2022-23 season! [Volunteer opportunities coming soon.](#) 'The Chanshtnu Community Garden, part of Chanshtnu Muldoon Park will be the site of a new series of garden plots to meet high demand among our community members. Located at 8100 Debarr Road, the park will feature 42 10' x 20' plots, and 12 3' x 8' plots. with ADA-compliant accessibility.'

Anchorage Community Garden spots are Sold Out! Consider connecting with [Anchor Gardens](#) or [Yarducopia](#) to get support gardening your neighborhood or own yard.

Alaska Master Gardeners and the **Cooperative Extension** are running a **Master Gardener Class** starting this spring. Registration opens on April 19. [More details here.](#)

****Arctic Harvest** – Summer subscriptions are open! They fill up quick. [More info](#)

****The Alaska Botanical Gardens** is offering a **Guided Gardening - Learning CSA** including veggies, seedlings, workshops, personal garden consults, and more. [Check it out.](#)

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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](#) for the 2021 season.

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

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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