

## **Currant Affairs**

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

### **IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS, CONFERENCES, & SPECIAL EVENTS**

**\*\*May 3**

The Alaska Native Plant Society is hosting a virtual talk at 7 pm entitled ***The Western Exploration of Alaska's Flora; Almost 300 years of adventures, discovery, and a few mishaps***. Carolyn Parker is from the UAF Museum herbarium, has been studying Alaska native flora since the 1960's, and (so I've been told) is a fount of information. The meeting link is: [meet.google.com/vax-nosy-fzd](https://meet.google.com/vax-nosy-fzd) and you can [read more about the event here](#).

**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 6**

The Anchorage Museum's **Urban Harvest** program presents: **Building Your First Greenhouse**. An in-person, hands-on, outdoor class on the Museum's patio from 5:00-8:30 PM. [Read on](#).

**\*\*May 9**

**Alaska Botanical Gardens** hosts a **Mother's Day Sip-And-Stroll in the Garden** from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Details on the [ABG website](#).

**\*\*May 11**

The Anchorage Museum's **Urban Harvest** program presents: **Growing Fruit Trees in Your Backyard**. Taught by Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association president and experienced teacher, Mark Wolbers, this online event promises to be informative and entertaining. 5:00-8:30 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 16**

**The Anchorage Permaculture Guild** and **Anchor Gardens** is hosting an in-person **Seedling Exchange** from 2-5 pm. [More info 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 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**

### **Compost Tea from the Good Earth Garden School**

**\*\*The Alaska Botanical Gardens Spring Plant Sale** is starting soon. Online orders for members is open May 11 and 12. Online orders to non-members on May 13. Open to in-person orders on May 16.

**\*\*Anchor Gardens** gardening materials pickup spots are stocked and open! Details on timing and location on [their calendar](#). A wonderful group of supportive gardeners right in your neighborhood.

**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 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 Debar Road, the park will feature 42 10' x 20' plots, and 12 3' x 8' plots. with ADA-compliant accessibility.'

**\*\*Looking for a place to garden? To learn how to garden? Or to garden with your neighbors?** Yarducopia might be able to help. We're a community gardening program in Anchorage that connects neighbors and supports them gardening on their yards. We work with you in your neighborhood, help build new gardens, amend old ones, and connect you with neighbors who might be looking to garden together. [You can read more and sign up on our website.](#)

**\*\*The Cooperative Extension Service's next Online Master Gardener Class** will start on August. Registration opened 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**

**Alaska Village Initiatives' agAlaska program** has a [variety of funding opportunities](#) to support agriculture across the state supporting beginning farmers, conservation efforts, and high tunnels.

## **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.

**\*\*WRANGELL MOUNTAIN CENTER** in McCarthy is hiring a **part time GARDENER** in exchange for room and board. This is a perfect opportunity for someone looking to get to the Wrangells for a summer of adventure. [Click for more information.](#)

## **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](mailto:anchorgardensanc@gmail.com).

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

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