

## **Currant Affairs**

### **May 11, 2022 Edition**

Compiled regularly by Nick Riordan on behalf of Yarcucopia (a program of Alaska Community Action on Toxics) and the Alaska Food Policy Council

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## **WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS, & SPECIAL EVENTS (Plant Sales!)**

### **May 13**

**Anchorage Parks and Rec** is hosting a class on **Raised Bed Gardening** at the Dr. Lidia Selkregg Chalet, from 5:30 – 7:30 PM. \$15. [Register here.](#)

### **\*\*May 14 & 15**

**ABG Plant Sale** from 10 am - 4 pm (opens online May 12)-  
<https://www.alaskabg.org/upcoming-events>

### **May 16**

**Peony Growing** presented by Barbara Henjum at **AMGA's** monthly meeting at 7 pm

### **May 18**

**Alaskan Pollinators: A Citizen Science Workshop** in person on Wednesday from 6-7 pm. Casey Burns, BLM's Wildlife and Threatened & Endangered Species Lead, and Sabrina Farmer with Fish and Wildlife Service, will cover the value of pollinators in Alaska; their conservation status, current monitoring and conservation efforts, and what you can do to promote pollinator conservation. [https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause\\_pdetails/MTQ5NDQ0](https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MTQ5NDQ0)

### **May 24**

**Cooperative Extension Workshop – Wild Harvesting in the Boreal Forest** from 12 – 1 pm. Alaska's boreal forest sustains a vast ecosystem that includes humans. Join **Tikaan Galbreath** of the Intertribal Agriculture Council in a conversation about how the boreal forest sustains families, communities and the state, and learn techniques and ethics for your own participation in this natural resource, including forest gardening and conscientious harvesting. [Zoom link.](#)

### **\*\*May 24 - 27**

**Hiland Mountain Correctional Facility plant sale** from 9 am - 5 pm -  
<https://patch.com/alaska/anchorage/calendar/event/20220524/1835494/hiland-mountain-annual-flower-sale-may-24-27-2022>

### **May 26**

**Cooperative Extension Workshop – Alaska’s Farmers Market Season is Here!** It's a big Dill! Join and Lettuce tell you all about Alaska's farmers' markets - they can't be Beet! But really, join the Alaska Farmers Market Association as they share what's in store for the 2022 market season. Zoom - <https://alaska.zoom.us/j/89497213315?pwd=U0xHREVva3hVL0FYMWVBSIB3OXFTZz09>

**May 26**

**Measure What Matters: Farmers Markets through the Lens of Global Sustainable Development Goals.** Presenter Joel Cladouhos will provide an overview of the SDG framework followed by an interactive discussion focused on these questions: Join us via ZOOM– Meeting ID: 894 9805 0425 PASSCODE: 4777213. Or join by phone: (253)215-8782

**\*\*June 4**

**Wildflower Garden Club of Alaska** from 9 am - 3 pm - <https://wildflowergardenclub.org/calendar.html>

**\*\*June 4**

**Mat Su Master Gardener plant sale** - <https://allevents.in/events/annual-mat-su-master-gardeners-plant-sale/200022257653854>

**\*\*June 4**

**Anchorage Garden Club** from 9 am - 5 pm – [More info here.](#)

## **PROGRAM and JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*\*Farm Manager Position at Pilgrim Hot Springs – <https://www.pilgrimhotsprings.com/>**  
\$40.10 - \$46.48 hourly depending on experience

**Certified Backyard Composter / Vermi-Composter Master Composter** taught by **Ellen Vande Vise** this May and June. [More Info at Good Earth Garden School website.](#)

**New Midtown Community Garden** – Live in midtown and want to join a new community garden at 2930 Cheechako Street? Want to help setting up the garden? Garden beds are being built this spring. Reach out to Yarducopia at [garden@akaction.org](mailto:garden@akaction.org) to sign up & get more info.

**Anchor Gardens’ manure/mulch pickup spots are stocked around town.** Check in with AG for details. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/anchorgardens/>

**Friends of Boyers Orchard** continues [fundraising to cover annual maintenance costs](#)

**Oceanside Farms has a YouTube Channel!** Learn about compost, fruit tree planting/pruning, and so much more! - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYk86mucrHeiOSJLQyhzFQ>

**Seeds of Change’s Summer Apprenticeship Program** ([flier](#)) and **Farm Field Trips** ([flier](#)).

**Fundraising for Steller Secondary School Orchard** – [visit their GoFundMe page](#) to learn more and support the project. I think they have arranged matching funds every dollar donated!

**Calling All Young and Beginning Alaska Farmers/Ranchers** the Alaska Farmers Market Association is helping kick off an Alaskan chapter of this group. The first step is to [take this survey](#) and reach out to Kyra Harty if you need more information - [kyra@alaskafarmersmarkets.org](mailto:kyra@alaskafarmersmarkets.org) / 907-235-4068 ext 20

**Yarducopia** (a program of Alaska Community Action on Toxics) is accepting signups for gardeners looking for growing space, landowners offering space, and volunteers offering time to help make it all happen. Reach out to Yarducopia at [garden@akaction.org](mailto:garden@akaction.org) or [their website](#).

**Solid Waste Services [Curbside Composting Program](#) opened for registration!** See if you're in the service area here. Food scraps and yard trimmings make up about 1/3 of all residential solid waste. Composting helps promote community sustainability, reduces methane, and extends the life of the landfill. The program runs May through October for residents in SWS service territory in Anchorage. **Call 343-6250** today to register or find out if you are a SWS customer

**Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association** is hiring a **Youth Agriculture Project Manager** in Emmonak this summer. [Check out the job description for more info](#).

**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](#).

**Vertical Harvest Hydroponics' [Sunny Pro XL](#)** is a modular and convenient grow cabinet that can produce fresh produce all year. Could be a great fit for your organization or community.

## **FINDING FOOD: FARMERS MARKETS, FOOD PANTRIES, & FOOD HUBS**

**\*\*Locally Grown Resource Guide** made by the Mat-Su Cooperative Extension – [Link to PDF](#).

**\*\*The Spenard Farmers Market** is opening on May 14!

**\*\*Arctic Harvest Deliveries** farm share signups are open – [loads of Alaska grown food stuffs](#)

**The Alaska Farmers Market Association's [Market Directory](#)** is a simple and easy way to find and learn more about farmers markets you live near, locations, hours, payment options, etc.

**Spring Creek Farm CSA** - <https://www.alaskapacific.edu/csa/>

**ABG** opened registration for their **Guided Gardening: Learning Summer CSA** – [more info.](#)

**Alaska Food Hub** opened for its 7th season, with pick-ups in Homer, Soldotna, Ninilchik, and Seldovia, with more locations in the works.

**A List of Anchorage Food Pantries** can be found at [AnchorageFood.org](http://AnchorageFood.org) (Address, hours, etc.)

**Support Alaska's American Indian Producers** - <https://www.indianagfoods.org/alaska-1> & check out Ag Alaska's list of AK farms - <https://agalaska.org/alaska-farms/>

**Blue Market** carries lots of locally grown and fermented foods throughout the winter. You can find **Happy Mushrooms**, **Common Root** kimchi and curtido, greens from **Seeds of Change** & much more.

**City Farms** is an indoor hydroponics farm in Anchorage. Their veggies can be found at New Sagaya, Natural Pantry, Fred Meyer, and Walmart. <https://www.cityfarmsalaska.com/>

**Local Greens** sell hydroponically grown veggies year-round in Anchorage. [Get a weekly or every-other-week subscription](#), and pickup at Double Shovel Cidery at your convenience

**Far North Fungi** grows and sells fresh and dried mushrooms in Anchorage & teaches fungi cultivation.

**Anchorage Greens** sells direct to consumers through a weekly Green Bag subscription as well as folks who stop by for on-site ala carte purchases. <https://www.anchoragegreens.com/>

**Alaska Sprouts** sells sprouts and microgreens online for pickup in Anchorage - <https://www.alaskasprouts.com/> . Read more about their story in a [2017 issue of Edible Alaska](#)

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