

Currant Affairs

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

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

June 15

Starting a Cottage Food Business class offered by Sitka Kitch from Noon – 1:30 PM via Zoom. [Learn more about it here](#) and [Register here](#).

****June 15**

Grand Opening of the **Lemp Memorial Community Garden** at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church at the Old Seward Highway and Oceanview Drive starting at 6 pm. Dinner provided, bring a side dish if you want. Join us for this celebration!

June 15

Food Business Workshop (Part 2) offered through ACLT and AK Farmers Market Association. 6-8 pm. You can watch the recording of the [first workshop \(Part 1\) and find the zoom link here](#).

****June 17**

Steller School Garden community volunteer day from 2:30 – 4:30 pm with Seeds of Change. Contact anangookwe.wolf@akseedsofchange.com with questions

June 22

Pollinator Week Garden WorkParty organized by the AK Native Plant Society and Campbell Creek Science Center from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Help with upkeep of the Campbell Creek Science Center's native pollinator garden (simple gardening tools will be provided) and learn how you can support pollinator conservation in Alaska. Meet at the Campbell Creek Science Center main building entrance @ 5600 Science Center Dr. RSVPs encouraged but you can just show up! RSVP to president@aknps.org.

****June 24**

Steller School Garden community volunteer day from 2:30 – 4:30 pm with Seeds of Change. Contact anangookwe.wolf@akseedsofchange.com with questions

****June 25**

Alaska Garden Clubs State Convention will be held in Eagle River, 9 am start. [More info](#).

****July 9 & 23**

Stickleback Farm "Build and Beautify" days will be taking place from 4 to 8 pm. These events will include free bags of lettuce for volunteers along with free BBQ and art activities for the youth. Our location does not have a specific address, but it is on 3rd and Ingra. A notable building that we are near is the Brother Francis Shelter. Contact anangookwe.wolf@akseedsofchange.com with questions.

PROGRAM and JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

ABG is hiring an **Environmental Education Assistant Camp Counselor**. [More info.](#)

AK Food Policy Council We are working on a **statewide map of the state food system resources**. If you wish to add yourself or your organization to this map, please visit this page to read more about this important effort to provide an inclusive map of all our state food system resources. [Link to info.](#)

Summer Garden Tours have begun! Many of the organizations listed above and below host garden tours all summer long. I encourage you to join a garden club (or three!) and attend their tours. It can be a great way to be inspired, learn from others' experience, and meet fellow enthusiasts and friends.

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 Yarcopia at garden@akaction.org to sign up & get more info.

Anchor Gardens' manure/mulch pickup at I Street Garden - anchorgardens.org/stockpiles

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

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 / 907-235-4068 ext 20

Yarcopia (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 Yarcopia at garden@akaction.org or [their website](#).

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](#).

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

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.

****Grow North Farm Farmstand** open 4-7 pm Mon-Friday. Thursdays feature global cuisine to-go from a rotating Grow North Farm farmer! SNAP and WIC welcome.

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

****Arctic Harvest Deliveries** – produce share sold out, [meat and seafood shares still available](#)

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 (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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