

Alaska Rock Garden Society 2020 Programs and Events



This year we will be alternating meeting locations between Anchorage and Palmer.

2020

EAGLE RIVER

February 15

Eagle River Elks Lodge

17111 Eagle River Loop Rd., Eagle River

Program: Thinking Outside the Box – Kathy Swick

Love Alpines? Adore Troughs? See the work of innovative gardeners and expand your definition of troughs. View some of the mountain features that have inspired crevice and rock design from Canada to Czechoslovakia.

PALMER

March 21

Palmer CES at the Matanuska Experiment Farm

1509 S. Georgeson Dr., Palmer, AK (NEW LOCATION!)

Program: Hypertufa Trough Essentials - Building and Planting a Trough
Jaime Rodriguez of The Alpine Garden Nursery will show you how to make a hypertufa trough to give your alpine plant collection a great place to put down roots in your garden. The demonstration will include mixing the hypertufa concrete and packing it into the mold, taking the day old set container out of the mold, and how to plant it.

ANCHORAGE MID TOWN MALL GARDEN DAY

April 11

ARGS booth - Plant Sale – Volunteers needed

Contact Gina Docherty – docherty@alaska.net- 907-345-4099

ANCHORAGE ALASKA BOTANICAL GARDEN

May 12

Clean-up at ABG Rock Garden, Anchorage

Maintenance on Tuesdays - Volunteers needed

Volunteers needed for maintenance throughout the summer

Contact Kathy Swick: swick@alaska.net – 907-258-6678

PALMER VISITOR CENTER ROCK GARDEN

May 14

Clean-up at Palmer Visitor Center Garden, Palmer

Maintenance on Thursdays - Volunteers needed

Volunteers needed for maintenance throughout the summer

Contact Jaime Rodriguez: jrtinker@mtaonline.net – 907-355-2462

ARGS PLANT SALES

May 16

Alaska Botanical Garden /Alaska Rock Garden Society Plant sale – 9am-3pm

Alaska Botanical Garden – Volunteers needed

Contact: Madge Oswald: johnmadge@chugach.net – 907-345-5144

May 30

ARGS Valley Plant sale – Florene Carney's 'Snow Fire Gardens'- 9am-3pm

3379 Inlet Vista Circle, Wasilla – Volunteers needed

Contact: Florene Carney: snowfire@mtaonline.net – 907-376-5309

GARDEN TOURS

ANCHORAGE

June 20

Tour of Anchorage rock gardens

Members only - details TBA

- July** Exact date TBA – Glen Alps Trailhead parking lot
Hike up Blueberry Loop Hill, led by Marilyn Barker
- Evening in the Rock Garden at ABG – date and details TBA
- July 18** Hike at Hatcher’s Pass – Details TBA
- August** Alaska State Fair
No meeting
- ANCHORAGE** **Location TBA – 2 pm**
September 19 Plant Exchange – bring a rock garden plant to exchange for another one!
Program: Root systems of plants – it’s nice to know when digging them up!
Jaime Rodriguez
- PALMER** **Palmer CES at the Matanuska Experiment Farm – 2 pm**
October 17 **1509 S. Georgeson Dr., Palmer, AK**
Low Life in the Arctic– Plants of arctic and alpine regions need to be looked at kneeling, not standing, many don't grow more than a centimeter or two at maturity. This talk focuses low to the ground where the action happens. Marilyn Barker
- ANCHORAGE** **Location TBA – 2 pm**
November 21 Program: Ask Questions, get answers! Ask the Experts any Question:
A panel of local experts will answer any gardening questions you always wanted to ask. Doug Tryck, Marilyn Parker, Shirley Ryan, Jaime Rodriguez and others.
- December** No meeting
Enjoy the Holidays!
- 2021**
- PALMER** **Palmer CES at the Matanuska Experiment Farm – 2 pm**
January 16 **1509 S Georgeson Dr., Palmer, AK**
Program: Sweethearts in Our Rock Gardens - Favorite survivors from two well established rock gardens - Florene Carney and Carmel Tysver
- ANCHORAGE** **Location TBA – 2 pm**
February 20 Program: Primulas for the Rock Garden and Troughs - Jane Baldwin