

Volume 3| Issue 11
November 2023

Garden Gate

Fairbanks Garden Club Newsletter

FGC officers

President:
Jane Gibson

Vice President:
Mary Fenno:

Treasurer:
Carol Slater

Secretary:
Janet Brower

Past FGC presidents:
Amanda Ross
Susie Crevensten
Barbara Horner-Miller



Happy Thanksgiving!

I cannot believe that the end of the year is fast approaching and with it comes Thanksgiving and all of the winter holidays: Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. It's a great time of year to give thanks for all we have – family, friends, and a wonderful giving community. It is also a time to think of those less fortunate and in need. Garden clubs across the nation work hard in achieving these types of efforts and good civic works, and ours is certainly no exception!

Our club is currently making progress on two new project areas: a quilt raffle and a logo contest. Special shout out and thanks for making this happen to Chairperson – Liz Masi, and Quilt Maker – Marilyn Biagi, and each one of the dedicated, engaged members of the 'Fundraising' and 'Logo' committees. Having a raffle, as well as an official club logo, will serve to enhance our club's ability to continue to do good works throughout our community in the future.

Come learn the latest about these exciting new projects, and more, at our next meeting Wednesday November 15th.

Best Wishes,
Jane



Fairbanks Garden Club NEWS and Events

This Month's meeting:

November 15, 2023

12:00 Noon Regular Monthly Meeting

Hostess: Sheila M Co-Hostess: Liz M
Address: North Pole Please Phone Regrets to Sheila:

Roll Call: What is your favorite mushroom or dish with mushrooms?

Horticultural Moment / Conservation Tip

Program: "Growing Mushroom with Sheila McCleary"

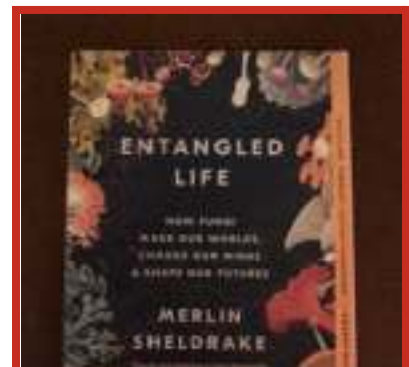


The more you look for beauty in the world, the more you will find.
~ Michelle Endersby

Horticulture moment:

HORTICULTURE MOMENT – NOVEMBER 2023

Mushrooms are having a moment! For a greater understanding about mushrooms mycology, check out the bestselling book, "Entangled Life" by mycologist, Merlin Sheldrake.



and

- FGC Committees. *Chairman
- Awards (State, Pacific Region, National)
- *Barbara H
- Blue Star Memorial
- *Gwenn D
- Community Beautification and Outreach
- *Carol S
- Conservation and Green Moment
- *Janet B
- Creamer's Historic Flower & Vegetable Gardens
- *Althea S
- Flower Show
- *Becky H
- Fundraiser
- *Liz M
- Gaming Permit
- *Becky H
- Garden Tours
- *Marlene W
- Georgeson Botanical Garden
- *Lucy S
- History/Biographies
- *Janet B
- Horticulture
- *Jane G
- Installation of New Members and Officers
- *Becky H
- Kitty Hensley House
- *Janet M

October 18, 2023 Meeting pictures

Walden Estates Community Center
Hostess: Janet B, Co-Hostess Althea S

- FGC Committees * chairman
- Library Holiday Tree *Althea S
- Member of the Year *Becky H
- Membership *Becky Ha
- Newsletter *Amanda R
- Nominating
- As elected by Members
- Photography *Gwenn Da
- Programs *Mary F
- Publicity *June G
- Scholarship *Katie Di
- Scraphook *Amanda R
- Sunshine *Sheila M
- Telephone/Non-Email * Janet B
- Website *Liz M
- Wildlife Gardening *Susie C
- Yearbook * Jane G
- Youth Gardening / Garden Therapy *Amanda R



Becky H re-installed our Treasurer, Carol S with U words, such as utilitarian, unquestionable and upkeep, for a humorous job description; Carol received a calculator.



New members Carol A, Patty K, April S, and Grace M were welcomed by Becky Hassebrook and each given a flower and garden gloves.



Members attending: Carol A, Denise B, Janet B, Mary Fe, Jane G, Agnes G, Becky Ha, Patty K, Liz M, Grace M, Amanda R, Carol S April S Althea S, Beverly W, Marlene W

INCLUDEPICTURE
"/var/folders/7f/hn04_7dn
5z58npzr0bq6xssw0000g
n/T/com.microsoft.Word/
WebArchiveCopyPasteTe
mpFiles/page5image4811
7776" *

MERGEFORMATINET

***“Cultivating
Community
Connections”***

45 members strong

<http://www.fairbanksgardenclub.org/>

**President: Jane Gibson
2023-2025**



Janet presented a conservation moment. She suggests we bring our own water bottles to the meetings.



Program: Seed Saving vs GMO. Sections from the Video “Seed: The Untold Story” were shown by Carol Slater. Janet Brower introduced the five segments shown.





A seed saver knows genetic diversity is essential; in the 20th century we have lost 94% of our seed varieties. Commercialization of seeds has changed our source of seeds, which are no longer farmer saved, but bought off a shelf. Industry developed hybrid seeds which increased yield, but the next generation of their seeds give unreliable results. In Genetically Modified Organism, GMO, a foreign gene is injected to change the genetic structure of the plant permanently and a corporation has the seeds under patent. In opposition, people view seeds as a sacred part of creation and seeds belong to all humanity. We concluded with the Fairy Tale of Jack and the Bean Stalk; Jack was smart to choose seeds that could keep producing more beans. Link to the youtube presentation 1.5 hours long... interesting.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vKyC5b6u>



-f4



INCLUDEPICTURE
 "/var/Bolders/710/hm04_7dm5a5
 Ringor0bq6ssna0000gs/T/com
 .microsoft.Word/Webs/Archive
 Copy/Paste/Temp/Files/page6i
 mage481061287"/
 MERGEFORMATINET
 National Garden Clubs, Inc.
 E-Mail:
headquarters@gardenclub.org
 Website: www.gardenclub.org

National President 2023 – 2025: Brenda Moore



Brenda Moore, NGC President, theme for 2023-2025 is

“Go Green–Plant America”.

Watch saving seeds from NGC August 16, 2023

<https://gardenclub.org/blog/seed-saving-secrets>

The recent NGC sponsored zoom Environmental School Course 1 was a success. Over 90 people attended the two day class. For a majority of them, this was their first time taking an environmental school course. Look for NGC sponsored course 2 in 2024. Many states have these courses in person, by zoom, or a hybrid version. The courses do not need to be taken in order. Look on the NGC website to find a course that you might consider taking.

www.gardenclub.org/school/environmental-school-courses
www.gardenclub.org

Alaska has one toad species and two frog species. The wood frog, *Rana sylvatica*, is the only amphibian that lives north of the Arctic Circle and can be found in much of the northern part of North America. This frog can grow to be 3". It is one of the most freeze tolerant species on Earth. They hibernate in shallow depressions under dead vegetation (i.e. leaves, etc).

It has the amazing ability to freeze solid and thaw out as temperatures warm in the spring. At the onset of freezing temperatures, wood frogs begin pumping much of the water out their cells and organs and into extracellular spaces and body cavities. At the same time, they pump large amounts of glucose (a sugar created in the liver) into their cells. The syrupy glucose solution inside the cells serves as a cryo-protectant (antifreeze), protecting the cells themselves from freezing and from desiccation.

Isn't the natural world amazing....



Facebook photos of flower show at link below... copy to your browser.

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=10159232088648391&set=pcb.10159232100813391>

Pacific Region Garden Club

Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.

<https://pacificregiongardenclubs.org/>

Comprised of Washington, Arizona, California, Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, Alaska, and Hawaii (= WACONIAH)

Pacific Region Director 2023-2025

Carol Norquist
907-248-9563 3734 W. 35th Avenue Anchorage, AK 99517

PacRegGardenClubs@gmail.com

https://www.facebook.com/PacificRegionGardenClubs/?view_public_for=167928073784482

Pacific Region Garden Clubs



Pacific Region Convention

Aug 21-23, 2024 Alaska

Encourage youth in your area to enter the NGC Poetry Contest. The theme for this year's contest is "I Spy With My Little Eye, Something Green Outside - Celebrating Our Green World" More information can be found at

www.gardenclub.org/poetry-contest

The latest issue of the **WACONIAH** (the Pacific Region Newsletter) is hot off the press. You can find the current copy on the Pacific Region Garden Clubs website: www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org/waconiah-issues



Alaska Garden Clubs
2023-2025

President: **Sharron Jordon
Carlson**

skj@mtaonline.net

Vice President – Chris Wood
Treasurer – Carol Norquist
Secretary- Rhonda Barnklau

AKGC Web site:

<https://www.alaskagardenclubs.org/>

Anchorage Garden Club fb
page:

<https://www.facebook.com/anchorage.gardenclub/>

Greater Eagle River Garden
Club fb page:

<https://www.facebook.com/greatereaglerivergardenclub>

Fairbanks Garden Club

<http://www.fairbanksgardenclub.org/>

Greater Eagle River Garden Club



Alaska Native Plant Society
Seed Distribution Program

SEEDY SATURDAY

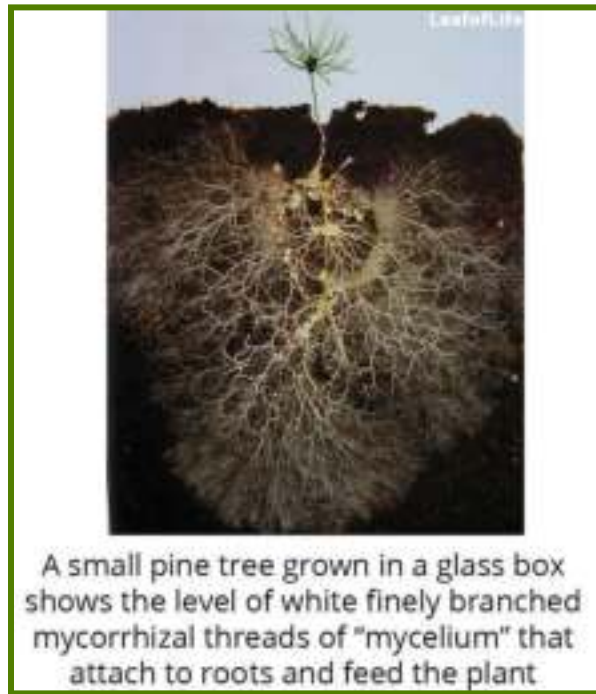
1-3 pm, December 2, 2023
Alaska Botanical Garden Greenhouse



- Pick up 2023 Alaska native seeds you requested via our online form (see instructions below)
- 1:30 pm talk and Q&A with local horticulturalist Debbie Hinchey on "Germinating Native Seeds"



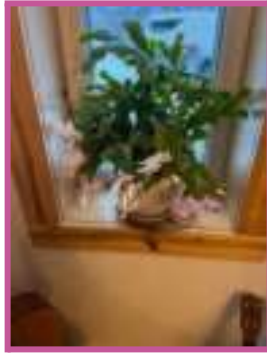
Found on Anchorage Garden Club



<https://fairbanksgardenclub.org/>

FGC members sharing about...

1. What are you grateful for
2. Picture of your thanksgiving cactus
3. Whatever else you would like to share



Sheila McCleary.-

April Smurda - am grateful for my family, our good health and to be able to live in such an incredibly beautiful place on this Earth.



Amanda Ross.- I am grateful for the health that we still have, our children and grandchildren, electricity to keep the house warm and lights on and of course the computers going, Family and Friends like our FGC members. AND I am so thankful for my Salvation. LOVE to all.

Mary Fenno. Here's what I'm grateful for = I'm grateful for my health and people to share my life with such as my family, friends and fellow garden members! I am thankful for peace in our country, and I pray that others may be able to experience it soon in their lives and countries! Take care happy holidays! Mary

November Birthdays:
Debra Kolwalczyk 11/04
Becky Hassebroek 11/05
MaryBeth Groves 11/05
Sheila McCleary 11/14
Joan Robson 11/21
Patricia Costello 11/26
Althea St. Martin 11/27
Mary Fenno 11/29





A felt thank you to all for the articles, photos and information offered for this newsletter.



Next meeting: December 13th, 2023; Lucy Smyth's home. Christmas Party, Potluck, \$20 gift exchange. 215 Rhubarb Drive, Fairbanks. Note: 2 nd Wednesday, not 3 rd .
Hostess: Lucy Smyth Co-Hostess: Marilyn Biagi

Do you know of a local first to fifth grader? If you do, let's invite them to participate in this contest.

Suggestions:
Introduce them to the information about Smokey bear at <https://smokeybear.com>. Discuss any questions and the importance to not have a forest fire. Offer to give them a poster 11 x 17 inches to



2024 Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Rules

- Competition may include students from first to fifth grade.
- Posters are to be completed by individual student artists.
- Posters must have correct spelling (posters with spelling errors will be disqualified).
- All posters must feature Smokey Bear.
- Smokey Bear posters must include Smokey's wildfire prevention message: Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!

- All posters should encourage children to take a personal role in preventing wildfires or conserving natural resources.
- Smokey Bear must be presented in his correct colors (he is an official icon protected by law); check the colors on the website www.fs.usda.gov/learn/kids or www.symbols.gov.
- Each poster entry should be 11 x 17 inches in size.
- Materials that can be used include crayons, markers, poster paints, watercolors, and the like.
- The choice of paper color and texture is up to the child.
- No three-dimensional posters, computer-scanned, or electronically generated images will be accepted.
- All poster entrees must be sponsored by a recognized local garden club.
- The local garden club chairperson must submit the poster entries to his or her state chairperson no later than January 20, 2024. The state garden club chairperson must submit the five winning posters from his or her state to the regional garden club chairperson by February 24, 2024.
- The following information should be written on the back of the poster in the lower-right corner (do not use a dark marker for this information as it may show through):
 - The name, address, phone number, and email of the sponsoring local garden club.
 - The artist's name, address, contact phone number, grade level, school, teacher's name, city, and State. (Should school policy preclude giving students' addresses and phone numbers, please include the school address and phone number).

Poster Tips

- A good poster has a bold and simple design.
- The poster's message should be easily understood and delivered both in the picture and in text.
- An educator, parent, guardian, or other adult should provide 11" x 17" paper for a child to create their poster.
- Find inspiration for your poster with promotional and educational products from the National Symbols Cache, www.symbols.gov.
- Posters will be judged for originality, design, slogan, artwork, and overall effectiveness of the message.

