Master Gardener classes offered in Fairbanks

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If playing in the dirt sounds good right now, consider signing up for spring Master Gardener classes hosted by the University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service.

Michele Hébert, Tanana District agriculture and horticulture agent, will lead two sessions of classes at the University Park Building. The first session will meet Feb. 10-March 7, Tuesdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. and Saturdays from noon-3 p.m. The second session will meet April 27-May 8, weekdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Topics will include basic horticulture, plant classification, soils, vegetables, fruit and berry crops, composting, lawn establishment and maintenance, plant diseases and pests, home landscaping and more.

Classes are limited to 20 students and they tend to fill up quickly. Registration is requested by Jan. 31. The class fee is $75 if participants agree to donate 40 hours of volunteer service or is $250 without the volunteer commitment. Volunteer hours must be completed within two years of completing the class.

For more information or to register, call the Tanana District Extension office at 474-1530 or stop by the Extension office in the University Park Building at 1000 University Ave.

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