Master Gardener class scheduled in February

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Fairbanks, Alaska—If you like playing in the dirt, consider signing up for Master Gardener training that begins Feb. 20 in Fairbanks.

The class will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. through April 11 at the Cooperative Extension Service Tanana District office at 724 27th Ave., on the south side of the Fairbanks Community Food Bank building.

Extension program assistant Taylor Maida, Extension agents and local experts will lead the class, which is sponsored by the University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service. Participants will receive 40 hours of instruction on horticultural subjects. Topics include plant botany and physiology, soils, plant taxonomy, outdoor and greenhouse gardening, lawns, houseplants, pests, landscaping and ornamentals.

Master Gardeners are required to give 40 hours of volunteer service to the community within two years of completing the class. Participants also pay a $125 fee and receive a copy of “Sustainable Gardening: The Alaska Master Gardener Manual.”

The class size is limited to 25 students and sessions tend to fill up quickly. Registration is requested by Feb. 13. To register online or download a registration form and pay by check, go to www.uaf.edu/ces/districts/tanana/mg. For more information, contact class coordinator Taylor Maida at temaida@alaska.edu or 474-2422.

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