Master gardener class registration open

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Fairbanks, Alaska—It’s not too early to think about next year’s garden. Registration is open for master gardener trainings in Fairbanks that begin in November and in February.

Steven Seefeldt, the Tanana District agriculture and horticulture agent, will teach both sessions at the UAF Cooperative Extension Service district office at 724 27th Ave., in the Fairbanks Community Food Bank building.

A class that begins Nov. 5 will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. through Dec. 13. The second session will begin Feb. 19 and will meet 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 11.

Participants will receive 40 hours of instruction on horticultural subjects. Topics include plant botany, soils, vegetable and greenhouse gardening, fruits and berries, composting, lawns, insects and 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. The fee of $150 includes a copy of “Sustainable Gardening: The Alaska Master Gardener Manual.”

The class size is limited to 30 students and sessions tend to fill up quickly. 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 Seefeldt at 474-2423 or ssseefeldt@alaska.edu.

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