The Alaska Botanical Garden is an independent nonprofit living museum. Its mission is to showcase the beauty and value of Alaska’s gardens and natural areas through science, education, and recreation using organic and sustainable practices.
2019 in Review,

Another successful year is in the books (I hope all my future Annual Report letters begin with this notion). While the second year of Holiday Lights was not as well-attended as planned (remember all those December days and nights of below-zero temperatures?), it was still a wonderful event that is well on its way to becoming an annual community tradition. We’ve already had detailed discussion on how to improve it next year. Other major events including Beer in the Garden, Wine in the Woods, and our summer gala were all sell-outs. Our education programs also performed very well with school programs and Summer Camp engaging well over 3,000 Anchorage students. The relatively lengthy shoulder seasons (March/April + September/October) are particularly challenging in Alaska for outdoor programming. In 2019, we specifically targeted fall shoulder season by expanding Harvest Day, but mid-September weather is rarely cooperative, and residents might be a bit burned-out from all the dynamic Alaska summer events. That said, we have some great ideas for a mid-summer event that could round-out our schedule (remember Garden Fair?) in 2020.

Thanks to our amazing supporters, ABG had a strong finish to our Annual Appeal, which brought in over $50,000 in donations! Thank you! Many thanks also to our hard-working, dedicated volunteers that make everything we do so much easier. I’m confident I speak for all ABG staff and board members when I say we are excited about what 2020 will bring including a focus on art and family-friendly events.

See you in the Garden!

Mike Monterusso
Executive Director
About the Garden

110 acres of boreal forest
8 acres of cultivated gardens
1,100 varieties of plants
150 species of Alaska native

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TRAILSIDE GARDENS
ALPINE ROCK GARDEN
ANC HERITAGE GARDEN
OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
LOWER PERENNIAL GARDEN
ENTRY PLAZA/SHADE GARDEN

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Events

Plant Sale  Harvest Days
Beer in the Garden  Holiday Lights
Wine in the Woods  Peonies & Poppies Garden Party

Youth Programs

Summer Camps:
Growing Gardeners, Garden Chefs, Artful Gardener, The Young Botanist

Day Camps:
Heath and Nutrition, Dia De Los Muertos

Schools in the Garden + Garden in the Schools

21st Century Community Learning Centers

Workshops

Science Behind Plant Names  DIY Mushroom Cultivation  Container Garden Hypertufa
Wreath Making with Natural Materials  Edible Berries  Seed Starting
Family Wreath Making  Mushroom Walk and ID  Winter Plant Identification
Dinosaur Planters  Botanical Sketchbooks  Advanced Landscape Design
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