

## Wasilla & Palmer Soil & Water Conservation Districts

### **WINTER CONSERVATION SERIES II- Jan- April 2014**

The 2nd Winter Conservation Series is a concerted effort to combat the doldrums of winter's darkness with a visionary introduction to planting bountiful gardens & developing do it yourself practical projects for implementation during the spring-summer growing season. Topics cover a wide range of interests. They include basic Alaskan gardening, clean energy, frame construction, soil/compost/testing attributes, landscaping, water well protection & projects that can be functionally used by property owners. Sessions have been formulated to primarily provide a "cookie cutter recipe" to inspire & motivate participants to action.

The Series is being co-promoted/co-hosted by the Wasilla Soil & Water Conservation District (WSWCD) in conjunction & close partnership with the Palmer Soil & Water Conservation District (PSWCD) & Mat Su College. The Series follows a free education format experienced by the WSWCD Manager during his undergraduate days @ Penn State University. The "ALL U" program featured free classes by volunteer instructors in diverse topics ranging from A to Z. Self-help class offerings were created by qualified people willing to share their particular passions. The District's Conservation Series massages that concept by directing the sessions toward responsible stewardship & appropriate uses of land & resources. Basic, proven information with advice & guidance by seasoned, local presenters aims to increase project successes. Presenters are all volunteers.

Sessions are scheduled for 7:00-8:30 pm, Thursdays Jan 16 thru April 10, 2013 at the Mat-Su College, College Rd. FSM 103 off the new Trunk Road near Palmer.

Session registration is via a first-contact, first-reserved basis & is limited to a maximum of 38. The preferable registration technique is to send an email requesting a space for a specific session to: [distmgr@wasillaswcd.org](mailto:distmgr@wasillaswcd.org). If email is not an option, call 357-4511. When sessions are full, a waiting list will be maintained. Should a situation arise where a person cannot attend & has reserved a space, folks are requested to exercise courtesy & inform the WSWCD office prior to the day of the session. Recommended topic sessions/presenters for the 2015 Series can be made by contacting either District office. (PSWCD – 745-1441 / [palmerswcd@alaska.com](mailto:palmerswcd@alaska.com))

WSWCD & PSWCD are tax exempt, non-regulatory, advisory Conservation agencies formed in 1947/48 to support District residents varying Conservation needs. For current information, check the WSWCD Facebook page or the PSWCD website @ [palmersoilandwater.org](http://palmersoilandwater.org)

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**Series Goal:** solid, practical, informative, action-oriented sessions; **FREE**; Space is limited; PRE-REGISTRATION: Chuck Kaucic @ [dismgr@wasillaswcd.org](mailto:dismgr@wasillaswcd.org) or 357-4511 9:30 am – 4 pm weekdays

<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Presenter(s)</u>	<u>Date</u>
* Intro to Alaskan Gardening	John McNeal	Jan 16
* The “DIRT” on Compost & Soil	Jeff Smeenck	Jan 23
* Clean Energy Solutions for Home & Business	Mark Masteller	Jan 30
* Fungi Identification, History & Uses	Dave Ianson	Feb 6
* Wild Edible & Medicinal Plants	Rachel Bobka	Feb 13
* Backyard Plantings for Beauty & Wildlife	Doug & Florene Carney/ Bill Jardell	Feb 20
* How to Construct Low Cost Framing Projects	Ron Phillips	Feb 27
* Vegetable Production the Organic Way	Bob Shumaker	Mar 6
* Private/Homeowners Well Protection & Testing	Chuck Kaucic	Mar 13
* Greenhouse Fundamentals	Steve Brown	Mar 20
* Fruit Tree Propagation & Grafting	Dan Elliott	Mar 27
* Intro to Alaskan Gardening	John McNeal	April 3
* Tree Care, Maintenance & Pruning	Steve O'Sullivan	April 10

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