

Wasilla & Palmer Soil & Water Conservation Districts

WINTER CONSERVATION SERIES III- Jan- April 2015

The 3rd 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 15 thru April 16, 2015 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. 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)

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

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Series Goal: solid, practical, informative, action-oriented sessions; **FREE**; Space is limited; PRE-REGISTRATION: Chuck Kaucic @ dismgr@wasillaswcd.org or 357-4511 10:00 am – 4 pm weekdays

<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Presenter(s)</u>	<u>Date</u>
* Introduction to Alaskan Gardening	Carol Kenley	Jan 15
* The “Down & Dirty” on COMPOST & Soil	Jeff Smeenk	Jan 22
* Choosing the Right Greenhouse for Alaska	Steve Brown	Jan 29
* High tunnels: Compatible plantings/retrofitting	Dave Ianson	Feb 5
* Vegetable Production the Organic Way	Bob Shumaker	Feb 12
* How-To’s of High Tunnels	Keith Griswold/Jeff Smeenk	Feb 19
* Planting for Beauty & Wildlife	Julie Riley	Feb 26
OPEN		Mar 5
* ATV Salmon Stream Crossings/the Intersection of Machines & Man	Chuck Kaucic	Mar 12
* Wild Edible & Medicinal Plants	Rachel Bobka	Mar 19
* 3 W’s: Wallin’s Wonderful Worms”	Paul & Sue Wallin	Mar 26
* Intro to Alaskan Gardening	Carol Kenley	April 9
* Tree Care, Maintenance & Pruning	Steve O’Sullivan	April 16

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