

Wasilla & Palmer Soil & Water Conservation Districts

WINTER CONSERVATION SERIES - Jan- Mar 2013

The inaugural Winter Conservation Series is being co-promoted/co-hosted by the Wasilla Soil & Water Conservation District's (WSWCD) in conjunction & close partnership with the Palmer Soil & Water Conservation District. It 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 season. Topics vary thru a wide range of interests. They include basic gardening, frame construction, soil testing attributes, invasive weed species, & projects that can be functionally used by property owners. All sessions have been formulated to primarily provide a cookie cutter recipe to inspire & motivate participants to use & stimulate action. The series follows a free education format experienced by the District Manager during his undergraduate days @ Penn State University. The "ALL U" program featured free classes by volunteer instructors in diverse topics 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 to responsible stewardship & appropriate uses of land & resources. Basic, proven information with advice & direction by seasoned, local presenters increases project success.

All sessions are scheduled for 7:00-8:30 pm, Thursdays: Jan 17- March 14, 2013 at the Mat-Su College, College Rd off the new Trunk Road in Palmer. Presenters are all volunteers.

Session registration is on a first contact, first reserved basis & is limited to a maximum of 22 folks. The preferable registration technique is to send an email requesting a space in a specific session to: distmgr@wasillaswcd.org . If email is not an option, call 357-4563 X 103. When sessions are full, a waiting list will be kept. Should a situation arise where a person cannot attend & has a reserved space, folks are requested to exercise courtesy & inform the WSWCD office prior to the day of the session. Recommended topic sessions/presenters for the 2014 Series can be made by contacting either District office. (PSWCD – 745-1647 palmerswcd@alaska.com)

WSWCD & PSWCD are tax exempt non-profit agencies formed in 1947/48 to support District residents varying Conservation needs. Check out their web sites for further info: WSWCD @ www.wswcd.org & PSWCD @ palmersoilandwater.org

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Series Goal: 9-12 solid, practical, informative, action-oriented sessions; FREE

| <u>Sessions</u> | <u>Presenter(s)</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1) Intro to Alaska Gardening | Carol Kenley, John McNeal Chuck Kaucic | Jan 17 |
| 2) Value of Soil, Forage & Compost/Manure Sampling | Jeff Smeenk | Jan 24 |
| 3) Effective Stream Bank & Lake Shore Restoration Techniques | Amber Bethe | Jan 31 |
| 4) Dealing with Pesky, Non-Native Weeds | Brianne Blackburn | Feb 7 |
| 5) Growing from a Garden into a Hobby Farm | Jeff Smeenk | Feb 14 |
| 6) Low cost Framing projects Construction | TBA | Feb 21 |
| 7) Bee Keeping Basics | Kelly Strawn | Feb 28 |
| 8) An Alaskan Garden Seen thru the Seasons | Doug & Florene Carney | Mar 7 |
| 9) Vegetable Production the Organic Way | Ellen VandeVisse | Mar 14 |