Wildflower Garden Club of Alaska

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Message from the President

November is officially recognized as National Gratitude Month, making the first week of the month an ideal time to slow down, reflect, and appreciate the big and small blessings in life. At least, that's what people say. I'm not sure about the "slowing down" part as November is when my calendar fills up and the "to do" list grows with the rush of the holiday season. That said, it is a good reminder to appreciate the house filling with the warm smell of baked goods and friends gathering around the table. I am especially thankful for the Wildflower gatherings where laughter, good advice, helping hands and amazing food are in abundance. I say this often: the Wildflowers are a fun group, and I look forward to another year with you!

Christie

Wishing you and your family
a harvest of blessings today and all year long.



Happy Thanksgiving!

In the Loop



Our "Friendsgiving" potluck and crafting get-together was a great success! We had 19 of gather to test our finger dexterity making Cinnamon Stick Gnome Ornaments and clever Dryer Vent Pumpkins, led by Kathy Liska and Christie Holshouser. It was a wonderful time filled with great food, plenty of chatter with laughter, and wonderful Wildflower fellowship. Thank you to everyone who attended and graciously brought a delicious dish to share!

Note: *If anyone is missing their red handle tongs, Kathy has them for you and will bring to next months meeting.*

Special Wildflowers that bloomed this month

Karen Edmondson, Marilyn Barker, Elaine Estey, Peggy Pletcher, and Annie Ronsse

November birth flowers are the Chrysanthemum and Peony.



Chrysanthemums are part of the ***Asteraceae*** family, including asters, sunflowers, and daisies. The original flowers that grow wild feature golden-colored blossoms, but by 1630, more than 500 cultivars had been identified and recorded. Today, it's estimated that more than 20,000 chrysanthemum varieties exist, and each is beautiful in its own way.

Historically, the November birth flower symbolizes friendship and well-wishes. Moreover, chrysanthemum flowers represent joy, good luck, happiness, longevity, honor, and respect.



The **Peony** hails from the genus ***Paeonia***. There are thought to be between 25 to 40 known species of this flowering plant today, as well as many cultivars.

Peonies are beloved for their ornate, delicate petal structure and sweet-scented fragrance. They also cover a broad spectrum of peony flower colors, including white, yellow, pink, red, and even purple. Peonies are native to different regions worldwide, including parts of Asia, Europe, and North America. Today, they are one of the most famous garden plants – particularly in temperate areas where the flower flourishes.

In the language of flowers, peonies carry many different meanings. The most common include romance, prosperity, good fortune, honor, and compassion. The full and rounded blooms also symbolize happiness and beauty in all forms.

Happy Birthday!

Club Business

October 2026 Treasurer Reports



Nuvision Federal Credit Union	
Business Savings	$8,007.82
Business Checking	$2,861.12
CD-12 month (matures 5/1/27) 3.40%	$5,294.08
Balance 10/31/26	**$16.163.02**
Morgan Stanley Balance 10/31/26	**$62,352.99**
Total Funds 10/31/26	**$78,516.01**

Upcoming Meetings, Projects, & Workshops

December 3rd – Fresh Holiday Wreath or Centerpiece Workshop
Members & Family Activity



10:30am-12:30pm at Dimond Greenhouses
Please pre-register no later than Monday, December 1st
by using the link below or through the WGCA email sent out.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45AFAF2EA6F9C70-66373956-fresh

December 10th – Holiday Party Appetizer Potluck
Members & Family Activity



***11:00am-1:00pm at Central Lutheran Church**
Please use the link below or the email that was sent out to RSVP.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45AFAF2EA6F9C70-66373878-holiday

*****Note time change for this gathering.

2027
January 7th - "Flower Photography without Borders"
Presenter: Marion Owen

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM – ONLINE ONLY by ZOOM
You don't need an expensive camera to take beautiful flower photos. In this engaging, hands-on presentation, award-winning photographer and lifelong gardener Marion Owen shares the simple techniques she has learned through more than 40 years behind the camera and/or smartphone in the garden.

Announcements

Have you renewed your Membership for 2027?

To be included in the 2027 Yearbook's list of members, annual dues need to be paid no later than December 1st. (*That is about two weeks away*)

Join us for Educational Programs, Workshops, Community Events, Friendship & Fellowship!

Individual annual membership fee is $20. Family membership is available for an additional $15 for each immediate family member. Only one yearbook will be shard in a family membership.

You can access the membership form from the following link.
The Wildflower Garden Club of Alaska - Membership

To mail a renewal, print a copy of the form and mail it in with a check. You can also fill in the form online and pay electronically. An additional cost of $1 per member registration will be applied to cover processing fees of credit card payments.

Your continued support of the Wildflower Garden Club is appreciated!

Thank you to those who have recently renewed for 2027.

The Wildflower's 2027 Grants application period is open!

Please share this opportunity with those you know who may be interested in applying. Information and the application can be found using the following link to our website.
The Wildflower Garden Club of Alaska - Our Grants Program

The goal of the **Wildflower Garden Club of Alaska (WGCA)** Grants Program is to encourage botanical education by funding scholarly studies, scientific research projects, or work in the areas of Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Forestry, Botany, Agronomy, Plant Pathology and/or allied subjects.

- Individuals, Schools and Non-Profit entities engaged in work in the above listed fields may apply for grant funding until the **deadline of January 31, 2027**.
- Organizations must have 501(c)(3) status.
- All applicants must be based in the State of Alaska.

November is the time to be thankful,
a time to remember,
and to embrace those who enrich our lives.