



Wildflower Garden Club of Alaska

Newsletter ~ July 2026

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Message from the President

Summer is in full swing. I've just returned from a relaxing week in Homer. We lucked out with mostly sunny days, light winds, and sand hill cranes in abundance. Catching up with friends, fields of chocolate lilies, wild irises, dandelions, lupine just opening up, and walks on the beach were in abundance. Time always flies when you're having fun and the week went by way too fast.

Until late-June I was still seeing 37 degrees in the morning, which has everything on a totally different growing schedule than typical years. My apple trees were late to bloom, with one of them blooming a good two weeks behind the rest. I'm sure everyone either saw or heard about the snow on the mountain tops June 30th... I was enjoying my morning cup of coffee before heading to work when the fog lifted and made me look twice. To say I (and everyone else) was in disbelief is an understatement. Termination dust in late June? I'll agree to the term only if we can say it means our challenging weather is behind us and summer can now begin.

Be sure to mark your calendars and join our July club activities. Our Annual Garden tours take place on July 9th starting at 11:00 am and the Garden Flower Plate workshop on July 22nd & 23rd starting at 10:30am.

I hope your summer has been full of fun adventures and look forward to seeing you at one of the July events!

Christie

Me, immediately after saying
I don't have room for any
more plants:



Joseph Tjehonievich

Special Wildflowers that bloomed this month

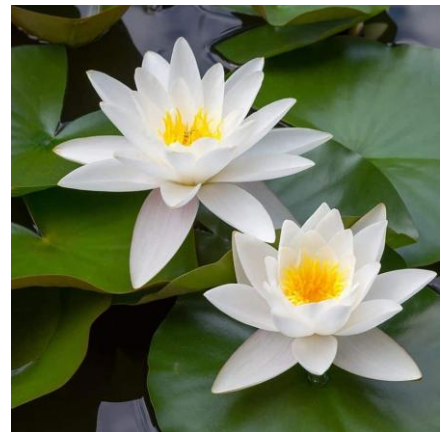
Paul Chan, Julie Ginder, Tobi Harvey, Robin Hill, Shirley Luedke, Beverly Luedke-Chan, Karen Olstad, Alis Schmitt, and Alice Sears



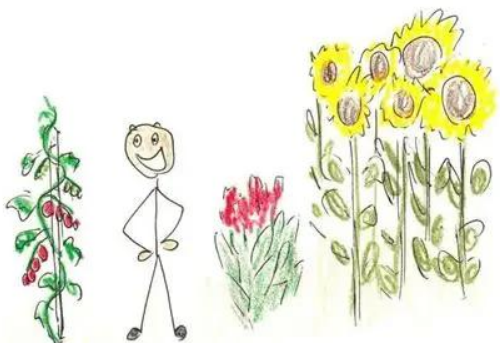
The birth flowers for July are Larkspur and Water Lilies.

Larkspur represents positivity, love, an open heart, lightness, and strong bonds. The three colors have different meanings as well: blue—grace; white—joy; purple—first love. Although the flowers are bright and bring joy and positivity, all parts of the plant are toxic if ingested, so caution must be taken when handling the flowers. Each flower has five petals and a spur in the center, which may have given the flower its name as it is said to resemble the claw on the foot of the meadowlark.

The Water Lily is evocative of purity, emotional intelligence, peace, strength, and rebirth. Widely prized in Asian cultures, the blossoms float peacefully, opening in the daytime and closing at night. Ancient Egyptians carved water lilies into tombs to represent eternal life. In Buddhism and Hinduism, water lilies represent resurrection and rebirth because the flowers open and close daily. Buddhists also believe water lilies symbolize enlightenment because the beautiful flowers emerge from the dark and dirty floor beneath the water's surface.



Every once in a while forget the
weeds and pests and to do list...



...and just ENJOY your garden!

Joseph Tychonievich

happy birthday!

Club Business



June 2026 Treasurer Reports

Nuvision Federal Credit Union	
Business Savings	\$8,005.12
Business Checking	\$7,017.27
CD-12 month (matures 5/1/27) 3.40%	\$5,234.76
Balance 6/30/26	\$20,257.15
Morgan Stanley Balance 6/30/26	\$62,678.71
Total Funds 6/30/26	\$82,935.86

Upcoming Meetings, Projects, & Workshops

July 23rd & 24th - Garden Art Flowers with Plates Workshop

This is a two-day workshop: the first day is to design and glue together the pieces to make our flowers (plates, bowls, candle holders, glasses, cups, knickknacks, costume jewelry, etc.). We have a supply of large plates and some small items, If you have old china or favorite, meaningful pieces you would like to include, by all means bring them, they are most welcome. Day two we will refine the pieces if necessary and will attach the display methods (stands or hangers) and will return home triumphant with our masterpieces. **Maximum of 15 people. Use the Sign-Up Genius link below to register.**



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45AFAF2EA6F9C70-64685828-garden>

July 29th & 30th - Concrete & Stained Glass Stepping Stone Kit Workshop

This is a two-day workshop: Day one is to design, set the glass in cement, and allow time for curing/drying. Day two is for unmolding our creation, refinement, and taking it home to our garden. **Maximum of 10 people. Use the Sign-Up Genius link below to register.**



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August - Flower Bouquets at the Ronsse Gardens (tentative)

More information coming soon.

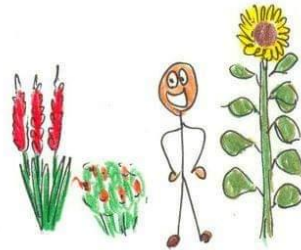
Plant Shopping Tip:



Sometimes "vigorous" actually means
"Will eat your entire garden."

Joseph Tychonievich

The secret to my "green thumb":



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can tell that half of them died.

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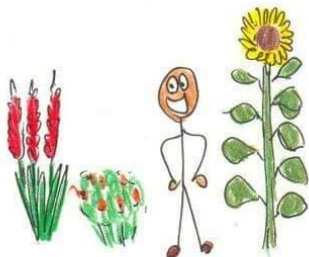
Heaven is...



...eating a ripe, sun-warmed tomato
straight from the vine.

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Life married to a gardener:

What you imagine:



A life surrounded
by flowers.

Reality:



A driveway full of
giant piles of mulch.

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