

**2018 Tree Sale Info
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- New selections include Bearberry (pictured above) and Killarney Raspberry
- The Tree Sale will be held on Saturday, May 26th from 11-4 at the FSWCD Parking Lot
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Spring 2018 Newsletter

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Jerome Norum FSWCD District Supervisor 9/19/33 - 4/1/18

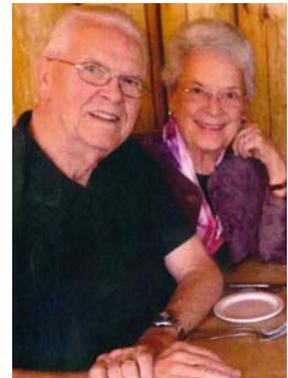
Jerry Norum served on the Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors for 17 years. During that time, he also served on the Alaska Association of Conservation District Board and attended many National Association meetings. In 2001, Jerry called the Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District Office as a private landowner with a concern about the degradation of Chena Slough which fronted his home. He became intrigued with an organization whose function is to assist private landowners with their natural resource concerns. Shortly thereafter, he agreed to serve as a volunteer board supervisor and continued in that role, serving as chairman for many years. His two main passions during his terms of service were the restoration of Chena Slough and Natural Resource Education. He utilized his skills and expertise as a former educator and civic



leader to assist the FSWCD in partnering with local, state, and federal entities in expanding programs and outreach to residents. Jerry was a big idea person! There was no project too difficult, too expensive, or too outrageous once he was attracted to it---At one point, he initiated the bumble bee award for those whose work on FSWCD projects was outstanding in spite of the odds. "A bumblebee is not aerodynamically designed to fly and accomplish what they do, but yet they do it" he said. Just because it looks like an impossible task, doesn't mean it

can't be done." As always, he would step aside to give the accolades to others at the accomplishment of a task or project. His loyalty and dogged determination to accomplish goals inspired staff to reach farther and work

harder. He will be truly missed. FSWCD will sponsor a natural resource education scholarship in Jerry's name in the future. For contributions call Joni @ 978-1727.



Workshop on Hardy Trees and Shrubs for Fairbanks Offered

Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District and UAF Cooperative Extension will present a workshop on how to select, plant and care for your trees this season. Join us on Saturday May 12th from 1-3pm at FSWCD's office at 590 University Avenue.

- Topics to be discussed include:
- Native & non-native trees, flowering shrubs and fruit to plant this spring.
 - Plants available locally
 - Ideas for adding color and winter interest to your landscape
 - Attracting wildlife to

- your yard
- Planting techniques for bare root and container grown trees & shrubs.
- This workshop is free but registration is required.

Please register by calling Brian at 907-479-1213 x 108.



Fairbanks Youth for Habitat Continues to Foster Stewardship



FYH crew working on a streambank restoration.

FSWCD's work with youth in the community continues as we enter the summer 2018 season. The program, funded by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, hires youth ages 13-14 from Fairbanks to work on conservation projects that benefit the community and to learn about natural resources. Crew members work alongside local professionals, while learning life skills and gaining new experience. Students who are hired this

summer continue the program the following summer, but are focused on a singular project which they plan, present to landowners, and then implement. With many applicants this year, the quality of candidates continues to impress. It is a reflection of many great programs, opportunities, schools systems, and role models (parents, guardians, and the like) that the Fairbanks community has to offer. We wish that we could accept more students, but

only 15 will be accepted given our budget.

FSWCD would also like to welcome our new Youth for Habitat Program Coordinator, Shannon Mason, who joins us from Oakland, California. Shannon is a bright individual, who shares our passion and is looking forward to adding to this already stellar program. As always, any contributions (financial or otherwise) are appreciated!

Alaska Agriculture in the Classroom Offers New Curriculum



Alaska Agriculture in the Classroom is pleased to announce the release of their newest set of lessons, "Alaska Indoor Gardening Curriculum". This work is supported in part by the Agriculture in the Classroom Grant no. 2017-38858 from the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture. It is also supported by a grant from

the Alaska Farm Bureau. This curriculum is a compilation of lessons developed by the Alaska Agriculture in the Classroom program, the National Agriculture in the Classroom (NAITC) organization, and educators throughout Alaska who have developed, reviewed, and piloted many these activities.

Please visit the AK AITC website at www.agclassroom.org/ak for lesson plans and more information about the Agricultural Literacy resources we have available.

Contact Melissa Sikes at 907-479-1213x105 or alaska.agintheclassroom@gmail.com for more information.

FSWCD Offers Streambank Restoration Workshop



FSWCD's stream bank restoration work is picking up steam again. Thanks to the US Fish and Wildlife Service funding and support, we implement restoration techniques such as willow staking, spruce tree revetment, and root wads (to name a few). These techniques are used at participating landowner's properties that share our

desire to restore fish habitat, natural sinuosity of the streams, and prevent erosion.

We are hosting our biannual stream bank restoration workshop on May 14th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 590 University Avenue. We are always looking for new properties to continue this work. For information on how we can help you or

to RSVP for the workshop or to schedule a site visit, contact Jim Barry at 907-479-1213x107 or jbarry.fswcd@gmail.com.



2018 FSWCD Tree Sale: Saturday, May 26th 11-4pm At the FSWCD Office at 590 University Avenue

Local vendors will also be present selling a variety of trees, shrubs, and native plants. **Pre-orders for this year's tree sale can be placed Until Wednesday, May 16th.** Trees are mostly bare root, 6"-36" tall. **ONLINE Ordering Now Available** at www.fswcdtrees.com
For more details about our plant selection, visit www.fairbankssoilwater.org. All proceeds from sale support Natural Resource Education.

Seeking Volunteers!

FSWCD is seeking volunteers for the tree sale! Volunteers can earn 5 trees/shrubs for their assistance at the tree sale. Older children (10+) are welcome to volunteer as well as adults. Please call 479-1213 x108 or email fswcd.trees@gmail.com to sign up!

Vendors: Please contact us if you are interested in selling your plants as a private vendor at this year's tree sale!

Soil Testing

Soil testing is the easiest way to improve your garden or farm production. For a fee of \$40 per sample, FSWCD will give you a thorough analysis of your soil nutrient levels, pH, organic matter content, and other important characteristics. We provide fertilizer recommendations based on your unique soil chemistry that are tailored to your goals and preferences. For example, we can provide recommendations for organic fertilizers or for soluble products.

For more information about this program, call 479-1213 x108 or visit our website.

Equipment Lending

FSWCD has farm equipment available to be borrowed free of charge by our cooperators:

1. Aerator (tractor pulled)
2. Two herbicide sprayers (both tractor pulled)
3. ATV Mounted herbicide sprayer

For more information call 479-1213 x108.

Weed Cost Share

The Weed Cost Share is a program to help landowners manage their invasive plant or agricultural weed problems through technical assistance and a cost share for incurred expenses. A pest scout will complete a site visit and provide control recommendations. This is a reimbursement program. Call Aditi 479-1213 x104 or email at fswcd.tech@gmail.com.



2018 FSWCD Tree Sale Order Form

| Common Name | Price | Qty. | Subtotal |
|------------------------|-------|------|----------|
| American Currant | \$5 | | |
| Amur Maple | \$7 | | |
| Bearberry/Kinnikinnick | \$5 | | |
| Birch* | \$7 | | |
| Blizzard Mock Orange | \$10 | | |
| Golden Currant | \$5 | | |
| Iris* | \$5 | | |
| Killarney Raspberry* | \$8 | | |
| Late Lilac | \$8 | | |
| Manchurian Crabapple | \$7 | | |
| Nanking Cherry | \$7 | | |
| Red Osier Dogwood | \$7 | | |
| Rose Tree of China | \$7 | | |
| Siberian Larch* | \$5 | | |
| Silverberry | \$10 | | |
| White Spruce* | \$5 | | |
| 3-4ft White Spruce* | \$25 | | |

* Grown in Alaska

Order Total: _____

-10% Cooperator Discount Total: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

All sales are final. Credit Card orders can be done either in the office or at www.fswcdtrees.com. Make checks out to: FSWCD. Order form and checks can be mailed to the FSWCD office. Cash and credit card payments will be accepted at the FSWCD office. Pre-orders must be received by **5pm Wednesday, May 16th.**

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Cooperator Address

CALENDAR

Tree and Shrub

Workshop

May 12th 1-3pm

Streambank

Restoration

Workshop

May 14 10am—4pm

Tree Sale Pre-Order

Deadline

May 16th 5pm

Tree Sale

May 26 11am-4pm

Free Soil Testing for Chena River Landowners

Landowners along the Chena River or one of its sloughs and tributaries are eligible for free lawn soil testing! This program is funded through USFWS to improve the long term health of the Chena Watershed. FSWCD can visit your property to collect a soil sample from your lawn (a free

fertilizer recommendation will be provided), scout for invasive weeds, and evaluate streambank health. If your streambank could use improvements (erosion control, fish habitat improvements, etc.), there are cost share opportunities available to make these

improvements. We will work collaboratively with landowners to improve streambank health and wildlife habitat while also maintaining your riverfront views and access. To learn more or to set up a visit to your property, call us at 479-1213 x108.

Elodea Eradication Efforts Continue to Be Successful

Elodea eradication in Chena Slough begins! Elodea is an aquatic invasive plant which has infested 118 acres of Chena Slough, a tributary of the Chena River. In summer 2017, with funding from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, FSWCD along with the Fairbanks Elodea Steering Committee conducted the first herbicide application in

Chena Slough to begin the process of elodea eradication. Liquid and pelleted herbicide were successfully applied, and elodea plants in the slough started to show signs of damage a few weeks after the herbicide application! Five private wells within the treatment area were tested for fluridone periodically over the course of the season and no fluridone was found in them.

We are continuing the treatment for the next 2-3 years in order to eliminate elodea from Chena Slough. Plans are underway to begin similar herbicide treatment in Totchaket Slough, a remote slough of the Tanana River downstream of Nenana.

