

Thursday	*registered participants ONLY*				
7:15-8:15am	BREAKFAST				
7:45-8:45am	Doors Open, Check-in/Registration				
8:45-9:30am	Conference Welcome				
9:30-10:10am (Available via Zoom)	"30 inch bed systems: tools & techniques for intensive production" --Emily Garrity, Twitter Creek Gardens	Learn about intensive vegetable production in small spaces using a 30 inch bed system. Emily will cover the hottest new tools designed expressly for this system and explain why setting up your farm with standardized beds makes for a more efficient, productive and successful farm.			
10:10-10:40am	Break				
10:40-11:40am (Available via Zoom)	"Potential for commercial fruit production in Southeast Alaska" -- Rob Bishop, Alaska Apple Farm & Chris Austin, Game Creek	Can tree fruit really be grown commercially in Southeast Alaska? Two seasoned growers from Hoonah discuss the challenges and successes they've encountered in their journey to create a commercial orchard in our region.			
11:40-12pm	Break				
12-1pm	LUNCH				
1-2pm (Available via Zoom)	"2023 Featured Alaska Farmers" --Gabe DeGange and Allison Dunbar, Far North Fungi	This year's "Featured Alaska Farmers" hail from Anchorage; Gabe & Allison will share the ins & outs of their unique mushroom growing operation including how they grow and market their products.			
2-2:10pm	short break				
2:10-2:55pm (Available via Zoom)	"Raising livestock in southeast Alaska; what I've learned so far" -- Tabitha Nelson, Alaska Wild Acres	In Point Agassiz, near Petersburg, Tabitha & her family have spent years experimenting with raising a wide variety of livestock including goats, chickens, rabbits, pigs, turkeys & quail. Hear about her challenges and successes, and learn tips for reducing the cost of bringing in feed & supplies from down south.			
2:55-3:05pm (Available via Zoom)	Food Safety on Your Farm -- Dena Cologgi & Sarah Coburn, Alaska DEC	Learn how to access important information & deep dive workshops that instruct how to keep your farm fresh produce safe and clean for your customers!			
	Break				
	Small Group Roundtable Discussions	An opportunity to have an intimate discussion with a small group of fellow farmers. Topics will include weed suppression, marketing strategies, pest management, soils & amendments, small farm tools, hydroponics, mushroom cultivation and MORE!			
3:30-4:10pm					
4:10-4:20	short break				
4:20-5:00pm	Small Group Roundtable Discussions	see above description			
5:00-5:30pm	Break				
5:30-7pm	DINNER				
7pm-8pm	"Economics behind small scale farming in SEAK - (Real Costs and Potential Earnings)" Local Farmer Panel (moderated by Marja Smets)	What is the economic reality of farming in Southeast Alaska? A large panel of local farmers offer up real numbers from a recent growing season. By sharing our successes and failures we can learn from one another and help aspiring farmers understand what the reality of running a small farm in our region looks like today.			
8-10pm	Open Social Time				
Friday	*All Presentations open & FREE to the public today!*				
7:15-8:00am	BREAKFAST				
8-8:15am	Welcome & Introduction to the day				
8:15-9:15am (Available via Zoom)	SEAK Farmer Snapshot Presentations: Steller Botanical Health, Gustavus + Tenakee Springs Agricultural Roundup	Hear and see what agriculture currently looks like across our region! Local farmers offer "farm tours" via photos & videos, including details of what they grow, their production methods and marketing strategies.			
9:15-9:25am	short break				
9:25-10:25am (Available via Zoom)	SEAK Farmer Snapshot Presentations: Down to Earth Farm, Sitka + Ed's Edible Landscaping, Juneau	see above description			
10:25-10:45am	Break				0

10:45-11:30am (Available via Zoom)	"Shiitake Cultivation on logs" --Gabe DeGange and Allison Dunbar, Far North Fungi	Our rainforest climate provides ideal conditions for production of shiitake mushrooms using hardwood logs. Learn about site considerations, log inoculation techniques, and other important information on how to produce commercial quantities of shiitake mushrooms.			
11:30-11:40 (Available via Zoom)	"SEAK Mushroom Cultivation Feasibility Study" Angie Mendbayar, Integrative Mushroom Solutions LLC	Ever considered growing & marketing mushrooms in the fungal heavens of Southeast Alaska? Hear about a 2022 study funded by the USDA's Specialty Crop Block Grant Program that investigated the feasibility of fungi farming in our region.			
11:40-12pm	Break				
12:00-1pm	LUNCH				
1-2pm (Available via Zoom)	"Slug control: current approaches & novel tools" --Casey H. Richart, Ph.D. Faculty Research Assistant Oregon State University	Tired of slugs ruining your otherwise perfect produce? Casey Richart, a gastropod expert, will share on-going research on slug deterrents and offer up creative ideas for how to keep slugs from destroying your vegetables, including new, highly effective slug control methods that are currently being utilized in Europe.			
2-2:10pm	short break				
2:10-3:10pm (Available via Zoom)	"Using local amendments to improve your soil" -- Bob Van Veldhuizen, semi-retired agricultural consultant & UAF researcher	Southeast Alaska provides a plethora of nutrient-rich amendments for farmers to use to improve their soils. We'll take a close look at many commonly available materials including seaweed, fish carcasses, crab/shrimp shells and "shell sand", and learn how to best use them to improve the health of our soils.			
3:10-3:40	Break				
3:40-4:20pm (Available via Zoom)	An Introduction to Hugelkultur -- Sarah Wagstaff, SUOT Farm & Flowers	Hugel-what? You may never have heard of it, but your farm might be transformed after learning about this centuries-old, traditional way of building growing beds from rotten logs and plant debris!			
4:20-4:30	short break				
4:30-5:30pm (Available via Zoom)	"Perennial Crops Farmer Panel: Berries and Culinary/Medicinal Herbs" -- Ed Buyarski, Ed's Edible Landscaping, Jen Landry, Steller Botanical Health (moderated by Laura Schmidt)	Learn tips & tricks for successful production and marketing of a variety of perennial crops from experienced local farmers.			
5:30-6pm	Break				
6-8pm	Local Foods inspired Community Potluck (at the ANB/ANS John Hanson Hall)	Open to the entire Petersburg community & Farmers Summit participants -- bring a dish to share and make a new connection!			
8-10pm	"Kiss the Ground" Documentary Screening (at the Lutheran Church's Holy Cross House)	Kiss the Ground is a full-length documentary narrated by Woody Harrelson that sheds light on a "new, old approach" to farming called "regenerative agriculture" that has the potential to help balance our climate, replenish our vast water supplies, and feed the world.			
Saturday	*registered participants ONLY*				
7:15-8:00am	BREAKFAST				
8-8:10am	Welcome & Introduction to the day				
8:10-8:40am (Available via Zoom)	"The Rhubarb Project" --David Love, RootSeller Farm	Four farms across Southeast spent 3 years participating in a Rhubarb Variety Trial sponsored by a USDA Specific Crop Block Grant. David will present the study's findings which paint an interesting picture of rhubarb production in our region.			
8:40-9:40am (Available via Zoom)	"Growing Carrots in SEAK" --Scott Hansen, Sunnyside Farms + Bo Varsano, Farragut Farm	Carrots are almost always the most popular veggie at market -- Scott & Bo will share the nitty gritty of carrot production on their farms, including tips on seeding, weeding and harvesting this tasty and iconic crop.			
9:40-10:10am	Break				
10:10-10:55am (Available via Zoom)	"Reducing/Eliminating Plastic on Your Farm" Martin Dearaway, Juneau Greens + Joe Orsi, Orsi Organic Produce + Jen Landry, Steller Botanical Health (moderated by Samia Savell)	Tired of all the single-use plastics in your life and more specifically on your farm?? Join three local farmers as they discuss their strategies for reducing and eliminating plastics on their farms.			
10:55-11:05am	short break				
11:05-11:50am (Available via Zoom)	"Farmer to Farmer (F2F) Online Forum Launch and Trivia Game" -- Bo Varsano (Farragut Farm) & Izzy Haywood (Spruce Root)	Learn about a brand new online forum on the SEAK Farmers Summit website that will serve as an easy and efficient way to communicate with fellow farmers across the region 365 days a year.			
11:50am-12pm	short break				
12-1pm	LUNCH				

1-2pm (Available via Zoom)	"Local Slug ID workshop" --Casey H. Richart, Ph.D. Faculty Research Assistant at Oregon State University	Knowing how to ID pests is the first step in successful pest management. Using photos submitted by local farmers, Casey will walk us through the steps for proper slug identification and provide info about the specific slug varieties found here in Southeast.			
2-2:30pm	Break				
2:30-3:15pm (Available via Zoom)	Perennial Flowers for the Small Scale SEAK Grower -- Sarah Wagstaff, SUOT Farm & Flowers	Make your flower production more efficient and less labor intensive by focusing on perennials! Learn tips for which varieties work well for each type of marketplace and bump up your flower game next season.			
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7-8pm	"My biggest mistake & lessons learned" Moderated Audience Sharing by Darren Snyder, UAS Cooperative Extension Service	A fun and light-hearted opportunity to learn from one another by sharing the mistakes we've made and the lessons we've learned on our farms. Bring your stories to share and be prepared to laugh and commiserate in good company.			
8-8:15pm	Conference Close				