

Field Notes



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Our dreams, like seeds cast upon fertile ground, give birth to every new beginning.



Winners

136 great posters were submitted for this year's theme "Forests for People," making judging most difficult.

4th-6th grade
 1st place: Alix Pawlak



K-1st grade
 2nd place: Teagan Dervaes
 3rd place: Madison Comito

2nd-3rd grade
 2nd place: Sierra Butler
 3rd place: Annalise Byrd
 Hon. Mention: Kaitlin Warner

4th-6th grade
 2nd place: Alexia Boyer
 3rd place: Charlotte Brown

2nd-3rd grade
 1st place: Ben Bitler

K-1st grade
 1st place: Cosette GoGuen



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



April 22: Earth Day
April 27: Board Meeting - 10:00 A.M.

May 1: May Day
May 3: Alaska Ag Day
May 8: Mother's Day
May 16: Alaska Arbor Day
May 24: Board Meeting (tentative)
May 30: Memorial Day (office closed)

June 14: Flag Day
June 20: Father's Day
June 21: Summer Solstice
June 29: Board Meeting (tentative)
July 4: Independence Day (office closed)
July 26: Board Meeting (tentative)



Promoting wise use of energy resources

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Update on Seasonal High Tunnel Pilot Sign-up period for FY2012 EQIP funding is now through June 15, 2011

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) sign-up period for EQIP Fiscal Year 2012 funding is now through June 15th. The regular EQIP sign up for 2011 has ended.

By capturing solar energy, seasonal high tunnels create favorable conditions enabling farmers to grow vegetables, berries and other specialty crops in climates and at times of the year in which it would otherwise be difficult. Farmers who sell their high tunnel produce locally benefit from the extra income, and the community benefits from the availability of fresh, locally grown food. Seasonal high tunnels are manufactured kits made of metal pipe and covered with UV resistant 6 mil plastic. Easy to build, maintain and move, they provide an energy-efficient way to extend the growing season. Unlike greenhouses, they require no

energy, relying on natural sunlight to modify the climate inside to create favorable conditions for growing vegetables and other specialty crops.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is providing financial assistance for seasonal high tunnels as part of a three-year trial to determine their effectiveness in reducing pesticide use, maintaining vital soil nutrients, and increasing crop yields. For a breakdown of FY 2010 high tunnel funding by state, go to <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/success-stories/hightunnels/2010tunneldollars.html>. For information on how to apply, visit your local Mat-Su Service Center at 1700 E. Bogard Rd. - Suite 203, Building A

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