

Maniilaq to host workshop

A regional gardening workshop sponsored by the Maniilaq Association Agricultural Program will take place May 17 to 19 in Kotzebue.

The workshop is expected to draw interested people from the NANA, Doyon, Bering Straits and Calista regions according to workshop coordinator Katherine Devereaux.

Devereaux said the workshop, similar to one held the past two years in Galena by the Koyukon Development Corporation, will be hosted for the first time by Maniilaq.

Six topics will be covered each day. "There will be both

time to learn and time to exchange information," Devereaux said.

Devereaux, in her third year as agriculture coordinator for Maniilaq, assists 10 villages involved in food production. She has a degree in Arctic ecology from Hampshire College and recently produced a pamphlet on Arctic gardening in the NANA region for Maniilaq.

Other participants in the workshops include: James Barger, manager of the Griest farm outside of Ambler; John Quirk, Executive director of the Koyukon Development Corp. in Galena; Stan Gurtler, involved with Koyukon's

Educational Farm at Ruby for the last six years; Wilson Sam, garden aide from Huslia; and Walter Overton, manager of the KNA farm at Aniak.

In addition, a representative of the Tanana Chiefs Conference will discuss their community canning center and freezer projects.

The workshop is being held through financial assistance from the BIA and no state funds are involved this year, Devereaux said.

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