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In The Dirt

May 2021

Hello Master Gardeners and Community Garden Members!

We are hitting it hard and fast this spring. The Tree Sale is here! If you can't help during the sale, we could use help that evening. There is always some clean-up and organization that needs to be done, before we are actually done. Even for an hour, that volunteer time sure does help!

I would like to thank you all for helping and presenting the seed portion during the April GLEE Seeds and Trees, the Northeast Seed Library has had lots of new visitors. Dr. John Ball was excellent, it went so fast! I think that is a sure sign of an awesome speaker, his portion seemed to just fly by. It was neat to hear what he had to say about the different trees and to look to Mongolia for a reference on what we should plant here.

May 15th, Sandi Aberle will be at the Urban Orchard to teach about pruning fruit trees and grape vines. If you would like to help her with this, please contact Sandi or myself.

We have started the ball rolling on the Urban Orchard and Gazebo Pollinator Project. The trees will be here soon, we will need to plan some work days for planting the trees and getting the Gazebo ready for planting too. Suzy Blakesley and Audrey Mertz helped prep the Gazebo beds. Roy, Wes Terrell and Audrey helped tear apart and rebuild the Gazebo beds. Thank you all so much for helping us with this project.

We will be planning work-days for these projects soon. We will also need to schedule a meeting for the Pollinator Counts at the Urban Orchard. Please watch your email for dates and information.

Please remember you can volunteer to help at any of the events.

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Mandy Reynolds
Horticulture Program Coordinator

Dates to Remember

- May 3rd:** MG Steering Mtg. at GAMB, Cottonwood Room 5:15pm
- May 3rd:** MG Mtg. at GAMB, Cottonwood Room 6:00pm or Join Zoom Mtg. <https://uwyo.zoom.us/j/92936304801>
- May 4th:** Last delivery of the trees 3pm at Rockpile Ice Arena, prep for sale
- May 5th:** Tree Sale 7:30am-5pm at Rockpile Ice Arena
- May 15th:** Sandi Aberle will be teaching Pruning Fruit Trees and Grape Vines at the Urban Orchard 1pm-3pm. Bring your pruners and get some hands on learning under your belt.

We are transitioning our County website to the UW website. In the next week, you will find our newsletter at wyoextension.org/campbellcounty/agriculture-horticulture/master-gardener/

Learning Opportunities!

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Campbell County Master Gardeners Steering Committee Meeting

Cottonwood Room, GAMB, Gillette, WY

April 5, 2021

The April Steering Committee Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Diane Monahan at 5:17pm. A quorum was established.

Attending the meeting was Rick Kistler, Shannon Hudson, Heather Kleiner, Linette West, Diane Monahan, Sandi Aberle, Sandra Hunter, Tracey Archer, and Mandy Reynolds, Campbell County Horticulture Program Coordinator.

The agenda was reviewed:

Treasurer's Report was given by Heather Kleiner. She stated we had income from the Hoop House sale, the Home Show, and Tree sales.

There will not be any committee reports during the meeting, however the Tree Sale Committee, Urban Orchard/Pollinator Committee and Education Committee will be meeting after the regular meeting.

Mandy stated that at the March meeting we had discussed looking into the Arbor Day Grants, but learned they are due in December, so we can look at this again later in the year, for next year.

Hub insurance sent a bill for \$84, but there is an uncertainty of why, so these papers were handed to Sandi Aberle to have them reach out to Hub.

Tracey has a paper that needs to be signed for the bank, both to get officers on the account, and to get others off. This sheet was passed around to the officers there for the Steering Committee Meeting.

Linette will be giving an update regarding the Home Show. She stated she will be thanking those that assisted. There were some yard call requests as well as two garden walk "wannabees."

Awards Night Awards need to be picked up from Tracey, who has them with her.

The WSF Grant has been approved. The Urban Orchard/Gazebo Pollinator Project has already allocated the amounts. Heather Kleiner's husband has been "voluntold" for building the pergola. Menards has one in its sale page. A question has also been raised about electric being in the vicinity in order for lights to be able to be strung on the pergola for weddings. Diana will look into this. Our last Urban Orchard work day was cancelled, so we are looking to have the next one on April 14th, from 4 to 7. A sign up sheet will be passed around during the meeting. Out at the Gazebo, there are existing bulbs that have started popping up, as well as woodbine. Everyone is encouraged to come and get what they want! The question was asked of when we should order plants to work out on the Gazebo. We can order now for Fall bulbs, and Heather was given a list of the desired plants to check for them at Landon's

Due to Covid restrictions, those that are attending the GLEE event at the Library, are asked to RSVP. Master Gardener volunteers will be presenting on four topics. It was suppose to be five, however Sharon Murphy is no longer able to attend. Sandra and Heather are going to work together to fill in that time. Lunch will be provided so that Dr. Ball can mingle with those attending, and then he will be speaking for an hour afterwards, and then having Q&A. This will be published on Facebook again, advertising the class. The Steering Committee agreed to give Dr. Ball a Visa gift card, opposed to one to Rayne Garden. There will be items used for giveaways for those attending, with hopefully involving Dr Ball for at least the gift card to Rayne Garden.

Mandy spoke with the library regarding joining in their Library Storytime, during National Library Week. It will not work at this time, due to the library planning months in advance. They will contact us when they have a planting/gardening theme.

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Wright Library reached out to us regarding us coming and having programs at their library as well. We may do a scaled down version.

Linette will speak about the wagons for the 4th of July Parade and the Garden Walk. Wheelbarrows are not desired for this year, as they have done those in the past, so strictly wagons.

Mandy will go over the Horticulture Program Coordinator's Comments during the meeting.

It was asked when we need to do something for Bee City. Sandi Aberle says Spring. The Urban Orchard and Pollinator counts work towards that, as would advertising at the library. Mandy spoke with Hannah about tagging trees at a tree farm, that tell about the trees. We could do this at the Urban Orchard, and include a bee on the tag, symbolizing being "bee friendly." The cards we are going to pass out at the 4th of July Parade could also have something about bees on them.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:48pm

Campbell County Master Gardeners

Regular Meeting
Cottonwood Room, GAMB, Gillette, WY
April 5, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Diane Monahan at 6:03pm. A quorum was established.

Attending were Sandi Aberle, Dale Bentley-Stillman, Fawn Conrad, Catherine Crain, Shannon. Hudson, Sandra Hunter, Sandra Johnson (via zoom), Rich Kistler, Heather Kleiner, Jody Kruse, Patsy Larson, Audrey Mertz, Diane Monahan, Sharon Murphree, Teresa Norton, Diana Ohman, Mandy Reynolds, Gary Schlekeway, Janet Thompson, Linette West, Anne Ziegenhorn, and Tracey Archer. Introductions were made around the room.

Sandi Aberle moved to approve the March minutes as published. Heather Kleiner seconded it. Motion carried.

Heather Kleiner gave the Treasurer's report. She stated we had income from the Hoop House Sale, the Home Show, and Tree Sales.

Members of the Tree Sale Committee, Urban Orchard/Pollinator Committee, and Education Committee are requested to stay after the regular meeting for short committee meetings.

Old Business:

During the March meeting, the Arbor Day Grant was mentioned. Mandy looked into this, and the due date is in December! We can look into this later in the year.

Hub Insurance sent a bill for \$84, but there is uncertainty why. Sandi Aberle stated she will look into this and get back to us on why this was received.

Officers that will be on the bank account will receive an email to go to First Interstate Bank, after all the paperwork is turned in. A letter was sent around for present officers as well as the officers from last year, were to sign.

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Linette reported that the Home Show went well. There were not as many people this year, however Saturday there was a good number of people and Sunday there was a reasonable number. She thanks everyone that helped and donated.

Tracey handed out the rewards from last year to the members that were present at the meeting and had not received them yet.

New Business:

The WSF Grant has been approved. The Urban Orchard/Gazebo Pollinator Project Committee has allocated the amounts from this grant. The bench has already been purchased and positioned. Sheets were handed out explaining how all the funds are broken down. Heather is going to check into the plants desired for the project. Heather's husband has been "voluntold" for the building of the pergola. The work date for working on the Orchard and Gazebo Planter is April 14th at the Urban Orchard, from 4 -7 PM. If you can attend, your help would be greatly appreciated.

There are existing bulbs, woodbine, etc growing out by the Gazebo. In order to do the desired construction and planting, these are free for the taking. Just come out and get them.

Due to Covid restrictions, those that are attending the GLEE event at the Library, are asked to RSVP. Master Gardener volunteers will be presenting on four topics. It was supposed to be five, however Sharon Murphree is no longer able to attend. Sandra and Heather were going to work together to fill in that time, however Jodi Kruse has now also offered to teach the seed tape making. Lunch will be provided so that Dr. Ball can mingle with those attending, and then he will be speaking for an hour afterwards, and then having Q&A. This will be published on Facebook again, advertising the class. Tree Diagnostics had 38 people, so we are expecting a decent crowd. At the library, we should set up a table with pictures advertising the Community Garden, to get word out.

Mandy spoke with the library regarding joining in their Library Storytime, during National Library Week. It will not work at this time, due to the library planning months in advance. They will contact us when they have a planting/gardening theme.

The Wright Library reached out to us regarding us coming and having programs at their library as well, as they have heard great things. We will look into going down to Wright on a Thursday evening, and rotate them in once or twice next year.

Linette spoke regarding the 4th of July Parade and the Garden Walk. The request will go before the City Council tomorrow evening, April 6th. Please try to find anyone interested in donating a planted wagon. Patsy suggested having a Master Gardener at each block, to hand out cards and seeds along that block, rather than everyone walking the entire thing. There will be a sign-up sheet once we get closer to time. We still do not know the theme yet. For the Garden walk, we have five houses right now. We need to save white Walmart bags. We will have the whole block. For advertising and such, we are looking to possibly putting banners on the barricades, but what else can we set up? An information booth was suggested, as was possibly getting the 4-H children or Cloverbuds involved.

The Seed Library Summit (can be found in the newsletter) is online.

Respectfully submitted by Shannon Hudson, Secretary

Much appreciation to you!



These two gentlemen that placed the Urban Orchard bench are Wes Terrell on the left, and Buddy Cater on the right.

A special THANK YOU to Wes, Buddy, Suzy Blakesley and Roy Holdeman for all of their work on the Urban Orchard! The trenching and irrigation is installed and ready for the Master Gardener's to plant the trees and place the tree rings.

The "Parks People" remind me of the Kevin Costner movie, Field of Dreams. It seems to me that if the MG's dream it, the "Parks People" will build it. We thank you for all of your hard work on this project and for helping us with it all! We know we are a lot of work, thank you for putting up with us!

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If you have a wagon in your possession and don't want it anymore, bring it to the Extension Office. The Garden Walk Committee will be raffling off planted wagons at their event this year.

