



# master gardener

## In The Dirt April 2021

Hello Master Gardeners and Community Garden Members!

The third 2021 Garden and Landscape Educational Event (GLEE) held on March 13th was a success! Roy Holdeman and Wendy Clements presented Common Tree Problems in NE Wyoming. We also held our first "Garden and Landscape Questions for Master Gardener's" panel. We had a lot of questions and some great discussion. It was so nice to be able to meet and talk to people in a public setting.

Make sure you RSVP to 687-0009 for our next GLEE on April 10th at the Library. From 10am-12pm Master Gardener volunteers will present on the following: Seed Packages and Zones, Seed Saving, Seed Starting, Seed Tape Making, and the NE Wyoming Seed Library.

Starting at 12pm to 2pm, Dr. John Ball will present *Trees for the 21st Century*. Dr. Ball is a South Dakota State University Professor, Extension Forestry Specialist, South Dakota Department of Agriculture Forest Health Specialist and author of *Trees! An Illustrated Field Guide*. He will speak about the benefits of having a diverse tree canopy and trees our community should consider adding to its surroundings. Want to plant some new trees? Come find out about trees you might not have considered.

We were awarded \$5,000.00 from the Wyoming State Forestry Grant. We will use these funds to plant some more trees at the Urban Orchard and work on the Gazebo Pollinator Project. We will be setting work days for these projects soon, watch your email for more information.

In addition to those two projects, we have the Tree Sale coming up in May, the 4th of July Parade, and the Garden Walk in July. We will need volunteers for preparation for the Tree Sale, during the Tree Sale, decorating the float for the parade, the 4th of July parade and the Garden Walk. You don't have to be on that particular committee, 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

- April 5th:** MG Steering Mtg. at GAMB, Cottonwood Room 5:15pm
- April 5th:** MG Mtg. at GAMB, Cottonwood Room 6:00pm or Join Zoom Mtg. <https://uwyo.zoom.us/j/92936304801>
- April 5th:** International MG Conference 2021 Registration is open! [www.internationalmastergardener.com/register/](http://www.internationalmastergardener.com/register/)
- April 10th:** MG's Seed Presentations 10am-12pm and Dr. John Ball Presentation 12pm-2pm at the Library RSVP to 687-0009
- April 18th-24th:** National Volunteer Week—You are appreciated!

**Tree Sale orders are due!!  
Master Gardener's get a 20%  
discount on tree sales!**

This newsletter is online!  
<https://www.ccgov.net/282/Master-Gardener>

### Learning Opportunities!

Check out these options for some great information and classes!

[www.eventbrite.com/e/seed-library-summit-tickets-142198181589](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/seed-library-summit-tickets-142198181589) more info on page 5

[uwyo.edu/barnbackyard/](http://uwyo.edu/barnbackyard/) and on FaceBook

Community Garden Applications are available. You can find them online or at the Extension office.

# Campbell County Master Gardeners Steering Committee Meeting

Cottonwood Room, GAMB, Gillette, WY

1 March 2021

The March Steering Committee Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Diane Monahan at 5:20pm. A quorum was established.

Attending the meeting were Heather Kleiner, Rich Kistler, Shannon Hudson, Diane Monahan, Sandra Hunter, Linette West, and Deb Reno-Sams. Also attending was Mandy Reynolds, Campbell County Horticulture Program Coordinator.

The agenda was reviewed:

Treasurer's Report was given. Heather stated that most of the checks were written for the Urban Orchard. Three checks were written to Contractor's Supply, as well as a refund being received from them, for supplies. A check was also written to Landon's for trees, and the Co-Op. A check was also written for Facebook in order to have the ad for the roses class held in February.

Mandy read the Garden Walk Committee Report from the March newsletter. Sign-up sheets were placed on the side table for the Garden Walk, planted wagon, wrapped treats and beverage, and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

Mandy stated that there was a meeting for the State MG Conference 2022, a couple weeks ago. She explained why we were hesitant to host it. As a group, they discussed how Casper has a Spring conference which may dissuade people from coming, so there is a possibility the conference may be moved to the Fall. A Master Gardener from the Worland/Thermopolis area stated she would discuss with her community and see if they may be interested in hosting it. There was also discussion of the conference becoming a one-day event as opposed to two days.

The Committee regarding the Urban Orchard and Gazebo Planter has met and planned out how to best utilize the WSF Grant. Together they figured out a proposed budget, and the grant has been filled out and will be applied for.

We received a letter from the bookkeeper that did the audit on the Master Gardener Treasurer Books and accounts. Mandy read the letter to the steering committee and a copy will be in the Secretary Book as well as the Treasurer book.

At the regular meeting we will need to vote on the changes for the By-Laws. They were sent out to each member, though Deb Reno-Sams stated she never received her copy in the mail.

Due to the requests made by the bank to get officers on and off the accounts for signature purposes, Mandy will be sending emails out to the affected individuals and get that set up.

Linette West will be asking for donations for the Home Show, during the meeting.

National Library Week is in April. On the 10<sup>th</sup> we will be holding several demonstrations at the library for approximately two hours total, as well as John Ball giving a presentation regarding "Trees for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." Our time frame will be from 10 to 2. The Master Gardeners will be either from 10 to 12 or 12 to 2, depending on what best works for Dr. Ball. During the meeting, Diane will be sending a sign-up sheet around for the Master Gardeners to sign up to help in the audience during the demonstrations. Linette stated Jordan will be preparing Community Garden pictures to post in the library during that week as well. If Dr Ball sells any books, it is expected for him to give a 10% donation to the Library Foundation.

After the March regular meeting is adjourned, Jerry Gardner and Dan Wiederrecht will be teaching us about Bonsai.

Mandy stated that the MG online courses began again in February. She will be reaching out to the new Master Gardeners this month. She also plans to hold a contest on Facebook, where people who have bought trees previously from our Tree Sales can post pictures on Facebook, or email them to her, so she can post them. She will be purchasing trees from our Tree Sale to give away to the winners.

Meeting adjourned at 5:46pm.

# Campbell County Master Gardeners

Regular Meeting  
Cottonwood Room, GAMB, Gillette, WY  
February 1, 2021

Meeting was called to order by President Deb Reno-Sams at 6:00pm. It was established a quorum was present.

Attending were Dale Bentley-Stillman, Catherine Crain, Jared Green, Priscilla Hixson, Roy Holdeman (Zoom), Shannon Hudson, Sandra Hunter, Bob Jordan, Rich Kistler, Heather Kleiner, Jody Kruse, Patsy Larson, Ruth Lundborg (Zoom), Audrey Mertz, Diane Monahan, Teresa Norton, Diana Ohman (Zoom), Jeremy Onsgard, Carol Palmer (Zoom), Deb Reno-Sams, Mandy Reynolds, Jan Rock, Gary Schlekeway, Janet Thompson, and Linette West.

Diane Monahan and Deb Reno-Sams introduced themselves.

Mandy brought up the October minutes on the projector screen, as we missed approving these minutes due to the November meeting being cancelled due to Covid. Jody Kruse moved to approve minutes as published and Heather Kleiner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jody Kruse then moved to approve the February minutes as published. Catherine Crain seconded it. Motion carried.

Heather Kleiner gave the treasurer report. A check to Facebook was written for the ad for the roses class, for \$30. The rest of the checks written were for the Urban Orchard and Gazebo projects for the grant. These included a check written to Landon's for \$495.60 for trees, The Co-Op for \$843.95, and checks written to Contractor's Supply, for \$276.63, \$95.76, and \$65.76. There was also a refund from Contractor's Supply for \$25.20. Due to the amount spent for the Urban Orchard and Gazebo Project totally more than \$100, these funds need to be approved by the Master Gardeners. Sandra Hunter made a motion to approve these transactions. Linette West seconded it. Motion carried.

Linette West then spoke on behalf of the Garden Walk Committee. They had their first meeting. They need help! For the Garden Walk – Please donate a planted wagon that can roll. They are also asking for individually wrapped treats. For the Home Show – Linette is accepting donations for anything yellow, to add to her Basket of Sunshine. Donations can be brought to the Extension Office, but it is needed by March 15<sup>th</sup>. The July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade will be at ten. Prior to the parade, we will need to get together to put our float together. They are looking for ideas that has to do with wagons.

Mandy then spoke regarding the State MG Conference 2022. She stated it was explained that we were hesitant to host it for 2022. They are looking at the possibility to change it to the Fall, possibly switch it to one day rather than two, and a Master Gardener from the Worland/ Thermopolis area is looking to possibly have it there.

Mandy also spoke regarding the WSF Grant. She stated the committee met & decided the trees and plants desired. The trees have been ordered. The grant will be turned in on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mandy also stated the bookkeeper who completed this year's MG audit sent a letter, which was then read. One of the items the bookkeeper presented was that reimbursements need to be better documented. In order to do this, there is a new form that will be filled out for any reimbursements. Another item brought to our attention was that we are actually paying too much state sales tax. Heather explained this is, so we do not have to deal with change during sales, such as the tree sale.

Deb asked if there was any other old business, and Patsy spoke up saying the Master Gardeners are willing to host the State MG Conference 2022, with support. Mandy further explained that they discussed how everyone use to buy in, and plan it as a state committee, which they may go back to. She explained that she told them we are on the fence – willing to host, with support and if people will show up.

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Deb then stated we needed to vote regarding the By-Law changes that were mailed out to the members. Linette West moved to approve the By-Law changes as presented. Jody Kruse seconded it. Motion carried.

Due to the bank's requests for updating the signatures for the bank accounts, Mandy will be emailing those affected. The bank is requesting both social security numbers and birthdates this year for those signing.

Sign-ups for the Home Show, Library Week assistance during demonstrations, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and float building, as well as the various needs for the Garden Walk, were sent around the room.

Diane Monahan read through the demonstrators and their topics for National Library Week. This includes Seed Packages and Zones, Seed Saving, Seed Starting, Seed Tape, and Seed Library. Sandra Hunter promoted John Ball and encouraged listening to his presentation that day. It was also brought up that Roy may want to send an invitation to the local certified arborists.

After the meeting is adjourned, Jerry Gardner and Dan Wiederrecht will be giving presentations regarding Bonsais.

Mandy said the MG course had started up in February, online. She will be reaching out to the new master gardeners, this month. She will also be holding a contest on Facebook for those who have purchased trees from our tree sales previously, and post pictures on Facebook, or email them to her so she can post them. She also encouraged everyone to take a look at the Entomology course that is explained in the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by Shannon Hudson, Secretary



Left picture is the bench that was purchased with the Wyoming State Forestry Grant.

Below right picture are two of the Camplex Employees who hefted this 1,100 pound beauty to its final spot.

Below left Diane Monahan snapped this picture of her husband, Bill and their dog Max.







Saturday, April 17, 2021

9:00 AM – 2:30 PM MDT

**This is a FREE event! You must register at this link:**

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/seed-library-summit-tickets-142198181589>**

Join us for the 10th Annual Seed Library Summit! We have a wide range of presentations and panel discussions:

- Seed Swaps in a Time of Pandemic
- Seed Gardens
- Start a Seed Library in a School
- Seed Patents & Seed Libraries
- Seed Stories
- Seed Saving Basics & How to Communicate that to your Community
- Climate Adaptation & Seed Libraries
- How to Start a Seed Library
- One Seed One Community
- Seed Libraries Respond in a Time fo Crisis: COVID & Beyond

Sessions will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Sessions will be recorded and available for 2 weeks after the conference. NOTE: The Time Zone. The general session / keynote starts at 8:15 AM Pacific (PT), USA.



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### **Barnyards & Backyards Live! show is back!**

(Show schedule and Zoom links at <https://bit.ly/BBWYLive> )

Mark your calendars! We're continuing the Barnyards & Backyards Live! show this season - **every Friday at 10 am, through April 16<sup>th</sup>**! Bring your questions and join us as we chat with our expert guests on a wide variety of subjects - growing trees, vegetables, fruit and flowers, keeping horses healthy, feeding birds, reducing wildfire risk, and more! Shows generally last an hour – sometimes we go a little bit over with good content and questions. The show can be seen either through Zoom <https://bit.ly/BBWYLive> or Facebook Live by following us at <https://www.facebook.com/BarnyardsBackyards/>

Can't make the show live? We are usually able to record the show and post it later. Check out last year's episodes at <http://bit.ly/BBLiveArchives>

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