

In The Dirt

June 2021

Hello Master Gardeners and Community Garden Members!

We had another successful tree sale! We have 108 OP367 Cottonwood cuttings that Sandi Aberle has and is taking care of. We have 82 Nanking Cherry and 42 Common Chokecherry that Mike Rothleutner has at Cam-Plex, located to the east of the Energy Exhibit. They are on a drip and are also doing well. Not too bad for trying to pre-plan on what we could expect for this year.

Sandi Aberle held a successful class on pruning fruit trees and grape vines at the Urban Orchard. She is going to show us the proper pruning techniques at our MG meeting on June 7th. The June 7th meeting will be held at Diana Ohmans' house, bring a lawn chair and a perennial for a perennial exchange. Any perennial will work, one out of your yard would be awesome!

We are all but done with the Urban Orchard and Gazebo Pollinator Project. The trees have been planted and mulched, we have 2 Cherry Plum trees on their way to replace 2 we lost over the winter. If you have not been to the Urban Orchard or to the Gazebo, please swing by both places! The changes have been amazing, many of you have put in time and energy to both projects. Thank you all so much for your hard work, time, energy, talent and knowledge! Please tell your spouse and children thank you and that we appreciate them, many times they are voluntold!! Without them and you, these projects would not have happened.

The Garden Walk is on July 10th, the Committee has been busy planning and working on the details. Many of you signed up to help the day of the walk, we will need help at the yards that are on the walk. They are also planning the 4th of July float to promote the Garden Walk. If you want to help with the float decorating, they will start at 2pm on July 1st in the old County Road and Bridge shop. After the float is complete, Heather and Linette will host a picnic for the decorating participants.

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

- June 7th: bring a lawn chair! Bring a perennial for a perennial exchange!** MG Steering Mtg. at Diana Ohmans' house, 3730 Overdale Dr. 5:15pm
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- July 1st: bring a lawn chair!** Float decorating at 1704 S 4-J Rd, Old Road and Bridge Shop 2pm, bring a lawn chair for the picnic that follows.
- July 3rd:** Wagons are due for the Garden Walk to Linettes' 6707 Sleepy Hollow Blvd.
- July 5th: bring a lawn chair!** MG Steering Mtg. at Sandi Aberles' house, 339 Overdale Dr. 5:15pm
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We have a new website! We have merged the County website to the UW website. You will find our newsletter at wyoextension.org/campbellcounty/agriculture-horticulture/master-gardener/

Websites!

<https://ngb.org/2021/05/27/garden-hangouts-and-hideaways-for-kids/>

<https://www.epicgardening.com/gardening/>

Campbell County Master Gardeners Steering Committee Meeting

Cottonwood Room, GAMB, Gillette, WY

May 3, 2021

The May Steering Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:17pm by President Deb Reno. A quorum was established.

Attending the meeting were Rich Kistler, Heather Kleiner, Deb Reno, Diane Monahan, Mandy Reynolds (Campbell County Horticulture Program Coordinator), and Shannon Hudson. Everyone introduced themselves.

The agenda was reviewed:

Treasurer's report was given by Heather Kleiner, including amounts collected for the tree sale. Diane asked about comparisons for this year and past years for tree sale. Heather stated she would look into it.

Speaking of the Tree Sale, Mandy stated that she received an email regarding the trees we ordered via Colorado University. They basically stated they were not sure how much or what we are getting of what we ordered. The truck was being sent with what is on it, and they apologize if not what we ordered. We did receive our cottonwoods, however they are not bare root trees, but rather 12" cuttings. Mandy was told they just need to be put in buckets of water and they will grow water. We need to figure out how to sell them and for how much. One option would be to pot them and sell them next year. A vote will need to be taken during the main meeting.

Sandi Aberle will be asked during the meeting regarding her conversation with Hub, about the Hub insurance.

We are still waiting for Deb to sign for the bank account, so that the names on it can be switched over. She will take care of that.

The plants are in for the Gazebo and the trees for the Urban Orchard will be in Wednesday or Friday. We need to pick dates and times to plant these during the meeting. The receipts for the grant needs to be turned into the Wyoming State Forestry by May 25th.

Teresa and Sandi will be looking into dates for the Pollinator Counts.

The Tree Sale set up will be happening tomorrow (Tuesday, 5 May 2021). Colorado State is scheduled to deliver trees at 3, so we will need to set up the plastic garbage cans and buckets before then, at 2:30.

The 1st National Bank ordered 1000 trees from us. They will be giving them away during the same time as our tree sale, with hopes that it will bring in more people wanting to purchase trees. They have received their trees.

The Tree sale is Wednesday from 7:30 to 5. We will need to decide on lunch.

The Wyoming State Forestry's 100 trees will be delivered tomorrow. We wanted to give 25 Lodgepole Pines to Wright, but what do we want to do with the other 75? We can give them away or we could do a teaching. Included are 25 Honey Locust, 25 Bur Oak, and 25 Ponderosa Pine. However, now we are not even certain what we are getting... Roy and Wendy may take some and do an educational presentation. However, the trees by the fire station and Complex have to get moved, so not sure if they will want them. Field of Dreams is a no because of water issues. We could possibly use them for a pruning trees workshop.

Sandi Aberle will be teaching a class on Saturday, 15 May 2021, from 1-3, on Pruning Fruit Trees and Grape Vines, at the Urban Orchard. Those attending are encouraged to bring their pruners.

We do not need to discuss the Library Storytime listed on the agenda, as it was left on there by accident from last month.

Diane talked with Elizabeth Albin regarding the Wright Library possible programs. Elizabeth stated Mondays at 6 or 6:30 work best for the adults. May 17th and 24th, as well as September 13th and 30th are open for them as of right now. With May already being here and being so busy, we may need to push it off to September. We need to ask the speakers their thoughts, as well as asking the library about zooming it in to the Wright Library.

If there are any wagons, please bring them to the extension office. Deb has a cloth wagon and will bring it in.

Not listed on the agenda but needing to be addressed is the 4H101 meeting. They are asking for a Master Gardener to come talk with the club members about what the children can do for the fair. Their meeting is Thursday, 13 May 2021, from 5:30 to 6:30. If the Master Gardeners could please be there by 6 and speak for approximately 30 minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56pm.

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Campbell County Master Gardeners

Regular Meeting
Cottonwood Room, GAMB, Gillette, WY
May 3, 2021

Meeting was called to order by President Deb Reno-Sams at 1803. A quorum was established.

Attending were Sandi Aberle, Fawn Conrad, Catherine Crain, Priscilla Hixson, Shannon Hudson, Sandra Hunter, Rich Kistler, Heather Kleiner, Jody Kruse, Patsy Larson, Audrey Mertz, Diane Monahan, Teresa Norton, Diana Ohman, Deb Reno-Sams, Jan Rock, Janet Thompson, Benjamin Ellis, and Mandy Reynolds, Campbell County Horticulture Program Coordinator. Introductions were made.

Heather Kleiner moved to approve the April minutes as published. Rich Kistler seconded it. Motion carried.

Heather Kleiner gave the treasurer's report, including the tree sale funds thus far. There are two outstanding bills out at this point, which are for Colorado University and Lincoln Oaks.

Old Business:

Sandi Aberle explained that when we cancelled the policy through Hub Insurance that insured the board, it had already accrued \$84, so we need to pay it.

Deb needs to turn in her paperwork to the bank to get the officers on there. Sandi Aberle stated there needs to be a guarantor, basically an individual to guarantee the account. Due to our bylaws and being treasurer, Heather has been asked to do this. Heather agrees.

New Business:

The Gazebo Planter is built. Heather and Sandra have brought the plants out there to see how things should be set up. We need to set up dates to plant the plants. We do not need to coordinate this with the county, but rather just do it. We were looking at next week, however, Mandy will be gone. We will be planting them on Friday, 14 May 2021, at 10. We need to bring shovels, gloves, etc. Diane will bring the plans. Those signed up to help include Cathy Crain, Sandi Aberle, Shannon Hudson, Fawn, Diane Monahan, and Heather Kleiner.

Trees for the Urban Orchard will be here Wednesday or Friday this week, however, we need to coordinate with Roy/the county to get these planted. The irrigation is done, so the trees and rings will need to be planted. We will be planting 18 trees. Mandy texted Roy to see if this could be arranged.

The receipts for the grant need to be turned into the Wyoming State Forestry by May 25th. Sandra and Heather ordered bulbs for the gazebo as well.

For the Pollinator Counts, the second Wednesday of the month at 1215 has been decided upon. Our first one will be on 12 May 2021. Teresa Norton, Sandi Aberle, Patsy Larson, Cathy Crain, and Jody Kruse will be there.

On the side table were sign up sheets. Tomorrow the trees will be coming at 1. The trees we already have will be brought in at 8. Mandy and Fawn will unload. The buckets will need to be set up at 1. Mandy received an email at 3:30 this afternoon from Colorado University saying they are not sure what we should expect as far as the trees we will be getting. They are sending what they have. We have approximately 8-9 garbage cans and buckets for the tree sale.

1st National Bank ordered all types of trees from us – 1000 trees! They will be giving these away at the same time we are having our Tree Sale. Hopefully this will bring in more customers who want to purchase more trees.

The Tree Sale is Wednesday, 5 May 2021, from 7:30 to 5. Heather asked how many were not sold. The list includes 53 Ponderosa Pine, 14 Rocky Mountain Juniper, 153 Cottonwoods, 11 Dolgo Crabapples, 25 Golden Currants, 5 Flame Amur Maples, 13 Golden Willows, 20 Buffaloberries, 40 Caragana's, 25 Nanking Cherries, plus an additional 150 that we did not order, but they sent, 115 Common Chokecherries, 30 Elderberries, 178 Allstar Strawberries, and 37 Honeycrisp Apples. Speaking of the Cottonwoods... We did receive our cottonwoods; however, they are not bare root trees, but rather 12" cuttings. Mandy was told they just need to be put in buckets of water and they will grow. They have been in water, but there are no roots yet. We need to figure out how to sell them and for how much. One option would be to pot them and sell them next year. We could also sell them at the Farmers Market. There are pots at the Community Garden, but not sure if there is soil at the College Garden

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or not. Sandra Hunter thinks she could water them. Sandi Aberle suggests putting them in the Community Garden, as there should be plenty of Master Gardeners to water them, and try to raise them and then sell them, based on height. It was decided to take the 47 already purchased and give them the option of whether they want to take their cutting and try to grow it, or if they want to purchase a different tree instead. The cuttings will be sold for the pre-set price. The Tree Sale is being advertised on Facebook. We have not done signs yet. We have banners to hang up as well. We can perhaps set them up at one tomorrow or on Wednesday morning. Lunch for Wednesday will be pre-cut sandwiches.

We heard back from Roy and he says the 18 fruit trees for the Urban Tree can be planted next week. It was decided they should be planted after the Pollinator Count on the 12th. Priscilla Hixson and Shannon Hudson and her children will be there to help with that!

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It was requested for all the master gardeners to receive a copy of the education plans. Diane says she will get it to everyone.

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Mandy spoke as the Horticulture Program Coordinator – She reminded us that the International MG Conference registration is open, and that it is virtual this year. She will also be gone next week to Laramie for "new employee" training.

Dr. Ball's conference last month was AMAZING! The Library ordered his books.

Teresa Norton, on behalf of all the Master Gardeners, presented Mandy a plant as a thank you.

15 years ago, Diana Ohman went to Pennsylvania and gathered some of the garlic her father had been growing. Her garlic is still going! She threw the seeds in a round bale and has gotten garlic for the last fifteen years! She has a bucket of it that she will be bringing to the tree sale. Every purchaser at the tree sale will receive garlic. Fawn has approximately 30 Tatarian Maples to sell at the Tree Sale as well.

We may want to look at getting a code door lock for the shed.

Patsy announced that the leaves from the class Linette taught regarding African Violets have finally started growing last Thursday.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Many of you have volunteer hours for 2021!

Report Period: 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021

Total Volunteers with Approved Hours: 17
Total Contacts: 1017
Total Male Contacts: 314
Total Female Contacts: 703

Total Volunteer Hours: 295.5
Total CE Hours: 103
Total Produce Donated: 15 lbs.

Remember that 1 pound of donated produce equals 1 volunteer hour!

You can find the link here:

<https://wyoextension.org/campbellcounty/agriculture-horticulture/master-gardener/>

Or go straight to the page here:

<http://www.uwyoextension.org/mastergardener/login.php?logout=1>

If you have forgotten how to do it here is a quick reminder:

Username: first letter of your first name and your entire last name.

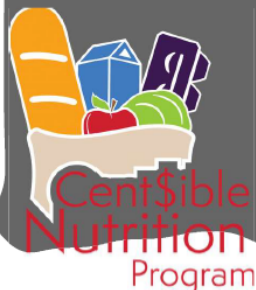
Example: Mandy Reynolds

Username: **mreynolds** Password: If you have not already logged in and changed your password, then your password is just: **password**

**If you need assistance logging your hours, let me know!
I am here to help you!**

Grow a Little Extra

Calling all gardeners! This summer, First Lady Jennie Gordon's Wyoming Hunger Initiative, the Cent\$ible Nutrition Program, and the University of Wyoming Extension are partnering to launch a program called Grow a Little Extra. We invite you to join us in growing a little extra to donate fresh produce to local anti-hunger organizations that support our neighbors facing food insecurity. Stop by Campbell County Extension office at 412 S Gillette Ave in to pick up your free seeds. Or, donate extra from your garden harvest. Contact me Tailor Morris, your local Cent\$ible Nutrition Program educator at 307-682-7281 or email me at tmorri29@uwyo.edu for more information!





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2021 Garden Walk Wagon painted by Linette West

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