

In The Dirt August 2021

Hello Master Gardeners and Community Garden Members!

The next meeting on August 2nd will be at 505 Hunt Avenue. Bring a lawn chair and some ideas to give the homeowner about planting under and around large spruce trees.

The July meeting was at the Urban Orchard and most of the trees were adopted. We still have 5 trees that are looking for a volunteer. If you are interested in adopting a tree, please let me know.

The Garden Walk was an immense success! We had an estimated 213 tickets that were sold. Many volunteers help with this event, I am really happy and proud of how amazing it was this year. We had a follow-up meeting and discussed some things that we want to do for the Garden Walk in 2022. I encourage you to join the Garden Walk Committee, this is a great way to meet people, and help out with this event.

Vicki Hayman with Weston County Extension will be at the Library on August 12th to teach about preserving garden vegetables. Just so we have a head count, please call the Library 682-3223 to RSVP. This is open to the public as well, we aren't limiting the amount of people.

There is a Growing Grapes in Wyoming Symposium in Sheridan on August 20th and 21st. It is 8 to 5 both days, you can attend 1 or both days. Admission is \$26 per day, I will put the link to the information on page 2.

I had a request to add a monthly calendar in the newsletter, that way you can place it in a convenient spot for you to quickly find what events are happening in that month.

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

Mandy Reynolds
Horticulture Program Coordinator

Dates to Remember

- August 2nd:** MG Steering Meeting, 5:15 pm at **505 Hunt Avenue**. Bring a lawn chair.
- August 2nd:** MG Meeting, 6pm at **505 Hunt Avenue**. Bring a lawn chair.
- August 11th:** Pollinator Count at the Urban Orchard at 12:15pm
- August 12th:** Vicki Hayman with UW Extension Nutrition and Food Safety at the Campbell County Library, Learn about preserving low-acid garden vegetables by pressure canning based on current USDA canning guidelines. RSVP to 682-3223.
- August 20th:** Wyoming Grape Growing Symposium, Vineyard Management and Variety Selection, Sheridan Extension
- August 21st:** Grape Juice & Jelly Making or Winemaking, Sheridan Extension



We managed to get a picture of some of the volunteers after the Garden Walk.

Websites!

<https://www.youtube.com>
Search for flower arrangement ideas, garden ideas for landscaping, container gardening, garden decor ideas or any garden topic.

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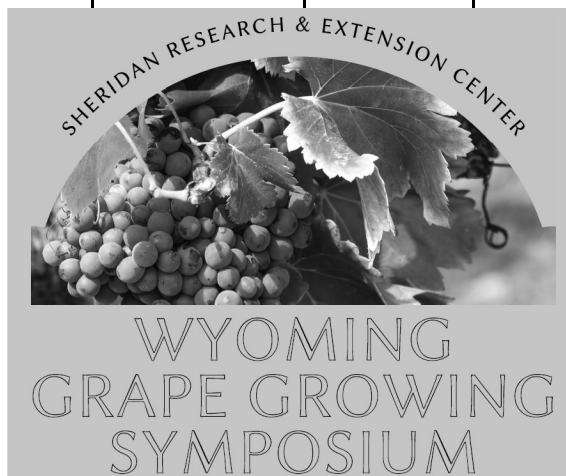
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 505 Hunt Avenue bring a chair! ~MG Steering Mtg. 5:15pm ~MG Mtg. 6pm	3 Fair Open Class Floriculture and Garden Items are due 8am-11am at the Wyoming Center at Complex	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Pollinator Count at the Urban Orchard 12:15pm	12 Canning Garden Vegetables with Vicki Hayman, 6pm at the Library, RSVP 682-3223	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Grape Symposium	21 Grape Symposium
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**Ticket Sales end
on Aug 16, 2021**

To register go to:

<https://bit.ly/WYGrapes2021>

\$26 per person per day



August 20th - Day 1 - Vineyard Management

This ticket includes entry, refreshments, and lunch for the entire first day of the Growing Grapes in Wyoming Symposium at The University of Wyoming's Sheridan Research and Extension Center. This day will focus on vineyard management, discussing revitalizing an old vine, variety selection, canopy management and berry development. This day will be split between outdoors in the vineyard and indoor classroom setting. Please wear clothing and footwear appropriate for spending time and walking around the vineyard. Feel free to bring folding chairs/lawn chairs for the presentations in the vineyard.

August 21st - Day 2 - Grape Juice and Jelly Session

This ticket includes entry, refreshments, and lunch. In this breakout session you will learn the steps to safely preserve grape juice, starting with the basics of water bath canning. You will also have the opportunity to gain hands on experience preparing and processing your own jar of grape juice to be taken home at the end of the session. This session will give you the confidence to safely preserve your own grape harvest in the comfort of your home. Hands on Jelly Making - In this breakout session you will learn the steps to safely preserve grape jelly, starting with the basics of water bath canning. You will also have the opportunity to gain hands on experience preparing and processing your own jar of Low-Sugar Grape Jelly to be taken home at the end of the session. This session will give you the confidence to safely preserve your own grape harvest in the comfort of your home.

August 21st - Day 2 - Winemaking Session

This ticket includes entry, refreshments, and lunch. In this session you learn how to sample a vineyard for quality and maturity, an introduction to winemaking, and practical barrel use.

Many of you have volunteer hours for 2021!

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

Total Volunteers with Approved Hours: 20
Total Contacts: 2344
Total Male Contacts: 621
Total Female Contacts: 1723

Total Volunteer Hours: 560.5
Total CE Hours: 132
Total Produce Donated: 29 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.

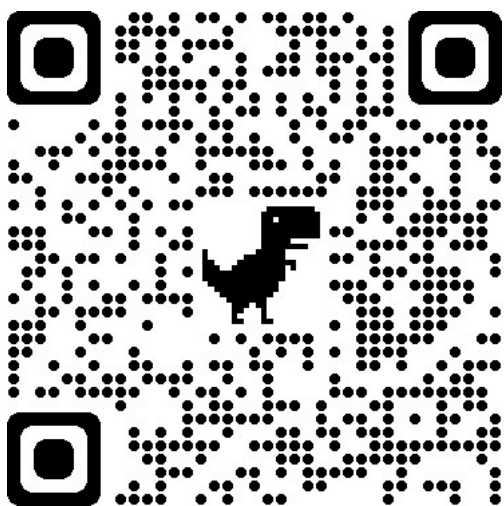
Example: Mandy Reynolds

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!

To earn the Master Gardener Volunteer certificate requires 40 hours of volunteer service. The timeline to get those 40 hours is very flexible, but generally 1-2 years is acceptable. There is no requirement for continuing education prior to completing the 40 volunteer hours. Following the completion of 40 volunteer hours there is a requirement of 10 continuing education hours and 20 volunteer hours per year to remain an Active Master Gardener.

Here is a quick way to report your volunteer hours! Using your smartphone, follow the directions below.



1. Open the camera app on your smartphone.
2. Focus the camera on the QR code, you might have to gently tap the code. You also might have to move your phone around until it "picks up" the QR code.
3. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the action. It might ask if you want to open "uwyoextension.org" in Safari.
4. Tap on that link and you are to the reporting link.

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Have you registered yet?

www.internationalmastergardener.com/register/

All sessions will be recorded and
available for viewing later.



September 12-17, 2021