

In The Dirt September 2021

Hello Master Gardeners and Community Garden Members!

The next meeting on September 13th will be at Sandi Aberle's house at 339 Overdale. She will be making us pizza! Bring a lawn chair.

We are planning the Community Gardens' Harvest Dinner this year on September 14th. If you are a plot holder in one of the community gardens, please join us! The main course, beverages and dinnerware will be provided. Please bring your family and a side dish to share. Call the Extension office to RSVP.

Our next Garden and Landscape Educational Event (GLEE) will be on September 23rd at 6pm in the Wyoming Room at the Campbell County Public Library. Join us and learn about "Putting Your Garden to Bed"....tools, equipment, plants, etc. This is free and open to the public.

Chris Hilgert will once again be teaching the Fall Master Gardener Class online. This is a great online course! If you know of anyone that is interested, they can contact the Extension office for more information. They can also go to the link that is included in the add on the back page.

I am super excited to be starting my Jr. Master Gardener (JMG) classes in October. It will take place over 5 weeks. Then in the spring I think I will have monthly classes with the JMG's. This 1st year, it will be offered to ages 8 to 18 as one class, I might break it into age groups next year. I have so many ideas for this program, I think it will be a great opportunity to get kids excited about growing. Dates and times for the classes can be found on page 6.

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

Mandy Reynolds
Horticulture Program Coordinator

Dates to Remember

- September 8th:** Pollinator Count at the Urban Orchard at 12:15pm
- September 13th:** MG Steering Meeting, 5:15 pm at **339 Overdale**. Bring a lawn chair.
- September 13th:** MG Meeting, 6pm at **339 Overdale**. Bring a lawn chair.
- September 14th:** North Community Garden, Prairie Community Garden and Coal Country Garden Plot holders are invited to the Harvest Dinner at 6pm in the Cottonwood Room in the George Amos Memorial Building.
- September 23rd:** Putting your Garden to Bed; various speakers will teach about tools, equipment, plants, etc. Presentation starts at 6pm at the Campbell County Library, RSVP to 687-0009.

Do you have or do you know of any plants or trees that are showing any signs of gall growth in and around Gillette? A college teacher would like to have the students learn about galls. Please contact me if you know of any places. Thank you!!

Websites!

<https://tastesbetterfromscratch.com/garden-vegetable-pie/>

<https://www.planetnatural.com/garden-advice/>

<https://www.thegraciouspantry.com/>

Campbell County Master Gardeners Steering Committee Meeting

5 July 2021

Urban Orchard – Gillette WY

The July Steering Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:22pm by Vice-President Diane Monahan. A quorum was established.

Attending the meeting were Mandy Reynolds (Campbell County Horticulture Program Coordinator), Sandi Aberle, Diane Monahan, Linette West, Rich Kistler, Sandra Hunter, and Shannon Hudson.

The agenda was reviewed:

Treasurer's Report could not be given due to Treasurer not being present.

Committee Reports: Linette will go through the Garden Walk duties during the meeting.

Old Business:

We are not sure if all officers that need to be on the account are on it or not. Next year, job descriptions and expectations of officers and committees will be explained and written out, for clarification purposes.

You can take any apparel to That Embroidery Place and they will put the new logo on it. You are responsible for the fee.

New Business:

The next Pollinator Count will be on Wednesday, July 14th, at 1215. We really need volunteers to come help with that!

We also need volunteers to help care for the trees at the urban Orchard. A map outlining where the trees are has been drawn out, and we can sign up today. Responsibilities include weeding around it, and pruning as necessary, if you are comfortable with that.

Horticulture Program Coordinator's Announcements:

Mandy will be meeting with Cheyenne Love from the Conservation District tomorrow. Not sure what the goal is, however, she wants to discuss partnering for a Grant from the USDA.

Please be sure to report your hours. You can use an app now and put them in that way. There was a QR code put in the newsletter, so that we can easily add our hours from our phones. If anyone needs any assistance, Mandy is willing to help!

On the back of the agenda is a picture of the anti-barking device discussed at the last meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34pm.

Campbell County Master Gardeners Regular Meeting

5 July 2021

Urban Orchard – Gillette WY

Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Diane Monahan at 6:01pm. A quorum was established.

Attending were Sandi Aberle, Fawn Conrad, Catherine Crain, Priscilla Hixson, Shannon Hudson, Sandra Hunter, Rich Kistler, Jody Kruse, Ruth Lundborg, Diane Monahan, Heather Moots, Diana Ohman, Becky Olmstead, Linette West, and Mandy Reynolds, Campbell County Horticulture Program Coordinator. Heather Moots was introduced, as this was her first meeting since graduating in May. Everyone introduced themselves and stated how long they have been a Master Gardener.

Sandra Hunter moved to approve the June Minutes as published. Jody Kruse seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Heather Kleiner was not in attendance to give Treasurer's Report. Mandy stated the check for the grant had been received, and the Wedding Garden, aka Gazebo, looks great.

Linette spoke regarding the Garden walk. First, however, she thanked the fabulous volunteers that helped with the parade, including those that walked and pulled wagons, those who decorated, and the extension office who printed out the tickets for the Garden Walk.

-Tomorrow morning (Tuesday – July 6th), the wagons will be moved from the Community Garden, to be displayed downtown, where they will stay until Saturday. Around 1030 the wagons will be watered each day. Those who are able to help with this, please meet at the Hallmark area at 1030 each day. Linette will be putting the sponsors' names on the wagons tomorrow as she puts them out.

-On Thursday afternoon, at 3:00pm, we will be meeting at the extension office to go take a tour of the gardens on the Garden Walk and get our assignments for which house we will be at, as well as getting our signage. On Saturday morning we are to put the signs up in front of the house we are assigned to. After the Garden walk, take your signage out and be sure to return it. There are eight houses total. In order to keep things moving along that evening, we will set a timer... 20 minutes at each home, and ten minutes to travel.

-The businesses will need to leave the wagon out overnight on Friday night. At 7:30am on Saturday, the Master Gardeners will walk the wagons from the businesses down to Third Street Plaza. Sandi will pick up Plant Shack and Rayne Garden's on Friday. First Interstate may be keeping theirs, so we need to check with them to see if we need to move it Saturday.

-At Third Street Plaza, people can come and purchase raffle tickets for the wagons. The winners will be drawn around 4:30pm. Also in the area, the Young Leaders will be doing some face painting. We will also have cookies there. Anyone who wants to donate cookies, please have two to three cookies per bag, and deliver them Saturday morning. First National has offered to supply waters and Mandy will be supplying lemonade. Next to each wagon will be a coffee can, and individuals can put their raffle ticket in the coffee can that goes with the wagon(s) they are hoping to win.

-The plan is that Heather Kleiner will be going Friday afternoon to pick up remaining tickets and money from tickets already sold, from the businesses. After some discussion it was decided to leave the tickets at the businesses to let them continue selling them. Mandy will be printing more tickets.

-Mandy brought postcards with her. We could possibly hand them out at the RV Rally. Sandra Hunter is willing to go right after this meeting.

-So that those purchasing tickets know what they want to put their raffle tickets in for, a picture of each wagon will be taken, with a number on each wagon. This poster will be at each of the businesses, as well as at each house. At each house will be an envelope that you can put the tickets in. They can leave their tickets with you, as long as it has their name, phone number, and what wagon they want their raffle ticket to go to. This also means the houses need change for tickets... probably \$20 worth of \$1 bills.

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On the back of the agenda is a picture of the anti-barking device discussed at the last meeting. It does not hurt the dogs, and we cannot hear the noise.

Our next meeting will be at Jody Kruse's Mother-in-laws. They really want ideas for the front yard. It is very dry, acidic, and shady. If there is time, they will also take ideas for the backyard. Low maintenance is preferred. Please bring lawn chairs to sit on.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39pm.

Campbell County Master Gardeners Steering Committee Meeting

August 2, 2021

Jody Kruse, Hunt Street property – Gillette WY

The August Steering Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:21pm by Vice-President Diane Monahan. A quorum was established.

Attending the meeting were Mandy Reynolds (Campbell County Horticulture Program Coordinator), Heather Kleiner, Diane Monahan, Linette West, and Rich Kistler.

The agenda was reviewed:

Treasurer's Report was given by Heather Kleiner, we raised over \$5,000.00 on this year's Garden Walk. There was some confusion on the Landon's order for the trees that we purchased for the Urban Orchard. We were only charged half of the amount, with the other half \$495.00 is now due.

Committee Reports: Linette will go through the Garden Walk information during the meeting.

Old Business:

We are not sure if all officers that need to be on the account are on it or not, it is a little late at this point. We will just keep it how it is as of now.

The Urban Orchard has 5 trees left that need adopted.

New Business:

The next Pollinator Count will be on Wednesday, August 11th, at 1215. Diane, Teresa, and Mandy will be there.

Vicki Hayman is teaching Canning Your Garden Harvest at the Library on August 12th at 6pm, RSVP to the Library.

The Grape Symposium is August 20th and 21st. You enroll online and it is \$26 per day.

September 23rd at 6pm is Putting Your Garden to Bed. October is Bonsai, we need to find out what the cost will be per person and how many classes will we need to schedule. November 18th we have Living Christmas Trees scheduled with Sandi Aberle, we would have to have it via Zoom because she will be in Arizona. November 1st is our MG Banquet; we need to see if we want to do our painting activity during the banquet too.

Horticulture Program Coordinator's Announcements: Mandy reports that we are back to normal with reporting MG hours. That is 20 hours of volunteer time and 10 hours of continuing education. 1 pound of produce equals 1 hour of volunteer time.

The next meeting, September 13th will be at Sandi Aberle's house.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm.

**Start thinking about your
role as a leader!**

Officer elections and Committee sign-ups are coming up!
Are you ready to step up and run for a position? Feel free to
reach out to the current officers and
Mandy to ask questions!

Campbell County Master Gardeners

Regular Meeting

August 2, 2021

Jody Kruse, Hunt Street property – Gillette WY

The August General Meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Vice-President Diane Monahan. A quorum was established.

Attending the meeting were Mandy Reynolds (Campbell County Horticulture Program Coordinator), Priscilla Hixson, Jody Kruse, Patsy Larson, Teresa Norton, Carol Palmer, Gary Schlekeway, Mary Schoen, Janet Thompson, Anne Ziegenhorn, Heather Kleiner, Diane Monahan, Linette West, and Rich Kistler.

Treasurer's Report was given by Heather Kleiner, we raised over \$5,000.00 on this year's Garden Walk. There was some confusion on the Landon's order for the trees that we purchased for the Urban Orchard. We were only charged half of the amount, with the other half \$495.00 is now due. Teresa made a motion to approve the payment to Landon's, Rich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Linette stated that Rich is going to be the Garden Walk Chair in 2022. She said that the committee had a meeting and tossed some ideas around. We might split the committee into 3 committees next year, the Garden Walk Committee, Fundraiser Committee, and a Parade Committee.

Old Business:

We are not sure if all officers that need to be on the account are on it or not, it is a little late at this point. We will just keep it how it is for the remainder of 2021.

The Urban Orchard has 5 trees that need adopted, Mary and Carol are going to meet Teresa and select their trees.

New Business:

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September 23rd at 6pm is Putting Your Garden to Bed, tools, equipment, and plants. October is the Bonsai Class, we need to find out what the cost will be per person and how many classes will we need to schedule. It was suggested by Jerry that the class size be 10-12 people. We discussed it further, we think maybe 12 people from the public in the front and the rest MG's in the back since they have gardening experience. This way the 12 people from the public would have more of the hands-on experience from Jerry.

November 1st is our MG Banquet; we decided we want to just have our regular banquet with a meal, awards, and elections. November 18th we are going to scratch the Living Christmas Tree class, instead we are going to have our painting activity that we were unable to have last fall. Linette has all the supplies; Mandy will bring snacks and refreshments.

Horticulture Program Coordinator's Announcements: Mandy reminded everyone that we are back to normal with reporting MG hours. That is 20 hours of volunteer time and 10 hours of continuing education. 1 pound of produce equals 1 hour of volunteer time.

Mandy asked if the MG's would like a printout of all the MG's information, they agreed that would be helpful. She will get that out in an email soon.

The next meeting, September 13th will be at Sandi Aberle's house.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

September 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7	8 Pollinator Count at the Urban Orchard 12:15pm	9	10	11
12	13 MG Steering Mtg 5:15pm, General Mtg at 6pm. Bring a lawn chair, 339 Overdale.	14 Harvest Dinner for all Community Garden Plot holders and families 6pm, Cottonwood Room	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Putting Your Garden to Bed, 6pm in the Wyoming Room at the Library. RSVP 687-0009	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



The Junior Master Gardener program is an international youth gardening program of the university cooperative Extension network. JMG engages children in novel, “hands-on” group and individual learning experiences that provide a love of gardening, develop an appreciation for the environment, and cultivate the mind.

Class size is limited to 20, please contact the Extension office at 307-682-7281 to RSVP for the program before October 13th. Participants will need to be enrolled in 4-H.

Fall Classes will be from 4:30pm to 6:00pm on the following days: October 26th, November 9th, November 23rd, December 7th and December 21st. Spring and summer activities will be scheduled at a later date.

Many of you have volunteer hours for 2021!

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

Total Volunteers with Approved Hours: 21
Total Contacts: 2393
Total Male Contacts: 629
Total Female Contacts: 1764

Total Volunteer Hours: 592
Total CE Hours: 147
Total Produce Donated: 147 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.

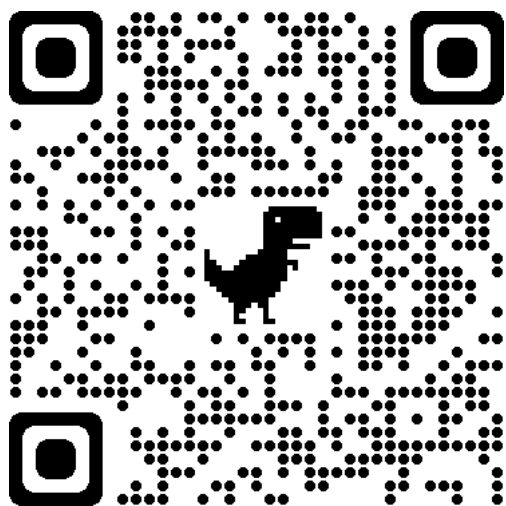
Example: Mandy Reynolds

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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(307)682-7281

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SHARE THE MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

Interested in learning more about plants & gardening while giving back to the Gillette Community?

The Master Gardener program could be the organization for you!
Online Master Gardener Training September 7th- December 7th, 2021
Tuesdays from 6-9 pm

Please share!

Learn at your own pace!



Your \$150 registration fee includes access to the 2021 Online Master Gardener training including live classes and class recordings, and a copy of Sustainable Horticulture for Wyoming: A Master Gardener Handbook

Call Mandy at 307-682-7281
if you have any questions

Register for the upcoming online Master Gardener training here:

<https://bit.ly/uwyo-master-gardener-fall21>

