

# In The Dirt

## October 2021

Hello Master Gardeners and Community Garden Members!

You know Fall has arrived in Wyoming when you wear a sweater to work and by mid-morning you regret your decision. I enjoy the Fall season for the cooler weather, the beautiful colors and reaping the benefits from my garden harvest.

I want to apologize for having to cancel the Community Gardens' Harvest Dinner this year. The Board Members and I are disappointed that we were unable to host it. Fingers crossed, next year will bring health and wellness to us all.

If you are a plot holder in the North Community Garden, our Busy Bee Days are coming up. You must attend either October 9th or October 14th.

Our next Garden and Landscape Educational Event (GLEE) Bonsai Techniques will be at 6pm on October 21st in the Cottonwood Room. This event is free and open to the public, we are limiting the attendance to 40 people. Call the Extension Office to RSVP.

Septembers GLEE was "Putting Your Garden to Bed" and I think we all learned something. Ryan Boyd spoke to us about gardening equipment and in operable condition. Sandra Hunter, Sandi Aberle and myself also spoke on topics. It was an enjoyable evening.

We have Master Gardener 2022 Officer Nominations on Monday, October 4th. Please be thinking about running for President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary. Diane Monahan is willing to be nominated for President. If you know of someone that would be interested, please visit with them about it and be ready to nominate them Monday at the general meeting.

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

Mandy Reynolds  
Horticulture Program Coordinator

### Dates to Remember

•**October 4th:** MG Steering Meeting, 5:15 pm at Cottonwood Room.

•**October 4th:** MG Meeting, 6pm at Cottonwood Room. Join by Zoom Meeting <https://uwyo.zoom.us/j/99410471835>

•**October 9th:** North Community Garden Busy Bee Day (Fall Work Day) 10am to 12pm, must attend today or the 14th.

•**October 11th:** Extension Office is closed.

•**October 14th:** North Community Garden Busy Bee Day (Fall Work Day) 4pm to 6pm, must attend today or on the 9th.

•**October 21st: Planting a Bonsai**  
Presented by Gerald Gardner at 6pm in the Cottonwood Room of the George Amos Memorial Building (GAMB). Please RSVP to 682-7281, class will be limited to 40 participants.

**MG's- Have you entered your volunteer hours for 2021? I know many of you have hours that you need to enter! If you need help, please contact me!**

### Websites!

<https://ag.purdue.edu/hla>

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

<https://www.spring-green.com/blog-fall-composting-guide/>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 MG Steering Mtg 5:15pm, General Mtg at 6pm.	5	6	7	8	9 NCG– Busy Bee Day 10am -12pm
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17	18	19	20	21 Planting a Bonsai, 6pm Cottonwood Room. RSVP 682-7281	22	23
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## Start thinking about your role as a leader!

Officer elections and Committee sign-ups are Monday, October 4th! 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.



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. Class size is limited to 20, please contact the Extension office at 307-682-7281 to RSVP for the program before October 13th.

## Many of you have volunteer hours for 2021!

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

Total Volunteers with Approved Hours: 23

Total Contacts: 2441

Total Male Contacts: 636

Total Female Contacts: 1805

Total Volunteer Hours: 688

Total CE Hours: 172

Total Produce Donated: 200 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.

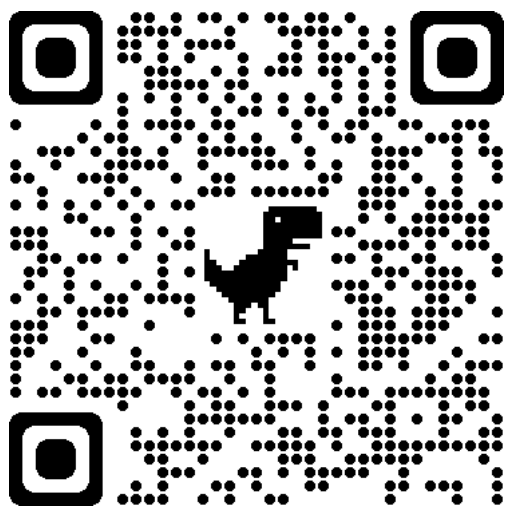
Example: Mandy Reynolds

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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You can attend the MG meetings in person or via Zoom. The Zoom link will be in your email and on page 1, under Dates to Remember.