

# In The Dirt

## November 2021

Hello Master Gardeners and Community Garden Members!

At our last MG meeting we decided that we would need to update our Bylaws again. The proposed changes to the Bylaws will be discussed at the November 1st meeting. We will also elect our officers. We also decided to move our Awards Night to January.

Committee's will be meeting soon and planning out the 2022 events. The Tree Sale Committee is meeting on October 28th at 10:30am in the Cottonwood Room. We will discuss and narrow down our order for the tree sale. The Education Committee will be meeting on November 4th at 1pm in the Ponderosa Room. We will be planning all of our education events for 2022. If you want to get involved, please come to the meetings. This is a great way to get in on the planning and decision making. New people have new ideas and we would love for you to share them with us! Please come!

October's GLEE was "Planting a Bonsai" and it was a really fun, hands-on event! Gerry Gardner gave us a brief lesson on bonsai and then taught us how to properly plant a bonsai. We had a bunch of giveaway bonsai's that participants planted and took home.

In the past, many of you have ordered your onions from Dixondale Farms. If you would like to order, we can put in a group order and get better prices. If you are interested in ordering as a group, you can look at their website <https://dixondalefarms.com/> or stop by the Extension Office and look at the order form.

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

Mandy Reynolds  
Horticulture Program Coordinator

### Dates to Remember

- November 1st:** MG Steering Meeting, 5:15 pm at Cottonwood Room.
- November 1st:** MG Meeting, 6pm at Cottonwood Room. You may also join by Zoom Meeting [uwyo.zoom.us/j/96250520214](https://uwyo.zoom.us/j/96250520214)
- November 4th:** Education Committee 1pm-2:30pm Ponderosa Room
- November 11th:** Extension Office is closed for Veterans Day.
- November 18th:** Painting with Linette, 6pm Cottonwood Room. RSVP to the Extension Office, by November 15th.
- November 25th & 26th:** Thanksgiving Holiday, Extension Office is closed.

**MG's- Have you entered your volunteer hours for 2021?**

**If you donated produce, put .5 hours in as volunteer time and then the amount of pounds you donated.**

### Websites!

<http://egangardens.com/content/garden-topics/>

<https://www.pestworld.org/pest-guide/>

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

# Campbell County Master Gardeners Steering Committee Meeting

4 October 2021  
Cottonwood, GAMB – Gillette WY

The October Steering Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:15pm by Mandy Reynolds, Campbell County Horticulture Program Coordinator. A quorum was established.

Attending the meeting were Mandy Reynolds (Campbell County Horticulture Program Coordinator), Deb Reno Sams, Shannon Hudson, Rich Kistler, Heather Kleiner, and Sandra Hunter.

The agenda was reviewed:

Changes need to be made to the bylaws again in order for them to align with how we are doing things and with the state guidelines.

Old Business:

Vicki Hayman held a Canning Your Garden Harvest class at the library on August 12<sup>th</sup>. 21 people attended. Ryan Boyd, Sandra Hunter, Sandi Aberle, and Mandy Reynolds held a Putting Your Garden to Bed class on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. 17 people attended this class.

New Business:

When we compare Wyoming Master Gardener Bylaws and Campbell County Master Gardener Bylaws, several changes need to be made. Patsy Larson is taking a look at some of these materials.

Several committees need to begin meeting. The Nominating Committee does not have any members, though nominations were supposed to be tonight, with elections supposed to be happening at our November meeting. Committee duties and officer duties were typed up for nominations tonight, if that happens. These duties need to line up with the bylaws. We also need to discuss what happens if someone resigns or moves during their term.

The Tree Sale Committee needs to meet so we can start looking at ordering trees. Sandi Aberle gave Mandy an order form for a different nursery that may be of interest. Meeting dates need to be made and trees need to be decided upon and ordered. Heather may know of a nursery we may want to look at as well. Our Committee Chair needs to step in beforehand, especially for ordering trees for the tree sale. Last year Nan ordered for the Master Gardener preorders, but for the Tree Sale Day, Mandy ordered. Teresa will be taking over Nan's part, and possibly do it through the extension office.

The Awards Banquet Committee also needs to meet. We have discussed moving the date of this, as not all hours are in, in November. With Covid numbers going up again right now, this may be the year to move it to January. January may also be a slower time of year for people, as it is after the holidays.

There will be a Planting a Bonsai class on October 21<sup>st</sup>, in the Cottonwood Room, at 6 PM. A signup sheet will be available during the regular meeting.

There will be a Painting Activity with Linette on November 18<sup>th</sup>, in the Cottonwood Room, at 6 PM. This will need to be confirmed with Linette.

Horticulture Program Coordinator's Announcements:

We are back to reporting our Master Gardener hours like normal. The state says we need 20 hours of volunteer time and 10 continuing education hours. Our Bylaws only say 15 and 8, respectfully. This will need to be discussed during the meeting, as will how to report produce donated.

There is a new booklet on specialty crops. It is divided by counties, and different producers are listed along with the items they sell. It does not seem to be all inclusive.

On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, there was a County Employees Wellness Fair. About 100 people came. Mandy took two seeds displays to it. We have received a large donation of seeds from Walmart. There are two additional cabinets down in the Extension Office now. The older seeds were moved into these and Tracey is working on organizing the new seeds in the blue cabinets. Due to the class in August, the one in September, and then the Wellness Fair, there has been a great number of people coming to ask about seeds!

The Extension Office will be closed on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Mandy will be out of the office for the remainder of the week.

Meeting adjourned at 5:49pm

# Campbell County Master Gardeners Regular Meeting

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Meeting was called to order by President Deb Reno-Sams at 6:02pm. A quorum was established.

Attending were Suzy Blakesley, Bill Brown, Fawn Conrad, Jared Green, Shannon Hudson, Sandra Hunter, Rich Kistler, Heather Kleiner, Jody Kruse, Heather Moots (via Zoom), Teresa Norton, Deb Reno-Sams, Mary Schoen (via Zoom), Janet Thompson, Linette West (via Zoom), and Mandy Reynolds, Campbell County Horticulture Program Coordinator. Introductions were made.

Jody Kruse moved to approve the July and August minutes as published. Rich Kistler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Heather Kleiner gave the Treasurer's Report. A payment was made to Rayne Gardens for the Bonsai supplies. A check had also been written to the 4H Council. They had accidentally paid for the plates on our trailer, so this is to reimburse them.

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The State Bylaws need to match the County Bylaws and right now they do not align correctly. As such, we need to update our bylaws. One discrepancy is the mandatory hours to report. According to the state we need twenty volunteer hours and ten continuing education hours, however, our bylaws only state 15 and 8 respectfully. The state also talks about an annual recertification form. Do we want to do this? After discussion, we have decided against doing the recertification form. We also need to include office descriptions and well as committee chair and cochair descriptions written out. Mandy typed up a basic outline, but these need to align with the bylaws as well. The Chairman of the committees is also suppose to give information to Mandy to put in the newsletter. We need leadership and accountability. Rich, Heather, Shannon, and Patsy were on the bylaw committee in the past. They are willing to do it again, with exception of possibly Patsy, as she is not here tonight to agree or disagree. She will be contacted, and the group will meet with Mandy in the near future, before the next meeting to go over the bylaws again. The suggested changes will be brought before the group at the next meeting and then voted on at the following meeting.

Several committees need to begin meeting as soon as possible! Typically the nominating committee brings forth nominations. However, this year there is no one on the nominating committee. At this point, Diane Monahan has been nominated for President, Rich Kistler for Vice President, Shannon Hudson for Secretary, and possibly Fawn Conrad for Treasurer. Linette West will stay on the steering committee and other committees, but does not want any chairs.

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Garden walk Committee also needs to start planning, though it really becomes more focused in January. We should start looking for houses. Postcards are sent around Easter. Rich Kistler is the chair this year.

The Awards Banquet is usually held in November. This is because we do not have a meeting in December. However, not all hours are in by then. Should we change it to January? In January we could do the Years in Service awards, dinner, vote for the budget and be done. We could have the current year officers and the next year officers meet in December, decide on the budget, and present it in January. This would need to be added to the bylaws.

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We are planning a painting activity with Linette on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the Cottonwood Room. We will be painting a pumpkin.

On October 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be having a Planting a Bonsai class in the Cottonwood Room at 6 PM. We have a limit of 40 participants. There is a sign up sheet on the side table. We have bought five plants and containers that we will be shown how to plant.

We are back to reporting our Master Gardener hours like normal. The state says we need 20 hours of volunteer time and 10 continuing education hours. Our Bylaws only say 15 and 8, respectfully. Also, one pound of donated produce is equivalent to one hour of volunteer time.

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There have been three main categories of calls coming in – insects, trees, and water. For insects, aphids have been big this year including black and white ones. There was also a concern that the killer wasps may have been here as well as lilac borers. The one tree call was regarding a tree that lightening had struck. It was split pretty badly. Roy sent Mandy a tree rating form that allows the owner to see why the recommendation being made is done so. In the case of this specific tree, it was recommended to cut it down, as it was not viable and was actually quite hazardous to leave up. With how dry we have been this year, a lack of watering has been a main issue this year!

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Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.

November 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 MG Steering Mtg 5:15pm, General Mtg at 6pm.	2	3	4 Education Committee 1pm-2:30pm Ponderosa Room	5	6
7 Daylight saving time ends	8	9 Junior Master Gardener Class 4:30pm-6pm	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Painting w/ Linette 6pm Cottonwood Room	19	20
21	22	23 Junior Master Gardener Class 4:30pm-6pm	24	25 Happy Thanksgiving!	26 Extension Office is closed	27
28	29	30				

## 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: 2556

Total Male Contacts: 665

Total Female Contacts: 1891

Total Volunteer Hours: 733

Total CE Hours: 211.5

Total Produce Donated: 224 lbs.

**If you donated produce, you have to enter .50 hours in as volunteer time. An example would be .50 hours volunteer time and 6 pounds of produce donated. Your pounds will be manually added in as volunteer hours.**

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 8 continuing education hours and 15 volunteer hours per year to remain an Active Master Gardener.

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

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

Committee sign-ups are coming up! Are you ready to step up and join or chair a committee? Feel free to reach out to the current committee people and Mandy to ask questions!

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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.