

In The Dirt

March 2021

Hello Master Gardeners and Community Garden Members!

It is hard to believe that March is here! Hopefully most of the harsh, cold temperatures are behind us. We just need to keep our fingers crossed that we get some moisture!

The second 2021 Garden and Landscape Educational Event (GLEE) was on February 20th. Wendy Clements with the City of Gillette presented Growing and Caring for Roses and Janelle Mason with Crazy Daisy Floral taught us How to Make a Rose Bouquet. We had some technical difficulty to start with, but we got through it. I think we will all be happy to get back to our face to face classes! You can find the handout from Wendy Clements on the County MG website or on the Campbell County Master Gardener FaceBook post. The event was recorded and can be found on the Campbell County Master Gardener FaceBook Page. If you don't have FaceBook, I can put the recording on a thumb drive and check it out to you.

On March 13th the next GLEE will be at the Library. Common Tree Problems in NE Wyoming will be presented by Roy Holdeman and Wendy Clements. After their presentation, we will have our 1st "Garden and Landscape Questions for Master Gardener's" panel. I will have a sign-up sheet at the MG meeting for you to volunteer to be on the panel.

Some of the MG Committee's have been busy working on their projects. If you want to join a committee, you still can. I will bring committee signups to the MG monthly meeting. We will also have signups for some of the events that are coming up. You don't have to be on that particular committee, you can volunteer to help at any of the events. We will need volunteers at the Home Show, the 4th of July parade and the Garden Walk. Many hands make light work!

University of Wyoming Entomology Specialist Scott Schell, has a free Entomology "Shorter" Course coming up via Zoom. This would be an easy way to get some of your education hours in for the year. You can find all the details on page 5.

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

Mandy Reynolds
Horticulture Program Coordinator

Dates to Remember

- March 1st:** MG Steering Mtg. at GAMB, Cottonwood Room 5:15pm
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- March 13th:** Common Tree Problems in NE Wyoming with Roy Holdeman and Wendy Clements, Wyoming Room @Library. RSVP to Library, event is limited in participant capacity! MG Q&A Panel!
- March 20th-21st:** Home Show, sign up for time to volunteer
- March 22nd-25th:** University of Wyoming, Entomology Short Course, information on page 5
- April 10th:** John Ball and MG's presentation at the Library

You can now find this newsletter online!
<https://www.ccgov.net/282/Master-Gardener>

Learning Opportunities!

Check out these options for some great information and classes!

Entomology Shorter Course on page 5
uwo.edu/barnbackyard/ and on FaceBook
plantdaddypodcast.libsyn.com

Community Garden Applications are available. You can find them online or at the Extension office.

Campbell County Master Gardeners Steering Committee Meeting

Cottonwood Room, GAMB, Gillette, WY

1 February 2021

The February Steering Committee Meeting was called to order by President Deb Reno-Sams at 5:13 pm. A quorum was present.

Attending the meeting were Sandra Hunter, Deb Reno-Sams, Linette West, Patsy Larson, Heather Kleiner, Rich Kistler, Shannon Hudson and Diane Monahan. Also attending was Mandy Reynolds, Campbell County Horticulture Program Coordinator.

Treasurer's Report: Heather Checks were written for Facebook - \$15.00, Big Rock Trees for trees - \$456.73, and Cold Stream Farms for trees - \$500.74.

Diane Ohman and Ruth Lundborg are the delegate representatives for the State Master Gardeners. We were asked if we would be interested in hosting the Master Gardener State Conference in 2022. There are concerns about a venue, and participation from other counties as well as us having enough volunteers.

Prairie Community Garden Hoop Houses need to be off the Gillette College Property no later than March 31st. If you are interested in #1 the west hoop house or #2 the east hoop house, you have to notify Mandy by February 12th at 12pm. Please email or call me with the hoop house you are bidding on and how much you are bidding. (You could also leave a message with the Admins, Treasure or Tracey.) Example: Hoop house #1 \$55. If you say you want both for \$100, then I will mark you down for wanting hoop house #1 for \$100 and hoop house #2 for \$100. You will need to be specific! I will not be splitting your bids! The winners will be notified on February 12th at 1pm. Bids will need to be paid in full, dropped off at the Extension office prior to pick up.

Tree Sale, trees will be delivered from Colorado State Forestry on May 4th. The other trees are to be delivered to Jody Kruse's house at the end of April. Did 1st National get a Pre-order in for Trees? Mandy will contact them tomorrow.

The Wyoming State Forestry has 2 opportunities that we have agreed to participate in. First is the National Association of State Foresters is celebrating their 100 year Centennial. They are coordinating the delivery of trees to us from Colorado State Forestry. They will probably be delivered May 4th. Quantities and selection was limited; as of right now, I have us down for 25 Honeylocust, 25 Bur Oak, 25 Lodgepole and 25 Ponderosa Pine. This is supposed to be an educational giveaway, their ideas were: have a workshop on how to properly plant trees, planting a living snow fence, or a windbreak. The one thing we can't do is sell the trees. I spoke to Roy and he said they started a living snow fence and that we could add to it. We could do a workshop about a living snow fence at the park. Then we could give away some of the trees to the people that attend.

Second is the Urban Orchards and Pollinator Gardens \$5,000.00 Quick Turnaround Project. We could do a ton of stuff with this money. We could use it for materials, water systems, plants, trees, benches. We can also split the money between projects. The catch is that we must have this spent by May. The MG's would have to front the money for the project and the WSF will reimburse the MG's. Again, Roy is going to look at what space we have at the Urban Orchard. He said that there is room for more fruit trees, and he said that the original plan was to go around further outside the Urban Orchard with some fruit bushes. Since money will be tight and it isn't fair to spend the County Parks money on our project, we could use some of this money to extend the current water system to reach these new trees and bushes. Another project we could use some of it for is the Gazebo area. We could use it to make that area a pollinator garden.

Patsy will talk to us at the General meeting about our Bylaws.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.

Campbell County Master Gardeners

Regular Meeting
Cottonwood Room, GAMB, Gillette, WY
February 1, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Deb Reno-Sams at 6:08 pm and it was established that a quorum was present.

Attending were Heather Kleiner, Diana Ohman, Linette West, Patsy Larson, Sandy Johnson (Zoom), Sandra Hunter, Jody Kruse, Fawn Conrad, Janet Thompson, Ruth Lundborg, Rich Kistler, Teresa Norton, Gary Schlekeway, Diane Monahan, Jeremy Onsgard, Jan Rock (Zoom), Carol Palmer (Zoom), Cathy Crain (Zoom), Kim Shank-Zehner (Zoom), Sharon Murphree (Zoom), and Mandy Reynolds, Campbell County Horticulture Program Coordinator.

Treasurer's Report. Checks were written for Facebook - \$15.00, Big Rock Trees for trees - \$456.73, and Cold Stream Farms for trees - \$500.74. Patsy moved and Sandra Hunter 2nd to approve these bills for payment.

NEW BUSINESS:

WMGA STATE CONFERENCE, 2022 Tabled for later discussion.

PRAIRIE COMMUNITY GARDEN HOOP HOUSES:

Prairie Community Garden is offering two hoop houses for bids, starting tomorrow until February 12th at noon. These hoop houses must be moved by March 31. The college is taking over that west end of the garden and these hoop houses can't be there anymore and must be moved.

TREE SALE:

Tree sale order forms were available, both individual and pre-order trees in larger bundles. Trees will be delivered mostly by the end of April and Colorado trees will come in on May 4. May 4, 5, and 6th have been reserved at the Rockpile Ice Rink to sort and bundle trees. All trees will have to be pre-ordered so no standing in line, even for the individual trees.

The bundle pre-orders close April 7 and the individual pre-orders close April 30. Mandy said raspberries should be ordered soon as they are getting lots of orders for them already. If you have any pictures of Master Gardener trees that you have planted in the past, we would appreciate a copy of them to show growth patterns and size to purchasers of new trees and shrubs.

WYOMING STATE FORESTRY 100 YEAR CENTENNIAL PROJECT:

The Wyoming State Forestry is celebrating their 100-year Centennial by giving away 100 seedling trees. They will be delivered May 4th with the Colorado trees. There will be 25 of each of Honey Locust, Lodgepole Pine, Ponderosa Pine and Bur Oak. We can do just about anything with them except sell them. We can offer classes, do a City Arbor Day Class, show how to plant program at Field of Dreams, whatever we can imagine. We discussed several ideas. Janet reported that Lodgepole Pines do not grow below 5,000 feet so they will be limited to a class/program in Wright.

WYOMING STATE FORESTRY QUICK TURN-AROUND GRANT:

Wyoming State Forestry is offering a "Quick Turn-around Grant" we can apply for after we have spent \$5,000.00 on trees, plants, material, water systems, labor, planters, etc. This money must be spent by this May and can be on multiple projects. Roy Holdeman with the County would accept a project to enlarge the Urban Orchard, or possibly other things at Complex Park. Master Gardeners would not be responsible for maintenance of these projects. Mandy offered to send out an e-mail to everyone to plan an Urban Orchard Committee meeting.

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GLEE – Gardening and Landscaping Educational Events.

Linette reminded everyone that our first GLEE project is February 20 at 1:00 pm on ZOOM. It is growing and pruning roses plus arranging roses. To purchase your kit, contact Crazy Daisy Floral and pay for your kit (\$25.00) You will then pick up 6 roses, and arranging material from Crazy Daisy right before the ZOOM class to learn how to arrange the roses. First Wendy Clements will discuss growing and pruning roses and then Crazy Daisy will teach you how to arrange your roses.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Jody moved, Diane 2nd, we accept the January minutes as published. Motion carried.

BY-LAWS:

The By-Law Revision Committee of Rich Kistler, Shannon, Heather Kleiner, and Patsy Larson discussed their proposed changes to the By-Laws. The most important being adding that members can legally vote by electronic methods, using roll call votes. See the attached revisions (in red) and removals (strikeouts) of the By-Laws.

Jody moved and Rich 2nd, agreeing to present the proposed By-Law changes to the membership for voting at the March 1, 2021, meeting. Motion carried. Mandy will send out a printed version, per our current By-Laws, of all the corrections and changes to every member prior to February 15th, and voting to approve/disapprove the changes at the March 1st meeting.

2022 WYMG STATE MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE:

Discussion was held about hosting the MG conference next year. Due to the lack of participation when we had the 2012 conference, there was not a lot of support for this idea. Almost everyone would be glad to help host the 2022 Conference if other counties commit, now, to attend. Di Ohman and Ruth Lundborg will convey this to the State MG Zoom meeting February 12th.

General meeting adjourned at 7:22

Respectfully submitted by Patsy Larson, Acting Secretary

Attached By-Laws

Committee News!

On February 25 the Garden Walk Committee met, with Fawn Conrad, Rich Kistler, Sandra Hunter, Heather Kleiner and Linette West in attendance.

It was decided that the first order of business was to contact the persons on our list that had agreed to be on the garden walk last year, canceled due to COVID-19, and see if they are willing to participate this year. Then it will be determined if other locations are needed.

Master Gardeners will have an entry in the July fourth parade. This will be the primary way to showcase the planted wagons to be raffled at the garden walk, and advertise the event.

Garden Walk date will be Saturday, July 10, 2021. 9 AM through 4 PM. The reception/raffle will be at 4 PM after the Walk. Calls will be made to secure the downtown Square for the reception or determine another location if that's not available.

Garden Walk tickets will be sold at the Extension office, where the card reader will be available, the Gillette chamber of commerce, Crazy Daisy Floral, and at the yard locations. Tickets are \$15 each. Tickets will have instructions for Covid safety and the Master Gardeners that are manning the yards will have hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes, and implement any Covid safety rules the homeowners would like to apply. Raffle tickets for the planted wagons will be one dollar each, 6 for five dollars or 30 for \$25. Locations for raffle ticket sales will be determined.

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Planted wagons must be able to roll or easily transported. Wagons will be displayed at downtown businesses on their sidewalks. Calls will be made to secure these locations and ask them to bring in the wagons at the close of the business day. All wagons will be labeled with the names of the person or business donating the planted wagon and event, ticket, and raffle ticket info. Wagons will be displayed downtown the week between the parade and the event. Master Gardeners will be asked to help care for them during that week.

The reception/raffle location should be manned all day during the event to sell tickets and raffle tickets with the credit and debit card reader available and to babysit the wagons. Iced tea, lemonade and bottled water will be served at the reception/raffle and individually wrapped treats, for Covid safety.

It was decided that a portion of our budget will be spent to print info cards to be handed out along the July 4 parade route and to boost Facebook ads.

Master Gardeners will have an opportunity to tour all the yards on Thursday, July 8. Meet at the Extension office starting at 3 PM. This gives all the Master Gardeners a chance to view the yards and it won't interfere with them volunteering their time to man a yard.

All Master Gardeners are asked to volunteer their time on the event day. We are also asking you to volunteer your time to work on the parade float which includes the building and preparation of that entry, and/or participate in the parade itself. The date and time and location to work on the float is to be determined. Any suggestions for parade entry ideas that would showcase our planted wagons are welcome. Anyone willing to donate a planted wagon or individually wrapped treats would be greatly appreciated.

This is a great opportunity to log some volunteer hours. We need everyone's help!

Sign-up sheets will be available soon.

The next Garden Walk Committee meeting will be Thursday, March 11 at 9 AM at Heather's house at 6906 Mather in Sleepyhollow.

Respectfully submitted,
Linette West
Garden Walk Co-Chair

**University of Wyoming Extension Entomology "Shorter" Course
March 22-25th, 2021
Via Zoom from 11AM to 2PM with a lunch break**

College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY
Ecosystem Science and Management Dept.
University of Wyoming, Contact Scott Schell @ 307-399-9344 or sschell@uwyo.edu

If anyone would like to view one or all of the presentation you will need to register with Scott Schell to get the correct Zoom link and password.

Daily Agendas: Zoom "rooms" open at 10:45 AM

Monday, March 22nd 11:00AM – 2PM

- Introduction to Entomology – Scott Schell
- Insect Identification: Major Orders and Their Diagnostic Characters - Scott Schell
- How to Use a Lucid Key to Identify Insect Orders – Scott Schell

Tuesday, March 23rd 11:00AM – 2PM

- Principals of IPM – John Connett, UW Extension IPM Specialist
- Insect Plant Feeding Damage – Scott Schell
- How to use the Plant/Pest Index to Identify Insects – Scott Schell

Wednesday, March 24th 11:00AM – 2PM

- Crop Pest IPM – Dr. Jeff Bradshaw, UN-L Professor of Entomology and Extension Specialist
- Immature Insects and Insect Eggs - Scott Schell

Thursday, March 25th 11:00AM – 2PM

- Non-insect Arthropod Identification – Dr. Will Reeves, USDA-APHIS
- Photographing and/or Shipping Arthropod Specimens for identification - Scott Schell



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Barnyards & Backyards Live! show is back!

(Show schedule and Zoom links at <https://bit.ly/BBWYLive>)

Mark your calendars! We're continuing the Barnyards & Backyards Live! show this season - **every Friday at 10 am, through April 16th**! Bring your questions and join us as we chat with our expert guests on a wide variety of subjects - growing trees, vegetables, fruit and flowers, keeping horses healthy, feeding birds, reducing wildfire risk, and more! Shows generally last an hour – sometimes we go a little bit over with good content and questions. The show can be seen either through Zoom <https://bit.ly/BBWYLive> or Facebook Live by following us at <https://www.facebook.com/BarnyardsBackyards/>

Can't make the show live? We are usually able to record the show and post it later. Check out last year's episodes at <http://bit.ly/BBLiveArchives>

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