

In The Dirt December 2021

Hello Master Gardeners and Community Garden Members!

We have the Master Gardener Awards Banquet scheduled on January 11th at 6pm in the Cottonwood Room. This will be a potluck, chili and a baked potato bar will be provided. I will send out invitations in the next couple weeks.

At our last MG meeting we went over the proposed changes to the Bylaws. We will vote on them on January 11th. We also voted on the 2022 Master Gardener Officers. Diane Monahan is President, Rich Kistler is Vice President, Cathy Crain is Treasurer, Shannon Hudson is Secretary. Suzy Blakesly and Linette West were nominated and elected as Steering Committee Members at Large. Congratulations to everyone that was nominated and accepted the position. It takes many volunteers to make this group what it is, we thank you!

The Education Committee met and tentatively determined the Garden and Landscape Education Events (GLEE) for 2022. We took into consideration the MG's and the public's requests for the Events. January 18th, will be "Jumpstarting Your Garden Planning and Starting Seeds". If you would like to volunteer to help with the January class, please let me or Rich know. February 15th, will be "Wide World of House Plants." We are adding the Wright Library to the Events in 2022 for the months of January, March, and August. The topics for the Wright events will be the same as the Gillette events that month. The GLEE in 2022 are exciting, I hope you are excited about them too!

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season. I have enjoyed this past year of working with all of you!

Mandy Reynolds
Horticulture Program Coordinator

Dates to Remember

- December 13th:** MG 2021 and 2022 Budget Steering Meeting, 1:00 pm at Cottonwood Room.
- December 24th:** Extension Office is closed at noon.
- December 27th:** Extension Office is closed.
- January 3rd:** Extension Office is closed.
- January 11th:** Master Gardener Awards Banquet 6pm, Cottonwood Room
- January 18th:** Jumpstarting Your Garden Planning and Starting Seeds 6pm, Wyoming Room at Campbell County Public Library
- January 31st:** Jumpstarting Your Garden Planning and Starting Seeds 6pm, Wright Library

**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!

<https://isarmc.org/Resources>

<https://csfs.colostate.edu/csfspublications/>

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

Campbell County Master Gardeners Steering Committee Meeting

1 November 2021
Cottonwood, GAMB – Gillette WY

The November Steering Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:18 PM by Vice-President Diane Monahan. A quorum was established.

Attending the meeting were Heather Kleiner, Rich Kistler, Shannon Hudson, Sandra Hunter, Diane Monahan, Patsy Larson, Jan Rock, and Mandy Reynolds, Campbell County Horticulture Program Coordinator.

The agenda was reviewed:

Heather Kleiner, as Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. She stated that she had ordered bulbs for the gazebo and needs to be repaid. She also received a rebate from Menards and was wondering about the possibility of taking the rebate and the difference as her repayment. This will be discussed at the meeting and voted upon. She also stated that there is a blank check that was to be for the "Biggest Tomato" at fair, however none was awarded. Mandy is going to e-mail Liz at the fair office and see about getting the check returned. It is check number 3060. Speaking of the plants at the gazebo, however, the rabbits are eating them. They may need to be replaced.

The Committee Reports really need to start going in the newsletter, so that everyone can keep up with what is going on. If nothing happened during that month, "no report" can be written. We also need to add the upcoming Education meeting to the agenda. We will need to review numbers as well as get some new ideas.

Old Business:

For our October GLEE class, Gerry Gardner discussed and demonstrated planting a bonsai. There were 18 participants. Mandy showed a picture of the participants and their "trees." Rayne Gardens has a bonsai mix; however no one has tried it yet.

We will be going over the proposed Campbell County Master Gardener Bylaws as well as the elected board duties and committee duties. The changes are in red.

New Business:

We will be having our elections for 2022. Mandy has printed out ballots for this.

We need a date for the December annual budget meeting. All of the outgoing and incoming board members need to be there. After discussing, we will plan for December 13th at 1 PM.

We will have Committee sign-ups for next year on the side table. Anyone signing up as the Chair for one of the committees will need to talk with Mandy or Heather about their 2022 budget.

On the side table will be a sign-up sheet for the painting with Linette activity. We can sign up tonight or RSVP to the Extension Office.

Mandy will be demonstrating how to put produce donated into the computer for reporting hours.

The Tree Sale Committee met last week and decided upon trees.

The Awards Banquet Committee needs to meet in the near future to plan on a date and specifics. Linette West is the chair for this committee.

Mandy brought in the order forms to order onions from Dixondale Farms. We will need to have our order into Mandy by November 15th. She will then let us know how much we owe.

We need to add the Education Committee meeting as letter "I" on the agenda. We will be meeting on Thursday at 1 PM this week, November 4th. Some ideas so far are grafting, foraging, houseplants, and demonstrating how to prune trees at the Sweetgrass Ranch's orchard. We have also been asked about possibly trimming and pruning the apple trees at the orchard in Ten Sleep. We need to look into possibly working with the Extension Office of the respective county.

Mandy will cover the Horticulture Program Coordinator Comments at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM

Campbell County Master Gardeners Regular Meeting

1 November 2021
Cottonwood, GAMB – Gillette WY

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

Attending were Sandi Aberle (Zoom), Suzy Blakesley (Zoom), Bill Brown, Fawn Conrad, Catherine Crain, Jared Green, Priscilla Hixson, Shannon Hudson, Sandra Hunter, Rich Kistler, Heather Kleiner, Patsy Larson, Diane Monahan, Diana Ohman (Zoom), Carol Palmer (Zoom), Jan Rock, Mary Schoen (Zoom), Shawna Stephens, Janet Thompson, and Mandy Reynolds, Campbell County Horticultural Program Coordinator. Introductions were made.

Priscilla Hixson pointed out an error in both the Steering Committee minutes as well as the Regular Meeting minutes. In the Steering Committee Meeting minutes was the sentence "Our Bylaws only say 15 and 8, respectfully." Similarly, in the Regular Meeting minutes was the sentence "According to the state we need twenty volunteer hours and ten continuing education hours, however, our bylaws only state 15 and 8 respectfully." In both sentences, the word "respectfully" needs to be replaced with "respectively." Sandra Hunter moved to approve the minutes with the suggested amendment. Jared Green seconded it. Motion carried.

Heather Kleiner gave the Treasurer's Report. For the Gazebo project, Heather had ordered bulbs from Breck's, which she paid for, and she and Sandra Hunter planted. She needs to be reimbursed for this cost. Rick Kistler made a motion to reimburse Heather for the full amount. Sandra Hunter seconded it. Motion carried. Heather then stated that she had put in or and received a rebate from Menards. Due to it not being actual money, it will have to be written as an asset. As such, Heather proposed rather than a check being written for the total amount of the bulbs, her taking the rebate from Menards as well as the difference between the two (the cost of the bulbs was higher than the rebate amount from Menards). Rick Kistler moved for this to occur as proposed. Cathy Crain seconded it. Motion carried. Heather then stated that for the Campbell County Fair, a check had been written for \$10 which was to go to who won the award for "Biggest Tomato." This award was not given, however, due to there not being any large tomatoes entered into Fair. Mandy has sent an email to Liz at the Fair Board to see if we can locate said check and have it returned. It was check number 3060.

There are no Committee Reports for today. However, Chairs will need to start giving a monthly report to Mandy by the 20th of each month. If there is nothing to report for the given month, please still state "no report."

The October GLEE class was a Bonsai Planting class with Gerry Gardner. This was an amazing class, with 18 participants. Five plants were given away. Mandy showed a picture of the participants and their newly acquired and planted plants.

Patsy Larson presented the proposed changes in red. She read out loud each change, explaining the reasoning and allowing for discussion. There was much discussion, as well as a request for the final copy of approved Bylaws to be sent or given to each member. Mandy will have hard copies at the next meeting or two. Heather Kleiner moved to approve the proposed Bylaws with all proposed changes. Jared seconded it. Motion carried.

Patsy then presented the Elected Board and Committee Chair and Co-Chair proposed duties. During the discussion, it was suggested that the Roberts Rules of Order be bought for the incoming and future officers. Patsy moved to set aside \$25 in order to make the suggested purchase. Heather Kleiner seconded it. Motion carried. Sandra Hunter suggested adding "keep an updated monthly timeline record for tasks" to the Committee Chair and Co-Chairs description. Mandy Reynolds suggested adding that the Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs need to plan a post-event meeting, as well.

Ballots for 2022 were passed out, on them were write-in space for each office as well as those running. Running were Diane Monahan for president, Rich Kistler for vice-president, Shannon Hudson for secretary, Cathy Crain for treasurer (4 year position), and Suzy Blakesley and Linette West for Steering Committee Members at Large. Elections were then held; the ballots were counted by Bill Brown (Master Gardener Trainee). There were no write-ins, everyone was elected to the offices they were running for. Congratulations to our 2022 Steering Committee Members!

The December Annual Budget meeting has been set up for December 13th at 1 PM. All outgoing and incoming steering committee members need to plan to attend. Please plan on this taking three hours!

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There were sign-ups for the various committees on the side table. Anyone who signs up as a chair or co-chair of a committee needs to see Mandy or Heather to discuss the committee's budget for 2022.

On November 18th, we will be having our Painting with Linette Class. There was a sign-up sheet on the side table, or you can RSVP to the Extension Office. It should be a lot of fun!!!

Mandy demonstrated how to enter produce donation to get credit for volunteer hours. We need to put in 0.5 hour as the volunteer hours and then the poundage of produce in the space provided for that. Mandy will manually add in your pounds donated to your volunteer hours. If you need more assistance, please see Mandy.

The Tree Sale Committee met last week, October 28th, and decided upon the trees.

The Awards Banquet Committee will need to meet soon to decide upon dates and specifics.

The Education Committee will be meeting on Thursday, November 4th, from 1 to 2:30. The plan is to schedule the education classes for the year. Diane Monahan will send out an email to everyone to get any suggestions.

On the side table are order forms for the Dixondale Farms onions. Let Mandy know by November 15th what you would like. She will then be in touch with how much we each owe.

Mandy then presented the Horticulture Program Coordinator's Comments. The extension office will be closed on November 11th for Veteran's Day as well as November 25th and 26th for Thanksgiving.

The first Junior Master Gardener class was held last Tuesday. There were twelve children signed up, with nine making it to the first class. They were taught what plants need, using the P.L.A.N.T.S acronym and made "Know and Show Sombreros" to demonstrate this. They also did an activity revolving around pumpkin life cycles. The ladies from the office made each child a dessert cup with chocolate pudding being the dirt, green coconut as the grass, and gummy worms. The next class is on November 9th. The class has the ages 8 to 18 represented, along with a couple younger children attending.

Please note that Mandy's email address has changed. Her new email address is Mandy.Reynolds@campbellcountywy.gov

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM

December 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Junior Master Gardener Class 4:30pm-6pm	8	9	10	11
12	13 MG Budget Mtg. 1pm, Cottonwood Room	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Junior Master Gardener Class 4:30pm-6pm	22	23	24 Extension Office is closed at noon	25
26	27 Extension Office is closed	28	29	30	31	January 1
2	3 Extension Office is closed	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 MG Awards Banquet 6pm, Cottonwood Room	12	13	14	15

Many of you have volunteer hours for 2021!

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

Total Volunteers with Approved Hours: 24

Total Contacts: 2590

Total Male Contacts: 665

Total Female Contacts: 1925

Total Volunteer Hours: 735

Total CE Hours: 265.5

Total Produce Donated: 551 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.

Thank you Master Gardeners for the fun fellowship time to celebrate our 2020 season, even though we had to wait until 2021 to do it. We had a wonderful time and wish more could have been there. We populated the community with beautiful pumpkins! And a BIG thank you to Linette for doing all the prep work and teaching us! You were amazing! ~Patsy



L to R: Heather Kleiner, Cathy Crain, Sandra Hunter, Linette West, Sharon Murphree, Teresa Norton, Sandy Johnson, Fawn Conrad and Patsy Larson

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Many of you have volunteer hours that have not been reported. Please enter your hours as soon as possible. We are working on the MG Awards Night and we would like to have that part wrapped up soon.

