

In The Dirt

March 2022

Hello Master Gardeners and Community Garden Members!

The February GLEE with Nate Foss from Rayne Gardens was AMAZING! He presented Wide World of Houseplants, we had 71 attendees! The next GLEE, Square Foot Gardening and Pollinators is on March 15th at the Gillette Library. This will be presented again at the Wright Library on March 29th.

The MG Class just had their 3rd class, and we have 17 students. If you see new faces at the MG meeting, please welcome them! All classes will be in the Cottonwood Room from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. If you are a MG, you are invited to attend. It has been really nice to see some of you attending! These classes count as your continued education hours. Supper is provided for the students and the teacher of the class, but I am unable to provide for extra attendees. Please bring your own meal if you attend.

It is that time of year that we are all itching to start our seeds. The Northeast Seed Library has a ton of seeds, please use this priceless resource and share it with others too. We have a branch of the seed library at the Wright Library. This has been a great benefit for us to share this resource, I will be going to Wright this week to refill some of the seeds.

The Red Dirt Master Gardeners will host the Wyoming Master Gardener Conference in Thermopolis on September 9th at 1pm and the 10th ending at 4pm. They would like auction items, the proceeds go to keeping the conference costs down. When I know more about the conference I will forward the information on to you all.

I will be gone on vacation on Tuesday March 8th and returning to work on Tuesday March 15th.

Feel free to reach out to me anytime.

Mandy Reynolds
Horticulture Program Coordinator

Dates to Remember

- **March 2nd:** MG Class Composting & Vermicomposting 5:30pm - 8:30pm
- **March 7th:** MG Steering Meeting, 5:15pm in the Cottonwood Room
- **March 7th:** MG Meeting, 6pm in the Cottonwood Room. You can also join by Zoom Meeting <https://uwyo.zoom.us/j/93802709479>
- **March 10th:** MG Class Weeds & Pesticides 5:30pm - 8:30pm
- **March 12th:** Bill Brown, Speaking Skills 10am in the Cottonwood Room
- **March 15th:** GLEE Square Foot Gardening & Pollinators 6pm in the Wyoming Room at the Public Library
- **March 17th:** MG Class Woody Plants & Pruning 5:30pm - 8:30pm
- **March 23rd:** MG Class Fruit Trees & Berry Crops 5:30pm - 8:30pm
- **March 29th:** GLEE Square Foot Gardening 6pm at the Wright Branch Library
- **March 30th:** MG Class Landscape Design 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Websites!

<https://www.treesaregood.org/>

<https://www.isa-arbor.com/>

<https://wsfd.wyo.gov/>

Campbell County Master Gardeners Steering Committee Meeting

7 February 2022

Cottonwood Room, GAMB – Gillette WY

The February Steering Committee Meeting was called to order by President Diane Monahan at 5:16pm. A quorum was established, and introductions were made.

Attending the meeting was Rich Kistler, Linette West, Cathy Crain, Diane Monahan, Suzy Blakesley, Shannon Hudson, and Mandy Reynolds, Campbell County Horticulture Program Coordinator.

Shannon brought up that the minutes from November and January need to be reviewed and approved during the meeting.

The agenda was reviewed:

Treasurer's Report was given. Cathy stated that we have income from the tree sale. We have also had numerous expenses, including GPA for the camera system for the GLEE classes, insurance, square fees, agricultural license, and ordering trees. Treasure Boller in the Extension Office conducted the audit. She recommended reconciling some checks that have never cleared. She also recommends checks need to be cleared after x amount of time, and if not, that individual needs to be contacted. We can have it printed on the checks that they are to be voided after x number of days. Since we still have numerous checks, Cathy will contact the bank to see if we can write it on the checks we have, hand stamp them, or if we would need to order new ones.

Old Business:

The January GLEE: Jumpstarting Your Garden, went really well! There were 38 attendees at the Gillette library and 10 attendees at the Wright Branch Library. We rented the GPA camera equipment to video the class in Gillette and it is on our YouTube channel. For the cost, it is definitely worth it! The GLEE schedule for the year is available.

Members can still sign up for the committees. The sign-ups are on the side table.

The budget for 2022 was approved in January; copies are available. The Chairs of the committees need to take special note of their budget for the year!

New Business:

The State Representatives are Fawn Conrad and Carol Palmer, with Diane Monahan as an alternate. The "year" goes from April to April. They will be attending the May 13th meeting as their first meeting.

The Red Dirt Master Gardeners of Hot Springs County volunteered to host the 2022 State Conference this Fall. It will be in Thermopolis. This Friday (2/11) there should be more information presented regarding this, so hopefully more information will be presented in March to the group.

Shannon Hudson is the Chair for the Urban Orchard this year. Pollinator counts will begin in May. We are also planning to have the Herb Festival this year. Sandi Aberle spent a lot of time planning this a couple years ago before Covid changed things, so Shannon is hoping to collaborate with her to plan the festival this year.

Teresa Norton is the Chair of the Tree sale. Everything is going well so far with the tree sale. As of last week, 2,217 trees were sold. Forms for the large lots as well as the individual trees are available.

Bill Brown, MG Trainee, offered to teach a Public Speaking/Lecturing Seminar for Master Gardeners. If there is enough interest, he is willing to put something together for March. We originally had him scheduled for possibly in February, but March would work better for him. We will check for interest at the meeting.

There is a vacancy for one of the "Members at large" positions. Heather Kleiner is willing to fulfill this position, but this will need to be motioned and voted on.

Horticulture Program Coordinator's Comments:

The Spring Master Gardener course will start on Thursday, February 10th. There are approximately ten people taking this live class. Any Master Gardeners are welcome to attend the classes as a refresher, however, we need to bring our own meal!

The Extension office will be closed on February 21st for President's Day.

The Junior Master Gardener class made seed tape in January and had great fun doing this! In February, Diane Monahan will be teaching them about Vermicomposting. That class will be on February 22nd.

We need to add RoundTable to the agenda so that others can share what they are working on.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56pm.

Campbell County Master Gardeners Regular Meeting

7 February 2022

Cottonwood Room, GAMB – Gillette WY

The February Master Gardener Meeting was called to order by President Diane Monahan at 6:03pm. A quorum was established, and introductions were made.

Attending the meeting was Suzy Blakesley, Fawn Conrad, Catherine Crain, Jared Green, Priscilla Hixson, Katie Hudson, Shannon Hudson, Sandra Johnson, Rich Kistler, Heather Kleiner, Jody Kruse, Patsy Larson, Diane Monahan, Diana Ohman, Carol Palmer, Jan Rock, Mary Schoen, Shawna Stephens, Janet Thompson, Linette West, and Mandy Reynolds, Campbell County Horticulture Program Coordinator.

Copies of the budget, GLEE schedule, agenda, and committee sign-ups are on the side table.

Rich Kistler moved to approve the November minutes as written. Suzy Blakesley seconded it. Motion carried. Cathy Crain moved to approve the January minutes as written. Mary Schoen seconded it. Motion carried.

Cathy Crain gave the treasurer's report as our 2022 Treasurer. Cathy stated that we have income from the tree sale. We had numerous expenses, GPA for the camera system for the GLEE classes, insurance, square fees, agricultural license, and ordering trees. Treasure Boller in the Extension Office conducted the audit. She recommended reconciling some checks that have never cleared. She also recommends checks need to be cleared after x amount of time, and if not, that individual needs to be contacted. We can have it printed on the checks that they are to be voided after x number of days. Since we still have numerous checks, Cathy will contact the bank to see if we can write it on the checks we have, hand stamp them, or if we would need to order new ones. At this time Cathy will reconcile the debit charges that show up in our books and not in the bank statements.

The January GLEE: Jumpstarting Your Garden, went really well! There were 38 attendees at the Gillette library and 10 attendees at the Wright Branch Library. Patsy had suggested taking part of the seed library down to Wright, so the demonstrators took three displays full of seeds. We rented the GPA camera equipment to video the class in Gillette and it is on our YouTube channel. To find the video, type in YouTube Campbell County Master Gardeners. So far there are 71 views on YouTube! Renting the equipment is definitely worth it! Building a video library is a great addition to the program. February 15th is the next class, which will be on houseplants!

Bill Brown, MG Trainee, offered to teach a Public Speaking/Lecturing Seminar for Master Gardeners. If there is enough interest, he is willing to put something together for March. We originally had him scheduled for February, but March would work better for him. His profession is teaching public speaking and giving presentations. Due to the length of the class, and Bill's preferences, a Saturday would work best for him. By show of hands, there is definitely an interest.

If you are interested in helping on a committee, please sign up. Rich went over each committee and what each one does. The budget for 2022 was approved in January; copies are available. The Chairs of the committees need to take special note of their budget for the year.

Committee chairs were then asked to speak.

- Linette West is Chair of the Award and Banquet Committee. Everyone felt this past year's banquet went really well. The jeopardy game was a lot of fun!
- There is no chair for the Advertising/Facebook Committee. Mandy has been doing it.
- Rich Kistler is the Chair for the Education Committee. A schedule for the year is on the side table. Rich is still trying to get a good speaker here.
- Shannon Hudson is the Chair for the Urban Orchard. Pollinator counts will begin in May. We are also planning to have the Herb Festival this year. Sandi Aberle spent a lot of time planning this a couple years ago before Covid changed things, so Shannon is hoping to collaborate with her to plan the festival this year.
- Teresa Norton is the chair for tree sale committee. She was not present, so Mandy spoke on her behalf. Everything is going well so far with the tree sale. As of last week, 2,217 trees were sold. Forms for the large lots as well as the individual trees are available both in the office and online. We are not getting any trees from Colorado State this year, as they only had Ponderosa Pines. The Conservation District really is not doing much this year. Towner State Forestry in North Dakota is where we are getting the evergreens this year. We are looking at having our tree sale the first week of May. The trees are scheduled to be delivered to Teresa's shop sometime between April 21st through the last week of April. It was brought up to possibly get trees from Montana, but Mandy says they are not shipping right now. No one seems to have trees right now, due to the lack of workers or truck drivers. It was asked how often the tree sale committee meets. The committee met in November and has not since. First National Bank has purchased 1000 trees again and will be giving these away. The set up will be the same as last year, where they gave them out during our tree sale. This works really well for us, as it brings people in to pick up their trees that might not otherwise be there.
- The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to try to get people to run for offices, no one is currently signed up.
- Rich Kistler is the Chair for the Garden Walk, it will be in July. He is hoping for six homes as well as business sponsorship. The committee will start looking for houses/gardens next month.

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There is a vacancy for one of the "Members at Large" positions. A member at large's purpose is to fill in positions, as needed, such as if both Diane and Rich cannot be at a meeting. Heather Kleiner is willing to fulfill this position. Suzy made a motion to have Heather fulfill this position. Linette seconded it. Motion carried.

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Sandra Johnson won the door prize drawing.

People brought different houseplants to share. There is a variety over on the side table!

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

Join our hosts online as we have a friendly chat with our guests about a variety interesting subjects - growing trees, vegetables, fruit and flowers, small livestock, plants for pollinators, and more!

Friday mornings at 10 am on Zoom or Facebook Live (follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/BarnyardsBackyards/> to receive notices on the show). Have questions for our guests? Type them in the Zoom Q&A box, chat or Facebook comments as we go along.

You can find a listing of upcoming shows, guests and Zoom links at any-time by visiting <https://bit.ly/BBWYLive>



- **Successful composting** - February 25, 2022
- **Spring pasture weed control** - March 4, 2022
- **How to grow in WYO: Leafy greens and peas** - March 11, 2022
- **TBA** - guest TBA
- **Taking care of trees - watering windbreaks and more!** - April 1, 2022
- **Tactics for dealing with nuisance wasps, miller moths and other bothersome insects** - April 8, 2022
- **Shrubs for WY and their care** - April 15, 2022
- **Choosing small livestock for your place** - April 22, 2022

Busy Friday mornings? We try to record each show and post them on YouTube so you can watch them at your own time and speed. You will find links to recordings and resources mentioned during the show at <https://bit.ly/BBWYLiveRecordings>

Check out shows from the last two years at <https://bit.ly/BBLiveArchives>

Tree Sale forms are online!

<https://wyoextension.org/campbellcounty/agriculture-horticulture/master-gardener/>

2022 Master Gardener Class Schedule

March 2nd, Wednesday	Composting & Vermicomposting-Mary & Diane
March 10th, Thursday	Weeds & Pesticides - Travis Kern
March 17th, Thursday	Woody Plants & Pruning- Roy Holdeman
March 23rd, Wednesday	Fruit Trees & Berry Crops - Chris Hilgert
March 30th, Wednesday	Landscape Design - Catherine Wissner
April 6th, Wednesday	Make up date if needed.
April 14th, Thursday	Soils- Jay Norton
April 21st, Thursday	Pathology - Bill Stump
April 27th, Wednesday	Entomology - Scott Schell
May 4th, Wednesday	Test

As a MG, you are welcome to come and sit in on any of the classes. This is a great refresher for you and it is an easy way to get in some of your Continued Education Hours. If you plan on attending, please bring a sack lunch (meal is provided for current class participants). All classes are scheduled from 5:30pm to 8:30pm and are held in the Cottonwood Room.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 MG Class Composting & Vermicomposting 5:30pm - 8:30pm	3	4	5
6	7 MG Steering Mtg 5:15pm, General Mtg at 6pm.	8	9	10 MG Class Weeds & Pesticides 5:30pm - 8:30pm	11	12 Bill Brown, Speaking Skills 10am
13	14	15 GLEE, 6pm in the Wyoming Room at the Public Library	16	17 MG Class Woody Plants & Pruning 5:30pm - 8:30pm Happy St. Patrick's Day!	18	19
20	21	22 Junior Master Gardener 4:30pm-6pm	23 MG Class Fruit Trees & Berry Crops 5:30pm - 8:30pm	24	25	26
27	28	29 GLEE, 6pm in the Wyoming Room at the Wright Branch Library	30 MG Class Landscape Design 5:30pm - 8:30pm	31		

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GLEE

Square foot gardening/ Pollinators	Tuesday, March 15, 2022	6pm	Wyoming Room at CCPL
Square foot gardening/ Pollinators	Tuesday, March 29, 2022	6pm	Wright Library