

# In The Dirt

## April 2022

Hello Master Gardeners and Community Garden Members!

The March GLEE Pollinators and Square Foot Gardening was another win for the Master Gardener Program. In Gillette, Mary Schoen taught Pollinators, Sandra Hunter, and Heather Kleiner talked about Square Foot Gardening. It was a great presentation, and a great addition to our library of recordings. The Wright GLEE was taught again by Mary with Pollinators and Sharon Murphree on Square Foot Gardening. Jody Kruse gave a great demonstration on Square Foot Gardening. Jody brought cardboard pieces and "built" the raised bed.

Scott Skogerboe from the Fort Collins Nursery will be here for the April GLEE on the 16th. He will present to the public and MG's from 1-3pm and then he will spend some time with just the MG's. You will need to RSVP, please call the Extension office or email me to let me know you will be attending.

AG Expo is on April 19th, we will set up at 7:30 am and we are expecting 600 3rd graders. I would love to have you volunteer to help me show off the worm farm. You can volunteer for an hour or two, or all day. I will take all the help you want to volunteer for, just let me know what times you would be available.

The Wyoming Native Plant Society has an event scheduled in Thermopolis June 3rd-5th. There are more details on the top of page 2 and on their website <http://www.wynps.org/activities/2022-annual-meeting/>. I will bring more information to our MG Meeting on April 4th.

Feel free to reach out to me anytime.

Mandy Reynolds  
Horticulture Program Coordinator

### Dates to Remember

- April 4th:** MG Steering Meeting, 5:15pm in the Cottonwood Room
- April 4th:** MG Meeting, 6pm in the Cottonwood Room. You can also join by Zoom Meeting <https://uwyo.zoom.us/j/6748092340>
- April 6th:** cancelled MG Class
- April 14th:** MG Class Soils and Wood Plants and Pruning 5:30pm - 8:30pm
- April 16th:** GLEE Trees with Scott Skogerboe, 1pm in the Cottonwood Room RSVP to the Extension Office
- April 19th:** AG Expo, East Pavillion Barn
- April 21st:** MG Class Pathology 5:30pm - 8:30pm
- April 27th:** MG Class Entomology 5:30pm - 8:30pm

**If you ordered onions, they are shipping the week of April 11th. I will contact you and let you know when they are delivered.**

### Websites!

<http://www.gpnps.org/>

<http://www.mtnativeplants.org/>

<http://herbarium.bhsu.edu/>

# Wyoming Native Plant Society

A weekend of native plant workshops, talks, and plant hikes in Thermopolis. Our Saturday evening keynote speaker presentation features Caroline Mills, Vernetta Panzetanga, and John Mionczynski speaking on their work with the Restoring Shoshone Ancestral Food Gathering project.

Hike locations will be both near Thermopolis and around the Bighorn Basin including the following destinations: Hot Springs State Park, Copper Mountain Wilderness Study Area, private property in Thermopolis, Tensleep Preserve, Heart Mountain near Cody, Roundtop Mountain, and Birdseye Pass.

Much more information and registration available on our website at <http://www.wynps.org/activities/2022-annual-meeting/>. Cost is \$20 for one day or \$40 to attend multiple day.

## Campbell County Master Gardeners Steering Committee Meeting 7 March 2022 Cottonwood Room, GAMB – Gillette WY

The March Steering Committee Meeting was called to order by President Diane Monahan at 5:17pm. A quorum was established, and introductions were made.

Attending the meeting was Rich Kistler, Cathy Crain, Diane Monahan, Suzy Blakesley, Heather Kleiner, and Mandy Reynolds, Campbell County Horticulture Program Coordinator.

The agenda was reviewed:

Treasurer's Report was given. Cathy explained that we have some receipts that were old, and Meredith should have been reimbursed for them. The total is approximately \$40.00, we will decide in the General meeting if we would send her a check. We had a receipt for Heather too. The tree receipts for February are \$5,493.00. Cathy has reports available for anyone to look at. She can email the reports to you, or you could look at them after the General meetings. She spoke to the bank about old checks, they recommend that anything over 6 months old we void. They will not accept them if they are over 6 months old.

Old Business:

The February GLEE: Wide World of Houseplants with Nate Foss was awesome! We had 74 attendees! Rich thought maybe if we hold this class again, we could break it up into smaller talks. We could have succulents, ferns and so on. With the high number of attendees that we have been having, we discussed limiting giveaways to 1 per family. The MG's maybe should wait until everyone else has a seat and a giveaway ticket so that we are giving out as much to the public as possible.

We are happy with the GPA equipment and the recordings; it is a great addition to the program. The public seems to like it, we have received positive feedback that we have this available.

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

New Business:

Bill Brown, MG Trainee, is teaching a Public Speaking/Lecturing Seminar for Master Gardeners on Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm. We will let Bill tell everyone more about it during the General meeting.

Horticulture Program Coordinator's Comments:

The Master Gardener course has 18 people in the class! Any Master Gardeners are welcome to attend the classes as a refresher, however, they will need to bring their own meal if they would like.

The Junior Master Gardener class was cancelled in February, due to cold weather. In March, Mandy will teach 4-H kids how to make a flower press during Project Week. She will also teach this same class to the Junior Master Gardeners.

Mandy will be gone on vacation starting tomorrow, she will return to work on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.

# Campbell County Master Gardeners Regular Meeting

7 March 2022

Cottonwood Room, GAMB – Gillette WY

The February Master Gardener Meeting was called to order by President Diane Monahan at 6:02pm. A quorum was established, and introductions were made.

Attending the meeting was Suzy Blakesley, Bill Brown, Fawn Conrad, Catherine Crain, Jared Green, Sandra Hunter, Rich Kistler, Heather Kleiner, Jody Kruse, Ruth Lundborg via Zoom, Audrey Mertz, Diane Monahan, Sharon Murphree, Teresa Norton, Diana Ohman via Zoom, Mary Schoen, Janet Thompson, and Mandy Reynolds, Campbell County Horticulture Program Coordinator.

Janet Thompson moved to approve the February minutes as written. Heather Kleiner seconded it. Motion carried.

Cathy Crain gave the treasurer's report. Cathy stated that we had \$5,493.00 in income from the tree sale for February. We had numerous expenses, GPA for the camera rental for the GLEE classes, square fees. Cathy contacted the bank to see about the checks that are outstanding. The bank recommends voiding them if they are over 6 months old, they will not accept them at that point. Cathy explained that we have some receipts that were old, and Meredith should have been reimbursed for them. The total is approximately \$40.00, we will decide in the General meeting if we would send her a check. We had a receipt for Heather too. Jody moved to approve the reimbursements to Meredith and to Heather, Suzy seconded it. Motion carried. Cathy said that if anyone has questions about any of the financial reports, she will email them to you, or you could look at them after the General meetings. She wants everyone to know that they are available.

The February GLEE: We had 74 attendees for the Wide World of Houseplants with Nate Foss and it was awesome! Nate brought 50 plants to giveaway, we paid him \$100.00, but Nate brought way more than we expected! Rich thought with the high number of attendees that we have been having, that the MG's wait until the public has a place to sit and tickets for the giveaways before they receive them. We discussed limiting giveaways to 1 per family, we all agree it is a great problem to have! We did receive some feedback that if we hold this class again, we should break it up into smaller talks. We could have succulents, ferns and so on to split it up. We had a lot of great questions; we could have been there all night. It was a very well received event.

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The March GLEE is on Square Foot Gardening and Pollinators at the Gillette Library on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and at the Wright Library on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Sandra Hunter and Heather Kleiner volunteered to talk about Square Foot Gardening and Mary Schoen said she would discuss Pollinators. Sandra said she would not be able to help at the Wright Library, Sharon Murphree said she would be able to go to Wright.

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Mandy volunteered us to donate auction items to the Red Dirt Master Gardener's Conference in September. Diane Monahan said she had 2 embroidered towels and Mandy would donate a flower press. She also wanted us to be aware of the Natrona Master Gardener Spring Conference, she said the details aren't available yet but it is in April.

Mandy will be gone on vacation starting tomorrow, she will return to work on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Roundtable:

Sharon Murphree thought it would be a nice gesture to send seeds to the Ukraine. She also said there is a program that is called Seeds of Change, we could look into that too. Mandy said that we would need to research the specific requirements and the possibility of sending seeds to another country.

Jody Kruse asked about taking some of the seeds from the Northeast Seed Library to the Community Garden members in Broadus. She said she would transport them. Sandra Hunter moved to approve donating seeds to the Community Garden in Broadus, Heather seconded it. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm

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## Tree Sale forms are online!

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

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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>

- **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>



## 2022 Master Gardener Class Schedule

April 14th, Thursday	Soils- NRCS, Woody Plants & Pruning- Roy Holdeman
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. The class on April 27th will be in the Ponderosa Room. Please join us!

As spring rolls in (in Wyoming fashion...) thoughts turn to gardening. If you are a new or still learning gardener we have resources for you!

Thinking about edibles? Check out our Gardening page with a ton of written resources and videos at <https://bit.ly/BWYGardening>.



<b>April 2022</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 MG Steering Mtg 5:15pm, General Mtg at 6pm.	5 Mandy in Laramie for training	6 Cancelled MG Class Mandy in Laramie for training	7 Mandy in Laramie for training	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 MG Class Soils and Woody Plants & Pruning 5:30pm - 8:30pm	15	16 GLEE, Scott Skogerboe 1pm in the Cottonwood Room
17 Happy Easter!	18	19 AG Expo, East Pavilion at Complex 7:30am to 3:30pm	20	21 MG Class Pathology 5:30pm - 8:30pm	22	23
24	25	26 Junior Master Gardener 4:30pm-6pm	27 MG Class Entomology 5:30pm - 8:30pm, in the Ponderosa Room	28	29	30

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## In The Dirt April 2022

April 16th at 1pm

# GLEE

RSVP to the  
Extension Office

Scott Skogerboe has been the Propagator at Fort Collins Wholesale Nursery for the last 25 years where he grows 300,000 trees and shrubs every year for sale to nurseries from Casper to Albuquerque. Early in his horticultural career Scott was the owner of a small nursery specializing in fruit trees and berries adaptable to the rigors of growing on the high plains of our region.