

In The Dirt May 2022

Hello Master Gardeners and Community Garden Members!

We had 88 people attend the April GLEE with Scott Skogerboe, which is a great turnout! He introduced us to some trees that will grow in our environment. If you were unable to attend, I will bring his handout with the trees he talked about to the meeting on the 9th.

I would like to give a shout out to Sandra Hunter for helping me at AG Expo. It was a full day of worm farming! The below picture is of the Junior Master Gardeners, they separated the worms from the bottom tray of castings. We then built them a new bed. Look at that black gold!

Right now we are in full swing of the Tree Sale. If you are able to volunteer, we will be at the Rockpile Ice Arena all day on the 5th. We had many pre-orders large lots and individual small lots this year and we have them all ready to go.

We are still planning on going to the Sweet Grass Ranch in May. Possibly the 3rd week of May, I will let you know when I have a date set.

Feel free to reach out to me anytime.

Mandy Reynolds
Horticulture Program Coordinator



Dates to Remember

- May 4th:** Set up for the Tree Sale at the Rockpile Ice Arena. Pre-sale pick up starting at 5:30 pm to 7:30pm.
- May 5th:** MG Tree Sale 7:30am – 7:30pm at the Rockpile Ice Arena.
- May 9th:** MG Steering Meeting, 5:15pm in the Cottonwood Room
- May 9th:** MG Meeting, 6pm in the Cottonwood Room. You can also join by Zoom Meeting <https://uwyo.zoom.us/j/6748092340>
- May 14th:** North Community Garden Busy Bee Day 10am-12pm
- May 17th:** Prairie Community Garden Meeting 5:30pm at the garden
- May 19th:** North Community Garden Busy Bee Day 4pm-6pm



Websites!

<https://www.wyoextension.org>

<https://www.bhg.com/gardening/>

<https://www.houseplant411.com/>

**Campbell County Master Gardeners
Steering Committee Meeting
4 April 2022
Cottonwood Room, GAMB – Gillette WY**

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

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

The agenda was reviewed:

Cathy gave the treasurer's report. She stated how much the tree sale has brought in this far as well as where we were this time last year for the tree sale. She stated our expenses for the last month included paying GPA, Facebook advertising, and reimbursing Heather for an education conference and speaker gift from 2021. There is also a debit charge that was for notebooks to be handed out at the GLEE meetings. During the regular meeting, we will need to decide where these funds will be coming from. After discussion, the Steering Committee has decided to recommend moving the funds from advertising/postcards, advertising/social media, educational materials, and supplies for classes.

Old Business:

The March GLEE meeting was on March 15th at the Gillette Library. The focus was on pollinators and square foot gardening. There were 51 attendees. This was repeated on March 29th at the Wright Library, where they had 8 attendees. The April GLEE meeting will be featuring Scott Skogerboe as he discusses trees and shrubs. This will begin at 1 in the Cottonwood Room at the GAMB for the public and then he will continue afterwards with the Master Gardeners. There is a sign-up sheet on the side table.

There has been some questions and concerns regarding whether Master Gardeners are eligible for the giveaways during GLEE meetings. After much discussion, the Steering Committee has decided that if a Master Gardener is there for the class as a participant, not a speaker, they are indeed eligible for the giveaways. All attendees that want a ticket is eligible to get one, as long as they are not presenting.

On April 23rd, the 2022 Master Gardener Spring Conference will be taking place in Casper from 8 until 3:30. The information is on the side table. There are funds budgeted for this conference.

Sweet Grass Ranch would like us to come do a class on pruning their orchard. Sand Aberle will hopefully be back the end of April or beginning of May, so we are looking at the second week of May. There is a sign-up sheet on the side table to determine who is interested.

New Business:

As we discussed during the treasurer's report, notebooks were ordered for events.

The Tree sale will be on Thursday, May 5th, from 8 to 5:30. On the side table is a sign-up sheet to volunteer to help with sorting trees and getting pre-orders together, as well as labeling trees. We do not know times or dates yet. On May 4th, we will be setting everything up as well, at the Rockpile Ice Arena.

We need to determine if Master Gardeners receive a discount only at the day of sale or if at any time, as well as for how much.

Horticulture Program Coordinator's Comments:

Mandy refilled the Wright Seed Library on 29 March 2022.

The First Lady of Wyoming is repeating the "Grow a Little Extra" Campaign again this year. For four to six weeks there will be zoom classes regarding this as well.

Mandy will be gone to Laramie tomorrow (5 April 2022) through that Thursday (7 April 2022).

The North Community Garden will have their first mandatory meeting on Tuesday, April 12th, at 6 PM in the Cottonwood Room.

Barnyards and Backyards has live shows on Fridays at 10. April 8th will be Successful Composting with Caitlin Youngquist. April 15th will be Shrubs for Wyoming with Karen Panter. April 22nd will be Choosing Small Livestock for your Place with Kellie Chichester. These are recorded and can be found on the website.

The Ag Expo is April 19th. The 3rd graders in the county come to the Complex and learn about Ag. Mandy plans to show them her worms. Please let Mandy know if you would like to help with this.

Onions are supposed to be shipped during the week of April 11th. Mandy will let everyone know when they arrive.

Announcements:

Mandy cancelled 30 apple trees for the tree sale since we had so many extras. Teresa and Shannon need to do Bee City forms/info.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56.

Campbell County Master Gardeners
Regular Meeting
4 April 2022
Cottonwood Room, GAMB – Gillette WY

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

Attending the meeting was Bill Brown, Karen Chitwood, Fawn Conrad, Catherine Crain, Priscilla Hixson, Katie Hudson, Shannon Hudson, Sandra Hunter, Rich Kistler, Heather Kleiner, Jody Kruse, Patsy Larson, Audrey Mertz, Diane Monahan, Teresa Norton, Mandy Reynolds, Janet Thompson, and Linette West.

The March minutes were reviewed. Diane pointed out that in the regular meeting minutes it states, "The February Master Gardener Meeting was called to order..." rather than "The March Master Gardener Meeting was called to order...". Jody Kruse moved to approve the minutes with the stated amendment. Sandra Hunter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Diane then explained we needed more notebooks for the GLEE classes, so they were ordered. We would like to do a line-item transfer to show in the budget where the funds actually comes from for these. AS such, the steering committee suggests moving the funds from advertising/postcards, advertising/social media, educational materials, and supplies for classes. Rich made a motion to do so. Theresa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cathy then gave the treasurer's report. Along with the funds spent on the notebooks, we also spent funds on GPA, Facebook advertising and reimbursing Heather for an education conference and speaker gift from 2021. She also stated the comparison of where we were last year compared to this year for the tree sale. We are doing better this year thus far.

Tree Sale Committee: We originally ordered 70 apple trees, but just cancelled 30, as they are not selling as quickly as we are comfortable with. If you have disposable pots, we could really use them for the tree sale! We need to see what is alive from last year at the Campex. There should be some pots available to use at the Community Garden as well.

We need to decide what discount the Master Gardeners get and when, be it all orders or only on the day of the sale. After much discussion, it was decided that if you place a presale order you may full price. If you purchase at the day of the sale, Master Gardeners receive a 20% discount.

The Tree Sale is set up for May 5th from 8 to 5:30. After discussing with the Master Gardeners at large, it was decided to change things up. We will now be doing set-up and preorders/sale on Wednesday, March 4th, and then the Tree sale on May 5th from 7:30 AM to 7:30 PM. There is a need for large boxes. Crazy Daisy and Forget Me Not both receive flower shipments on Tuesdays, so Teresa will get boxes from Linette (Crazy Daisy) and Rich (Forget Me Not). We will be sending out postcards regarding the Tree Sale.

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Horticulture Program Coordinator's Comments:

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The First Lady of Wyoming is repeating the "Grow a Little Extra" Campaign again this year. For four to six weeks there will be zoom classes regarding this as well. Cent\$ible Nutrition is joining in with the cause as well. There are seeds for this in the office. The idea is to grow the vegetables and then to give some back. The produce gets donated to the Council of Community Services.

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Announcements:

Shannon reported that she had a table set up at the Children's Festival where the children planted seeds. There were over 1200 people that went through the festival. She also taught seed tape at the March Cloverbud meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.



Volunteers!!

Thank you so much for continuing your dedication and time to the Extension Master Gardener Program and to the Community Gardens!

**All of the below resources can be found at:
<http://www.uwyo.edu/mastergardener/>**

- Vegetable Gardening in Wyoming
- Gardening at High Elevation
- Growing Herbs
- Growing Herbs at Home
- Starting Seeds Indoors
- Seed Saving
- Growing Apples in Wyoming
- Wyoming Grape Guide
- Grape Pruning
- Strawberries
- Raspberries
- Growing Cherries in Wyoming
- Extending the Vegetable Growing Season
- High Tunnel Handbook
- Hard-Sided High Tunnel Construction
- Hot Beds and Cold Frames
- Trees for Wyoming
- Shrubs for Wyoming
- Fertilizing Trees and Shrubs
- Container Gardening
- Scrappy Trees: Raw and Exposed
- Promoting Pollinators on Your Place
- Lawns for Wyoming
- Weed Control In Turf and Ornamentals
- Snow Mold in Lawns
- Waterwise Wyoming Landscapes
- Flowering Annuals for Wyoming
- Herbaceous Perennials for Wyoming

May 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 MG Tree Sale	6	7
8 Happy Mother's Day!	9 MG Steering Mtg 5:15pm, General Mtg at 6pm.	10	11	12	13	14 North Community Garden Busy Bee Day 10am-12pm
15	16	17 Prairie Community Garden Meeting 5:30 at the garden.	18	19 North Community Garden Busy Bee Day 4pm-6pm	20	21
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June 21st—Watering Strategies, Driplines, and Sprinkler Systems
with Bill Kern from Contractor Supply in the Cottonwood Room.
George Amos Memorial Building, 412 S Gillette Avenue.