

In The Dirt

October 2022

Hello Master Gardeners and Community Garden Members!

The next MG meeting will be October 3rd at the George Amos Memorial Building in the Cottonwood Room.

Just a reminder as you are cleaning out your garden, if you have an overabundance of produce you can donate it! You can drop it off at the Extension Office, we have taken a few requests and would like to get the produce to them. If you are a Master Gardener, for every pound of produce you donate you get 1 hour of volunteer time.

The State MG Conference in Thermopolis, it was great to be able to meet face to face again. There were several presenters, Jay Richard "Growing Giant Pumpkins", Alisha Bretzman "Discover Native Plants for Your Backyard", Donna Hoffman "Diversifying the Trees in Wyoming Communities", Catherine Wissner "Putting the Landscape Together" and several more. Several MG's attended the conference, you will find their reports in the newsletter or they might speak about it at the next meeting.

Sage Bears and Sandi Aberle spoke at the September GLEE, Overwintering Bulbs, Garlic and Plants. We had 31 people in attendance, the topic was well received and they had tons of questions. I really think we are on to something with these monthly events, we have a following!

I attended the Extension Master Gardeners Coordinators Conference in Savannah this past week, I hope to share with you some of my takeaways and some ideas we might find of use. I was very happy to meet with other coordinators, I became acquainted with some coordinators from Colorado, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. It was a great conference!

Feel free to reach out to me anytime.

Mandy Reynolds
Horticulture Program Coordinator

Dates to Remember

- October 3rd:** MG Steering Meeting, 5:15pm at the Cottonwood Room.
- October 3rd:** MG Meeting, 6pm at the Cottonwood Room.
- October 5th:** Campbell County Employees Wellness Fair at the Rec Center 10:30am-2pm
- October 8th:** North Community Garden Busy Bee Day 10am-12pm, you must attend 1 Busy Bee Day.
- October 8th:** Tree Care Workshop, Casper– See ad below.
- October 13th:** North Community Garden Busy Bee Day 4pm-6pm, you must attend 1 Busy Bee Day.
- October 15th:** GLEE Pumpkin Succulents Make and Take! 10am in the Cottonwood Room. \$20, you must RSVP and pay at the Extension Office by October 12th. You may attend the class and watch, please RSVP for that too.

CENTRAL WYOMING

Tree Care Workshop

Saturday, October 8 • 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Agriculture Resources & Learning Center
2011 Fairgrounds Road, Casper

Call (307) 235-9400 to register.



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Campbell County Master Gardeners
Steering Committee Meeting
September 12, 2022
Sandra Hunter's Home – Gillette WY

The September Steering Committee Meeting was called to order by President Diane Monahan at 5:18 PM. A quorum was established. Thank you Sandra for hosting us in your beautiful yard!

Attending the meeting was Linette West, Rich Kistler, Suzy Blakesley, Shannon Hudson, Diane Monahan, Cathy Crain, Heather Kleiner, and Mandy Reynolds.

The agenda was reviewed:
Past minutes will need to be reviewed during the meeting.

Cathy Crain gave the treasurer's report. Expenses included GPA for borrowing the camera for the GLEE classes, fees for the facebook ads, registration fee for Janet Thompson for the state conference, fees for the motel for the state conference, and the trailer license fee. Three checks for fair were also voided, which included for the biggest red tomato, most unusual vegetable, and the vegetable sweepstakes. For whatever reason, the garden and horticulture 4H supervisor for fair did not enter in the winner for the vegetable sweepstakes.

Committee reports will be gone over during new business.

The Jolly Lane Chili Pepper Festival is September 16th through the 18th. Only one person submitted the survey. We will see who is interested tonight.

Janet, Teresa, Patsy, Suzy, Linette, Sandi Aberle, and Mandy all attended the State MG Conference. The classes were great. There were even some new topics. The state conference is every other year. Next year is an international conference in June, being held in Kansas.

The last Pollinator count of the season will be on Wednesday, September 14th at 1215. We will get a list of who should be there.

The Wright Branch Library will keep the Northeast Wyoming Seed Library displays for next season. Speaking of Wright, no one showed up for the GLEE class that was held in Wright, in August. It was suggested to do it during story time for young moms.

Rich will speak regarding the GLEE committee. The next one will be on September 27th at 6 PM, at the Gillette Library. Sage and Sandi will be speaking on overwintering plants. We will need to have two people sign up for set up and tearing down. Linette will be speaking on behalf of the Awards Banquet Committee, Teresa for the Tree sale Committee, Shannon on behalf of the Urban Orchard Committee, and Suzy on behalf of the Garden Walk Committee. We also need to discuss the Book Depository.

Plans for the October GLEE class were discussed. Sandi may have succulents we can use. Linette has a tray of sedum. Suzy has sedum by her pond. We are thinking of planning for 35 people and have them pay perhaps \$20 to help cover the pumpkins, succulents, and other supplies. We are looking at the 22nd, but we need to make sure we can get the Cottonwood Room, time depending on availability. We use skilletts with glue to dip into to, rather than guns.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM.

Start thinking about your role as a leader!

Committee sign-ups are coming up! Are you ready to step up and join or chair a committee?

Feel free to reach out to the current committee people and Mandy to ask questions!

Campbell County Master Gardeners
Regular Meeting
September 12, 2022
Sandra Hunter's Home – Gillette WY

The September Master Gardener Meeting was called to order by President Diane Monahan at 6:01 PM. A quorum was established. Thank you Sandra for opening your home to us! She was given a birdhouse as a thank you hostess gift.

Attending the meeting were Sandi Aberle, Suzy Blakesley, Bill Brown, Cathy Crain, Shannon Hudson, Sandra Hunter, Rich Kistler, Heather Kleiner, Jody Kruse, Patsy Larson, Diane Monahan, Teresa Norton, Janet Thompson, Linette West, and Mandy Reynolds.

While the agenda stated both July and August minutes needed to be approved, Shannon explained that we actually approved the July minutes during the August meeting. The notes were handed out at the meeting but published in the September newsletter. Cathy Crain moved to approve the August minutes as written. Jody Kruse seconded it. Motion carried.

Cathy gave the treasurer's report. Expenses included to the GPA for borrowing the camera for the GLEE classes, fees for the Facebook ads, registration fee for Janet Thompson for the state conference, fees for the motel for the state conference, and the trailer license fee. Three checks for fair were also voided, which included for the biggest red tomato, most unusual vegetable, and the vegetable sweepstakes. For whatever reason, the garden and horticulture 4H supervisor for fair did not enter in the winner for the vegetable sweepstakes. It will be up to the individuals to get reimbursed for their registration fees for the state conference.

Committee reports will be gone over during new business.

The Jolly Lane Chili Pepper Festival is September 16th through the 18th. Only one person submitted the survey. After asking who was going at the meeting, there are a number of people questioning whether they are going to go or not.

Janet, Teresa, Patsy, Suzy, Linette, Sandi Aberle and Mandy all attended the State MG Conference. The classes were great. There were even some new topics. The state conference is every other year. Next year is an international conference in June, being held in Kansas. Two baskets plus three arrangements were donated. Mandy did a great job on her presentation. It was asked/requested if people will present what they learned.

The last Pollinator count of the season will be on Wednesday, September 14th at 1215. Cathy, Sandi, Janet, Sandra, and possibly Suzy and Teresa, as well as Shannon and the kids plan to be there.

No one showed up for the GLEE class in Wright in August, though three people stopped in wanting information. One suggested classes during the day, as they have young children. A member of the MG suggested during story time. The general feeling is that school and sports starting affected the attendance of the classes. Shannon also suggested possibly doing a class or two for the homeschool community. The Wright Branch Library will keep the Northeast Wyoming Seed Library displays for next season. There are still people grabbing seeds!

Rich spoke on behalf of the GLEE Committee. The next class will be September 27th at 6 PM at the library. Sandi will be discussing garlic as well as other varieties of plants that Sage does not cover. As far as we know, Sage plans to only cover dahlias. Set up needs to start at 5:15 PM. Diane, Janet, and Rich offered to help with this. Suzy and Sandra offered to help with tear down. We can ask at this class if it was the topic or timing that deterred people from coming to the August class. October's class will be on pumpkin succulents, and possibly be held on the 22nd. We will be limiting the number to 35 people, with the cost being \$20 that will be paid prior to, to the extension office. The class will be opened to the public first and then the master gardeners. There may be a possibility that the master gardeners could also watch and help, without actually making one. The class will be advertised to the September attendees as well as on Facebook. A picture can be shown at the September GLEE class, with the statement "Succulents are subject to availability," so that no one expects to make the exact picture. If anyone has bigger succulents, we could really use them! We will be getting ahold of Chris as well to see where he found his. If we use smaller pumpkins, smaller succulents will be needed.

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Linette spoke on behalf of the Awards Banquet Committee. The Awards Banquet will be in January. There is a budget of \$500. Linette asked if we are still thinking a potluck, where the committee supplies the meat, and everyone brings a dish to share. It was decided to go with Dickey's and do 2 meats and macaroni and cheese for a vegetarian option, and everyone brings in other dishes. It was suggested to ask the Master Gardeners to make table decorations and we could have a giveaway with them, or a drawing for the best one, or something like that. RSVPs will be a week ahead of time.

Teresa spoke on behalf of the Tree sale Committee. She shared the information written about past tree sales, including how/when it first started and how many trees they sold, as well as the fact that there was a mission statement at the beginning. The mines actually use to purchase trees, as Gillette really did not have any! The first order form has arrived from Lincoln Oak. Colorado has already stated that they are a "no go" again for this next year. There will be a meeting next month to get going.

Shannon then spoke on behalf of the Urban Orchard Committee. The committee met on September 1st. The committee will be requesting 1K for their budget next year. They want to purchase 4 ball in burlap trees as well as looking into purchasing two hazelbert trees. Cheryl Vomhoff had one in her yard on the garden walk, and it would be something different to have them at the orchard. More research needs to be done on these trees, however. The committee also discussed the Herb Festival. The plan is to hold it on August 26th, and include walking tours every thirty minutes, as well as educational tables/classes. This could include culinary, landscaping, companion planting, colonial uses, crafts, oils, salts, freezing herbs, butters, and so much more! Meetings will start taking place in January.

Suzy spoke on behalf of the Garden Walk Committee. The actual theme for the parade is unknown, but for the planters it will be furniture. Chairs, small dressers, etc can be used, as long as the furniture can be moved. The actual walk will be July 8th, so the planted furniture will go downtown on the 28th. Extra volunteers will be needed this next year – write up information, take pictures, etc. Rich already has some yards lined up, but we need more. The committee wants to go look at the houses now and get an idea of what they will look like. Advertising will start early this next year. We are also looking to going back to the postcards with the monthly activities on them. Everyone needs to start looking for furniture now. Incentives may be needed to donate raffle items, especially to get newer people in. Linette suggested stressing the fact to the Master Gardeners that we have two fundraisers, and everyone needs to do something for at least one of them. When a raffle item is donated, it needs to be delivered to where it will be displayed. This way who donates what will hopefully be kept up with.

Sandi spoke regarding the book depository. She and Joe bought the doors and put them on. A week later one was already broken, and the following week the other one was. They brought it to the building at the North Community Garden. How should this be handled? Suggestions included in front of the extension office, using metal doors, move it closer to the shop, or move to the gazebo. At this point, more thought needs be put into figuring out a remedy.

Mandy went over the Horticulture Program Coordinator's Comments. Mandy will be attending the EMGCC (Extension Master Gardeners Coordinator Conference) next week in Savannah, Georgia.

The next Master Gardener meeting will be October 3rd in the Cottonwood Room.

JMG (Junior Master Gardeners) will start back up in October. This will be meeting once a month.

There is a Tree Care Workshop in Casper on October 8th, from 9 to 3. Mandy brought fliers regarding the workshop. There is a \$25 fee, and it will only be held in person opposed to also on zoom, but also includes lunch.

There is a door prize donated by Jody – Diane Monahan won.

Sandra has plants from Plant Shack – please take some. Suzy brought clippings of a plant that only blooms at night but needs to be brought inside when it cools off.

Heather brought cream puffs to share. Yum!

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM



Thank You North Community Garden

FOR HOSTING ALL OF THE GARDENS
FOR THE HARVEST DINNER! WE HAD A
GREAT TIME AND IT WAS A WONDERFUL
EVENING TO CELEBRATE TOGETHER!

Committees will be meeting soon! If you want to get involved
with a particular committee, please let Mandy know.

Many of you have volunteer hours for 2022!

Report Period: 01/01/2022 to 12/31/2022

Total Volunteers with Approved Hours: 18

Total Contacts: 1553

Total Male Contacts: 423

Total Female Contacts: 1130

Total Volunteer Hours: 516.5

Total CE Hours: 348

Total Produce Donated: 21 lbs.

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**

Thank you to all of you that have logged your hours so far!

2022 Committees

Advertising/ FaceBook

Rich Kistler
Diane Monahan

Awards/Banquet

Linette West, Chair
Suzy Blakesley
Shannon Hudson
Rich Kistler
Heather Kleiner
Shawna Stephens

Education

Rich Kistler, Chair
Cathy Crain
Shannon Hudson
Sandra Hunter
Heather Kleiner
Diane Monahan
Diana Ohman
Jan Rock
Mary Schoen

Garden Walk

Rich Kistler, Chair
Suzy Blakesley
Fawn Conrad
Shannon Hudson
Priscilla Hixson
Sandra Hunter (parade & day of)
Heather Kleiner
Jody Kruse
Patsy Larson (day of)
Diana Ohman
Carol Palmer
Mary Schoen
Shawna Stephens
Linette West

Nominating

Tree Sale

Teresa Norton, Chair
Suzy Blakesley
Bill Brown
Fawn Conrad
Cathy Crain
Shannon Hudson
Sandra Hunter
Jody Kruse
Patsy Larson
Sharon Murphree
Diana Ohman
Carol Palmer
Jan Rock
Mary Schoen
Janet Thompson

Urban Orchard - Pollinator/

Seed Library/Herb/Perennial Beds

Shannon Hudson, Chair
Sandi Aberle
Suzy Blakesley
Fawn Conrad
Cathy Crain
Sandra Hunter
Sandy Johnson
Heather Kleiner
Jody Kruse
Teresa Norton
Carol Palmer
Mary Schoen
Janet Thompson
Linette West

October 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 MG Steering Mtg 5:15pm, General Mtg at 6pm @ Cottonwood Room	4	5 MG's Campbell County Wellness Fair 10:30am-2pm, Rec Center Lobby	6	7	8 NCG Busy Bee Day 10am- 12pm
9	10	11	12	13 NCG Busy Bee Day 4pm- 6pm	14	15 GLEE Pumpkin Succulents 10am Cottonwood Room, you must RSVP. Prairie Community Garden Fall Work Day 10am-12pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	21
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Happy Halloween!					

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GLEE

October 15th, 10 am in the Cottonwood Room at George Amos Memorial Building—Pumpkin Succulents Make and Take! \$20 you must RSVP and pay at the Extension Office by October 12th. You may attend the class and watch, please RSVP for that too.