

In The Dirt

June 2022

Hello Master Gardeners and Community Garden Members!

The next MG meeting will be at the Urban Orchard, we discussed at the May meeting this would be a good time to adopt the trees. Please bring a lawn chair and any tools you may need to spruce up your tree. You don't have to adopt a tree, just come and check out the Urban Orchard.

At the May meeting we discussed growing the program and our "WHY". Why we became MG's and why we are in the MG Program. Here are all the reasons for growing the program: increase numbers, increase participation, retain new MG's, increase community activities. Here are all the reasons why we wanted to join the Master Gardener Program: education, fun, sharing plants, getting to know each other, new and different ways of doing things.

We made it up to the Sweet Grass Ranch and Sandi Aberle taught us the proper techniques of pruning fruit trees. It was a fun outing, amazing scenery and we all learned some different things. Thank you Sandi Aberle for taking on the job of teaching us the techniques!

I am sure many of you are busy gardening at home or at one of the Community Gardens. Please consider donating some of what you grow to the "Grow a Little Extra" Campaign. An easy way to do this is to plant a row that you plan on donating. You can bring your donations to the Extension Office. If you are a Master Gardener, for every pound of produce you donate you get 1 hour of volunteer time. We are proud to be partnered with the Wyoming Hunger Initiative and with Cent\$ible Nutrition to get fresh produce out to the community.

Feel free to reach out to me anytime.

Mandy Reynolds
Horticulture Program Coordinator

Dates to Remember

- June 6th:** MG Steering Meeting, 5:15pm at the **Urban Orchard**
- June 6th:** MG Meeting, 6pm at the **Urban Orchard**
- June 8th:** Pollinator Count at the Urban Orchard 12:15pm
- June 14th:** North Community Garden meeting 7pm
- June 21st:** Glee Watering Strategies, Driplines, and Sprinkler Systems with Bill Kerns from Contractors Supply in the Cottonwood Room at 6pm.
- June 21st:** Prairie Community Garden Meeting 7:00pm at the garden
- June 28th:** Junior Master Gardeners Field Trip to the Big Horn Mountains



Websites!

<https://www.youtube.com/user/uwyoextension>

<https://www.gardeners.com/how-to/pest-and-disease-directory/>

**Campbell County Master Gardeners
Steering Committee Meeting
May 9, 2022
Kitchen at the Extension Office – Gillette WY**

The May 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 Diane Monahan, Cathy Crain, Rich Kistler, Suzy Blakesley, 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, as well as how much we had for sales last year. Mandy showed them the signs that Coca Cola made for the Tree Sale, they were amazing, and they were free. She stated our expenses for the last month which included paying the motel, Pizza Carrello, and Scott Skogerboe's speaker fees. The speaker fees were \$300.00, the Bur Oak Trees \$100.00 and Mileage for \$200.00.

Old Business:

The April GLEE had 88 attendees; Scott Skogerboe gave an excellent talk.

The date for the Sweet Grass Ranch class on pruning their orchard, will be scheduled when Sandi Aberle is back. Hoping for the 3rd week in May. There is a sign-up sheet on the side table to determine who is interested. Mandy will let you know the date and we will plan for carpooling.

The Tree sale was on May 5th, we mainly had pre-orders. We have approximately 60 Golden Willows, 9 Bur Oaks and 100 OP367's.

We discussed rescheduling meetings.

We discussed the notebooks that were ordered.

New Business:

May GLEE is cancelled, there was not any speakers that were available.

Next GLEE is with Bill Kerns from Contractor's Supply on June 21st at 6pm in the Cottonwood Room.

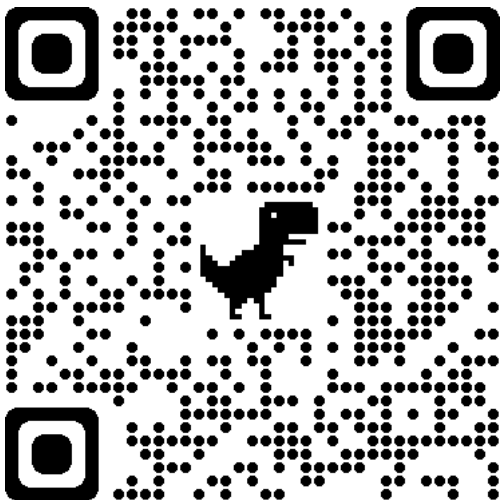
Horticulture Program Coordinator's Comments:

Pollinator Counts start again this Wednesday. Meet at the Urban Orchard at 12:15pm. They will be the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 12:15pm.

Announcements:

Meeting adjourned at 5:48pm.

**Here is a quick way to report your volunteer hours! Using
your smartphone, follow the directions below.**



1. Open the camera app on your smartphone.
2. Focus the camera on the QR code, you might have to gently tap the code. You also might have to move your phone around until it "picks up" the QR code.
3. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the action. It might ask if you want to open "uwyoextension.org" in Safari.
4. Tap on that link and you are to the reporting link.

Campbell County Master Gardeners
Regular Meeting
May 9, 2022
Kitchen in the Extension Office – Gillette WY

The April Master Gardener Meeting was called to order by President Diane Monahan at 6:04pm. A quorum was established, and introductions were made.

Attending the meeting was Mandy Reynolds, Rich Kistler, Ron Holdeman, Diane Monahan, Cathy Crain, Diana Ohman, Janet Thompson, Jody Kruse, Carol Palmer (Zoom), Teresa Norton, Fawn Conrad, Priscilla Hixson, Mary Schoen, Ruth Lundborg, Susie Blakesley, Kim Shank-Zehner, and Sandy Johnson.

*Jody Kruse noted that Stanley Fat Max hose is an excellent product.

April Minutes were reviewed:

Tree Sale date corrected to May 4th, motion by Mary S., seconded by Fawn C.

Cathy Crain gave the Treasurer's report. The Tree Sale deposit was made on Thursday, with an approximate increase of \$2000 from last year. Expenses included Menard's, Teacher's Corner, speaker fee, etc. Coca-Cola provided a great free banner for the tree sale, as the county sponsor.

Committees:

Herb Festival: meeting in May (Shannon Hudson)

Garden Walk: regular meetings to be scheduled. Help is needed to find places. Any ideas and suggestions for yards and gardens, please contact Linette West, Rich Kistler, or Mandy Reynolds.

Tree Sales: Teresa says thank you to all those who helped with the tree sale.

Old Business:

April GLEE with Scott Skogerboe: 88 attendees.

Sweetgrass: tree pruning third week in May. Will feed lunch to MG participants. Date to be determined.

Meetings: Some are missing meeting notices. Can join "Remind" for meeting updates. If there are questions on things, people can call or email Mandy or Diane.

Notebooks: concerns were voiced with phone calls to officers and Mandy on where items were budgeted for, in consideration of notebook purchases on short notice. "Line Item" transfers are common in accounting.

New Business:

May GLEE is canceled.

Next GLEE: June 21st (Bill Kerns-sprinkler and dripline systems).

Ideas for giveaways to be discussed with Bill Kerns.

Horticulture Program Coordinator's comments:

Coffee Beanery called Mandy the day before Earth Day. They asked if we would partner with them and want to give out seed packets to everyone that buys a coffee on Earth Day. Mandy had bought 3 pounds of butterfly/hummingbird seed mix in 2021 for her programming and last spring, they made seed packets for Stocktrail School. They still had a bunch of those made up and so they made a NE Seed Library label and added it to the seed packets and gave them to the Coffee Beanery.

Boxes of pinecones in Extension Office hallway: donated and available. Mulching with pinecones works well in gardens to keep out rabbits and cats. They may also be used as fillers in the bottom of planters.

Seed Library in Wright: can be refilled by using the Campbell County Public Library pony.

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Pollinator Count: May 11th (2nd Wednesday monthly). Request to Roy (CC Parks & Rec) to not mow until after 2nd Wednesday. Meet at 12:15, count at 12:30.

Growing MG Program:

- Increase Numbers, participation, retention of current members, veteran members, and community activities.

Why Join? Open discussion:

Learning, education from those doing this for a long time. Gain knowledge, share plants, and have fun. Getting to know one another. Learning new ways, for different methods and areas.

If signed up for committees, if you are there, you know what's going on. If things come up, contact the chair. The seat of the committee is to make decisions. Do not show up to complain at venues. Changes at the venue should happen for the community, but on changing everything at the venue, that is not appropriate. New ideas and new people need to be embraced. Master Gardeners continues to evolve. Mandy's involvement is very supportive. If we are going to grow, we need to grow. Master Gardeners should be a mentoring place. Flowers should be fun! We are what we make it. It has been noticed that on committees, the same people do the same things. For the tree sale, not as many seem to be there to help. Can we agree we want a good program and have it be fun? We should look forward to hanging out with others and learning.

The treasurer, Cathy, noted that a job description would be very beneficial for her treasurer position. There were some questions on Square, and is the president in charge of that?

Several master gardeners were uncomfortable with comments made by their colleagues at the tree sales. Master Gardeners does have a "Git 'er done" mentality, which can serve everyone well.

It would be beneficial to have a description and positions available for people to know what to do at events. Having post reviews for events would also be very beneficial.

It would be great to develop a social event to improve camaraderie within the Master Gardeners. For ideas of social events contact Diana Monahan for meeting place suggestions. For example, the Urban Orchard could be used for a social gathering to pick trees and socialize.

It would also be beneficial to have a sit down to discuss issues. If you have a complaint or problem, come with a possible solution or suggestion.

Casper Master Gardeners Spring conference on April 23rd: The blizzard caused several members to be unable to participate. Their application fees were not refunded by Casper Master Gardeners. It was suggested that next month Campbell County Master Gardeners reimburse the members who were unable to attend the Casper conference due to the blizzard. Mandy will talk with Natrona County Master Gardeners regarding the circumstances.

Mandy requested the meeting adjourn, Rich Kistler seconded. Adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Submitted by Sandy Johnson, volunteer



The Northeast Seed Library has given out 3,000 seed packets in 2022! We are so thrilled to have this resource in our community!

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

June 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 MG Steering Mtg 5:15pm, General Mtg at 6pm @ the Urban Orchard	7	8 Pollinator Count at the Urban Orchard @ 12:15pm	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 GLEE Bill Kerns with Contractors Supply—6pm Watering Strategies, Driplines, and Sprinkler Systems. In the Cottonwood Room. Prairie Community Garden Meeting 7pm at the garden.	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 JMG Field Trip to the Big Horn Mountains	29	30		

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GLEE

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.