

In The Dirt

November 2022

Hello Master Gardeners and Community Garden Members!

The November Master Gardener meeting will be an important one. We will be voting in the 2023 MG Officers and Steering Committee Members. If you would like to be on the ballot, please inform me before November 7th at noon. This will give me sufficient time to add names to the ballot, there will also be a "write in" line for each position. As of right now for the 2023 year we have: Diane Monahan- Past President position, Rich Kistler- President, Sandi Aberle and Mary Schoen splitting- Vice President, Shannon Hudson- Secretary, Linette West and Suzy Blakesley- Steering Committee Members at Large.

We will also have Committee sign-ups available for the 2023 year. If you are signing up to be a Chair, please speak to me or an officer about your 2023 budget. We will be finalizing the budget in December and we will need to have those numbers from you. On that note, we will be looking at budgeting the cost of the 2023 International Master Gardener Conference in Overland Park, Kansas. The conference is June 18th - 22nd. If this conference is something you are interested in attending, please let me know before December 1st.

We had a great turnout for the GLEE Pumpkin Succulents class. We had 33 participants!! Janet Thompson spoke about what we learned at the MG State Conference about growing giant pumpkins. Many participants said they hope we offer this class again next year, this might be the start of a new tradition!

Feel free to reach out to me anytime.

Mandy Reynolds
Horticulture Program Coordinator

Dates to Remember

- November 3rd:** Tree Sale Committee Meeting, 3-4:30pm at the Cedar Room.
- November 7th:** MG Steering Meeting, 5:15pm at the Cottonwood Room.
- November 7th:** MG Meeting, 6pm at the Cottonwood Room.
- November 11th:** Extension Office is Closed. Happy Veterans Day!
- November 15th:** Dixondale Onion Orders are due to Mandy
- November 15th:** Junior Master Gardeners 4:30-6pm
- November 16th:** MG Education (GLEE) Committee Meeting, 1pm Cedar Room
- November 22nd:** GLEE Caring for Seasonal Winter Plants, 6pm at the Cottonwood Room
- November 24th and 25th:** Extension Office is Closed. Happy Thanksgiving!

We are going to put in a group onion order from Dixondale Farms. If you would like to see what they have you can go to this link and look at the Long Day Varieties. <https://dixondalefarms.com/product-category/onion-plants/long-day-onion-plants/> You can also stop by the Extension Office and look at the printed version. There are order forms available at the Extension Office, or you can email me. Orders are due to Mandy on November 15th.

Websites!

<http://www.treehugger.com>

<https://www.blessmyweeds.com>

<https://empressofdirt.net/>

Campbell County Master Gardeners
Steering Committee Meeting
October 3, 2022
GAMB – Cottonwood Room, Gillette WY

The October Steering Committee Meeting was called to order by President Diane Monahan at 5:21 PM. A quorum was established.

Attending the meeting was Rich Kistler, Diane Monahan, Mandy Reynolds, Shannon Hudson, Cathy Crain, and Katie Hudson.

The agenda was reviewed:

Past minutes will need to be reviewed during the meeting. Cathy gave the treasurer's report.

Diane asked if any committees had met since the last meeting. It is thought not.

Janet has printed off her notes from the State MG Conference. At the next meeting we need to have everyone sign up for committees for next year. We also need to think about things we might need for next year – including needing more bags and books, thank you gifts to speakers, as well as water for the tree sale and education events and lunch for the workers at the tree sale.

For educational classes for next year's GLEE, it has also been suggested to do in-depth vegetable gardening.

The October GLEE Pumpkin Succulents Make and Take is scheduled for 10 AM on October 15th. The cost is \$20, and a maximum of 35 people can sign up. If the public hits 35, Master Gardeners can come watch, and if they bring their own stuff, they can make one as well. The cut off to sign up will be the 12th. There will be four door prizes to raffle off to everyone.

There is not anyone on the Nominations and Nominating Committee.

For the November GLEE, Rich will ask about cypress trees, Nate for houseplants, Christmas cactuses, etc.

We also need to add the book depository to "Old Business." What can we do????

Meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM.

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: 1631

Total Male Contacts: 432

Total Female Contacts: 1199

Total Volunteer Hours: 551.5

Total CE Hours: 356

Total Produce Donated: 141lbs.

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!

Campbell County Master Gardeners
Regular Meeting
October 3, 2022
GAMB – Cottonwood Room, Gillette WY

The October Master Gardener meeting was called to order by President Diane Monahan at 6 PM. A quorum was established.

Attending the meeting were Sandi Aberle, Jody Kruse, Katie Hudson, Shannon Hudson, Diane Monahan, Janet Thompson, Rich Kistler, Teresa Norton, Patsy Larson, Sandra Hunter, Bill Brown, Cathy Crain, Carol Palmer, and Mandy Reynolds.

The first question asked was if anyone knew the individual that won the flowers at the last GLEE meeting. The vase the flowers were in needs to be returned!

The second question posed was what we would change in our garden. Diane's did nothing, so she may be going back to a greenhouse. Jodi asked about planting garlic, and was told that yes, cloves can be planted naked. Sandi did an amazing job explaining planting garlic during the September GLEE class. If you were not there, you should definitely watch the recording!

Cathy Crain moved to accept the September minutes as printed. Rich seconded it. Motion carried.

Cathy then gave the Treasurer's Report. There will not be a GPA expense for October, as hands on events are not the best to record.

There have not been any committee meetings since the last meeting. Some individuals are not receiving notifications of the committee meetings. The chairman of each committee needs to send an email, a text, and make a phone call to each member on the committee.

Janet gave us a report on the State MG Conference. She reported there are no new invasive species. For growing large pumpkins, a trampoline mat is actually laid down and then covered in sand. Diane then asked Janet, Patsy, and Teresa to speak at the GLEE class in October. Your regular pumpkins can actually grow bigger if you have only one runner. Perhaps we could do a panel of people. This would make it more educational for the public, as well as fulfilling the requirement for going to state. Diane will follow up via email with Sandi, Linette, Janet, and Teresa. We could also give away pumpkin seeds which would introduce the seed library to them. The pumpkin seed that Janet received drinks 300 gallons of water every day!!!!

Sandi Aberle also spoke about the State MG Conference. She stated there were a ton of good speakers! One that she especially enjoyed was Alisha Bretzman of Sheridan. Alicia started Piney Island Native Plants, a greenhouse that grows native plants to Wyoming, partnering with the campus and people around Wyoming. They are striving to get local genetics, starting with a seed, acclimating them, hardening them off and shipping them out. She explained that seeds are different and different elevations, and thus the plants are as well. All the plants are drought tolerant and have a great root system. Some of the plants are even edible. She explained that divided leaves actually help with the heat. Perhaps we could have a road trip to go see the nursery, talk to her about our tree sale, or even have her here for educational purposes.

Harold Hudson also spoke at the state conference regarding geomorphic land restoration. He may be an interesting speaker for GLEE.

What are our options for the book depository? The library was brought up, where we could possibly put seeds in them. We could possibly put it out front, which Mandy will look into. The WPA building was also mentioned, however there is too much vandalization there.

Our next GLEE meeting is October 15th, which will be the Pumpkin Succulents Make and Take. It will begin at 10 AM in the Cottonwood Room. We will have different Master Gardeners speaking, and examples of what it will look like. Jodi and Sandi brought in succulents. Rich will get the pumpkins. The deadline will be the 12th. The cost is \$20 and is open to 35. Over 35 can come listen. Sandi suggested gold and curly wood tinsel. Rich may go to the dollar store to get fill ins. We will be using electric skillets with glue in it to dip. Jodi brought in a bunch of glue guns that if we are not going to use, can also get donated to 4H.

No one is on the nominating committee. Sandra stated that she was on it once and it was extremely difficult to find volunteers. Right now, Rich is looking to run for president, Sandi Aberle for Vice President, Shannon is willing to do secretary another year if no one else wants it, and Cathy will continue being secretary. Shannon also asked about separating the Urban Orchard into more than one committee. Patsy suggested formulating sub committees, so we will try that next year.

For the November GLEE, we are looking at decorating a small cypress tree. We could charge an amount to cover the supplies. It was asked if it is an issue having a fee for two GLEE classes in a row. Sandra asked about why we are even charging for these, with money in the account. It was explained that having people pay beforehand generally means those people will show up. However, it is thought that perhaps we can just cover the cost for the November class since we just did the pumpkin class. We could use decorated trees as door prizes. Final decision was to have a Christmas craft day for the MG and then give the trees away as a giveaway. We could also give away amaryllis plants. We can see if Nate will come and talk about taking care of holiday type plants, including poinsettias, amaryllis, small trees, Christmas cactuses, etc.

Horticulture Program Coordinator's Comments:

The EMGCC was in Savannah, Georgia. The Spanish moss has chiggers in it! The people down there are super nice! Over half of the attendees were new this year. Some counties actually take applications and do interviews to get into the MG program. At the one class, the instructor said if you do not do interviews, start. This is a great way to learn about the people that are coming into the program, so that they can find their place in the program.

The International Master Gardener Conference for 2023 will be in Kansas, from June 18 through the 22nd. We need to take into consideration who make be looking to go, so that we can budget for it.

The Campbell County Wellness Fair is this Wednesday, October 5th, from 1030 to 2 at the Rec Center Lobby. We will be bringing the Northeast Seed Library. Sandra Hunter volunteered to work it.

We have books that we could potentially sell. Are we interested? We could possibly put in a plexi-glass thing that we have books to sell at the seed library and then they can look at the books.

Reminder that there is a Tree Care Workshop in Casper on October 8th. Cost is \$25.

Our next meeting will be November 7th in the Cottonwood Room. We will be holding elections during that meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17.



If you have unused seeds or you have collected seeds, consider donating them to the Northeast Wyoming Seed Library! We had over 3,000 seed packets checked out in 2022!

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
Sandi Aberle
Cathy Crain
Shannon Hudson
Sandra Hunter
Heather Kleiner
Diane Monahan
Diana Ohman
Jan Rock
Mary Schoen

Garden Walk

Rich Kistler, Chair
Sandi Aberle
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

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

**2023 Committee sign-ups start at the
November 7th MG meeting!**

November 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 MG Tree Sale Committee Meeting 3-430pm Cedar Room	4	5
6	7 MG Steering Mtg 515pm, General Mtg at 6pm @ Cottonwood Room	8 Mandy in Casper for UW Meetings	9 Mandy in Casper for UW Meetings	10 Mandy in Casper for UW Meetings	11 Extension Office Closed. Happy Veterans Day!	12
13	14	15 Dixondale On- ion orders are due to Mandy. JMG 430-6pm	16 Education (GLEE) Committee 1pm Cedar Room	17	18	19
20	21	22 GKEE Caring for Seasonal Win- ter Plants 6pm Cot- tonwood Room	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving!	25 Extension Office Closed	26
27	28	29	30			

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GLEE

Caring for Seasonal Winter Plants
November 22nd, 6pm
Cottonwood Room