

In The Dirt April 2023

Hello Master Gardeners and Community Garden Members!

Our busy season is beginning! I am sure many of you have started some indoor gardening, this time of year is fun and exciting.

The MG Tree Sale Committee is ramping up and getting tasks done ahead of time. If you are not on the Tree Sale Committee, you are still encouraged to help out with the prep and the day of the sale. This is one of our fundraisers to help the MG's with any expenses for education and conferences. We will have signups for prep and signups for day of the sale. However much time you can volunteer helps! Many hands make light work!

The March GLEE with Scott Skogerboe, was amazing! Ross Shrigley, the Executive Director of Plant Select tagged along with Scott. We were not expecting that! It was great to meet Ross and hear what he had to say about Plant Select. The MG's had pizza and conversation afterwards with Scott and Ross. Wendy Clements also attended and gave us a brief update on her becoming the Wyoming Director for the Rocky Mountain Chapter ISA. It was quite an opportunity for all attendees, we got 2 bonus speakers.

The Natrona County Master Gardener Spring Conference is on April 15th. Early bird discounts are available until March 31st. The link to sign up is on page 5.

Feel free to reach out to me anytime.

Mandy Reynolds
Horticulture Program Coordinator

Dates to Remember

- April 3rd:** MG Steering Meeting, 5:15pm at the Cottonwood Room.
- April 3rd:** MG Meeting, 6pm at the Cottonwood Room.
- April 11th:** North Community Garden Mandatory Meeting 6pm, Cottonwood Room.
- April 15th:** Natrona County Master Gardener Spring Conference in Casper.
- April 20th:** GLEE Berries, Veggies, Herbs, Roses & Perennials 6pm at the Gillette Public Library, Wyoming Room.
- April 25th:** GLEE Berries, Veggies, Herbs, Roses & Perennials 6pm at the Wright Public Library.
- April 27th-28th:** Trees should be arriving at Jodi Kruse's house.
- April 29th-May 2nd:** Tree Sale prep
- May 3rd:** Set up Tree Sale at the Ice Arena, 121 S 4-J Road.
- May 4th:** Tree Sale 7:30am to 5:30pm
- Dates to be determined:**
 - June GLEE Bees, Bugs & Butterflies



Websites!

- ♦ youtube.com/@sddanr3452
- ♦ plantselect.org
- ♦ danr.sd.gov/Conservation/Forestry/Education/TodaysForest/

**Campbell County Master Gardeners
Steering Committee Meeting**

March 6, 2023

GAMB – Cottonwood Room, Gillette WY

The March Steering Committee Meeting was called to order by President, Rich Kistler, at 5:15 PM. A quorum was established. Diane Monahan volunteered to act as Secretary for the meetings.

Attending the meeting were Diane Monahan, Cathy Crain, Rick Kistler, Linette West, and Mandy Reynolds.

The agenda was reviewed:

November 2022 and February 2023 minutes will need be reviewed during the meeting.

Cathy gave the treasurer's report. See attached for Bank Balances, Expenses and Tree Sales comparison for the last five years.

Rich asked who had the passwords for Square (business tool credit card reader). Mandy stated she and Tracy Archer have the passwords and have already loaded the tree inventory into Square for the Tree Sale.

Mandy noted GLEE speaker expenses were eligible for half reimbursement by the County this year.

The Gillette News Record called Mandy to see if anyone could provide a report of upcoming events. Mandy visited with the reporter about upcoming planned events and an article should be forthcoming.

Shannon sent 103 introductory letters to seed businesses for donations. To date four have responded and thank you cards to the companies are available tonight for everybody to sign. It was noted we need to remind Master Gardeners to come in and help catalog the seeds.

The Tree Sale Committee will meet March 14th at 1:00 pm in the Cottonwood Room.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

**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

Campbell County Master Gardeners
Regular Meeting
March 6, 2023
GAMB – Cottonwood Room, Gillette WY

The March Master Gardener Meeting was called to order by President, Rich Kistler, at 6:00 PM. A quorum was established.

Due to the fact we had several new gardeners attending the meeting, everyone was asked to introduce themselves and give a brief history of their master gardener history and involvement.

Attending the meeting were Cathy Crain, Sandra Hunter, Rich Kistler, Heather Kleiner, Jody Kruse, Patsy Larson, Teresa Norton, Linette West, Diane Monahan, Marita Roussey, Audrey Mertz, Carol Palmer, Synneva Richardson, Nikole Schroeder, Monika Yount, Ned Stroup, Pam Stroup and Mandy Reynolds.

The Agenda was reviewed:

Cathy Crain made a motion to approve the minutes (November and February) and Heather Kleiner seconded it. The motion passed.

Cathy Crain reviewed the treasurer report. See attached for Bank Balances, Expenses and Tree Sales comparison for the last five years.

Rich noted he and Teresa Norton will have committee reports (Garden Walk and Tree Sale) for next month's meeting.

A discussion was held on the International Master Gardener Conference in Kansas City. To date there are five gardeners signed up (Lynette West, Heather Kleiner, Sandra Hunter, Carol Palmer) and Mandy.

Rich asked everyone to sign up for event committees (Herb Festival, Garden Walk, Tree Sale) even if they can only help on the day of the event.

The Gillette News Record (Jake) called Mandy to see if anyone could provide a report of upcoming events. Mandy visited with the reporter about upcoming planned events and an article should be forthcoming. If anyone else would like to talk to the NR about gardening events they should call Jake.

Mandy was asked to review the acronyms GAMB and GLEE for the new people.

Shannon sent 103 introductory letters to seed businesses for donations. To date four have responded and thank you cards to the companies are available tonight for everybody to sign. It was noted we need to remind Master Gardeners to come in and help catalog the seeds. Two questions were raised: 1-Can files be taken home to work on and 2) Are children allowed to come with their parents to help. The answer to both questions was "yes".

Scott Skogerboe asked Rich to narrow down his topic for this year. A discussion was held, and he will be asked to talk about what trees grow well in Gillette, Wyoming and how to propagate them.

Horticulture Program Coordinator Comments:

- Dixondale Onion orders will be in the week of April 10th
- Natrona County MG Spring Conference is April 15th (info on their Facebook site)
- 9th Annual Tree Diversity Conference is Friday, March 10th online. You can register and watch it at a later date (up to two weeks).
- Mandy reviewed the MG Logging Hours App for cell phones. It was tried by two master gardeners at the meeting and worked.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

2023 Committees

Advertising/ FaceBook

Bill Brown
Rich Kistler
Mary Schoen
Kathryne Schwartz
Nikole Schroeder

Awards/Banquet

Linette West, Chair
Katie Hudson
Shannon Hudson
Heather Kleiner
Teresa Norton
Katie Schwartz
Suzy Blakesley
Rich Kistler
Audrey Mertz

Education

Sandi Aberle, Chair
Mary Schoen, Chair
Bill Brown
Cathy Crain
Shannon Hudson
Rich Kistler
Sharon Murphree
Nikole Schroeder
Carol Palmer

Garden Walk

Rich Kistler, Chair
Sandi Aberle
Bill Brown
Shannon Hudson
Sandra Hunter
Heather Kleiner
Linette West
Sharon Murphree
Cathy Crain
Suzy Blakesley
Kathryne Schwartz
Fawn Conrad
Jody Kruse
Marita Roussey
Carol Palmer

Nominating

Sandi Aberle
Cathy Crain
Rich Kistler
Shannon Hudson
Diane Monahan
Mary Schoen

Tree Sale

Teresa Norton, Chair
Bill Brown
Cathy Crain
Shannon Hudson
Jody Kruse
Monika Yount
Janet Thompson
Mary Schoen
Patsy Larson
Suzy Blakesley
Holly Galloway
Fawn Conrad
Synneva Richardson
Ned Stroup
Marita Roussey

Urban Orchard - Pollinator Count/ Herb & Perennial Bed/ Herb Festival/ Seed Library

Shannon Hudson, Chair all four
Sandi Aberle
Suzy Blakesley, Pollinator Count, H&P Bed, Herb Fest.
Cathy Crain- all
Sandra Hunter- H & P Bed, Herb Fest.
Heather Kleiner-H & P Bed, Herb Fest.
Jody Kruse-H & P Bed, Herb Fest., Seed Library
Patsy Larson
Kathryne Schwartz
Linette West- Pollinator Count, Herb Fest.
Monika Yount - all
Janet Thompson - H & P Bed, Seed Library
Sandy Johnson - H & P Bed
Marita Roussey- all
Nikole Schroeder- all
Carol Palmer

2023 Committees are meeting! If you want to
get involved with a particular committee,
please let Mandy know.

**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.

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 MG Steering meeting 5:15pm & MG General meeting 6pm in the Cottonwood Room. Garden Walk Meeting after General meeting.	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 North Community Garden Mandatory Meeting for all Pllotholders	12	13	14	15 Natrona County MG Spring Conference
16	17	18	19	20 GLEE Berries, Veggies, Herbs, Roses & Perennials 6pm at the Gillette Public Library, Wyoming Room.	21	22
23	24	25 GLEE Berries, Veggies, Herbs, Roses & Perennials 6pm at the Wright Public Library.	26	27 Trees arriving Trees sale prep	28 Trees arriving Trees sale prep	29 Trees sale prep
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THE DAY'S SCHEDULE

- 8:30 Doors Open | Registration
- 9:00 Introductions and Welcome
- 9:15 Anne Anderson | From Weeds To Wellness
- 10:15 Kathy Shreeve | What to Do Before You Buy ANY Plants
- 11:15 Break
- 11:30 BREAKOUT SESSION #1
 - Debbie Reddy | Beginning Beekeeping
 - Sean Orzalak | Growing Mushrooms for Beginners
- 12:15 Lunch
- 12:45 Door Prizes and Announcements
- 1:00 Catherine Wissner | Landscaping for Native Bees & Butterflies
- 2:00 BREAKOUT SESSION #2
 - Anne Anderson | Mind/Body Herbal Remedies: Sleep, Anxiety, Depression, Inflammation
 - Lynn Dampman | Vermicomposting
 - Kathy Shreeve | Seed Starting
- 2:45 – 3:00 Break
- 3:00 – 4:00 Scott Aker | Cheyenne Botanical Gardens

Refreshments and lunch are included as well as gift bags for all of our guests and door prizes for a few lucky attendees.



NATRONA COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
2023 SPRING CONFERENCE
APRIL 15TH
TICKETS ON SALE NOW
<https://checkout.square.site/buy/KUZRVLJNN6Q2K6MM6442KMX>

412 S. Gillette Ave.
Gillette, WY 82716
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GLEE

April 20th GLEE Berries, Veggies, Herbs, Roses &
Perennials 6pm at the Gillette Public Library,
Wyoming Room.

<https://wyoextension.org/campbellcounty>

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