

In The Dirt

August 2023

Hello Master Gardeners and Community Garden Members!

Have you ever had an absence from work, and when you get back to work, you don't know where to start? I am kind of feeling that right now with this newsletter! I am so happy to be somewhat back and getting in the groove again.

The next MG meeting will be at Cathy Crain's house, 2300 Antler Road in Antelope Valley. Please bring a chair to the meeting.

Donations have been coming into the Extension Office for the "Grow a Little Extra" Campaign. 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.

I heard amazing feedback about the Garden Walk! We know how much work goes into these big events, it does not go unnoticed! I hope you all know how much I appreciate you for all your hard work this summer! Knowing that you all would pitch in and continue to do the work, made me more at ease with my recovery.

I would like to thank the MG Board; Rich, Sandi A., Mary, Shannon and Cathy! You all kept this big ball rolling and didn't skip a beat! I would like to thank the Garden Boards too; North Board - Marla, Janis, Kaylee, Carol and Tom. Thank you for all the work you have done this season! Prairie Board; John, Patsy, Sonja, and Sandi, this board was completely new and ran with it this season! You all really put in the many volunteer hours and sweat. Thank you all so much for helping out with this entire program! It really takes all of us!

Feel free to reach out to me anytime.

Mandy Reynolds
Horticulture Program Coordinator

Dates to Remember

- August 1st:** Prairie Community Garden Meeting 7:00pm at the garden.
- August 7th:** MG Steering Meeting, 5:15pm at Cathy Crain's 2300 Antler Road, bring a chair
- August 7th:** MG General Meeting, 6pm at Cathy Crain's 2300 Antler Road, bring a chair
- August 8th:** North Community Garden meeting 7pm at the garden
- August 9th:** Pollinator Count at the Urban Orchard 12:15pm
- August 12th:** MG Herb Festival at the Urban Orchard, Cam-Plex Park 9am-12pm
- September 4th:** Extension Office Closed for Labor Day
- September 11th:** MG Steering Meeting, 5:15pm
- September 11th:** MG General Meeting, 6pm
- September 13th:** Pollinator Count at the Urban Orchard 12:15pm
- September date to be determined:** MG GLEE Inside Gardening and Hydroponics

Websites!

- ♦ www.richters.com/ Download their catalog! Tons of information in their Herb and Plant Catalogue.
- ♦ www.awaytogarden.com
- ♦ www.nargs.org
- ♦ www.naba.org

Campbell County Master Gardeners Steering Committee Meeting

July 10, 2023

Linette West's home – Gillette WY

The July Steering Committee Meeting was called to order by President Rich Kistler at 5:31 PM. A quorum was established. Thank you, Linette, for hosting us in your lovely yard!

Attending the quorum was Linette West, Rick Kistler, Cathy Crain, Sandi Aberle, Katie Hudson, and Shannon Hudson.

The agenda was reviewed:

An omission was found in the June minutes – the steering committee had approved the purchase of trees.

The June GLEE went really well! It was centered around bees, bugs and butterflies. Quite a few children attended and were answering the questions.

Volunteers are needed for the MG activities!

We need to put together a committee to figure out communication. Also, as the newsletter should not be Mandy's responsibility, would anyone else want to step up and help with it?

The new MG trainees need to be reached out to. We need to get them involved and keep them here. Some ideas are to "adopt" them or have a "mixer." To keep them involved, perhaps we need to do more fun things. Maybe in December, or early January, we can refigure the schedule. We could possibly have meetings every other month or every couple months.

The Herb Festival is August 12th. There will be a meeting after the regular meeting to discuss this further. Shannon will also speak to the Master Gardeners during the meeting of what is already planned.

September GLEE will be regarding "Inside Gardening and Hydroponics."

The September meeting would be on Labor Day. As such, it will be pushed back to the 11th. The location still needs to be decided.

Meeting adjourned at 5:53.

| August 2023 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | 1 Prairie Community Garden Board Mtg at 6:30pm, General Mtg at 7pm at the garden | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 MG Steering Mtg 5:15pm, MG General Mtg 6pm @ 2300 Antler Road, bring a chair | 8 North Community Garden Mtg at 7pm at the garden | 9 MG Pollinator Count @ 12:15pm | 10 | 11 | 12 Herb Festival at Urban Orchard 9am-12pm |
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Campbell County Master Gardeners Regular Meeting

July 10, 2023

Linette West's home – Gillette WY

The July Master Gardener Meeting was called to order by President Rich Kistler at 6:10 PM. A quorum was established. Thank you, Linette, for hosting us in your lovely yard! A quorum was established, and introductions were made. Along with the introductions, each attendee was encouraged to discuss his/her garden. We also enjoyed loaded nachos and fruit provided by Linette (thank you!).

Attending the meeting were Rich Kistler, Sandi Aberle, Cathy Crain, Heather Kleiner, Jody Kruse, Katie Hudson, Linette West, Audrey Mertz, Marita Roussey, Sandra Hunter, Sharon Murphree, Anne Ziegler, Suzy Blakesley, Kathryn Schwartz, and Shannon Hudson.

The minutes from June were reviewed. Sandi had noticed that the discussion regarding purchasing the trees was not in the minutes. Suzy moved to approve the minutes as written with the addition of the discussion/approval of purchasing trees from Plant Shack. Anne seconded it and motion was carried. Sandi reported that Plant Shack will order our trees in November for a Spring delivery. Right now, we are looking at two apricots, two plums and possibly two Compass cherries.

Cathy presented the Treasurer's Report. The deposits for the month included interest from the checking and savings account, as well as a donation from First Interstate Bank for the Garden Walk planter. Expenses included the camera rental for GLEE.

The CD committee has not met as of this meeting.

The June GLEE was on Bees Bugs, and Butterflies. It was held in Gillette on the 15th and in Wright on the 20th. The children at the Gillette GLEE outnumbered the adults and were very involved, yelling out the answers. Both the children and the adults were given homework, consisting of looking for bees, bug, and butterflies in their own gardens, and turning it in to the extension office in September for the chance at winning fused glass plant stakes.

The Garden walk was this past Saturday. The park looked beautiful – thank you Suzy! This year, attendees commented that there were things they saw that they could go home and replicate in their own yards and gardens. A lot of tickets were purchased the day of! Due to how things were recorded, we cannot tell profit for the tickets versus for the walk.

The Pollinator Count will be this Wednesday at the Urban Orchard, 12 July 2023, at 1215. Please be sure to try to help. Last month was just Shannon and her children. Shannon will pick up the clipboards and supplies for the count. The trees there in the Urban Orchard also need to be weeded. It was set up so that Suzy takes care of the area around the trees, but we need to remove the cages and weed them. We also need to see where we are with the trees being "assigned" to individuals to care for. Also, the nine flags that were bought are too small. Perhaps we can put them around the orchard.

Does anyone want to help with the newsletter so that it does not all fall on Mandy's plate? It was suggested to speak with Bill Brown, as he is great with words. Rich will reach out to him.

Communication seems to be lacking in some areas for the Master Gardeners. Not everyone reads their emails or they go to spam/junk, but at the same time, not everyone texts either. It was recommended to look at other apps. GroupMe and Band were suggested. Sandi Aberle, Katie Hudson, and Rich Kistler will look into what might work for the Master Gardeners.

How do we get new trainees involved and staying? In the past we would adopt new volunteers. Rich is going to call the new trainees see how we can get people involved and staying. A mixer was suggested. It has also been suggested to only have regular meetings four times a year, and during the other months do something fun or a learning experience for us. Rich will have a report for us at the next meeting showing what the new people say. Audrey also pointed out that in order to have younger generations, the meetings and activities need to be after work, but not too late so that young children can be cared for.

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The Herb Festival will be held at the Urban Orchard on August 12th, from 9 to noon. The “booths” will consist of hygiene, culinary, crafts, landscaping and companion planting, and preserving, as well as a tour of the Urban Orchard and Perennial beds. There is a meeting after this meeting for all interested in helping!

The September GLEE class will be taught by Sandi Aberle and Mary Schoen regarding Inside Gardening and Hydroponics. Date/time are TBA.

Our next meeting will be at Cathy Crain's home on August 7th. For our September meeting it was suggested to either have it in Moorcroft to tour gardens over there, or at Sandi Aberle's home. It will be on September 11th due to Labor Day.

There are plants out front as well as worms from Kathrynne, to take home.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 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
Faye Jorgenson
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





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HERB FESTIVAL



- Culinary uses
- Companion Planting
- Preserving
- Tour of the Urban Orchard
- Visit the Herb and Perennial Bed
- Hygiene products
- Crafts for kids and adults
- Herb Seeds
- Northeast Wyoming Seed Library
- Books



AUGUST 12, 2023
9:00 AM-12:00 PM

SCAN QR CODE FOR MAP TO THE URBAN ORCHARD
LOCATED AT CAM-PLEX PARK.



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I HAVE A REQUEST!

IF YOU SEE AN INSECT THAT WOULD WORK GREAT FOR ENTOMOLOGY, PLEASE COLLECT IT IN A ZIPLOCK BAG AND PUT IT IN THE FREEZER. PLEASE DO NOT COLLECT LIVE POLLINATORS! OR ANY SPIDERS. CAUSE ICK!

I WILL BE TEACHING AN ENTOMOLOGY PINNING CLASS TO 4-H KIDS AND WOULD LIKE TO GET SOME INSECTS COLLECTED FROM OUR AREA. I HAVE UNTIL FEBRUARY, BUT YOU CAN BRING YOUR FROZEN PRESERVED INSECTS TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE ANYTIME. THANK YOU!

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