

In The Dirt November 2023

Hello Master Gardeners and Community Garden Members!

The next MG meeting will be in the Ponderosa Room, it will be on November 14th. We will have the elections for 2024 and we will start Committee signups for 2024.

At the last MG meeting, we discussed the volunteer hour requirements. The University of Wyoming Master Gardener Program Guidelines state "to remain certified all Master Gardeners must fulfill an annual commitment of 20 volunteer hours and 10 continuing education hours." If you need any help reporting your hours online, please contact me. I would like to have all of the hours reported by January 2nd. This also gives me all the volunteer information that I need to get awards to you at the MG Awards Banquet that will be held on January 8th.

I put a listing of the "Dates and Events or Meetings" for your reporting on page 4. I am pretty sure I missed some committee meetings, especially for May, June, and July. Hopefully this list gives you enough information to make your reporting go a little smoother.

After the business portion of the meeting, Sandi Aberle taught many of us how to properly care for and grow an Amaryllis. If you would like a copy of the handouts, I have them at the Extension Office. Thank you Sandi for the continuing education portion of the meeting!

We had a big time at the Pumpkin Succulent classes. We had roughly 55 people attend this year. I asked the morning class if they had taken this class the previous year, most of them had. I asked the afternoon class and none of them had. Both classes said they would be interested in attending the Pumpkin Succulent class next year. They said they really like the hands on classes. Definitely something to think about when we plan for 2024 GLEE.

Feel free to reach out to me anytime.

Mandy Reynolds
Horticulture Program Coordinator

Dates to Remember

- **November 10th:** Office closed for Veterans Day.
- **November 14th:** MG Steering Meeting, 5:15pm in the Ponderosa Room.
- **November 14th:** MG General Meeting, 6pm in the Ponderosa Room.
- **November 23rd and 24th:** Office closed for Thanksgiving.
- **November 29th:** MG GLEE Making Holiday Wreaths Class 5:30pm Cottonwood Room, RSVP to Mandy or the Extension Office.
- **November date to be determined:** MG Education Committee - finalize GLEE for 2024
- **December 4th:** MG Budget Meeting, Cottonwood Room, time to be determined.
- **January 2nd:** MG Reporting is due for 2023.
- **January 8th:** MG Awards Banquet 6pm in the Ponderosa Room.

Websites!

- [Gardensalive.com](https://gardensalive.com)
- [Yougrowgirl.com](https://yougrowgirl.com)
- [Gardentherapy.ca](https://gardentherapy.ca)
- [Frustratedgardener.com](https://frustratedgardener.com)



Elections are on November 14th in the Ponderosa Room at 6pm!

Campbell County Master Gardeners Steering Committee Meeting

October 2, 2023
Cottonwood Room, GAMB

The October Steering Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:16 by President Rich Kistler. A quorum was established.

Attending the meeting were Sandi Aberle, Rich Kistler, Katie Hudson, Shannon Hudson, Mandy Reynolds, Linette West, Cathy Crain, and Diane Monahan.

The agenda was reviewed:
The September minutes will need to be reviewed and approved.

Cathy Crain gave the Treasurer's Report. Deposits include \$116.78 for Square, Savings account interest of \$0.08 and Checking account interest of \$1.97. Expenses include to the City of Gillette for \$25 and Facebook Boost for \$15.03.

The local stores have their pumpkins in. We need to get them quickly before they are all sold out. In order to make sure we have enough for both classes, and in case some go soft, we should purchase 55 to 60 of them. We also need volunteers to help. Rich and Diane Monahan will purchase white pumpkins tomorrow, October 2nd. Mandy will provide the electric frying pans for glue. Rich will be bringing the moss and glue. We might be able to get extra fill-ins from Hobby Lobby as well. The Hudson's will bring some treats in for the morning class, and Linette will bring in some for the afternoon class.

Let Mandy know by October 12th if you are interested in our county hosting the Fall 2024 State Wyoming Master Gardener Class, as well as if you are willing to help.

Nominations are due to Mandy, for next year's officers, by November 1st.

The Tree sale Committee will be meeting October 11th, from 1-3, in the Cottonwood Room.

The November GLEE will be making holiday wreaths. We are not sure of the date, or what the limit of participants will be.

A new person is working in the extension office – Sara Olsen – with a focus on Community, Vitality, and Health. She will be hosting "Wyoming Walks" with the first one being on October 17th at 5:30. The walk will be at the Complex Park, including through the Urban Orchard. With this coming up, we should do a final weeding at the Urban Orchard – perhaps the 9th or 10th. We also need to put worm castings around the trees, as it decreases the codling moths.

The November meeting is on November 14th in the Ponderosa Room.

We will be using the Remind App to try to keep in contact with everyone. If you need assistance with this, please contact Mandy.

The Northeast Seed Library display from the Wright Branch is being returned. We will replenish it and give it back to them in the Spring. There are still seeds downstairs that need to be bagged as well.

There is a Tree Care Workshop on October 28th from 9 to 3. Call 307-235-9400 or go to www.natronacounty-wy.gov/treecare to register. It is \$30, which includes lunch.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45

The first Campbell County Wyoming Walks was a success! We walked Cam-Plex Park and identified trees, and took in all the beautiful fall colors.

Thank you Suzy and Cathy for volunteering and Sara for hosting a great event!!



Campbell County Master Gardeners
Regular Meeting
October 2, 2023
Cottonwood Room, GAMB

The October Member Meeting was called to order by President Rich Kistler at 6:10pm. A quorum was established.

Attending the meeting were Sandi Aberle, Bill Brown, Cathy Crain, Holly Galloway, Katie Hudson, Shannon Hudson, Sandra Hunter, Sandra Johnson, Rich Kistler, Jody Kruse, Patsy Larson, Natasha Loyo, Diane Monahan, Sharon Murphree, Kathryne Schwartz, Shawna Stephens, Janet Thompson, Linette West, and Mandy Reynolds.

Sandra Hunter moved to approve the September minutes as written. Diane Monahan seconded it. Motion carried.

Cathy Crain gave the Treasurer's report. Deposits this past month included \$116.78 for Square one for the succulent class, Savings account interest of \$0.08 and Checking account interest of \$1.97. Expenses include to the City of Gillette for \$25 and Facebook Boost for \$15.03. There were three checks not awarded. This included the biggest tomato, most unusual, and vegetable sweepstakes. There are questions of why the vegetable sweepstakes was not awarded.

The pumpkin succulent class is on October 14th. There are two classes, one from 10 to 12am and the other is 2 to 4pm. It is \$30 per person. The Hudson's have volunteered to bring a Fall treat for the morning class, and Linette has volunteered to bring one for the afternoon class. Others are welcome to bring things as well. We also need volunteers for helping with the classes.

A discussion was held regarding hosting the 2024 State Wyoming Gardener Conference. Due to not being permitted to decide what classes we want to hold for the conference, we decided not to host it. The state meeting is on the 16th, and Mandy will let Donna know our decision.

Nominations are due to Mandy, for next year's officers, by November 1st. Kathryn and Sandi are looking to be co-Vice Presidents, and Holly and Sandra are interested in being the Wyoming State representatives for our county.

The September GLEE class went really well. There were quite a few people at the Gillette class, but only a few at the Wright class.

The Tree Sale Committee will be meeting October 11th, from 1-3pm, in the Cottonwood Room. This is where we all pitch in to help decide what trees we want to sell. It is also a great educational time!

The November GLEE will be making holiday wreaths. This is TBA.

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Dixondale Onion orders are due to Mandy by October 24th.

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Meeting was adjourned at 6:46.

After the meeting, Diane showed pictures of gutter gardening. Jody brought in seeds to share, and Sandra brought in basil.

Sandi Aberle hosted an amazing amaryllis class! Each participant was given a small amaryllis that had already been planted, plus we were each able to plant our own. There were also giveaways. Tons of information was shared, and we were each able to bring home a packet of information.

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Extension Office closed.	11 Happy Veteran's Day!
12	13	14 MG Steering Mtg 5:15pm, MG General Mtg 6pm @ Ponderosa Room	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving!	24 Extension Office closed.	25
26	27	28	29 GLEE Making Holiday Wreaths, 5:30pm Cotton- wood Room	30		

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



If you need assistance logging your hours, let me know!
I am here to help you!

Many of you have volunteer hours for 2023!

Report Period: 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023

Total Volunteers with Approved Hours: 20

Total Contacts: 470

Total Male Contacts: 128

Total Female Contacts: 342

Total Volunteer Hours: 389

Total CE Hours: 337

Total Produce Donated: 37lbs.

You can find the link here:

<https://wyoextension.org/campbellcounty/agriculture-horticulture/master-gardener/>

Or go straight to the page here:

<https://www.uwyoextension.org/mastergardener/login.php>

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!

*2023 Dates and Events or Meetings for reporting

1/25/2023	GLEE Houseplant Propagation	6/14/2023	Pollinator Count
2/3/2023	TreeCycling (Christmas Tree Chipping)	6/15/2023	GLEE Bees, Bugs & Butterflies
2/6/2023	MG Awards Banquet	6/20/2023	GLEE Bees, Bugs & Butterflies-Wright
2/9/2023	Herb Festival Committee Meeting	6/19-22/23	IMGC in Overland Park, KS
2/10/2023	WMGA Zoom Mtg.	7/3/2023	MG Meeting
2/25/2023	GLEE Growing Giant Pumpkins with Jay Richard	7/4/2023	Parade
3/6/2023	MG Meeting	7/8/2023	Garden Walk
3/6/2023	Herb Festival Committee Meeting after General mtg	7/12/2023	Pollinator Count
3/10/2023	Children's Festival	8/7/2023	MG Meeting
3/18/2023	GLEE Tree Care and Selection with Scott Skogerboe	8/9/2023	Pollinator Count
4/3/2023	MG Meeting	8/12/2023	Herb Festival
4/18/2023	Tree Sale Committee Meeting	9/7/2023	Grape Vine Pruning
4/20/2023	GLEE Berries, Veggies, Herbs, Roses and Perennials	9/11/2023	MG Meeting
4/25/2023	GLEE Berries, Veggies, Herbs, Roses and Perennials-Wright	9/13/2023	Pollinator Count
4/27/2023	Sort and water trees	9/14/2023	GLEE Inside Gardening and Hydroponics
4/28/2023	Sort and water trees	9/19/2023	GLEE Inside Gardening and Hydroponics-Wright
4/30/2023	Meet at Jody's to move trees to the Ice Arena	10/2/2023	MG Meeting and Amaryllis Planting
5/1/2023	MG Meeting	10/11/2023	Tree Sale Committee Meeting
5/2/2023	Labeling and filling tree orders	10/13/2023	WMGA Zoom Mtg.
5/3/2023	Tree Sale prep	10/14/2023	Pumpkin Succulents
5/4/2023	Tree Sale	10/17/2023	Wyoming Walks, Cam-Plex Park
5/10/2023	Pollinator Count	11/14/2023	MG Meeting
5/12/2023	WMGA Zoom Mtg.	11/29/2023	Making Holiday Wreaths
6/5/2023	MG Meeting	12/4/2023	Budget Meeting



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We had a great turnout for the Pumpkin Succulent classes this year. Some participants are collecting their supplies on the left. Diane Monahan is holding the decorated pumpkin in the middle picture and a participants pumpkin is in the right picture.

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