

In The Dirt February 2024

Hello Master Gardeners and Community Garden Members!

The next MG meeting is on Monday, February 5th, We also have our Annual Tree-Cycling (Christmas Tree Chipping) at 9am that morning. The Master Gardeners, the City of Gillette and the Gillette College have partnered for many years to chip these trees. The City of Gillette has donated endless loads of tree mulch to our community gardens. If you would like to stop by and volunteer some time, we will be at the Gillette College Tech Center to start chipping at 9am.

The MG Class of 2024 schedule will begin on February 6th at 5:30pm. If you are a MG, you are more than welcome to attend any or all of the classes. I provide supper for all of the registered class attendees, I ask that you provide your sack meal for any classes that you attend. The class schedule is on page 5. Any classes that you attend, will count towards your continuing education hours. If you are not a MG, but would like to join us - please do! You can download an application @ <https://wyoextension.org/campbellcounty/agriculture-horticulture/master-gardener/>. We also have them available at the Extension Office or we could email you one. Please share the class information with your family and friends. It is nice to have a good sized class.

The North Community Garden applications have been mailed. I will be sending out the Prairie Community Garden applications soon. For all of you that are getting excited about your 2024 garden season, I encourage you to stop by the Extension Office and visit the Northeast Wyoming Seed Library. You can "check-out" 10 seed packets per family.

The Campbell County Master Gardeners Garden and Landscape Educational Events (GLEE) for 2024 are on page 5. Kady Young of Kady Farms, presented at the January GLEE. This is the 2nd time Kady has presented for GLEE. She brought some of her house plant beauties and shared some tips on having success with our own plants. We have some fun subjects planned this year, we hope to see you at these events.

Feel free to reach out to me anytime.

Mandy Reynolds
Horticulture Program Coordinator

Dates to Remember

- February 5th:** Annual Tree-Cycling, Christmas Tree Chipping at Gillette College Tech Center Parking lot, 9am
- February 5th:** MG Steering Meeting, 5:15pm in the Cottonwood Room.
- February 5th:** MG General Meeting, 6pm in the Cottonwood Room.
- February 6th:** MG Class 2024 Introductions 5:30pm.
- February 7th:** MG Budget Committee Meeting 1pm.
- February 13th:** MG Class Vegetables 5:30pm
- February 14th:** Valentines Day, Crazy Daisy deliveries for North Community Garden.
- February 19th:** Office closed for Presidents Day.
- February 21st:** MG Class Composting & Vermicomposting 5:30pm.
- February 24th:** MG GLEE Making Flower Arrangements 1pm, Cottonwood Room.
- February 28th:** MG Class Turf 5:30pm.
- March 4th:** MG Steering Meeting, 5:15pm in the Cottonwood Room.
- March 4th:** MG General Meeting, 6pm in the Cottonwood Room.

Websites!

- [Kadyfarms.com](https://kadyfarms.com) - scroll down and go to Homestead
- [YouTube.com @kadyfarms](https://www.youtube.com/@kadyfarms)

Campbell County Master Gardeners Steering Committee Meeting

November 14, 2023
Cottonwood Room, GAMB

The November Steering Committee Meeting was called to order by President Rich Kistler at 5:15. A quorum was established.

Attending the meeting were Suzy Blakesley, Catherine Crain, Katie Hudson, Shannon Hudson, Rich Kistler, and Mandy Reynolds.

The agenda was reviewed:

The October minutes will need to be reviewed and approved. No one at the steering committee meeting noticed anything needing to be amended.

Cathy Crain gave the Treasurer's Report. Deposits include \$1.78 for checking account interest and \$0.09 for savings account interest. We also deposited \$1591.04 for the succulent class. Expenses included \$50 for Facebook ads, \$622.54 for GLEE education materials, and \$138.48 for the Urban Orchard (worm compost for fruit trees).

We are on hold for the Wyoming Master Gardener Association Conference or GLEE event.

The GLEE pumpkin succulent classes went super well! The cost of the succulents has not yet been taken out of the budget. Next year Rich will look at ordering the pumpkins wholesale. It was a lot cheaper for us this year to pay for the white pumpkins per pound, than to pay \$5 per pumpkin.

Sandi held an amazing class on amaryllises. For budget purposes, the cost of her class will go under "social."

There was a Tree Care Workshop on October 28th. As far as we know, no one from our group went.

Suzy, Cathy, and Mandy were all at the Wyoming Walk. This event was fun.

Thank you to those who helped clean up the orchard. It looked great!

Committee Chairs need to have their budget requests in to Mandy by the 30th of November.

We are looking to have the budget meeting on December 4th, time TBD.

The next GLEE class is wreath making on November 29th at 5:30 in the Cottonwood. It is costing us about \$20 per wreath.

January 8th is the Awards Banquet for 2023. We want to get more people coming. Mandy has printed out a list of active and trainee Master Gardeners. We need to reach out to these trainees!

Volunteer Hours reporting is due by January 2nd. There are a lot of hours not accounted for. We also must bump up our hours to 20 for volunteer hours and 10 continuing education hours for 2024.

Starting in January 2025, if you recommend using any type of remedy for horticulture, agriculture, or pests, you will be required to have a Commercial Pesticide Applicators License and the appropriate categories.

Committee sign-ups are on the side table.

Mandy gave Donna a list of articles that somehow were removed from the website so that they can be re-added.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50.

2024 Master Gardener Tree Sale is on May 2nd!
Order forms are available at the Extension Office or
go to <https://wyoextension.org/campbellcounty/agriculture-horticulture/master-gardener/>

Campbell County Master Gardeners

Regular Meeting

November 14, 2023
Cottonwood Room, GAMB

The November Member Meeting was called to order by President Rich Kistler at 6 PM. A quorum was established. Introductions were made.

Attending the meeting were Suzy Blakesley, Bill Brown, Catherine Crain, Katie Hudson, Shannon Hudson, Sandra Hunter, Sandra Johnson, Rich Kistler, Jody Kruse, Patsy Larson, Kathryn Schwartz, Janet Thompson, Marita Roussey, and Mandy Reynolds.

Sandra Hunter moved to approve the October minutes as written and Suzy Blakesley seconded it. Motion carried.

Cathy Crain gave the Treasurer's Report. Deposits include \$1.78 for checking account interest and \$0.09 for savings account interest. We also deposited \$1591.04 for the succulent class. Expenses included \$50 for Facebook ads, \$622.54 for GLEE education materials, and \$138.48 for the Urban Orchard (worm compost for fruit trees). The cost of the succulents for the GLEE pumpkin class have not yet been deducted.

We are on hold for the Wyoming Master Gardener Association Conference or GLEE event. Prices and locations are being looked at and discussed.

We held two different pumpkin Succulent classes. Both had great turn outs. It was neat to see everyone's different end products. It was well worth the effort! In the first class there was a lot of people who had taken the class before, whereas the afternoon class was primarily new people. Everyone said they would want to take it again. The white pumpkins went over super well. This is an activity we will probably want to do again in 2024.

Be sure to thank Sandi Aberle for an amazing Amaryllis class! Budget-wise we will be putting the expenses for the class under "social." The class was both educational and fun!!! Let Mandy know of any ideas you have regarding similar classes to hold for master gardeners!

There was a Tree Care Workshop on October 28th. No one from our group went.

Committee Chairs need to have their budget requests in to Mandy by the 30th of November. We are looking to have the budget meeting on December 4th, time TBD. We are looking at possibly 5.

A discussion was held regarding the November GLEE wreath making class. The estimated cost per wreath is \$20. We will be hosting 30 people, first come first serve (RSVPs), regardless if a Master Gardener or public.

The Education Committee needs to meet to determine the 2024 GLEE classes. Mandy will send out an email regarding this to get a time and date set up.

January 8th at 6 PM will be our Awards Banquet.

Our volunteer hours need to be put into the system by January 2nd. Please let Mandy know if you need any help! In 2024 each Master Gardener must have an annual commitment of 20 volunteer hours and 10 continuing education hours to be considered active. We will need to amend our bylaws regarding this.

Starting in January 2025, if you recommend using any type of remedy for horticulture, agriculture, or pests, you will be required to have a Commercial Pesticide Applicators License and the appropriate categories.

Mandy handed out sheets with all active and trainee Master Gardeners. Please double check your own personal information to make sure it is accurate. We need to reach out to the people in yellow. Sandra Hunter will be reaching out to Lorna Thomas and Ned Stroup; Kathryn to Holly Galloway, Nikole Schroeder, and Crystal Wirth; Rick Kistler to Monika Johannsen Yount; Patsy to Bonnie Lewis and Becky Tennant; and Shannon to Echo Berg and Beth Ellsbury.

Suzy, Cathy, and Mandy were all at the Wyoming Walk. It went well. There were about 40 people there. Some were really eager to walk quickly.

For the 2024 pollinators count, we may reach out on Facebook to the public and see if anyone wants to help.

The perennial bed and bee garden around town needs to be brought back to life. Marita is willing to do a report on these and let us know what needs to be done.

Voting took place and it was unanimous. Rich Kistler is president, Kathryn Schwartz and Sandi Aberle will be joint vice-president, Shannon Hudson will be secretary, Linette West and Suzy Blakesley will be Steering Committee Members at Large, and Holly Galloway and Sandra Hunter will be our WMGA Delegates.

Donna was uncertain what was on the University website, so Mandy kindly sent her a list of the articles so that all can have access to them.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15

Jody brought Christmas cactuses for giveaways. Congratulations to the three winners!

February 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 4 | 5 Tree-Cycling 9am, College Tech Center MG Steering Mtg 5:15pm, MG Gen- eral Mtg 6pm @ Cottonwood Room | 6 MG Class 5:30pm | 7 MG Budget Committee Meet- ing 1pm | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 MG Class 5:30pm | 14 Valentine's Day deliveries! Happy Valentine's Day! | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Extension Office Closed- President's Day | 20 | 21 MG Class 5:30pm | 22 | 23 | 24 GLEE Flower Arrangments |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 MG Class 5:30pm | 29 | | |

2024 Committees

Advertising/ FaceBook

Bill Brown
Rich Kistler
Mary Schoen
Kathryne Schwartz
Nikole Schroeder

Awards/Banquet

Linette West, Chair
Katie Hudson
Shannon Hudson
Heather Kleiner
Sharon Murphree
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

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
Carol Palmer

Campbell County Master Gardener 2024 Schedule

Held at George Amos Memorial Building, Cottonwood Room unless otherwise noted.

January 24th - Plant Cutting Swap and Houseplant Propagation 6pm

February 24th- Flower Arrangements 1pm

April 15th - Native Plants 6pm

April 23rd - Container Gardening, Wright Library 6pm

April 24th - Container Gardening 6pm

May 2nd- Tree Sale, Campbell County Ice Arena, 4-J Road

June- Gardening for Kids, Shelter #4 Cam-Plex Park TBA

July 13th - Garden Walk

August- Camporee (no event planned)

September 17th- Regrowing Foods From the Kitchen, Wright Library 6pm

September 24th- Regrowing Foods From the Kitchen 6pm

October- Pumpkin Succulent TBA

November - Seed Saving TBA

December- Holiday Centerpiece TBA

Scan the QR code to get more information
on events or call 307.682.7281



*As a MG, you are more than welcome to attend any of the MG classes, this will count towards your continuing education hours.
Please bring your own supper to class.

2024 Master Gardener Class Schedule - 5:30pm-8:30pm

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| February 6th, Tuesday | Introduction - Mandy and Botany | Ponderosa |
| February 13th, Tuesday | Vegetables- Sharon Murphree | Ponderosa |
| February 21st, Wednesday | Composting & Vermicomposting-Mary & Diane | Ponderosa |
| February 28th, Wednesday | Turf - Mandy | Ponderosa |
| March 6th, Wednesday | Woody Plants & Pruning- Roy Holdeman | Cottonwood |
| March 12th, Tuesday | Weeds & Pesticides - Travis Kern | Ponderosa |
| March 20th, Wednesday | Soils- Brandon Elkins | Ponderosa |
| March 27th, Wednesday | Fruit Trees & Small Fruits - Keith Kershaw | Cottonwood |
| April 3rd, Wednesday | Plant Disease & Diagnosing Plant Problems - Erin Kinsey | Cottonwood |
| April 8th, Monday | still planning/ possible make-up date | Ponderosa |
| April 17th, Wednesday | Entomology - Scott Schell | Ponderosa |
| April 22nd, Monday | still planning/ possible make-up date | Ponderosa |
| April 30th, Tuesday | Tree Sale | Ice Arena |
| May 7th, Tuesday | Test | Ponderosa |



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