

In The Dirt

March 2024

Hello Master Gardeners and Community Garden Members!

The next MG meeting is on Monday, March 4th. We will approve the budget and get our business completed, because then we have some fun planned. We want to welcome and invite all past, present, and new Master Gardeners to join us for light snacks and Fairy Gardens. The Education Committee wanted to bring some fun activities to the group. I really hope you plan on joining us for these activities.

The MG Class of 2024 has just finished their 4th class. We have 16 participants or MG Trainee's in this class. 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 4. Any classes that you attend, will count towards your continuing education hours. Thank you Sharon Murphree, Diane Monahan, and Mary Schoen for teaching. One of the things I like about the class, is all the different teachers that help out with the course. We have some more great teachers coming up, please join us if you can.

Thank you to Kevin Beck with Forget Me Not Floral, Gifts & Flower Delivery for teaching Floral Arrangements and Design at our February GLEE. We had 30 participants and several MG volunteers help with the event. The participants enjoyed themselves, check out the Campbell County Master Gardeners FaceBook page for pictures of the designs.

We have a few meetings that we will need to schedule soon to get ready for the Tree Sale in May, the GLEE Gardening for Kids in June, and the Garden Walk in July. Please make sure you are signed up for these Committees, many hands make light work.

Feel free to reach out to me anytime.

Mandy Reynolds
Horticulture Program Coordinator

Dates to Remember

- March 4th:** MG Steering Meeting, 5:15pm in the Cottonwood Room.
- March 4th:** MG General Meeting, Reception and Fairy Gardens, 6pm in the Cottonwood Room.
- March 6th:** MG Class Woody Plants & Pruning, 5:30pm Cottonwood Room.
- March 12th:** MG Class Weeds & Pesticides 5:30pm
- March 16th:** *potentially a Tapping Trees for Maple Syrup workshop. TBD*
- March 20th:** MG Class Soils 5:30pm, Ponderosa Room.
- March 27th:** MG Class Fruit Trees & Small Fruits 5:30pm, Cottonwood Room.
- April 1st:** MG Steering Meeting, 5:15pm in the Cottonwood Room.
- April 1st:** MG General Meeting, 6pm in the Cottonwood Room.
- April 3rd:** MG Class Plant Disease & Diagnosing Plant Problems, 5:30pm Cottonwood Room.
- April 9th:** North Community Garden Plot Holder Mandatory Meeting, 6pm in the Cottonwood Room.

Websites!

- www.richters.com/
- www.almanac.com/content/garden-seed-catalogs-mail
- www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/extension/field-fork

Campbell County Master Gardeners Steering Committee Meeting

February 5, 2024
Cottonwood Room, GAMB

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

Attending the meeting were Rich Kistler, Kathryne Schwartz, Cathy Crain, Mandy Reynolds, Linette West, Suzy Blakesley, and Shannon Hudson.

The agenda was reviewed:

No one saw anything wrong with the November minutes as written. It was questioned about whether amounts should be listed in the minutes. It was decided that the deposits and expenses will be listed as where they originated, without any amounts, in the minutes. If anyone wants to know amounts, they can see the Treasurer, currently Cathy Crain.

Cathy then gave the Treasurer's Report. Income included interests, tree sales, and garden walk sponsor. Expenses included Facebook ads, wreath class, trees for tree sale, seed library, Hub insurance, banquet food, and Crazy Daisy for the banquet.

There will be a Garden Walk Meeting on February 19th at 5:30 in the Ponderosa Room. Linette went to Casper's Garden Walk and they had paper wristbands. She purchased 200 for \$3 if we are interested in using them. This will be discussed at the meeting.

22 people attended the January GLEE. February GLEE is the 24th at 1 PM. The cost will be \$25. The attendees will be getting clippers and possibly floral food. Forget Me Not will be donating the flowers and vases. This cost stays in-line with the price range of the other classes.

January 8th was the Awards Banquet. Thank you Linette for your hard work on the banquet. Thank you to Mandy, Tracey, and Treasure for all their hard work this past year!

We are still trying to get our newer MGs to join in. On March 4th, we will have a reception and work on Fairy Gardens.

There will be a budget committee meeting February 7th at 1 PM.

The Salvation Army got a grant to put raised beds around the building. They are wanting help.

There will be no March GLEE class.

Mandy looked at the \$750 WMGA grant, but it should come from a Master Gardener. We are on the agenda for this Friday, but will most likely not be ready by then. We could possibly do a project with the VOA. The Rapid City Spring Fever registration papers are on the side table. This will be on March 2nd.

The Ample Harvest Survey was attached to the email Mandy sent out. Please fill this out if you can.

On March 12th, the Rotary Group would like to have someone come talk about the MG program for about twenty minutes. You can have a presentation or just talk. This is a Tuesday at 6 PM. You will get fed as well.

There will be a Bonsai and Art Display at AVA. The bonsai will be placed in front of the art work to create beautiful scenery. If you have any bonsai you want to display or art work, contact Gerald Gardener.

The Ag Expo has been moved to May 2nd, the same day as the tree sale. Mandy cannot be in two places at once, so if anyone wants to take her worms to the expo for her, they are welcome.

The museum inquired about Master Gardeners helping with adding raised beds and what to plant.

We need to celebrate Patsy, and her 35 years of being a Master Gardener!

The next Master Gardener meeting will be a reception for new Master Gardeners and fairy gardens. We will discuss this further during the member meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 PM.



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Campbell County Master Gardeners
Regular Meeting
February 5, 2024
Cottonwood Room, GAMB

The February Member Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by President Rich Kistler. A quorum was established. Patsy was celebrated; 35 years as a Master Gardener! She received cups and a GF cake, as well as certificates. Patsy is truly a blessing, full of knowledge she is willing to share!

Introductions were made, as well as each person stating what they want to learn this year with the MG program.

Attending the meeting were Suzy Blakesley, Bill Brown, Fawn Conrad, Cathy Crain, Shannon Hudson, Sandra Hunter, Sandi Johnson, Rich Kistler, Heather Kleiner, Jody Kruse, Patsy Larson, Audrey Mertz, Diane Monahan, Synneva Richardson, Marita Roussey, Kathryn Schwartz, Janet Thompson, Linette West, Crystal Wirth, and Mandy Reynolds.

Suzy Blakesley moved to approve the November minutes as printed. Cathy Crain seconded it. Motion carried.

Cathy Crain gave the Treasurer's Report. Income included interests, tree sales, and garden walk sponsor. Expenses included Facebook ads, wreath class, trees for tree sale, seed library, Hub insurance, banquet food, and Crazy Daisy for the banquet. If you need a copy of the amounts, please get with Cathy.

There will be a Garden Walk Meeting on February 19th at 5:30 in the Ponderosa Room. Linette went to Casper's Garden Walk and they had paper wristbands. She purchased 200 for \$3 if we are interested in using them. This will be discussed at the meeting.

22 people attended the January GLEE, with some being children. Kady Young of Kady Farms talked to us about house plants, it was more detailed than last year.

February GLEE is the 24th at 1 PM. The cost will be \$25 per person. The attendees will be getting clippers and possibly floral food. Forget Me Not will be donating the flowers and vases. This cost stays in-line with the price range of the other classes. A total of thirty people may sign up. Master Gardeners are allowed to sign up or they can just come and watch. Only paid individuals will be put in for the giveaways. Kevin will be demonstrating three different styles.

On the side table are postcards with our dates of events on them. Please feel free to take some and pass them out!

Thank you Linette, Mandy, Tracey, and Treasure for the gorgeous banquet that was held on January 8th! We are still trying to get our newer MGs to join in. On March 4th, we will have a reception and work on Fairy Gardens. If you volunteered to reach out to the trainees, please be sure to invite them to March 4th!

Mandy will be starting MG classes again. If you come, please be sure to bring your own dinner!

There will be a budget committee meeting February 7th at 1 PM, in Ponderosa.

The Salvation Army got a grant to put raised beds around the building. They are wanting help and suggestions on what to plant where.

There will be no March GLEE class. There will be two in April. On April 15th there will be the Native Plants Society. April 23rd at the Wright Library and 24th in the Cottonwood Room will be container gardening.

Mandy looked at the \$750 WMGA grant, but it should come from a Master Gardener. We are on the agenda for this Friday, but will most likely not be ready by then. Kathryn and Patsy are going to work on it.

The Rapid City Spring Fever registration papers are on the side table. This will be on March 2nd.

The Ample Harvest Survey was attached to the email Mandy sent out. Please fill this out if you can. The purpose is to figure out how much produce is getting donated to food banks.

On March 12th, the Rotary Group would like to have someone come talk about the MG program for about twenty minutes. You can have a presentation or just talk. This is a Tuesday at 6 PM. You will get fed as well. Bill Brown and Synneva Richardson have volunteered to go.

There will be a Bonsai and Art Display at AVA. The bonsai will be placed in front of the art work to create beautiful scenery all of May. Drop off dates are April 27th through the 30th. If you have any bonsai you want to display or art work, contact Gerald Gardner or Mandy.

The Ag Expo has been moved to May 2nd, the same day as the tree sale. Mandy cannot be in two places at once, so if anyone wants to take her worms to the expo for her, they are welcome. Crystal Wirth and Synneva Richardson volunteered.

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The museum inquired about Master Gardeners helping with adding raised beds and what to plant. Mandy will visit with them and let them know we can advise them on what to plant.

We are attempting to add in social and learning events for the Master Gardeners. Our next meeting is March 4th which will be a reception and fairy gardens. May 6th will be an apple grafting class. July 1st will be a plant exchange. September 9th will be a harvest dinner, and in December we will either make wreaths or centerpieces.

Shannon brought up that if anyone wants to help with the Children's Festival, please let her know. It is March 9th from 9 to 2. It is geared towards children from birth to age 8. Also coming up is the Gardening for Kids in June.

Suzy moved for the Master Gardener organization to pay for the supplies for the Fairy Garden as the budget has not yet been presented or voted on. Linette seconded it. Motion carried. Diane asked about the budget line for the fairy garden and it was explained that the budget committee will be putting in a line for the social events at their meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.

March 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 MG Steering Mtg 5:15pm, MG General Mtg, Reception and Fairy Gardens 6pm @ Cottonwood Room	5	6 MG Class Woody Plants & Pruning 5:30pm	7	8	9
10	11	12 MG Class Weeds & Pesticides 5:30pm	13	14	15	16 Potential Tapping Trees for Maple Syrup workshop
17	18	19	20 MG Class Soils 5:30pm	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 MG Class Fruit Trees & Small Fruits 5:30pm	28		

*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

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

We will have the signup sheets for Committees at the next meeting. If you would like to join a Committee, please signup or let Mandy know. We do not want to have someone miss out on all the fun-ness! We will be scheduling meetings for the Tree Sale, the June GLEE Gardening for Kids and for the Garden Walk.

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



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