



# The Sage Gardener



From the Editor... *Bob Prchal*



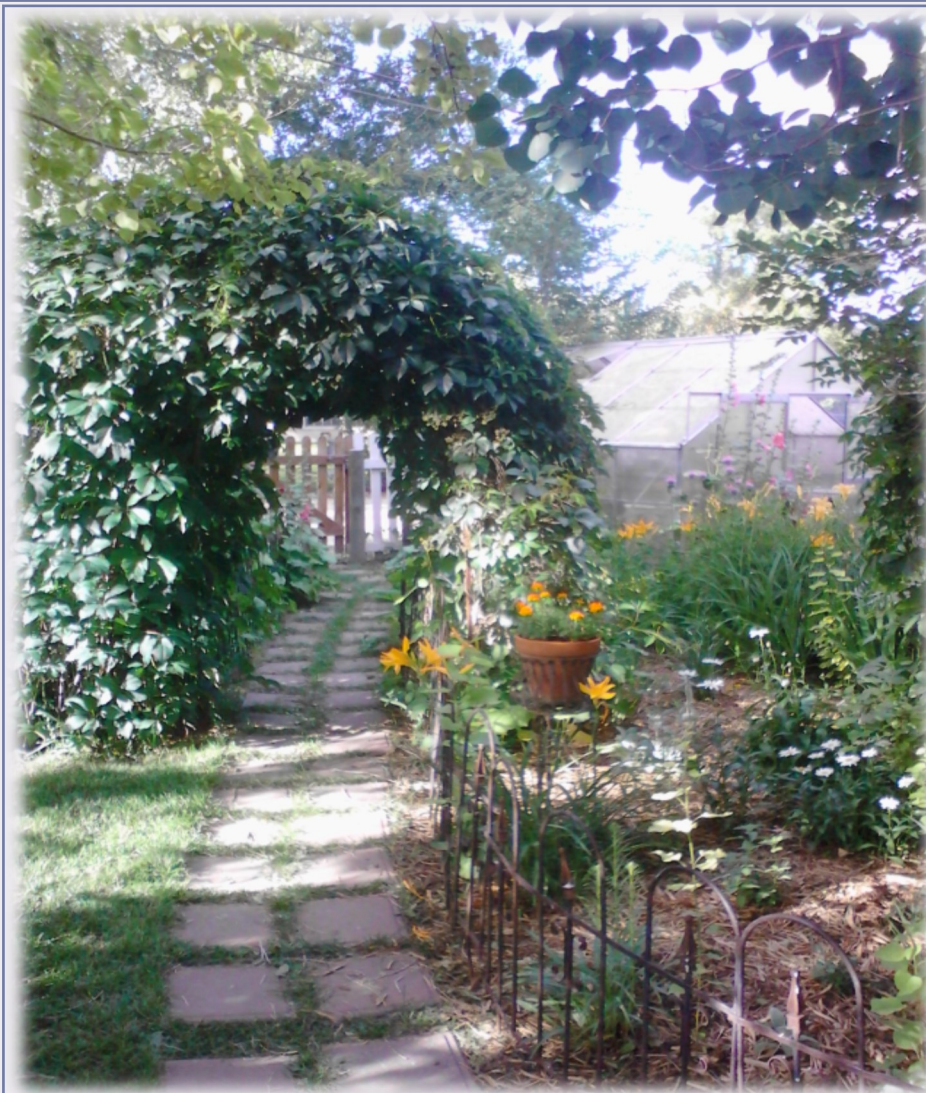
**WE ARE A  
COMMUNITY**

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**July 2016**

### **Meetings & Events**

- **July 11**  
MG Mtg. in Powell  
@ 7:00 pm
- **July 26-30**  
Park County Fair  
@ 7:00 pm
- **August 01**  
MG Mtg. in Cody @ Park  
County Library, Grizzly  
Room @ 7:00 pm



***A Special Thanks to Suzanne Larsen and the Master Gardeners,  
Master Gardener Interns and Cody Art league members who  
supported this successful and very worthwhile  
Cody Garden Tour endeavor.***



## Meeting Minutes... submitted by Teri Boyd



**Vice President Kendra Morris convened the June 06, 2016 meeting to order @ 7 pm in the Extension meeting room at the Park County Fairgrounds.**

**Attendance...** Kendra Morris, Teri Boyd, Donna Haman, Joyce Johnston, Rita Lewis, Kathy Clarkson, Mary Vogel, Rhonda Faulkner, Denise Fink, Bob Prchal, Suzanne Larsen and Ronda McLean.

**Interns:** Della Sheridan, Sharon Pearson, Jackie Van Noy, Brian Beauvais and Nikki Andrews.

**Guests:** None

**Approval of Minutes...** accepted as submitted. **Treasurer's Report...** accepted as submitted.

### Old Business...

- Covered under "Committee Reports".

### Committee Reports and/or Announcements...

- **Park County Fair:** Andi & Kim Pierson will coordinate and contact members relative to workshops & booth.
- **Junior Master Gardener program:** Kathy Clarkson coordinates and the program will be on hold until the Fall.
- **Cody Garden Tour:** Suzanne provided an update for the July 16th event. Five Gardens are on the tour. A pre-tour will occur on Wednesday July 13th. Meet @ 4:45 pm at the Cody Art League.  
NOTE: Unfortunately, the Powell Soroptimist Garden Tour is the same weekend!
- **Homesteader Days:** Scheduled for September 02 weekend.
- **Canal Park:** The Demonstration Garden is "looking Good"... stop by and check it out!
- **Tomato Tasting:** Planned as an onsite event @ the Cody Farmers Market. Date to be determined.
- **Cody Fall Speakers series:** Denise Fink will coordinate. The fall schedule events are nearly complete.

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### Reminders...

- **Response to emails/Requests for activity support:** Because of the necessity to use email to get important information out or gain feedback from the membership, please respond accordingly when requests/feedback is requested. **Let's respect and help the President or event organizer (s).**
- **WMGA Education Grants:** *Park County Master Gardeners should assess their educational needs and if there is a worthy project that needs assistance, consider applying to the WMGA.*

**Refreshments:** Teri Boyd & Karen Anderson

**Educational Program:** Denise Fink... *Horticulture conditioning & design for the County Fair.*

**Adjournment...** 8:30pm. **Next Meeting:** In Cody on August 01, 2016 @ 6:00 pm in the Grizzly Room, Park County Library.



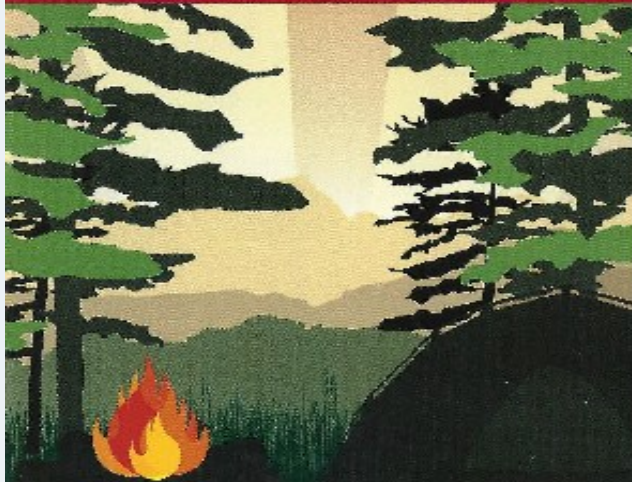
Extension Musings... from Joyce Johnston

A BROCHURE FROM THE POWELL CITY PARKS  
ON INVASIVE INSECTS...

Please give it every consideration



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**Nikki Andrews Garden... Cody Garden Tour**

**Large  
Lovage  
Plant**

**Nikki's handmade  
aluminum can tag's**

**New Website** from Rachel Vardiman

Just an FYI... the Master Gardener newsletters are being uploaded to our new website. Not sure how many of you have had a chance to look at it yet, but here is the address:

<http://wyoextension.org/parkcounty/horticulture/park-county-master-gardeners/>

We have a lot of potential here, so let us know if you have thoughts on the webpage.

*~ ~ Rachel Vardiman*



**Cody Garden Tour Pics** from Cathy Swartz & Nikki Andrews



Hummingbird  
on the job @  
Nikki Andrews  
home



Brian Beauvais @  
a tour home

**Garden...** Cody Garden Tour Pics from Kathy Swartz



Della & Teri



Bob & Nikki



Suzanne

## Importance of Volunteer Service... Park County Master Gardeners

### Aiding Park County Horticulture & the University of Wyoming

Redoubles number of contacts... better service to the public

Expands 'pool of resources'... increased manpower

Increases the number of 'work' hours to address questions and/or make yard calls

Permits the Horticulturalist to work one-on-one with more clients

Allows more time for development of educational materials and programs

Extends the Horticulture season... extra, available resources

## Horticultural conditioning & design for Fair entries



Thoughts and consideration from Denise Fink



### Meeting Pics... from Joyce Johnston



Vice President Kendra Morris



Displaying Exhibits

### Member Birthdays

**July**

*Kim Pierson*

*Jackie Van Noy*

*Kathy Clarkson*



It is scientifically proven that people who have more birthdays live longer



## 2016 Educational Opportunities

### Adult Gardening Workshops @ Thomas the Apostle Center

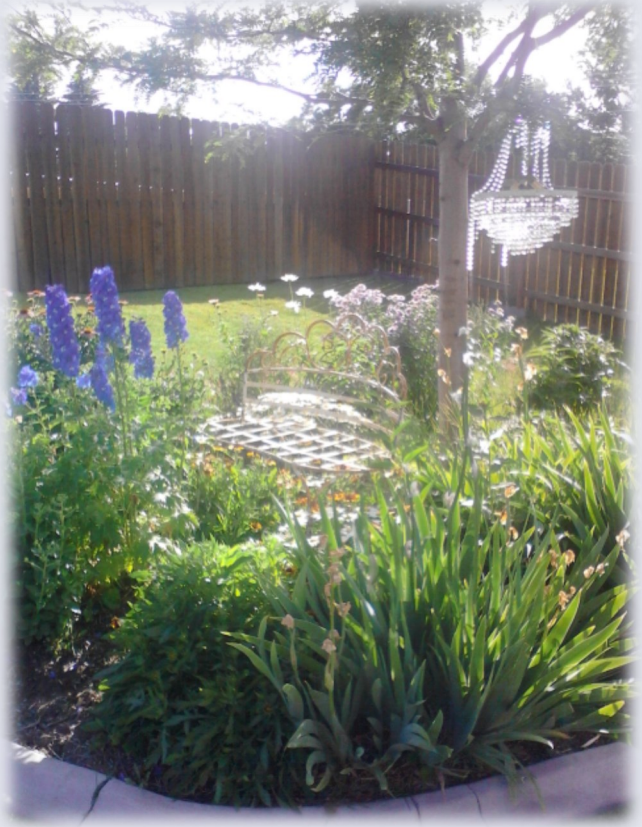
~ Gardening and Care for Creation ~

**Theme:** 21st Century Gardening in the North American Steppe Series

Date	Workshop	Cost
<b>Saturday, May 7</b> 9 am to 12 pm	Partnered with PCMG. Workshops: "Birds of the Steppe", with Ellie Wiser & "Building a Bird House", with Sandra Frost.	\$25 Pre-registration required
<b>Saturday, June 11</b> 9 am to 12 pm	"Design With Nature" Susan Tweit, writer and plant biologist	\$25 Pre-registration required
<b>Saturday, July 23</b> 9 am to 12 pm	"A Kitchen Gardener's Grocery List: Varieties for Inspired Cuisine" Carol O'Meara, Entomologist from Boulder	\$25 lunch included
<b>Saturday, August 20</b> 9 am to 12 pm	"Inspired by Nature: Making Western Gardens that Mirror the Beauty of Our Prairies, Chapar- rals, and Deserts" Lauren Springer Ogden, garden designer and horticulturist.	\$25 lunch included
<b>Saturday, Septem- ber 10</b> 9 am to 12 pm -	"Annuals for Weather Resilient Color" Marcia Tatroe, gardener and lecturer	\$25 lunch included
<b>Saturday, October 22</b> 10 am to 12 pm	"Cooking With Lentils" Ronda McLean	
<b>Friday and Saturday, October 28 &amp; 29</b> Times TBA later	"Lentil Underground" Liz Carlisle and Dave Oien.	



**Cody Garden Tour Montage** from Ronda McLean & Cathy Swartz





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'Newsletter of the Park County  
Master Gardeners'

~~ Content cannot be altered or  
changed ~~

Newsletter Articles should be submitted by  
the 15th of each month to Bob Prchal

[rjprchal@tritnet.net](mailto:rjprchal@tritnet.net)

## 2016 Officers

- President... *Sandy Frost*
- Vice President... *Kendra Morris*
- Secretary... *Teri Boyd*
- Treasurer... *Rhonda Faulkner*



## Committee Chairs



- Newsletter... *Bob Prchal*
- Scrapbook/Historian... *Cathy Swartz*
- Park County Fair... *Andi & Kim Pierson*

- Cody Garden Tour... *Suzanne Larsen*
- Park County Delegates... *Bob Prchal & Sandy Frost*

Change of Address/Phone/"e" Mail... *Rachel Olsen (Powell)*  
or *Rachel Vardiman (Cody)*



**REMEMBER... Keep it pithy!**

**Jeremiah Vardiman**

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