



Wyoming Apple Project Report

Park County Master Gardeners

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President's Corner

Denise Fink

Winter is the time when you can see the bones of your garden. It's a good time to evaluate your yard. If you have not done so, measure the dimensions of your yard, note the location of hard scape, trees, shrubs, beds, etc. Look at your yard and evaluate what is still working for you, what requires a great deal of maintenance, and what to use and enjoy. What would you add or delete?

Winter is an excellent time to prune bushes and trees. Remove branches that cross and rub, water sprouts, reshape plants to desired form. There is less sap flow so less damage, but if flower buds are formed you may sacrifice some bloom. You can compost in the winter and get good heat production, but remember – moisture is necessary.

Now is the time to pull out leftover seeds and check for viability. The main seeds that never work a second year are corn seeds. Beans and lettuce hold up really well. I am using some from 1012 and they still grow. I do store them in the freezer.

Our first meeting is March 4th in Powell at the Homesteader room at 7p.m. The program will be delivered over ZOOM at 7, so try to be on time.

See you there!

Denise

Spring Calendar

March

- 4-You Too Can Start Seeds, Mary Montgomery, 2-3 p.m., Powell Library
- 4-PCMG meeting 7 p.m. , Powell

"Bees and Pollinators" by Catherine Wissner, Wyoming Bee College

- 11-Growing the BEST Potatoes and Carrots, Mary Vogel , 2-3 p.m., Powell Library
- 18-Successful High Altitude Tomatoes, Kathy Clarkson , 2-3 p.m. Powell Library
- 22-24-Wyoming Bee College, Cheyenne
- 25- Bodacious Bulbs for Spring & Summer, Denise Fink , 2-3 p.m., Powell Library

April

1-Brown Bag Seminar-12 noon-1p.m., Powell Library
Plan Your Garden + Soil and Water Tests by Sandy Frost
1–PCMG meeting 7 p.m., Cody
Wyoming Apple Project Report by Jonathan Magby, MS
6—Central Wyoming Tree Care Workshop, Fruit Tree Grafting, Casper, \$10
8—Brown Bag Seminar—12 noon-1 p.m., Powell Library
How to Bucket Garden by Linda Pettengill
15—Brown Bag Seminar—12 noon-1 p.m., Powell Library
A Pollinator Friendly Garden by Rhonda Faulkner
22—Brown Bag Seminar—12 noon-1 p.m., Powell Library
How to Install Drip Irrigation by Jeremiah Vardiman, UW Extension
26-27 Advanced Master Gardener Training on Vegetable Diagnostics, Gillette
Scholarships of \$125 are available for travel. Mar. 22 deadline for registration.
29—Brown Bag Seminar—12 noon-1 p.m., Powell Library
10 Tips for Gardening, Joyce Johnston, UW Horticulturist

May

- 6-PCMG meeting 7 p.m., Powell
- 11 Plant Sale, Park County Fairgrounds







Monday Seminars

Powell Branch Library 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

March 4 – You Too Can Start Seeds

Mary Montgomery, Park County Master Gardener

March 11 – Growing the BEST Potatoes and Carrots

Mary Vogel, Park County Master Gardener

March 18 – Successful High Altitude Tomatoes

Kathy Clarkson, Park County Master Gardener

March 25 – Bodacious Bulbs for Spring & Summer

Denise Fink, Park County Master Gardener

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Brown Bag Seminars

Powell Library Mondays 12 noon to 12:50 p.m.

- April 1 Plan Your Garden + Soil & Water Tests Sandy Frost, Park County Master Gardener
 - 8 How to Bucket Garden Linda Pettengill, Park County Master Gardener
 - 15 **A Pollinator Friendly Garden** Rhonda Faulkner, Park County Master Gardener
 - 22 How to Install Drip Irrigation Jeremiah Vardiman, UW Extension Educator
 - 29 **Ten Tips for Gardening** Joyce Johnston, UW Extension Horticulturist

For more information contact Master Gardeners at (307) 754-8836

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Homesteader Roots - Planting for the Future

A group of concerned Powell citizens have formed a steering committee under the leadership of Josh Pomeroy (Blue Ribbon Tree Service) to improve and renew the tree canopy in Powell. Homesteader Roots is a long-term tree planting project to support a more diverse and resilient urban canopy for the City of Powell.

Many trees in Powell were planted by original homesteaders. Numerous trees are dying due to age, insect infestations, and disease. The public tree canopy in Powell is 60% Green Ash. The Emerald Ash Borer will kill them all when it arrives. Bordering states now have the EAB.

The Steering Committee is looking for sponsoring organizations. Perhaps PCMG would like to lend their support? Contact Pettengill or Frost.

Wyoming Master Gardener Association February 8 Meeting

Sandy Frost

The WYMGA convened on Friday, Feb. 8 via ZOOM. Megan McManamen, President called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

The WYMGA has a tax EIN. We have event insurance for events in association with UWY. We have filed an electronic request for 501©(3).

MONEY IS AVAILABLE for Master Gardener programs/events. WYMGA makes up to \$750 grants to county programs. There is an online link to the application form. <u>Applications are due April 6</u>. Fund your great idea!

Master Gardener Coordinator, Chris Hilgert, will be creating a list of information resources and faculty members we can contact to help answer questions.

2018 WY Master Gardeners

225 Master Gardeners 9516 Volunteer Hours 3189 CE hours 28,023 contacts Park County Master Gardeners 13 accredited 437.5 volunteer hours 135.5 CE hours 554 contacts

The 2020 State Convention will be in Casper. Who wants to help plan it? The Advanced MG training in Gillette will have instructors from Boulder, CO. A link to the application/registration is yet to come. 2019 International Master Gardener Conference

Penn's Woods: Digging into our Roots

Valley Forge Casino Resort, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

Pre-conference tours June 16-17

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Post-conference tours June 21

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