



The Sage Gardener

Park County Master Gardener Newsletter



From the President... Dan Wasp



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Congratulations

Starting in January, we will have a new President of the Park County Master Gardeners, **Sariah Bates**. As you already know, Sariah is an outgoing, confident individual, who brings to our group a positive attitude and a willingness to get involved. Sariah, congratulations and thank you for taking on this responsibility. While your future success as President is inevitable, we will enthusiastically support you in any way we can.

Also, congratulations to **Valerie Bates** our newly elected Secretary.

Karen Anderson and Mickey Waddell, thank you for your continuing commitment as Vice-President and Treasurer.

With Sariah and Valerie, the average age of our Executive Committee is now 20 years younger!

Forthcoming

Meetings & Events

- **November 04**
MG meeting in Cody
@ 7:00pm
- **Note:** Training /Brown Bag seminars in this newsletter
- **March 13 — 15**
2014 WMGA /WFMA
State Conference in Sheridan @ the Sheridan Community College



Meeting Minutes... submitted by Karen Anderson

Dan Wasp, President convened the **October 07, 2013 meeting to order @ 7.00 p.m. in Powell at the Park County Fairground Extension meeting room.**



Attendance... Dan Wasp, Karen Anderson, Bob Prchal, Donna Haman, Rita Lewis, Nancy Ryan, Jo Anne Arzillo, Linda Pettengill, Suzanne Larsen, Darlene Manning, Joyce Johnston, Ann Hinckley, Mickey Waddell, Rhonda Faulkner, Sariah Bates, Valerie Bates, Desiree Aagard, John Aagard, and Cathy Swartz.

Approval of Minutes... The September minutes were postponed.

Treasurer's Report... The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted. Please submit any unpaid bills to Dan Wasp so the 2013 accounts can be balanced.

Old Business

- The membership will review and finalize the 2014 budget at the December meeting.

New Business

- **Recognition/Awards:** Years of service, Volunteer hours, etc. were addressed
- **Taste of Christmas:** Linda Pettengill provided an update.
- **MG Projects:** Linda Pettengill reported she applied for two grants (A Veterans Handicap Ramp & A Drip system for the Powell Community Garden).
- **Election of 2013 Officers:** President, Sariah Bates; Vice President, Karen Anderson; Secretary, Valerie Bates; Treasurer, Mickey Waddell

Committee Reports and/or Announcements

- **2014 WMGA/WFMA Conference:** It will be **March 13-15** in Sheridan @ the Sheridan Community College. The Conference will be a joint Conference with the Wyoming State Farmers Market Association.

Reminders

- **Lectures/Educational Opportunities:** Please refer to the Newsletter for times and place.
- **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.*
- **Background Checks:** All members who work with kid's need to undergo a background check. See Julie or Colleen @ the Extension offices for details and paperwork.
- **Volunteer Support Activities:** When activities are planned, please respect ALL requests for assistance by responding **yea or nay**. Let's respect and help the event organizer (s).

Next Meeting: In Cody @ 7:00 p.m. November 04, 2013 in the EOC Room of the Park County Courthouse. **Refreshments:** Cheryl Wright and Suzanne Larsen. **Educational Program:** Cheryl Wright.

Adjournment... 8:15 p.m. **Education/Workshop...** Dirty Little Secrets

Extension Musings... Joyce Johnston and Ann Hinckley



If you are planning a great display of color early next Spring you need to be getting your bulbs into the ground now. They need to be planted at least two weeks before the ground freezes. Be sure to bury them the recommended depth—usually three times the height of the bulb.

After the frost has taken care of the last plants it is time to clear off the garden and apply organic fertilizer and a good supply of fall leaves. Till these in so they have the winter to compost.

Towards the end of the season, you can help your tomato plant direct its energy to already-set tomatoes and finish strong. Keep your eye on the calendar. The average date for a hard frost in our area is **September 18**. About a month before that date, prune your plants. Cut off the top of the plant, remove all new blossoms, and clip shoots. Leave on mature foliage because these make food for the plant.

When to harvest green tomatoes: 12

Weather: A heavy frost is in the forecast. Once tomatoes are exposed to frost, their taste withers

Disease: The plant is dying.

Variety: The plant is determinate – and done producing.

Convenience: There are just a few tomatoes left on the vine and you're ready to begin fall garden clean up.

You can ripen green tomatoes by putting them on a windowsill, but not in direct sun. Turn them once a day. Or, you can put them in a paper bag with a piece of ripe banana or apple. Check the bag daily. They can be wrapped individually in newspaper and put in a box (no more than two layers deep) and store in a cool, dry, dark space. With a banana added to the box the tomatoes should ripen within 2–4 weeks.

~~ from *Tomato Dirt*

The International Master Gardener Conference presented some programs that will be of interest for those who didn't attend. Contact Joyce Johnston for a list of them and information on accessing them. Some that may be of interest are: "Common Diseases of Ornamentals:", "Bees, Diversity Harvest From Your Garden"... different kinds of bees in your garden, "Rain Gardens"... directing flows of water and planning for plants that require extra water, "Ten Ways to Kill a Tree", "Growing Great Tomatoes", "Balance of Nature", and "Insects in the Garden".

~ Happy Gardening ~

MG Meeting Montage



Recycling Tidbits from Ann Hinckley



Don't throw away that glass that can no longer be taken to recycling. Use it as garden art. A dish that has been chipped and is no longer usable at the table can be placed among the Cranes-bill in the garden and add an unexpected touch of texture and color.

"Don't Throw That Away—Use It in Your Garden" can be accessed on your computer. A children's book called "Don't Throw That Away" can be ordered on library-loan from the Cody or Powell libraries to give you more ideas on reusing what may look like unusable objects.



"The solution is not to perfect the destination of our waste but to find ways to avoid making it in the first place".

Importance of Volunteer Time... 2013 Park County Master Gardeners

How does it help Park County Horticulture & The University of Wyoming

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

Expands 'pool of resources'..... increases manpower

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

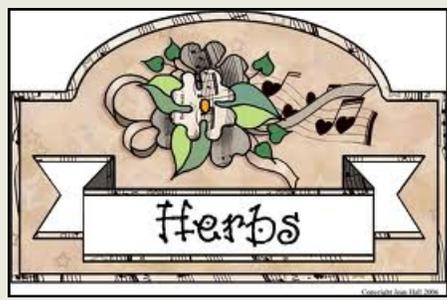
Permits the Horticulturalist to work one-on-one with more clients

Allows more time for development of educational materials and programs

Extends the Horticulture season

Brown Bag Seminars

Herbal wreaths for your home... Joyce Johnston, UW Horticulturist



Training... Sandy Frost

Welcome to Wyoming

Wednesdays, 7: 00 p.m.

EOC room, basement of the Park County Courthouse, Cody

♦ **October 2... Raising Nice Hay**

Gerry Danko, winner of Wisconsin Hay Show

♦ **October 16... Wyoming Climate**

Sandra Frost, UW Extension Educator - Crops

♦ **October 23... Wyoming Soils**

Sandra Frost, UW Extension Educator - Crops

♦ **October 30... Water 101**

Sandra Frost, UW Extension Educator - Crops

For more information contact: UW Extension at (307) 754-8836 or sfrost1@uwyo.edu.

2013 Master Gardener Trainee's & Mentors

Trainee	Mentor
Cathy Swartz	Darlene Manning
Desire & John Aagard	Cheryl Wright
Ann Trosper	Suzanne Larsen
Caleb & Scott Brown	Bob Prchal
Susan Profit	Rhonda McLean

Brown Bag Seminar & Canal Park



Training... Sandy Frost

Brown Bag Seminars

Powell Library

Thursdays 12 noon to 12:50 p.m.

- ◆ **October 3... Herbal wreaths for your home**
Joyce Johnston, UW Horticulturist
- ◆ **October 10... Composting**
Ann Hinckley, Park County Master Gardener
- ◆ **October 17... The Cut Flower Industry**
Sandra Frost, UW Extension Educator
- ◆ **October 24... Houseplant how to**
Kendra Morris, Park County Master Gardener

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Fruit Fly Alert... from Park County Weed & Pest



Spotted Wing Drosophila

Drosophila suzukii

Pest of: a broad range of fruits, including tree fruits, berry fruits and vegetable fruits.

Damage: Females lay eggs in ripening fruit. Larvae hatch in 1 to 2 days. Egg laying produces scars and larval feeding quickly collapses fruit. Secondary pest infection further damages fruit. This fruit fly is from Asia and its first US appearance was in California in 2008. It is now found in many states, including Montana, Utah, Idaho, Colorado and **Wyoming**.

Distinguishing Characteristics:

Adults: Typically about 2-3mm long with bright red eyes, a pale brown thorax, and an abdomen with black horizontal stripes. Similar to other *Drosophila* flies but males have a dark spot along front edge of wing, near wingtip (A). Females have a serrated ovipositor (B).

Larvae: Small, white and cylindrical maggots.





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- Vice President... *Karen Anderson*
- Secretary... *Jan Jackson*
- Treasurer... *Mickey Waddell*
- WMGA Delegates... *Donna Haman & Rita Lewis*

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

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REMEMBER... Keep it pithy!



Committee Chairs

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- Cody Garden Tour... *Darlene Manning*
- Historian... *Jo Anne Arzillo*

- Greenhouse... *Bob Prchal*
- Scholarships... *Nancy Ryan*
- Park County Fair... *Bob Prchal*
- Change of Address/Phone/"e" Mail... *Julie Miner*



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