



# The Sage Gardener

## Park County Master Gardener Newsletter



From the President... Dan Wasp



It's hard to believe that the icy grip of winter is almost upon us and we are approaching the end of another year. In the past year with all your hard work and dedication, we accomplished a lot and as well hopefully grew as a group and as individuals.

I would personally like to thank each of you for the support you have given me over the last two years, especially this past year, thank you for being there when I needed you the most.



I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

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### Forthcoming

#### Meetings & Events

- **January 06**  
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 November 04, 2013 meeting to order in Cody @ 7.00 p.m. in the EOC Room of the Park County Courthouse.



**Attendance...** Dan Wasp, Karen Anderson, Donna Haman, Rita Lewis, Jo Anne Arzillo, Linda Pettengill, Darlene Manning, Mickey Waddell, Rhonda Faulkner, Sariah Bates, Valerie Bates, Ronda McLean, Cheryl Wright, and Kendra Morris.

**Approval of Minutes...** The September & October minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report...** The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

### Old Business

- The 2013 budget was reviewed; it was \$75.00 over budget. The 2014 budget has not been finalized.

### New Business

- **Recognition/Awards: 1, 5, 10 and 25 'Years of Service'** were adopted. Discussion focused on the recognition not becoming a popularity contest and that the system be simple. Sariah Bates will coordinate this recognition effort.
- **Garden Tour:** Discussion centered on numerous problems that were experienced this past year. Darlene Manning will develop a recommendation for 2014.
- **School Tours:** Huge success; discussed expanding efforts to Boy & Girls club and Home Schooled kids.
- **Canal Park Spring Fair:** Discussion focused on making some changes to the 'Presentation' phase of the Fair.
- **2014 Conference:** The WMGA will submit requests for contributions from all Wyoming Counties in December.

### 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:** December 02, 2013 in Powell @ **6:00 p.m.** in the of the Park County Fairground Extension meeting room.

**Refreshments:** Christmas meeting... Bring goodies. **Educational Program:** Cheryl Wright.

**Adjournment...** 8:15 p.m. **Education/Workshop...** Cheryl Wright, 'Year Around Gardening'

**Extension Musings...** Joyce Johnston and Ann Hinckley

**I**t is time to think about gifts from the garden. Whether it is Christmas gifts or for some other occasion you can give unique gifts of your own making to those special people. Some suggestions are canned goods, jams or jellies, with a circle of pretty fabric tied over the lid. Unique oils you have flavored or vinegars with herbs—check with the Extension Office for recipes for these.

Herbal wreaths can be put together for decoration and for use as the herbs dry. You can use the pumpkins and corn stalks from the garden to make outdoor decorations for the Fall season.

**Y**ou can use grape vines for wreaths, either as a base for herbs or to use as stand-alone wreaths. Cut them as soon as possible. Coil the fresh cut vines in a 5 -gallon bucket and let them dry. They will come out ready to decorate or use as is for decorations.

**D**eb Kelly, Centsible Nutrition Program, suggests you can make baked apples in the microwave. This is especially handy for cooking-for-one folks. Core the apple and place in a microwave proof container with a little apple juice in the bottom. Fill the apple with cinnamon and brown sugar. Cover with plastic film or a lid of some kind and bake for 3 to 4 minutes, depending on how firm or mushy you like your apples.

**I**f you garden in raised beds you can be tucking them in for the season by putting down a layer of the organic stuff you have cleared off and shredded, then a layer of shredded newspaper if you have had a weed problem, then a layer of leaves---your pile will be about 3 or 4 inches high. If you want to add manure this Fall, it should be the first layer. This will all be decomposing all winter and next spring you just push enough aside to plant your seeds/plants and they will be mulched and ready to grow. This also means you don't till your raised beds—a saving in work right there. If you have a garden on the flat ground let the plant material you have cleared off dry a little, grind it up, and layer it on the garden with as many leaves as you can beg, borrow, or steal. Till it in as soon as the ground thaws next spring so it will be composted by the time you plant.

**P**lacing a bundle of dried sage, lavender, or rosemary in with potatoes prevents them from sprouting according to Ron Smith, horticulturist from No. Dakota State University Extension Service. The oils from the herbs inhibit bacterial growth and suppress sprouting. Store an apple with your potatoes to help, due to the ethylene gas apples give off. Don't store potatoes with onions, as this will increase the chances of sprouting

**T**he National Gardening Association suggests, if there is just a light covering of leaves on your lawn, mowing the leaves without the bagger. The small leaf pieces will sift down between the grass blades to enrich the soil.

**T**he 2013 American Garden Award Grand Prize was the **Verbena 'Lanal Candy Cane.'** Second place went to **Zinnia 'Zahara Cherry'**. Third place was the impatiens **'SunPatians Compact Electric Orange'**. If you didn't happen to plant those this year you could give them a try next summer.

# November MG Meeting Montage



## Recycling Tidbits from Ann Hinckley



Recycle **coffee grounds** on the soil around roses, on the compost pile or scattered between layers of leaves and grass clipping to help feed the microorganisms that break down the organic materials

Don't throw out that **old water bed** that has sprung a leak... make it into a raised garden bed. Lay the plastic mattress down for a weed barrier, put the side rails, head and foot boards back together for the sides of your garden bed and fill it with dirt and organic matter.



## 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*

**New Year Brown Bag Seminars...** Sandy Frost

UW Extension is again offering lunch time seminars @ **12 noon to 12:50 p.m.** in the Powell Library. Dates are listed below. Please consider teaching a session. Topics are garden/plant oriented. Usually, there is an audience of about 15 people. The meeting room has full electronics and a kitchen.

**January**      15    *Open*

22    *Open*

29    *Open*

**February**      05    **Recycled Glass Garden Art**

*Rita Lewis and Rhonda Mclean, PC Master Gardeners*

12    *Open*

19    *Open*

26    **Wildflowers of the Greater  
Yellowstone Ecosystem**

*Dan Wasp, PC Master Gardener*

**Brown Bag Seminar... Sandy Frost**



**2013 Master Gardener Trainee's & Mentors**

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

# Taste of the Season Tree decorating montage



## Taste of the Season ... continued

**Well Done Ladies!**

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New  
year to All*



## Fruit Fly Alert... from Park County Weed &amp; Pest



## Spotted Wing Drosophila

*Drosophila suzukii*

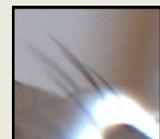
**Pest of:** a broad range of fruits, including tree fruits, berry fruits and vegetable fruits.

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

'Newsletter of the Park County Master Gardeners'

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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!



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