



The Sage Gardener

Park County Master Gardener Newsletter



From the President... Karen Anderson



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Forthcoming

Meetings & Events

- **November 03**
MG Mtg. in Cody
@ 7:00 pm
- **November 19**
Sample the Season
Xmas tree decoration
Powell
- **December 01**
MG Mtg. in Powell
@ 6:00 pm
- **January 05**
MG Mtg. in Cody
@ 7:00 pm
- **February 02**
MG Mtg. in Powell
@ 7:00 pm
- **February 21, 2015**
NW Regional Educational
Conference in
Thermopolis



It's the end of the year and time to wrap up loose ends as best we can. When the nominating committee calls you to ask for assistance, please consider giving them a resounding. YES, I Will! It's a tough job to call everyone so make it easy on them.

After our November meeting, we will only have two more meetings before our educational seminar to be held on February 21st. Let's get organized so we can help Sandy. I know we will surely need name tags, door prized, table decorations a budget and much more.



Meeting Minutes... submitted by Bob Prchal

Karen Anderson, President convened the **October 06, 2014** meeting to order @ 7:11 pm in the EOC room of the Park County Courthouse.



Attendance... Karen Anderson, Bob Prchal, Dan Wasp, Joyce Johnston, Linda Pettengill, Rhonda Faulkner, Kendra Morris, Donna Haman, Darlene Manning, Mary Vogel, Cathy Swartz, Suzanne Larsen. **Guest:** Karen Tilley.

Approval of Minutes... The minutes were approved as submitted.

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

Old Business

- **2015 Big Horn Basin MG Educational Conference:** Discussed shared responsibilities and the need to get the planning process going.
- **Educational Field Trips:** Continued discussion. A list of options needs to be created during our January planning session to facilitate scheduling.
- **Scholarships:** More discussion/ideas but no firm decisions were made! Consider tying to educational venues/ fieldtrips.

New Business

- **Sample the Season:** Creating decorations for the PCMG Xmas tree. Members are requested to provide four (4) homemade decorations by our November meeting. Linda Pettengill is coordinating.
- **PCMG Cookbook:** Joyce Johnston provided update information; development and rollout will occur by section (s). See Joyce for further details.
- **Awards:** Time in Service will be our initial focus. Joyce Johnston will be coordinating.
- **Volunteer Hours:** Joyce would appreciate PCMG member's volunteer hours for her report to the Park County Commissioners. She needs your hours from September 01, 2013 to October 31, 2014 (Fiscal year). Please note our MG volunteer reporting hours are now on a Calendar year basis.

Committee Reports and/or Announcements

Reminders

- **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.*
- **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).
- **Background Checks:** All members who work with kid's need to undergo a background check. See Rachel Olsen (Powell) or Colleen Renner (Cody) @ the Extension offices for details and paperwork.

Adjournment... 7:50 pm

Refreshments: Rita. **Educational Program:** Dan Wasp

Next Meeting: In Powell on December 01, 2014 @ 6:00 pm in the Park County Fairgrounds Extension meeting room.

Extension Musings... Joyce Johnston & Ann Hinckley

The word from Jim Gainan, President of Gainan's Flowers and Garden Center in Billings, is deep root watering. This will help reduce the suckering from your trees all over the lawn. To help your tree roots to grow down vertically rather than shallowly horizontal attach a large steel rod to the hose. When it is inserted into the ground a light water pressure is turned on. This puts the water directly where it is needed. "Most deep root water/feeding tools have great directions for use included. They are also an effective way to fertilize." He also suggests a product called "Sucker Punch". It is applied directly to the sucker. "It is pricey but reasonably effective."

If you are having trouble with spiders moving indoors since the weather has turned colder you can get spider traps at the Extension Office. They are a sticky surfaced cardboard with an attractant for the spiders. Sticky mouse traps will also trap spiders but, of course, have no attractant so just trap spiders that happen to be traveling along the baseboards where you have placed your traps.

The Gardener to Gardener publication reminds its readers to mow those last leaves rather than raking them. If they are too thick to use as mulch catch them in the mower bag and add to the compost pile. Remove and destroy the foliage from bearded iris. Keep newly planted trees and shrubs watered. Keep pruner blades sharpened.

Collect seeds now if you didn't get to it in October. As long as the ground hasn't frozen you can still plant spring-flowering bulbs.

There is a new apple being developed called Evercrisp. It may not be in the stores as yet but watch for it later on.

You can plant new roses in the Fall. Choose an area that has at least 6 hours of sun each day. Dig a hole that is a few inches wider than the rose's root ball and deep enough to cover the lump where the rose's stems and roots meet by an inch or two, being careful not to let the root ball fall apart. Drop a scoop of compost into the hole to improve the soil quality and water well. To protect the new roses build a mound of mulch, compost, soil or a combination up over the rose's base and into its canes, covering the roots. It should be 10 to 12 inches tall. Once that mound freezes you can add up to 12 more inches for added insulation. In late Spring pull the mounded soil away over time as the ground thaws... just spread it over the bed.

~~ Garden Gate Garden Ideas ~~

Happy Fall Gardening

Sample the Season... assembling Christmas Wreaths



Importance of Volunteer Service... 2014 Park County Master Gardeners

Helping Park County Horticulture & the University of Wyoming

Redoubles number of 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... extra, available resources

Did You Know... Powell Valley Recycling Info

- ◆ **PVR (Powell Valley Recycling) also takes Latex paint which is used in the cover material for the landfill. A polymer based slurry is sprayed over the landfill every day instead of a cover of 6-12" layer of dirt. As this sprayed layer is only a couple inches thick it saves space in the landfill. The Latex paint serves as a colorant so the operators can see where the cover has been sprayed on the trash. The paint has to be a water based so the sprayer can be washed out. They can use up to 200 gallons per week.**



- ◆ **Here is what happens to those things you take to Powel Valley Recycling: Cardboard is made into new cardboard boxes or brown bags. Newspapers, magazines, phone books are made into insulation or hydro seeding. Office paper is made into paper napkins, paper towels and toilet paper. Plastics are turned into textiles or composite lumber.**

Emerald Ash Borer update... Joyce Johnston: from www.colorado.gov

[Where has the EAB been found? 8/14/2014](#)
[Sign Up for the EAB Newsletter!](#)
[Managing Emerald Ash Borer: Decision Guide](#)
[Ash Management Zones](#) (How close are you to EAB?)

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was found in Boulder, CO, in September 2013. As a non-native insect, EAB lacks predators to keep it in check. EAB only attacks ash trees, and is responsible for the death of millions of ash trees in the mid-west. Help protect Colorado's ash trees! Treatment is recommended for property owners within 5 miles of areas known to be infested.

Effective 11/12/2013, an emergency quarantine was issued to protect Colorado ash trees. See links below regarding the quarantine.

[Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine Rule](#)
[Front Range Monitoring & Detection Map](#)
[EAB Newsletter](#) (08/05/2014)
[News Release](#) (07/30/2014)
[News Release](#) (4/15/2014)
[News Release](#) (11/12/2013)

Colorado has many ash in the urban forest (we estimate about 15% of trees are ash). Ash trees are popular in Colorado with an estimated 98,000 in the city of Boulder alone; the Denver Metro area has an estimated 1.45 million ash trees.

It is possible that EAB could infest an ash tree for 3 or 4 years before visible signs of decline of the tree. If an ash tree is experiencing die back or looking unhealthy, residents are encouraged to have it examined by a professional tree company, contact CDA, or their city or county forestry office. Infestation signs include:

- Sparse leaves or branches in the upper part of the tree
- D-shaped exit holes about 1/8 inch wide
- New sprouts on the lower trunk or lower branches
- Vertical splits in the bark
- Winding S-shaped tunnels under the bark
- Increased woodpecker activity



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If you think you have EAB in your ash trees, or if you have any questions or concerns, or would like additional information, please contact the Colorado Department of Agriculture at 888-248-5535 or email

CAPS.program@state.co.us. [Colorado State University. Questions and Answers about EAB](#)

How to Manage EAB

[Colorado Emerald Ash Borer First Responder Manual](#)
[EAB Quick Guide](#)
[Managing Emerald Ash Borer: Decision Guide](#)
[Control Options for EAB by Dr. Whitney Cranshaw](#)
[2/4/2014: EAB survey located more areas with infested ash trees in the city of Boulder: branch sampling reveals hidden pest](#)

How Can You Help?

[Burn it where you buy it](#) the CAPS program is recommending that people use firewood from Colorado whenever possible, and to always ensure that their firewood is properly seasoned. In addition, when camping, people should try to buy firewood near their destination campground, to help prevent transporting pests elsewhere.

Repurposed Garden Ideas from idealhomegarden.com



Canal Park Cleanup



Local Food Summit @ NWC

Big Horn Basin



SUMMIT

~ FOR SPECIALTY CROP PRODUCERS ~

Cultivate • Grow • Harvest

**Opportunity for Specialty Crop Producers
to learn about sustainability and
food systems through training sessions
and panel discussions.**

November 14, 2014

Registration 7:30-8:30AM / Summit 8:30AM – 6PM

**Northwest College, Powell
Yellowstone Building Conference Center**

\$25/person (includes lunch)

www.NWC.edu/FoodSummit

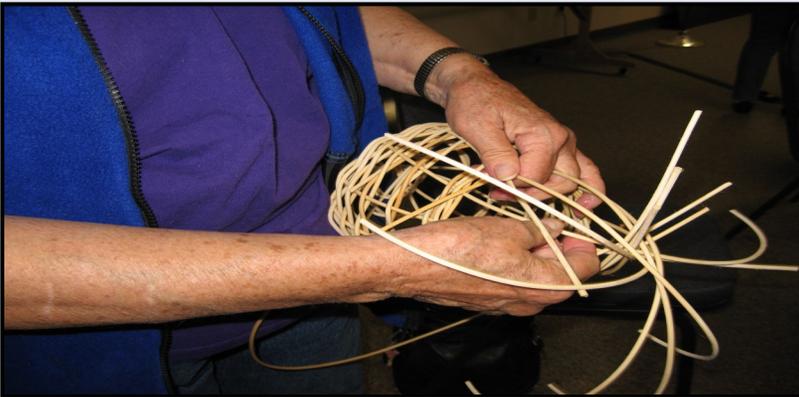
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October Meeting Activity



Weed Alert... from Park County Weed & Pest



Thistle Got You Down?



Cost Share Available!

Park County Weed and Pest Control District
Powell 307-754-4521
Cody 307-527-8885

Includes **Russian knapweed** too!

www.parkcountyweeds.org



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Secretary... *Teri Boyd*

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by the 15th of each month to Bob Prchal

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REMEMBER... Keep it pithy!



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