



The Sage Gardener

Park County Master Gardener Newsletter



From the President... Karen Anderson



The nominees for next years officers are Sandy Frost for President, Donna Haman for Vice President, Rhonda Faulkner for Treasurer and Teri Boyd for Secretary. We will be voting on this slate of officers at the next meeting.

I would like to thank Darlene Manning for reviewing our by-law concerns regarding the Treasure's and her work on the Emeritus Award.

Thank you also to Mickey Waddell for her years of service as Treasurer.

We discussed the upcoming February Training Session. Possible topics for the classes are plant diseases and their treatments, insects, and vertical gardening.

The next meeting will be in Powell at 6pm. The gift exchange is limited to \$10.00. We will be having a potluck carry-in dinner. This is always a fun event, so try to attend!

Thanks to everyone for guiding me through the last few months!

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Forthcoming

Meetings & Events

- **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



Meeting Minutes... submitted by Teri Boyd

Karen Anderson, President convened the November 03, 2014 meeting to order @ 7:00 pm in the EOC room of the Park County Courthouse.



Attendance... Karen Anderson, Bob Prchal, Dan Wasp, Joyce Johnston, Ann Hinckley, Linda Pettengill, Rhonda Faulkner, Rita Lewis, Donna Haman, Darlene Manning, Cathy Swartz, Sandy Frost, Ronda Mclean and Teri Boyd.

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:** Sandy Frost discussed location, shared responsibilities and topics. The planning & organizing process will be taking place in mid November. A December report will follow.
- **Powell 'Sample the Season':** Members created homemade decorations for the a PCMG Xmas tree. Linda Pettengill coordinated.

New Business

- **Food Summit:** November 14 'Specialty Crop Production' seminar at Northwest College. \$25 fee... includes lunch.
- **Emeritus Status:** Darlene Manning offered a proposal, however no policy/criteria was attached. No decision was made. On the proposal. The Policy change will be considered and guidelines will be offered and disseminated via email. A decision will be forthcoming at the December meeting.
- **2015 Officer Nominations:** *President:* Sandy Frost; *Vice President:* Donna Haman; *Secretary:* Teri Boyd; and *Treasurer:* Rhonda Faulkner. Formalization of officers will take place at the December meeting.
- **Spider Traps:** Joyce briefed the members and traps are available for purchase at \$7 in the Cody and Powell Extension offices.
- **Christmas Meeting:** Potluck and gift exchange... \$10 price range for gifts.

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... 8:10 pm

Refreshments: Rita and Ronda. **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

Seed catalogs are coming by the dozen. Be looking for Heirloom seeds for your 2015 garden. Heirloom plants will produce seeds you can save for the next year's crop when you find a vegetable that really suits you. Not being biologically engineered, these seeds will reproduce the parent plant exactly. This is an especially desirable trait with the price of seeds going up every year.

Speaking of saving seeds, it is not too late to be collecting them yet. Just be sure you allow them to dry thoroughly, LABEL them carefully and keep in a brown paper bag in a cool place. With this supply tucked away you will be ready for a "seed swap" this Spring.

When cutting spaghetti or other squash for a cooking, save the seeds and lay out for saving as described above.

You can be planning your new garden on cold winter nights. Check those records you kept so you can rotate your crops in 2015.

Try something new and different, such as the new combination/cross of kale and Brussels Sprouts called Kalettes. The greens have all the nutritional benefits of kale and taste milder and sweeter than Brussels sprouts. Check kalettes.com for more information.

When your seeds are ready or the order comes in, make your seed tapes for easy planting. You can use paper towels or newspaper but the best medium for seed tapes is really cheap toilet paper. It is thinner and dissolves more quickly when planted.

Some people like to buy a living evergreen for a Christmas tree. After the holidays are over move it to a cool area with some sunshine and keep it watered to hold it for planting in the Spring.

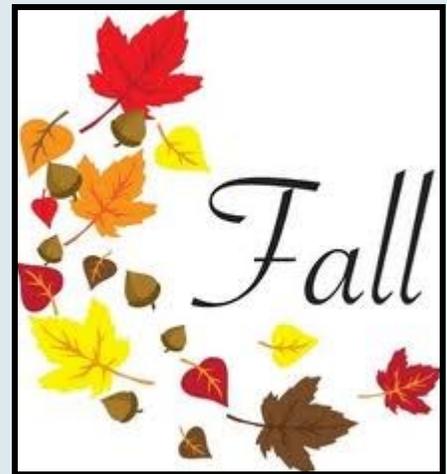
If the ground hasn't completely frozen in some corner where you had bulbs last Spring, you may still be able to dig some up for forcing in the house to have blooms in the house next February

Zap Pine Sap: To remove pine sap on clothing or skin, use rubbing alcohol. Soak a piece of cloth or a cotton ball with alcohol and rub the sap spot to remove the sticky stuff in a flash.

~~ MaryJanesFarm

November Gardening Tips... University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension in Lancaster

- After chrysanthemums have stopped blooming, cut stems back close to the ground and dispose of stems and all dropped and dried leaves and branches.
- Reduce peony botrytis blight and hollyhock rust by removing and disposing of all old stems this fall. This will reduce the carryover of the diseases during the winter and you will have less trouble next year.
- Clean up rose beds. Be sure all diseased leaves are raked up and disposed. *Inspect trees and shrubs for bagworm capsules. Remove and destroy them to reduce next year's pest population.
- If you've purchased gourds this year as decorations, plan to grow them yourself next year. They make great garden projects for kids.
- Be sure not to store apples or pears with vegetables. The fruits give off ethylene gas which speeds up the breakdown of vegetables and will cause them to develop off flavors.
- After the ground freezes, mulch small fruit plants such as strawberries. One inch of straw or leaves is ideal for strawberries. Small branches may be used to keep mulch in place.
- Remove all mummified fruit from fruit trees and rake up and destroy those on the ground. Also, rake and dispose of apple and cherry leaves. Good sanitation practices reduce re-infestation of insects and diseases the following season.
- African violets do well when potted in rather small pots. A good general rule is to use a pot one third the diameter of the plant. Encourage African violets to bloom by giving them plenty of light. They can be in a south window during dark winter months. They bloom beautifully under fluorescent lights. In fact, they seem to prefer them.
- Clean power tools of all plant material and dirt. Replace worn spark plugs, oil all necessary parts, and sharpen blades. Store all tools in their proper place indoors, never outdoors where they will rust over the winter.
- Clean and fix all hand tools. Repaint handles or identification marks that have faded over the summer. Sharpen all blades and remove any rust.
- Order seed catalogs now for garden planning in January. For variety, consider companies that specialize in old and rare varieties or wild flowers.
- Bring out the bird feeders and stock them with bird seed for the birds. Remember to provide fresh water for them too.



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

Celebrating Park County Master Gardener Birthdays



January

- ◆ *JoAnne Arzillo*
- ◆ *Donna Haman*
- ◆ *Darlene Manning*
- ◆ *Sandy Frost*
- ◆ *Valerie Bates*

December

- ◆ *Nancy Ryan*
- ◆ *Rita Lewis*



Emerald Ash Borer Update... USDA APHIS PPQ WY (10/22/2014)

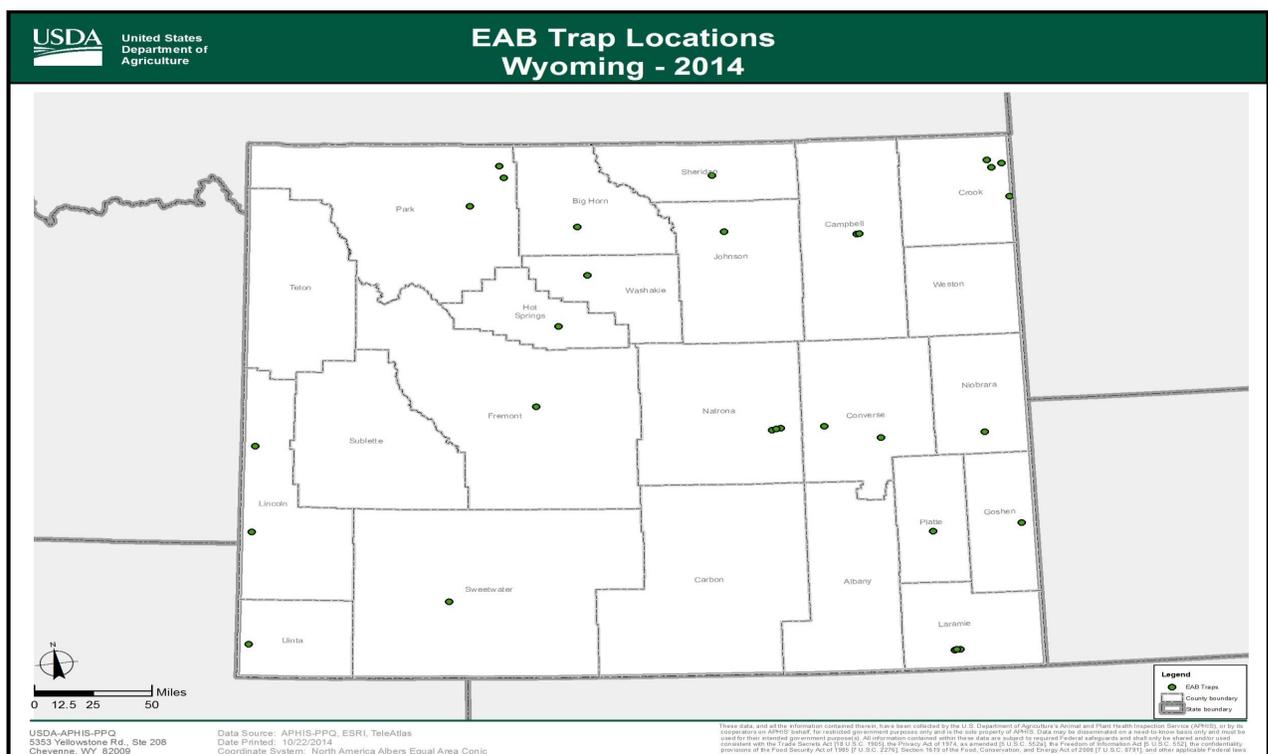
This pest has proven to be very destructive in many eastern states and has been gradually spreading westward. Emerald Ash Borer was found in neighboring Boulder County, Colorado in 2013. Wyoming took part in the National Scientifically Based Emerald Ash Borer Modeling program which identified areas containing native ash trees. Trapping sites chosen by this model were utilized if host trees (ash) were present and relocated if none were found. Maps were created by the PPQ GIS Specialist in Cheyenne and utilized for trap placement. Traps were installed in late May/early June and removed in September. A total of 31 traps were installed in 18 counties. The following counties had target ash trees identified and traps installed Park, Johnson, Campbell, Fremont, Natrona, Goshen, Uinta, Laramie, Platte, Converse, Sheridan, Niobrara, Crook, Big Horn, Washakie, Hot Springs, Sweetwater and Lincoln.

Purple prism traps and the combination of manuka oil and a leaf volatile blend extract lure were used. Traps were placed in Ash trees at a height which would discourage trap disturbance by humans or animals.

Wyoming Plant Protection and Quarantine took direction from agency 2014 Emerald Ash Borer survey guidelines and degree day data. This data was referenced to insure traps were installed before Emerald Ash Borer emergence would be possible and removed far beyond the emergence timeline. Traps were checked mid-season and lure was replaced at that time. Field data was collected and entered into Integrated Plant Health Information System (IPHIS) by PPQ. Data is also forwarded to Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey (CAPS) and entered into National Agriculture Pest Information System (NAPIS) database. Outreach activities included State Fair booth, field literature and poster distribution.

All traps were determined negative for EAB in 2014.

In October of 2014, White fringetree (*Chionanthus virginicus*) was confirmed as being a new host for EAB. Additional studies are being conducted to determine what risk this may pose to the United States as well as the need for additional surveys. Research is currently being conducted to determine the range of this tree as well as any potential



Recycling Tips... Ann Hinckley

The average American spends \$800 on gifts over the holiday season. From Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, household waste increases by more than 25 percent. Add food waste, shopping bags, packaging, wrapping paper, bows and ribbons... it all adds up. And it's not just trash. <http://www.epa.gov/osw/wycdf/funfacts/winter.htm>

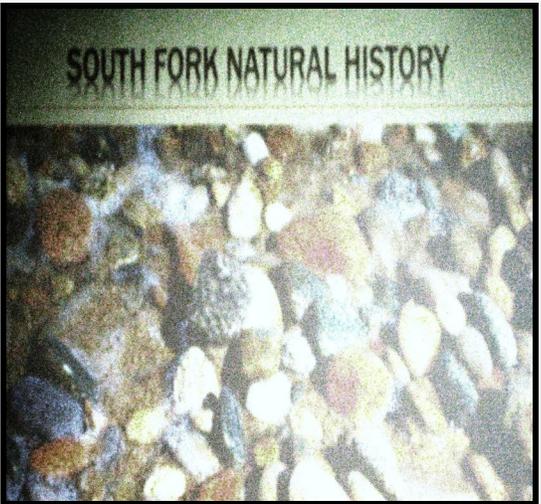
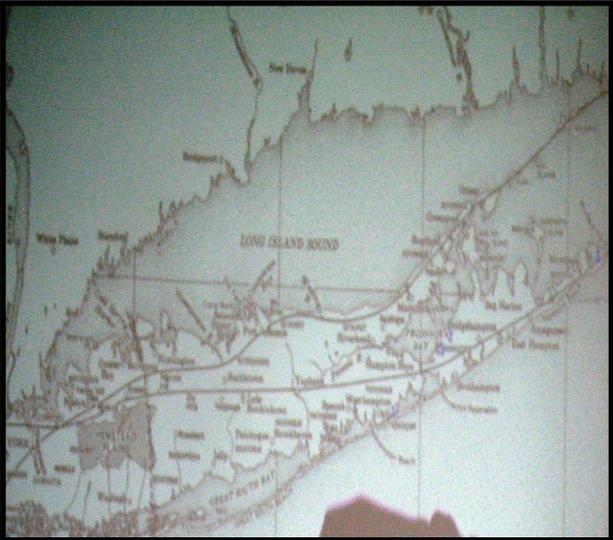
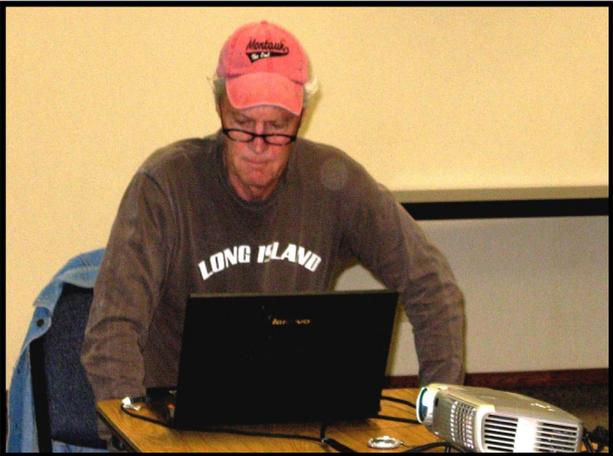


- ◆ Take all your cardboard boxes from your Christmas to the Recycling Center.
- ◆ Powell Valley Recycling also takes strings of Christmas lights... *or you can take off the lights and use the green coated wire for tying up your plants next summer.*

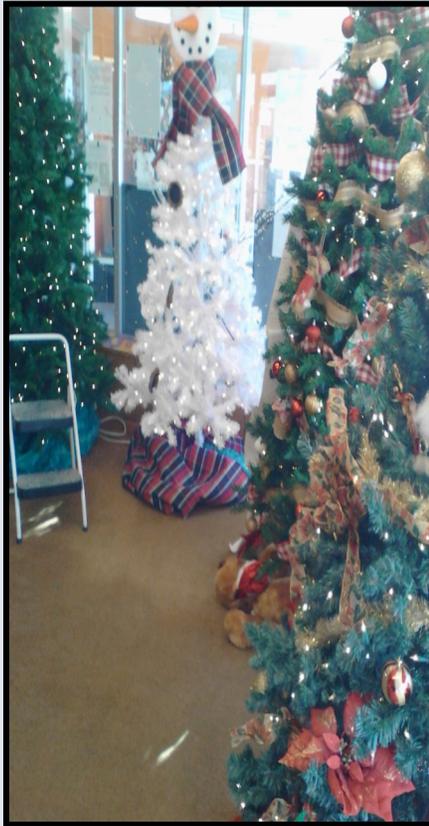
Repurposing Tips



November Meeting Montage



Powell 'Taste of the Season' Montage



PCMG 'Taste of the Season' tree entrant





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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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Greenhouse... *Bob Prchal*

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