



The Sage Gardener

Park County Master Gardener Newsletter



From the President... Karen Anderson



Seasons Greetings

I would like to thank all the people that have supported me during the past year. Every one of you brings expertise to the group. I am proud to have served this year. The phrase, "It takes a village" comes to mind.

Let's welcome in the new year and give our full support to the new officers.

Thank you all so very much!



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Forthcoming Meetings & Events

- **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 December 01, 2014 meeting to order @ 6:00 pm in the Park County Fairgrounds Extension meeting room.



Attendance... Karen Anderson, Bob Prchal, Dan Wasp, Joyce Johnston, Ann Hinckley, Mickey Waddell, Linda Pettengill, Rhonda Faulkner, Sandy Frost, Valerie Bates, Kendra Morris and Teri Boyd. **Guests:** Bonnie and Jenna Bates.

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

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

Old Business

- **Powell 'Sample the Season':** Coordinator, Linda Pettengill provided an update on our tree decoration efforts.
- **Spider Traps:** Traps are available for purchase at \$7 in the Cody and Powell Extension offices.

New Business

- **Emeritus Status:** The agenda item was tabled until the January meeting. The policy proposal with guidelines will be forwarded to all members for a final review and member are expected to vote up or down on the proposal at the January 2015 meeting.
- **2015 Officer Elections:** *President:* Sandy Frost; *Vice President:* Donna Haman; *Secretary:* Teri Boyd; and *Treasurer:* Rhonda Faulkner. Terms begin January 01, 2015.
- **Brown Bag Seminar's:** Linda Pettengill will coordinate. The schedule will be in the Newsletter. Topics are yet to be determined and will depend on the "Guest Speakers". Please consider presenting a topic of interest and expanding our local Horticultural interest and outreach.
- **2015 Master Gardener Training:** Sandy Frost, Joyce Johnston, Mae Smith, Alex Malcolm and Caitlin Lundquist will meet on December 10, 2014 to finalize the 2015 Big Horn Basin training program and schedule (s).
- **Awards Recognition:** Joyce recognized members who have volunteered at least 10, 05 and >1 years of service.
- **MG Cookbook:** Joyce Johnston will coordinate the first phase of recipes. She needs proof readers and design feedback.

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... 8:35pm

Refreshments: Pot luck... membership. **Educational Program:** No program

Next Meeting: In Cody on January 05, 2014 @ 7:00 pm in the EOC room of the Park County Courthouse.

Extension Musings... Joyce Johnston & Ann Hinckley

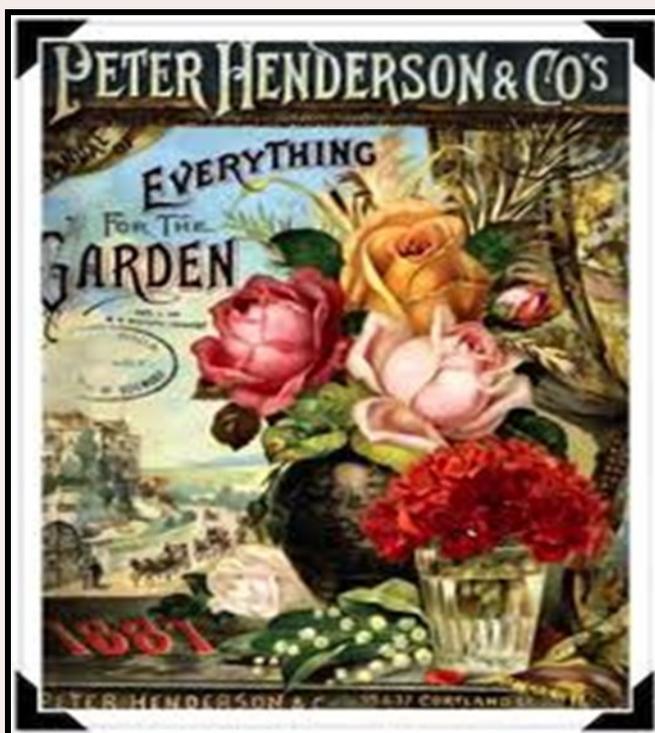
Don't forget to water your trees and shrubs when the temperature is warm enough for you to get out and the water will run through a hose. A good soaking is good for them to help carry them through the winter.



If you are having trouble with spiders moving indoors since the weather has turned colder you can get spider traps at the Cody or Powell Extension Offices. 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.

Collect seeds now if you didn't get to it sooner.

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



5 Ways to Keep Houseplants Healthy... <http://www.gardeners.com/how-to/>

- ⇒ Inspect plants before bringing them indoors. If they show signs of pests or disease, cure the problem before you infect your other indoor plants.
- ⇒ **Avoid placing plants in trouble spots, such as near heat or air conditioning ducts, on television or a radiator or between curtains and a frosty window.**
- ⇒ **Provide the right light. Plants that require full sun will thrive in a south-facing window. East-and west-facing windows have moderate sun. North windows have very little sun.**
- ⇒ **Remember that air conditions can be very dry in the winter because of heated air. You can provide a little extra humidity with a pebble tray and some misting.**
- ⇒ **Always plant in sterile soil. That will minimize problems with fungus gnats and other soil-borne disease.**



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

Observing PCMG Birthdays



January

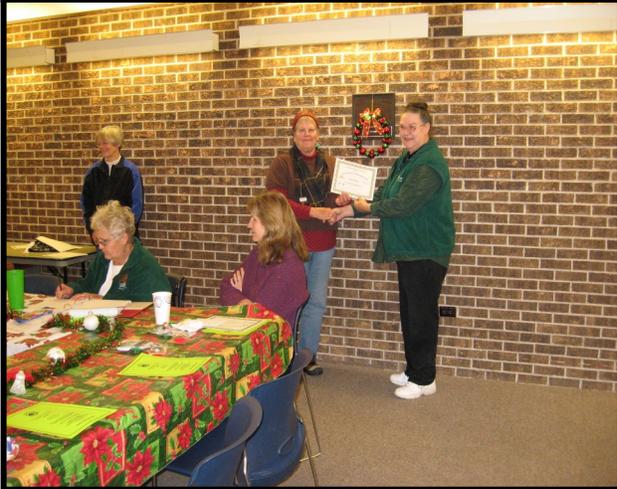
- ◆ *JoAnne Arzillo*
- ◆ *Donna Haman*
- ◆ *Darlene Manning*
- ◆ *Sandy Frost*
- ◆ *Valerie Bates*

December

- ◆ *Nancy Ryan*
- ◆ *Rita Lewis*



Awards Recognition & Christmas Meeting



Recycling Tips... Ann Hinckley

Take all your Christmas boxes to the recycling centers. They don't want the packing material unless it is "peanuts" done up in a separate bag... not loose!

Colored Christmas paper is not accepted... however, magazines and newspapers are always welcomed.

Some Cities grind up the Christmas trees & Wreaths... check with your Community Solid Waste Department. You can also put them out in the yard with peanut buttered pine cones for the birds.

You can also reuse the foam peanuts for shipping other packages; or you could contact local shipping services (UPS, Federal Express, etc...) to see if they except such items.



Volunteer Service Appreciation & Recognition

The following PCMG members were recognized with *Certificates of Appreciation* for having greater than 10 years of volunteer service promoting Master Gardener concepts

Joyce Johnston

Nancy Ryan

Sandy Frost

Rhonda Faulkner

JoAnne Arzillo

Donna Haman

Suzanne Larsen

Rita Lewis

Cheryl Wright



17 years of Volunteering & Supporting Grassroots' Horticulture

December Meeting Montage



2015 Brown Bag 'Winter' Seminars

WHEN: **Wednesday's in January & February**

January 14

January 21

January 28

February 04

February 11

February 18

February 25



WHERE: Powell Library conference room @ 12:00 to 12:50 p.m.

PREVIOUS TOPICS: "early seeding for our growing season"; "grow best potatoes"; "create butterfly garden"; "recycled glass garden art"; "grapes before wine"; "flower pounding"; "wild garden... creating a natural garden with wildflowers"; "making seed tapes"; and "herbs".

CONTACT: Linda Pettengill for a date and topic you would like to present as soon as possible.

~~ Consider sharing your garden passion in this important venue ~~

Christmas Repurposing Ideas... using branches & stems





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2014 Officers

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Secretary... *Teri Boyd*

Treasurer... *Mickey Waddell*

WMGA Delegates... *Bob Prchal & Darlene Manning*



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changed ~~

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

rjprchal@tritel.net

REMEMBER... Keep it pithy!



Committee Chairs

Newsletter... *Bob Prchal*

Cody Garden Tour... *Suzanne Larsen*

Historian... *Jo Anne Arzillo*

Greenhouse... *Bob Prchal*

Scholarships... *PCMG President*

Park County Fair... *Bob Prchal*

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