



The Sage Gardener

Park County Master Gardener Newsletter



From the Editor... Bob Prchal



When You Garden, You Grow!

Every April communities, organizations, and individuals nationwide celebrate gardening during National Garden Month. Gardeners know, and research confirms, that nurturing plants is good for us: attitudes toward health and nutrition improve, kids perform better at school, and community spirit grows. Join the celebration and help to make America a greener, healthier, more livable place.

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Forthcoming

Meetings & Events

- **March 03**
MG mtg. at Cody Library
@ 6:00pm
- **Note:** Training /Brown Bag seminars in this newsletter
- **March 13 to 15**
2014 WMGA /WFMA
State Conference in Sheridan @ the Sheridan Community College
- **March 29**
Common Sense Conservation @ Powell Armory
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
- **April 07**
MG mtg. in Powell
@ 7:00pm
- **April 18**
Powell Arbor Day
@ **Commons**
10:00am to 1:00 pm
- **April 26**
Cody Arbor Day
@ **Cody Auditorium** 9:00 am to Noon



Meeting Minutes... submitted by Valerie Bates

Sariah Bronson, President convened the March 03, 2014 meeting to order in Cody @ 6:02 p.m. @ the Cody Library.



Attendance... Sariah Bronson, Ronda McLean, Suzanne Larsen, Dan Wasp, Kendra Morris, Bob Prchal, JoAnne Arzillo, Jan Jackson, Linda Pettengill, Cathy Asay, Donna Haman, Cathy Swartz, Darlene Manning and Valerie Bates.

Approval of Minutes... The February and March minutes were not reviewed and approvals were postponed until the April meeting.

Treasurer's Report... The February and March Treasurer's report was discussed but approvals were postponed until the April meeting.

Old Business

- **Recognition/Awards:** Awards for Community Service and Outstanding Master gardener were discussed.
- **2014 PCMG Projects:** Signup and leaders are needed for Canal Park and the Cody Garden Tour.
- **Common Sense Conservation workshop:** The membership is encouraged to attend the March 29th event. Cost is \$15 which includes lunch by Hog Heaven. PCMG's will have a table @ the workshop.

New Business

- **Resignation:** Sarah Bronson informed the membership that she had moved to Utah and would be vacating her president position.
- **September Meeting:** The meeting is planned for Donna Haman's home. However, the 1st Monday is Labor Day, thus a date needs to be established @ the April 03 meeting so Donna can plan her vacation plans.
- **Powell Community Garden:** There may be a April 28 planting date. Stay tuned for details and needs.
- **PCMG Camera:** Sariah purchased a new camera for JoAnne. Motion to reimburse Sariah was approved.
- **Plant a Row:** Please consider extra plantings to your 2014 gardening activities so we can contribute to the needy.

Committee Reports and/or Announcements

- **2014 WMGA/WFMA Conference:** As WMGA Chairman, Bob Prchal thanks the Park County Master Gardeners that attended the joint Conference of Wyoming Master Gardeners and Wyoming Farmers Market attendees. Park County had the largest Master Gardener representation and you are to be commended!

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 Rachael Olsen (Powell) or Colleen Renner (Cody) @ the Extension offices for details and paperwork.

Next Meeting: In Powell @ 7:00 p.m. March 03, 2014 @ the Park County Fairground Extension meeting room. Refreshments: Karen & Rhonda. Educational Program: Cactus ?

Adjournment... 6:52 p.m. **Education/Workshop...** Researching and Writing successful Grants

Extension Musings... Joyce Johnston & Ann Hinckley

It is time to be planning your garden. Zone 4 has some suggestions to help you along. Plant only what your family likes to eat. Consider that we only have about a 110-day growing season so, even though your family may like okra, it would be better to buy your okra and plant something that will mature in our zone. Plan what you are going to do with your produce... will you have time for freezing or otherwise preserving it? Consider what space you will need.

Corn, pumpkins, melons and winter squash take a lot of space for the amount of edible produce they provide. Produce that is most expensive in the stores and/or produces the most pounds per square foot of space in the shortest amount of time ought to be given priority. The Spring 2014 Zone 4 magazine has a chart of the approximate amount of vegetables to plant for a family of four. ***If you don't subscribe you can check a copy out at the Extension office.***



Soil compaction is sometimes a problem in our gardens. It can be caused by many factors but usually it is foot traffic. There are ways to avoid this: design narrow beds or beds and borders that can be reached from both sides or create a path or place stepping-stones in wide beds and borders. If you have to step into your garden, work when it is dry. When are working your soil add lots of compost and rotted manure. Spread wood mulch, straw, pine needles or compost where you step. For a temporary measure lay a scrap of lumber like a piece of old fence between the plants. You can lift the soil with a broad fork or a spading fork to combat compaction. The Garden Gate magazine ends their advice with the suggestion “when in your garden watch where you step.”

Make a wine bottle bird feeder... from the *Birds and Blooms Magazine*

Materials needed: *Wine bottle, untreated lumber and screws, finish nails or staples, wire rope, L hook, 2 washers, 2 screws and birdseed.*

Step 1: The most important step is choosing a bottle. We encourage you to find one with an interesting shape, eye-catching label or pretty color. You also could make it special by recycling a bottle from a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion.

Step 2: Construct the feeder as you would a birdhouse, leaving out a few walls and using the photo as a guide. Remember to take into account the size of the wine bottle.

Step 3: Once the housing is done, mount the bottle with wire rope to hold it in place. Just pull the rope tight against the spot where the bottom of the upside down bottle will rest and secure it with a couple of washers and screws on the inner wall of the housing.

Step 4: At the base of the feeder, where the bottle opening is, screw in an L hook against the back of the feeder base. You want to position the hook so the lip of the bottle rests on it to keep the feeder at a proper height.

Step 5: Use a funnel to fill the bottle with birdseed. Turn it upside down and secure it with the L hook and the wire rope. The seed will come out by itself, bit by bit.



Happy Days

Educational Opportunities...

Brown Bag Seminars

Powell Branch of the Park County Library

12 noon to 12:50 p.m.



April 2: *Planning Prevents Problems*

Cool season crops

Sandra Frost, UW Extension Educator

April 9: *Preparing Seed Tapes*

Ann Hinckley, Park County Master Gardener

April 16: *Planting seeds & plants*

Warm season crops

Sandra Frost, UW Extension Educator

April 23: *Garden TLC... water, fertilizer, weeds, harvest*

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Recycling Facts from RecyclingFacts.org



Reducing the amount of “stuff” that has to be handled is the first place to cut back on solid waste!

- ◇ When possible avoid over-wrapped items, such as single-wrap cheese slices.
- ◇ Buy things in reusable or recyclable containers... jelly in drinking glasses or drinks in recyclable plastic bottles; and be sure the containers get into the recycling stream!
- ◇ Take your own shopping bag instead of getting another plastic bag with every purchase.



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

How does it help 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

Park County Extension Spring Calendar 2014... from Sandy Frost**Mar 29... Common Sense Conservation**

Topics – Horses, Horticulture, Stewardship

The Armory, Powell, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Cheryl Moore-Gough, author of *Rocky Mountain Vegetable Gardening*

Registration \$15, lunch served. Call 307-527-8885 to register.

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Brown Bag Seminar, Powell Library

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Apr 19... Poultry Workshop with Hudson Hill

Classroom presentations in am. Processing birds in pm.

UW Research & Extension Center – Powell

Apr 26... Arbor Day - Cody

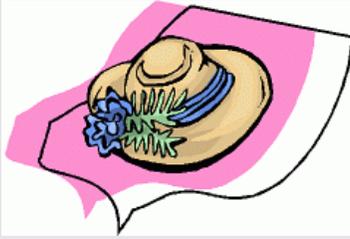
Cody Auditorium, all day

May ? Apple Grafting Workshop - TBA

For more information contact Sandra Frost, UW Extension educator

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Garden Hat Exchange... [Linda Pettengill <lkpl798@tctwest.net>](mailto:lkpl798@tctwest.net)



During the March meeting, it was agreed to have a "fun" garden hat project. **At the April meeting**, we will exchange the garden hats.

Each member is requested to bring a hat useful in gardening. It can be New, Used or Stolen.

Prior to the event and using your creative minds, decorate the hat in a garden theme of your choice.

A Chinese Christmas exchange method will be used so no one will take home their own hat.



What are we doing? from Joyce Johnston and Ann Hinckley



Got a thrill yet...? Becoming excited...?



Gardener's Word's to Live By... Sow the seeds of joy

Happiness is to hold flowers in both hands...

~ Japanese saying ~



There are no gardening mistakes, only experiments...

~ Janet Kilburn Philips ~

I'd rather have roses on my table than diamonds on my neck...

~ Emma Goldman ~

The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies...

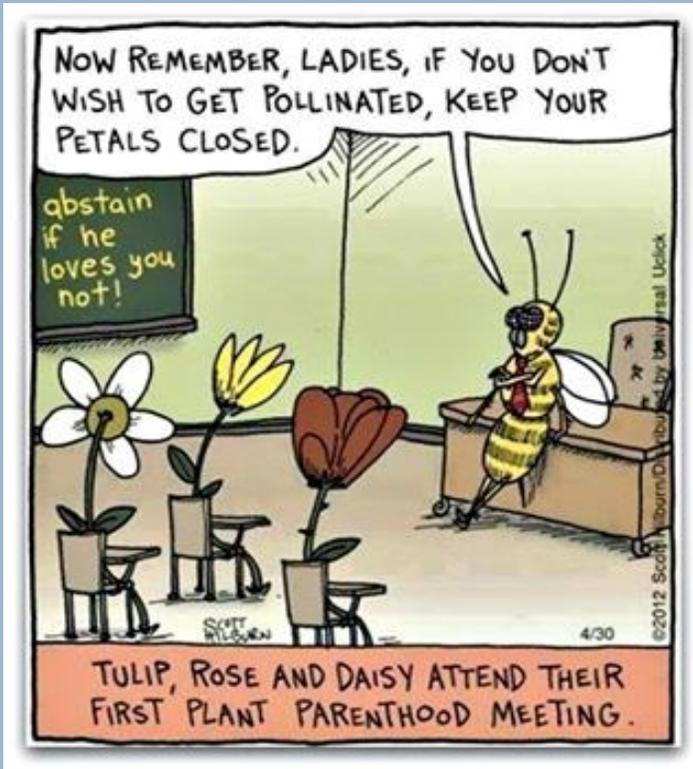
~ Gertrude Jekyll ~



If you want to be happy for a lifetime, plant a garden...

~ Chinese saying ~

Pollinating Tips... *From The Garden Fairy*



Agents of Pollination	Technical Term
Abiotic	
Wind	Anemophily
Water	Hydrophily
Biotic	
Insects	Entomophily
Birds	Ornithophily
Bats	Chiropterophily
Snails	Malacophily
Larger animals including man	Zoophily

Cut Worm Alert... from UW Assistant Extension Entomologist, Scott Schell 307-766-2508



[http://wiki.bugwood.org/HPIPM:Banded Woollybear](http://wiki.bugwood.org/HPIPM:Banded%20Woollybear) The samples submitted are almost entirely black, like this specimen. The last generation of the **Isabella tiger moth** (*P. isabella*) overwinters as half-grown larvae that are active in the daylight on warm days in late winter and early spring. They feed on both grasses and broadleaf plants.



The various “**cutworm species**” are active at night and overcast days in the very early spring and are not hairy. They hide in soil cracks and debris in the daylight

NOTE: This is a pest to keep a watch for and to remind clients to scout their crop fields and pastures for.

<http://wiki.bugwood.org/HPIPM:Cutworms>



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 Vice President... *Karen Anderson*
 Secretary... *Valerie Bates*
 Treasurer... *Mickey Waddell*
 WMGA Delegates... *Donna Haman & Rita Lewis*



'Newsletter of the Park County Master Gardeners'

~~ Content cannot be altered or changed ~~

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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