

# April, 2009 Newsletter

OK. Enough of the white stuff already. I had one snow daisy and one nepeta up before the big storm as well as tulips that are now (the ones that aren't still buried under the snow) a very dark green. I sure hope they recover! Luckily for us the snow didn't keep everybody home from our first Garden School. About 40 brave and curious souls attended and we can really be proud of our teachers—Kathy Shreve, Barb Sahl, Roberta Bolton, and Susan Carlson. They did a terrific job.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, the 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Cottonwood Room at the library. After a brief business meeting, we'll hear from Chuck Latham who is the manager at Belvoir Ranch. He will give us an idea of the history of the Ranch and possibly some of the planned uses. He is also setting up a tour for us in May.

If you haven't given me your shirt size, please do so no later than this month's meeting. These shirts are for all active master gardeners in good standing. I'm going to go ahead and order the shirts for the interns at the same time, but they'll get them at graduation. We'll have patches made for them to wear until then. We'd like for you to wear your shirt on yard calls, when you go to the farmer's market to answer questions, at any function where you represent Master Gardeners.

The Greenway Committee is really getting to work in a big way. They'll be mapping (GPS) the trees and shrubs on the Greenway for the Park's Department while identifying them. We'll get a report at the next meeting.

The Conference Committee has met with Conferences & Institutes at the University and will begin soliciting sponsors and booking speakers. If you know of a business that might be interested in donating to our cause, please let us know. If you've heard a speaker that just knocked your socks off, please pass that along as well. Our theme for the conference will be "Growing in the Wind: From the Ground Up". We'll be calling on some of the members to help with different things when time gets closer (after all, April 30 –May 2, 2010 is still a little ways away.)

Don't forget the Plant Sale on May 16. Please let Roberta know if you're planning on helping this year. [rbolton@millec.com](mailto:rbolton@millec.com)

I sent out information earlier about grant money for a 75/25% match from the Department of Agriculture. I understand the first deadline has passed, but also that more stimulus money is expected to become available. If you're interested, stay in touch with the Dept. of Ag.

I also learned today that this coming weekend there is a conference in town that may interest some of you. On Friday the program will be on seeds. Saturday is the Farmer's Market Conference and on Sunday through Monday, our friend from Mew Mexico will be doing another

hoop house construction workshop. More info on this can be found at [www.wyomingfarmersmarkets.org](http://www.wyomingfarmersmarkets.org)

Directories are still available at Catherine's office if you haven't picked yours up yet.

See you Wednesday!