

February, 2009 Newsletter

You can blame Mike Whitmore for the bad weather this weekend. We went to the State MG Steering Committee meeting in Casper on Friday. The weather always goes sour when we go somewhere in the same car and he refused to run beside the car. He'll update you on that at the meeting.

If you missed the last meeting and Shane's presentation last month, you missed a good program. The plans for the arboretum look terrific as do those for the Children's Garden. Let's all pitch in and get our hands dirty! Thank you, Shane.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, the 18th at 6:30 in the Sunflower Room at the library. After a brief business meeting, Clint Basset, water specialist from the City's Water Conservation program will speak on the progress Cheyenne is making. Clint is also a gardener and believes in "the right plant in the right place" approach to gardening.

Something truly exciting has happened. Thanks to Shane Smith at the Botanic Garden, we'll be hosting an offsite teleconference from the Denver Botanic Garden. Ian Young, from Aberdeen, Scotland, will be in Denver presenting a program on Rock Garden Design on Saturday, March 21 from 1 to 2:30. We'll have a live feed at LCCC and are offering this to the public at no charge. The room only seats 45, so it will be a first come/first serve situation. We'll be collecting donations and that money will be split between the Cheyenne and Denver Botanic Gardens.

We still need some mentors for the new class. I sent via email a list of names and interests. I'll bring that list to the meeting so you can choose your student. I'll also have their contact information on hand. We're asking this year that mentors be proactive by initiating contact (perhaps by going to a class) as well as attending at least one educational activity with your student. Remember, we're trying to encourage the interns to become active members after they've completed the course. I must say, I'm impressed by the enthusiasm this group is showing.

Sandy Dennis, Linda Barker and I have met to get started on the State Conference in 2010. This is starting to look like a really exciting adventure. We're going to need everyone's help with this project, so we'll be keeping you posted.

Time for the Plant Sale is fast approaching. Roberta will have sign up sheets for the various committees where help is needed.

Martha has the Garden Walk well in hand. Some of the home owners have asked for mentors to guide them in planning spring planting and ideas for specific spots in their yards. If you are willing to assist, please contact Martha Mullikin.

Don't forget to pick up your new directory at the meeting. I look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday.