

June, 2009 Newsletter

I know you've heard "April Showers bring May Flowers", but what do May showers and June showers bring, besides hail? I don't suppose there's any historical record that a wet spring somehow adds to the growing season for those of us who haven't gotten the veggies in the ground yet.

This month we'll meet in the Sunflower Room on the 3rd floor at the Library. Our speaker is Rick Sacket from Laramie County Weed and Pest and he'll be giving us some ideas on controlling the four legged pests in the garden. We'll have a very brief business meeting starting at 6:30. (We won't be meeting in July and August will be our picnic. Details to come.)

Plans for the Garden Walk are well under way. This would be the ideal time for mentors to invite interns to co-host at the different gardens.

Both the Plant Selects demonstration garden and our community garden plot have been planted. If you're interested in earning some hours by acting as a resource for other gardeners on Saturday mornings, please contact Roberta Bolton. We'll also be doing maintenance on the Plant Selects garden at the same time.

The Greenway committee has discovered how huge a task they've undertaken. We'll hear a report on how they plan to put limits on the project, which will probably require multiple years to complete.

Good progress is being made on the 2010 State MG Conference. Our theme is "Gardening in the Wind: From the Ground Up." We've begun contracting with speakers and we've secured Little America as our site. One of the "fatalities" of the recent budget cuts was the whole Conferences and Institutes department at UW. We're on our own now for contracts, paying bills, taking registrations and publicity. If you are interested in working on a committee, please let me know and tell me what you'd like to do. We really would like for this to be a success.

Our last order of business on Wednesday will be to name a nominating committee. The terms of president and secretary expire this fall. Election of officers will be at graduation. Please be willing to help identify possible candidates for these offices.

Chuck Lanham has scheduled more tours of Belvoir for those of you who may have been unable to attend the one in May. The tours are limited to 5 or 6 people and the dates are Sat, Jun 20th, 8-12, Wed, Jun 24th, 1-5 pm, Mon, Jul 6th, 10 am-2 pm, Sat, Jul 11th, 8-12, Wed, Jul 15th, 1-5 pm. Please contact Chuck at 637-6283 or clanham@cheyennecity.org if you want to attend.

Please take a minute to review the minutes of last month's meeting so we don't have to read them all at the meeting. Thanks.