Message from Stacey

Thanks for all of your hard work! Each year the Master Gardener program is getting stronger because of you the volunteers!!!!!

The 2014-2015 Master Gardener season has been fun and exciting. We welcomed a new staff member Janine Lane who jumped in and helped tremendously. The fall class had 17 graduates and three of those have already completed their 50 hours. The Yuma Master Gardener program is now 70 members strong.

Fun new projects have been added to our program this year; the field to feast garden, greenhouse project and technology committee. Our new technology committee has worked hard to make improvements on our University of Arizona websites for the Master Gardener program, Moody Garden and Urban Horticulture. Check them out and see what’s been added and changed. We also have an awesome new Facebook (FB) page for Urban Horticulture and a new administrator to update Moody Garden FB page. We are always looking for post ideas, if you see something cool, let us know!

Websites to check out!
http://extension.arizona.edu/yuma-master-gardener
http://extension.arizona.edu/yuma-robert-j-moody-demonstration-garden
http://extension.arizona.edu/yuma-urban-horticulture

Facebook Pages
https://www.facebook.com/gardeningyuma?ref=aymt_homepage_panel
https://www.facebook.com/MoodyGarden

I wish safe travels for those of you going away for the summer and that you have a wonderful summer. For the year rounders, I’m in the process of putting together an advanced class from suggestions you sent me. Please keep your eye out for more info on the advanced class and a survey about next seasons continuing education classes.

I again thank you for all your hard work this season, it definitely shows in our garden and community!

Stacey Bealmear-Jones

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Ongoing Projects

Those that are interested in helping with a project, contact the person listed below.

**Moody Garden**
- Dalene Kelly  
  Dalene51@gmail.com

**Greenhouse**
- Jan Miller  
  janmiller@email.arizona.edu

**Plant Clinics**
- Lowes: Mary Thode 928-580-0979
- Yuma Nursery: Gene Ingersoll 928-722-6229

**Field to Feast**
- Janine Lane  janinel@cals.arizona.edu

**Conservation Garden**
- Carson Snow 928-503-2747

**School & Community Gardens**
- Tricia Kinnell  tricia.kinnell@yumacountyaz.gov

**Agave Garden in Moody**
- Ricky Jones  letsgofit@yahoo.com

Volunteer Opportunities

**Moody Garden**

Volunteers are currently needed for the following:

- **Entire Garden**: Trash pickup around the entire garden
- **Healing garden**: Help with raking
- **Native Plants Garden**: Trim back Creosote bush on North end
- **Painting**: Wooden structures as needed
- **Agave Garden**: Move rocks around to make the area look more attractive

For more info contact Dalene Kelly: dalene51@gmail.com

**Plant Clinic**

Saturday May 16th: 10:00am—2:00 pm

Gene Ingersol, Master Gardener will answer plant related questions. A great source for learning Plant Clinics.

Yuma Nursery Supply, 4405 S Avenue A, Yuma

For more information contact Gene Ingersol: hdcruise@aol.com

**Loofa Garden**

Would someone like to help Ricky Jones start a loofa garden at Moody? If yes, please contact Ricky Jones letsgofit@yahoo.com

Have you seen the Urban Horticulture page on Facebook??

https://www.facebook.com/gardeningyuma

Give it a LIKE!!

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Support Moody Garden:

People can now donate directly to MGM Garden using PayPal. Download a brick form or check out other items offered. You are also invited to watch the YouTube, City 73 video of MGM Garden from the link on MGM’s Video & Photos page.

Please share with your friends and family!

http://www.fgcyuma.org/moody_garden_makers5.html
Project Reports

Greenhouse

The greenhouse project successfully brought in $493.50 for the season. Depending on the status of the grant that is currently being used for funding, the funds will either be used as seed money for next season or donated to the irrigation system at Moody Garden. The greenhouse group is looking at several different options for next season and are hoping to increase traffic at Moody Garden’s plant sale in November with more advertising. Volunteers are needed to help work the Plant Clinics/Sales at venues throughout Yuma.

School & Community Gardens

Tricia Kinnell has been extremely active in Yuma County putting together school and community gardens. Next season the project will need additional help. If you have an interest, please contact Tricia Kinnell, tricia.kinnell@yumacountyaz.gov

Master Gardeners and Moody Garden Society are already planning for the annual plant sale in November of this year. If you have native plant seeds and don’t want to grow the plants, let Dalene Kelly know and she will start them for the sale. If you would like to start plants to donate please let us know so we can add them to our list. Contact Dalene Kelly or Jan Miller.

Master Gardener Meeting 4/19/15

Approximately 26 people attended the meeting/potluck on Sunday, April 19th. Some suggestions for speakers/fields trips included: an in-depth citrus class, visit to a seed company, and local vegetable farms. Proposed workshop suggestions included a plant clinic workshop, and vegetable gardening workshop.

Project reports were given by Jan Miller for the greenhouse project and flowers for lettuce days. Stacey reported for Tricia Kinnell’s school and community garden projects, and Dalene Kelly gave a short update on Moody Garden along with information about raising funds for the irrigation system.

It was decided that we would meet on a more regular basis because meeting before/after the extended education class did not work. The next MG meeting/pot luck will be in late September.

Master Gardener, and Moody Garden web site pages are being updated, see what we’ve done!!
https://extension.arizona.edu/yuma-master-gardener
https://extension.arizona.edu/yuma-robert-j-moody-demonstration-garden
Invitational Call for Recipes

Recipes!!!! Can you take photos of your garden vegetables and fruits??? Then share a favorite recipe to go along with the produce. Pictures need to be clear and colorful and it would be even better with a picture of the finished recipe and/or you cooking. This is for the Facebook Urban Horticulture page for sharing with the public.

It would also be fun to share in our newsletter. I know I’m always looking for new recipes and this would be a great way to share our favorites.

Our first contribution is from Shelly Gregory.

**Swiss Chard and Sausage**
Ingredients:
- 1 1/2 to 2 lbs. Pre-cooked sausage
- Swiss chard
- Potato
- Olive oil
- Salt and pepper

1. Add 3 teaspoons of olive oil to a moderately heated frying pan
2. Add 1/4 inch sliced potatoes (approx. 3 medium, peeled or unpeeled) to pan. Season with salt and pepper to taste, turning as needed until nearly cooked through, approximately 12 minutes.
3. Add 3/4 inch thick slices of precooked sausage (1 1/2—2 pounds total). Heat the sausage through, turning as needed with the potato.
4. Thoroughly clean the Swiss chard with water and remove tough stalks. Roughly chop the chard and place in the pan on top of the sausage and potatoes. Season with salt and pepper. Cover to thoroughly cook the chard.

Enjoy!

Jan Miller’s contribution

**Blue Cheese Potato Salad**
Ingredients:
- 4 slices bacon
- 1 lb. red potatoes
- 1 lb. cauliflower
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar or balsamic vinegar
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 ounces blue cheese, crumbled

2. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add potatoes and cook until tender but still firm, about 15 minutes. Drain, cool and chop, leaving skins on.
3. In a large bowl whisk together oil, vinegar, green onions, salt and pepper. Add the potatoes, bacon and cheese and toss to coat.
4. If making ahead wait until ready to serve before adding bacon as it will get soggy.
Congratulations MG class of 2015!!!
2015 Service Awards
Certified Master Gardeners 2014-2015

Certified Master Gardeners
Janet Able  Roberta Adams
Karen Bowen  Jane Buck
Phillip Courtney  Sharon Craig
Fred Ennenga  Juan Espinoza
Robert Fiddes  J Franco
Ellen Gardner  Delores Gauna
Gene Ingersoll  Gerald Jackson
Ken “Ricky” Jones  Cal Kelley
Dalene Kelly  Patricia Kenyon
Sandrea Kerr  Tricia Kinnell
Deirdre MacDonald  Nancy Meister
Jan Miller  Valerie Morrill
JoAnne Mowczko  Robert Murietta
Marianne Newton  Becky Pattison
Beverly Peterson  Cathy Reeves
Gary Reeves  Lydia Reibel
Robert Rolle  Frank Saldana
Vince Schulte  Karen Stamp
Ernest Stevens  Gary Stowe
Priscilla Stratton  Mary Thode
William Watts  Renee Williams

Dedicated Service:
Cathy Reeves  440 Hours

Five Year Award
Gary Stowe

Superior Service  100+ Hours
Karen Bowen
Dalene Kelly
Pat Kenyon
Jan Miller
Beverly Peterson
Gary Stowe
**MGM Garden Society**

Tuesday, May 26th: 9:00am meeting
Yuma County Cooperative Extension office
2200 W 28th St, Suite 102, Yuma

*Moody Garden Maintenance*
Tuesday Mornings: 8:00am—Noon
“Let’s Meet in the Garden”

For more info contact Dalene Kelly,
Dalene51@gmail.com

The MGM Garden Society met on April 28 where Elizabeth Moody and Dalene Kelly shared a Moody Garden presentation that they showed at the recent Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs convention. New incoming officers for next season are Dalene Kelly - President, MaryLou Milstead - Vice President, Sharon Craig - Treasurer, Sharon DeHate - Corresponding Secretary, and Karen Bowen and RuthAnn Maguire - Co -Recording Secretaries. The installation of officers will take place at 9:00 am, May 26th, which will be the last regular meeting of the season.
The Society welcomed its newest member, Jan Miller. Jan is a Yuma County Master Gardner who is heavily involved in a variety of Extension projects. She is also the creator of this newsletter as well as the webmaster for the Master Gardener page. We are excited that she decided to share her dedication to the Moody Demonstration Garden.
We also rejoiced that our irrigation fund is now over $3000.00 Yeah! Only $12,000.00 more to go!
The Society voted unanimously to fund materials for Robert Rolle, who has graciously volunteered to do some painting in the garden.
Members were also encouraged to donate agave for the Agave Garden re-planting project, led by Ricky Jones, so he can get underway before the weather gets too hot.
Speaking of plants - We are collecting any variety small to medium sized plants that can be potted for the fall plant sale in November. If you have anything please call Dalene at 928-246-1259

**Yuma Orchid and African Violet Society**

Thursday May 14th: 1:15pm
Pizza party and Not Mother’s Day gift exchange.
Foothills Library 13226 E South Frontage Rd Yuma

For more information contact Trudy Gauntt 928-580-5508 or Trudy.ag@hotmail.com

**Arizona Native Plant Society—Yuma Chapter and Yuma Chapter Audubon Society**

Tuesday May 12th: 6:00pm
Brief plant and bird walk at the Hummingbird Ramada in West Wetlands Park followed by a potluck. Bring something to grill; Rod will start the charcoal which will be ready when we return from our walk. Remember to bring your favorite dish to share and dinnerware. We will get a liquor permit so you may bring beer or wine (no glass containers!) You may want to bring a folding chair for sitting and enjoying the last glass of wine while enjoying the cool evening under the stars.
Hummingbird Ramada West Wetlands Park 2200 Water St Yuma

For more info contact Valerie Morrill, 928-550-9390 bebbia@hotmail.com or Nancy Meister 928-782-3552 nancymrd@msn.com
Master Gardener (MG) shirts are available to Certified Master Gardeners. The shirts are Khaki in color, short sleeve, no pockets, although shirts with pockets are available. All identification is embroidered with the University of Arizona logo on the right sleeve, MG logo on left shirt front and if you choose to have your name on the shirt it will be on the right front of the shirt. Additional items are available, just contact Jan Miller to find out the pricing and availability. If you would like a shirt, complete the form below and send it and payment to the address listed below. It will take about 60 days for your order to be completed.

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