



## Campbell County Master Gardeners

Master Gardeners are volunteers trained by the Campbell County Extension Office through the University of Wyoming. We also use information obtained from Montana State University, Colorado State University and other sources comparable to our area.

Master Gardeners receive 40 to 50 hours of intense education in all phases of horticulture the first year, and continuing education each year after to stay certified. Anyone can take the classes which are held each spring. After training, we volunteer at least 40 hours the first year and 23 hours each year after to stay certified. Most volunteer far more.

### Our Services are Always Free of Charge!

What Master Gardeners Do:

- We work in the Horticulture Office at the Extension Office with the Horticulture Program Coordinator answering phone queries and helping residents that walk-in about plant problems and questions.
- We make yard calls, identify problems and give advice to homeowners.
- We give programs to various clubs and groups in the community to help people know how and what to grow here and learn more about our services.
- We stay informed on the latest plant research for this area. The Extension Office has racks of bulletins on every phase of plant care – most free of charge.
- We hold a tree sale each spring.
- We sponsor experts in many phases of gardening for community programs.
- We started and maintain the Community Gardens located at 1<sup>st</sup> & Rohan and at the Gillette Tech Center.
- We hold an annual Herb Festival in the extension herb beds at the Community Garden located at 1<sup>st</sup> and Rohan each July.
- We sponsor the Farmers Market every fall in the Gillette Tech Center parking lot.
- We sponsor the Garden Walk every July.
- We provide scholarships to high school seniors interested in the field of Horticulture.

Master Gardeners have found that many people in Campbell County do not realize the Extension Office is NOT just for farmers and ranchers. The horticulture industry has been growing at an enormous rate as people become more interested in beautifying their personal environments. The Extension Office has the latest information, and Master Gardener volunteers are ready and willing to share it with the public. There are not enough tax dollars to hire people to do this.

We have also found that many people do not understand this area is actually and arid, high desert. We live in a very small, specific area where general gardening information, books, videos, articles, TV programs, etc. do not always address our special needs. We teach what grows here and how to do it in the easiest, most successful way.

We are located in the Campbell County Extension Office at 412 S. Gillette Ave. We are here to help you. Call us at 307-682-7281. You can also obtain more information from the Extension Office's website at:

[http://www.ccgov.net/departments/extension\\_office/index.html](http://www.ccgov.net/departments/extension_office/index.html)

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