

# April 2019 Newsletter



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## Calendar

### April

- 6 Garden Expo
- 6 LocalTaste
- 15 Deadline to order seedling trees

### May

- 1 Tree pick up day
- 22 Well water testing day

### June

- 17 IWM applications due

### BOARD

- Tim Wilson - Rural
- Fred Tammany - Rural
- Bryan Hamilton - Rural
- Arlen Lancaster - Urban
- Jeri Trebelcock - At Large

PACD Board of Supervisors meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 11:00 a.m. and are open to the public.



## April 6, 2019

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Lander Valley High School  
350 Baldwin Creek Road

# You Are Invited!

The Garden Expo is a free, family-friendly event geared toward people that enjoy gardening, or spending time relaxing in their backyard, or getting out to enjoy all of the recreational opportunities our area has to offer.

#### TRADESHOW

The trade show has indoor and outdoor vendor booths where folks can obtain anything from free advice to items for sale. Whether you're interested in types of plants, building a deck, or discovering the best locations to hike, you'll find it at the Garden Expo.

#### KID'S CORNER

Don't miss the Kid's Corner upstairs in the field house where the kids can enjoy hands-on activities.

#### PETTING ZOO

Be sure to stop by the petting zoo of barnyard animals before you leave.

#### CONCESSIONS

Concessions will be available to provide tasty treats and satisfying meals so you can make a day of it.

#### FARMER'S MARKET

#### WORKSHOPS

**The Expo is more than just gardening - it's backyard living and outdoor recreation.**





## Featuring International Speaker Panayoti Kelaidis, Denver Botanic Gardens



Panayoti Kelaidis is Senior Curator and Director of Outreach at Denver Botanic Gardens. He has lectured in over 140 cities in twelve countries, and has been featured in dozens of television, newspaper, and magazine pieces. We are thrilled to have him as our keynote speaker!

Panayoti will be presenting **“RETHINKING WYOMING LANDSCAPES”**

*Most of us who come to the Rockies come from the West or East Coast. We try and bring New Jersey or Seattle to Fremont County. We forget that the Wind Rivers, the Absarokas, and Yellowstone are among the most inspiring landscapes in the world. What if we took a page from nature. Let’s see how some regional gardeners have created gardens that reflect our native setting.*

Panayoti will also be presenting a second workshop **“UNDERUTILIZED PLANTS”**

*A revolution is occurring in Western Horticulture. Rather than settling for plants designed for England or New England, regional gardeners find that native and adapted plants stick around longer and endure our extreme conditions far better. A fantastic new palette of plants is emerging that cutting edge gardens and nurseries are adopting—don’t miss the boat!*

*Panayoti*

### WORKSHOPS

**YOU CAN COME AND GO AS YOU LIKE AND ITS ALL FREE!**

|            | <b>Auxiliary Gym</b>   | <b>Auditorium</b>  |
|------------|--|--|
| 9:30 a.m.  | <b>Attracting Hummingbirds</b><br>Jacelyn Downey, Audubon Rockies  | <b>Orchard Guilds</b><br>Marco Lam, Permaculture Specialist  |
| 10:30 a.m. | <b>Tree Problems</b><br>Andrew Young, Fairfield Lawn & Tree  | <b>Raising Strawberries</b><br>Chris Hilgert, UW Extension   |
| 11:30 a.m. | <b>Rethinking Wyoming Landscapes</b><br>Keynote Speaker Panayoti Kelaidis, Denver Botanic Garden<br>(Auditorium) |  |
| 12:30 p.m. | LUNCH  |  |
| 1:30 p.m.  | <b>Managing Your Lawn</b><br>Chris Hilgert, UW Extension   | <b>Underutilized Plants</b><br>Panayoti Kelaidis   |
| 2:30 p.m.  | <b>Drying Foods</b><br>Laura Balis, UW Extension   | <b>Yard &amp; Garden Panel Discussion</b><br>Griff Sprout, Sprouts Greenhouse<br>Ernie Schierwagen, Master Gardener<br>Andrew Young, Chris Hilgert |

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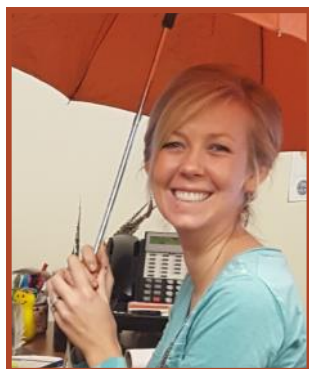
## WELL WATER TESTING DAY WEDNESDAY MAY 22, 2019

If you live within the Popo Agie Conservation District boundaries and would like to participate in this program, stop by our office anytime to pick up sampling kits and provide payment if applicable. Samples should be collected the morning of the test day and brought directly to the PACD office **prior to 12:00 noon**. Results of your well water testing will be mailed directly from the laboratory to your home. We will not have access to your test results.



| Options   | Description   | Full Cost | Your Cost |
|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|
| Option 1  | <b>Bacteria Coliform</b> - Presence/Absence   | \$23.00   | 0         |
| Option 2  | <b>Annual Well Maintenance</b> – Bacteria Coliform Presence/Absence, Nitrate  | \$45.00   | \$22.50   |
| Option 3* | <b>Family Water Quality</b> – Bacteria Coliform Presence/Absence, Sulfate, Total Hardness, Nitrate, Nitrite, Sodium, Total Dissolved Solids, pH, Fluoride, Chloride | \$117.00  | \$58.50   |
| Option 5  | <b>Livestock Suitability</b> – Alkalinity (Total), Chloride, Nitrate +Nitrite as N, Sulfate, Total Dissolved Solids   | \$45.00   | \$22.50   |
| Option 6  | <b>Irrigation Suitability</b> – Calcium, Magnesium, Sodium Adsorption Ratio (SAR), Conductivity   | \$45.00   | \$22.50   |

\*Option 3 - The Family Water Quality test provides baseline information. PACD will provide cost-share for this test once per drinking water well.



### Congratulation Mandi!

Mandi has been serving our community for the past seven years as the Sage Grouse Initiative (SGI) Conservation Specialist under NRCS’s SGI program. Although we are sorry to see her go, we are excited for her as she steps into a new position with Intermountain West Joint Ventures (IWJV). As the Sagebrush Collaborative Conservation Specialist, she will help with creating and nurturing/expanding partnerships to improve sagebrush conservation across ownership boundaries on a regional level for western rangelands. She will be leading the strategic, partner-driven program known as “Partnering to Conserve Sagebrush Rangelands Initiative” (see [www.PartnersIntheSage.com](http://www.PartnersIntheSage.com)). We wish her the best!

## Meat, Eat & Greet Bison Theme For Local Taste 2019

Local Taste is an annual event that celebrates local food. The event features guest speakers and producers plus food tasting. This year’s theme is bison.

Middle Fork’s chef, Jenna Ackerman, will create bison-themed hors d’oeuvres. Speakers will be Jason Baldes, Buffalo Re-Introduction Project and Kathy Firchow, Co-owner of Table Mountain Bison. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. but feel free to come a bit early (cash bar available). Tickets are \$33 per person.

This event sells out every year! Tickets can be bought on line at [BrownPaperTickets.com](http://BrownPaperTickets.com) or at the door.



**Saturday April 6th @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Middle Fork Restaurant  
(351 Main Street, Lander)**

**\$33.00/person**



## SEEDLING TREES/BAGS

The last day to order seedling trees is **Monday April 15th**. Several species have sold out but there are still 14 varieties available. See the most up-to-date information on our website under the [TREES](#) tab. We also carry landscape fabric and staples year round.



Spring brings with it yard work. We sell very handy bags for the tasks ahead. Our collapsible bags are sturdy and stand up by themselves leaving you with two hands free to clip and clean out your flower beds.

## IRRIGATION WATER MANAGEMENT COST-SHARE

Applications for the IWM cost share program is **Monday, June 17th**. The intent of the program is to provide cost-share opportunities to ditch groups/companies to improve their irrigation water delivery systems (conserve irrigation water, reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, improve efficiency). This program is not designed for repairs and/or maintenance normally expected. Visit our website under the [COST SHARE](#) tab for details and applications.



ALL COST SHARE PROJECTS MUST DEMONSTRATE PUBLIC BENEFIT.



## POPO AGIE GOLD

Popo Agie Gold is brought to you by At Lander Arts and Sciences (AtLAS). Recent events in this year long campaign on watershed health in our community included the Story Deluge “Whiskey’s For Drinking, Water’s For Fighting Over. One hundred ten people attended which generated just over \$1,000 in sales. AtLAS donated the proceeds of \$670 to the Healthy Rivers Initiative.

As part of the campaign, eighth graders created a Popo Agie Watershed guide. These free publications will be available at the AtLAS booth at the Garden Expo.



## SNOTEL - HOW MUCH WATER IS UP THERE?

The Wyoming Resources Data System website shows the snow water equivalent (SWE) and total precipitation by basins. Our rivers are affected by the sites listed under WIND RIVER.

As of March 26th, the Wind River basin was **97% of normal** for SWE for this time of year.

<http://www.wrds.uwyo.edu/wrds/nrcs/snowprec/snowprec.html>

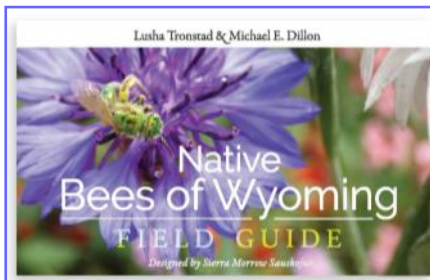


| SNOTEL SITE          | AFFECTED RIVER   |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Deer Park South Pass | Little Popo Agie |
| Townsend Creek       | Middle Fork      |
| Hobbs Park           | Little Wind      |

## ATTENTION BEE ENTHUSIASTS!

Native Bees of Wyoming is a newly published field guide that includes bee lifestyles, anatomy, and key features to help identify them.

The guide is printed on water-proof paper, includes color images and photographs, and is pocket size.



Buy your copy at [www.wyomingbiodiversity.org](http://www.wyomingbiodiversity.org).

\$13.00

## LANDSCAPING TIPS

Prune. Prune. Prune.

Most fruit trees benefit from being thinned every year. Cutting your roses back encourages strong, healthy shoots that will produce lots of blooms.



Consider giving a hair cut to your ornamental grasses and bushes that may be getting out of hand. A good starting point is to remove dead, diseased, or damaged portions.

There are lots of resources on-line to help you know when is the best time to prune a particular plant.