



News Release- Frontier County

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2017 Nebraska Extension Master Gardener / Horticulture Webinar Schedule for Frontier County starts January 10th

Are you yearning for spring and the growing season? Beat the winter doldrums by attending the Nebraska Extension Master Gardener / Horticulture classes, starting Tuesday, January 10. The classes are **open to the public** and will be held in NCTA Ag Hall Room #1 at 6:30 pm each Tuesday in Curtis, NE.

Gardening enthusiasts can participate by attending individual classes at \$10 per class. Participants can enjoy attending the classes of their choice to increase their personal horticultural knowledge. Here is a list of the class dates, topics & speakers:

Tuesday, January 10 th	New Master Gardener Orientation David Lott
Tuesday, January 17th	Tree Selection after Emerald Ash Borer David Lott
Tuesday, January 31st	Beneficial Insects in Landscapes David Lott
Tuesday, February 7th	Plant Diagnostics Statewide Classes
Tuesday, February 14th	Turf Fertilizing and Irrigation Statewide Classes
Tuesday, February 21st	Small Fruit Production Statewide Classes
Tuesday, February 28th	Soil Texture and Sample Testing Statewide Classes
Tuesday, March 7th	Landscape Design Statewide Classes
Tuesday, March 14th	Fruit Tree Cultivars for Nebraska David Lott
Tuesday, March 21st	Insect Physiology – Pesticide Impact Statewide Classes
Tuesday, March 28th	MG Volunteer Planning – What Counts? David Lott
Tuesday, April 4th	Windbreak Management Linda Langelo, CSU Extension
Tuesday, April 11th	Herbaceous Perennial Plant Management Linda Langelo, CSU Extension
Tuesday, April 18th	Butterfly and Beneficial Gardening David Lott
Tuesday, April 25th	Beginning Beekeeping David Lott
Tuesday, May 9th	Identifying and Displaying Insects Mike Eskelson

Other Available Webinars

Vegetable Cultivars for Western Nebraska David Lott (After January 24)
MG Volunteer Planning – What Counts? David Lott (after March 28)
Customer Service for Master Gardeners Linda Langelo, CSU Extension (after May 2nd)

For more information or to reserve your spot call Nebraska Extension-Frontier County at 308-367-4424 **by the Friday before desired workshop date** and the fee will be taken at the door.

Individuals who would like to participate in the entire workshop series and become a certified Nebraska Extension Master Gardener, may register for the entire series for \$175. This fee includes the Extension Master Gardener Handbooks, state dues, an official Extension Master Gardener shirt, and name badge.

Along with training, new Extension Master Gardener trainees participate in group volunteer projects established by the local Extension Master Gardener program. Twenty hours of education and volunteer service each will need to be completed in 2017. Another 20 hours of education and volunteer service each will be required to be completed in 2018 to receive certification. This requirement is easily reached by participating in the group's activities, and as well as approved individual activities that an Extension Master Gardener may want to carry out on their own.

Returning and lapsed Extension Master Gardeners who have completed the initial first-year training may attend all of the 2017 programs for an individual one-time fee of \$20. Twenty hours of volunteer service and 10 hours of education is required to retain Extension Master Gardener certification.

If you have any questions about the Extension Master Gardener or Horticulture program, please contact Kathy Burr at the Nebraska Extension Office-Frontier County at 308-367-4424 or email at Kathy.burr@unl.edu.