

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener Newsletter

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DECEMBER 30, 2015

Master Gardeners:

Wasn't Sue Fase from TLC Floral an amazing speaker? Her knowledge is phenomenal! I wish I could recall the names of plants like she does—not only the common name, but the scientific one as well.

Our next meeting will be our MG Awards Banquet on January 9th. At our last meeting, we decided to treat ourselves and offer the luncheon free to any Master Gardener able to attend. Please let Sharon Hinrichsen or myself know if you will be joining us. Last day to RSVP will be January 4.

We are headed out to California again—this time for the Young Americans Christmas show. The best part is we will be bringing our son back home with us instead of leaving him behind! He has a very short break (compared to other college students) but we will take what we can get. It will be wonderful to hear the guitar played again and to smell microwave popcorn—his two favorite evening activities!

As we transition into 2016, please know that I appreciate all of you and what you do for our MG group. It's been a wonderful gift to get to know each of you. Thanks for your love of all things that grow!!

See you on the 9th.

Teresa Roche
President

Member Recognition: These members have birthdays/anniversaries in JANUARY.

Birthday

Carolyn Lingenfelter—January 18
Deb Daehnke—January 20
Terry Hochstein – January 24

Anniversary

Teresa & Patrick Roche—January 9, 1982
Janice & Laverne Ladehoff—January 11, 1958
Jim & Pearl Laycock—January 12, 1985



Meeting held at:
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Dates and Trainings to Know and Grow - Mark on your Calendars

Regular monthly meetings:

(doors open at 8:30am with meeting to start at 9:00am and speaker to start at approximately 10:00 am)

Held at Lifelong Learning Center, Madison County Extension, 601 E Benjamin Ave, UNL Classroom, Norfolk

January 9	Awards & Pam Greunke , website & reporting (RSVP for meal by January 4)
February 13	Neal Pohlman, Daylilies
March 12	Mary Heithold, Fairy Gardens (Speaker first at 9 am then the meeting to follow)
April 9	Bonnie Smith, Missouri Botanical Gardens
April 29-30	PLANT FAIR
May 21	Plant Exchange & Plant Fair wrap up (NOTE: this is not the second Saturday)

BACKYARD FARMER - VIEW ARCHIVED SHOWS AT: <http://byf.unl.edu/>

20TH ANNUAL GREAT PLAINS GROWERS CONFERENCE ~ January 7, 8, & 9, 2016

Fulkerson Conference Center at Missouri Western State University, St Joseph Missouri

Seasoned and Beginning Vegetable & Fruit Growers are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Buchanan County Extension Office at 816-279-1691, arnn@missouri.edu,

<http://www.greatplainsgrowersconference.org/>

2016 SPRING TRAINING DATES ~

February 2 – **Selection and Care of Evergreen Trees and Shrubs** - Todd Faller, Faller Nursery and Landscaping

February 9 – **Putting Perennials to Work** - Scott Evans, Extension Assistant

February 16 – **Basic Botany/Plant Identification** - Stacy Adams, Professor of Practice, Department of Agronomy and Horticulture

February 23 – **Weed Identification and Control** - Natalia Bjorklund, Extension Educator

March 1 – **Polarizing Yard and Garden Issues** - Kelly Feehan, Extension Educator; Tamra Jackson-Ziems, Extension Plant Pathology Specialist; and Nicole Stoner, Extension Educator

March 8 – **Efficient Landscape Irrigation** – John Fech, Extension Educator

SIouxLAND GARDEN SHOW ~ April 1-3, 2016 Sioux City Convention Center

<http://www.siouxlandgardenshow.org/>

Interested in volunteering? Contact Dakota County Extension at 402-987-2140

WILDFLOWER WEEK—JUNE 3-12, 2016 Nebraska Statewide Arboretum serves as coordinator for statewide Wildflower Week activities, bringing together organizations and individuals across the state who recognize the value of wildflowers—not only for their beauty but also for what they imply and symbolize. For more information, contact Karma Larsen at klarsen1@unl.edu or 402-472-7923

<http://arboretum.unl.edu/wildflower-week>

MASTER GARDENER HANDS ON TRAINING ~ June 12, 2016 2:00—5:00 pm at 'Raising Nebraska' at the State Fair Grounds in Grand Island

Annual Membership Dues

Please bring your annual membership dues of \$10 to the meeting January 9. Checks payable to Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners. Or send to Karen Zierke at 84933 547 Ave, Pierce NE 68767.

It makes her record keeping so much easier if you renew ASAP. *Thank you!!*

2015 4th Quarter Local Training Hours: (Oct 1 thru Dec 31)

Oct 10 - Kim Radenz—Grasses & Hostas	1 hour
Nov 14 - MG Discussions, Denise Trine	.5 hour
Dec 12 - Sue Fase, TLC Floral	.75 hour

MENTOR FOR NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

Please email Pam (pam.greunke@unl.edu) your interest in mentoring a new member. All members should be willing to do this but only those committed to the responsibilities are encouraged for this role. Once all names are in, you will be assigned a new member to mentor.

The goal of the mentor program is to provide a welcoming atmosphere for new Master Gardeners from the time they sign up for the MG classes until they become well established in the program. The mentor's role is to familiarize new MGs with the program and help them feel comfortable as they attend training and begin their volunteer service. The time spent on "mentor work" should be included in your MG Hours Report. Mentors are meant to help new trainees smoothly adapt to the program by offering help and support where needed.

JUDGES TRAINING

Are you interested in judging at area County Fairs? Contact Wayne (wohnesorg2@unl.edu) 402-370-4044.

If there is enough interest, he will schedule a training. Even those who have gone through the training in the past but want a refresher are encouraged to sign up.

Plant Fair To Do List: April 29-30, 2016, NECC Chuck Pohlman Ag Complex

January
 Gardener's Cafe – does anything need to be ordered?
 Fliers – Design MG Program brochure and half sheet flyer
 Door Prizes
 Publicity
 Speakers and Sponsors should be fixed. Adhere to the established deadline.
 Vendors – letters go out
 Reports from all committees at monthly meeting

**Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners
 Lifelong Learning Center
 December 12, 2015**

Teresa Roche opened the meeting at 9:00 am with 20 members and two guests present, Sue and Ken Fase.

Corrine Weihe/Brian Mandl motioned to approve the November minutes. Motion passed.

Karen reported there was \$8,412.43 in the treasury account with no outstanding bills. 2016 dues of \$10 can be paid to Karen Zierke. Currently 22 members have paid.

Old Business:

Brian Mandl has graciously accepted the overall plant fair chair position. Please consider assisting him as a co-chair. Teresa offered her thanks for his willingness to do this.

--Corrine Weihe reported the list of plants for the plant fair was compiled and mailed to Bluebird.

--Speakers will be Brent Broberg: worm casings; Rachel Leister: herb of the year; and Amy Sager: possibly another topic about herbs.

--Sharon Hinrichsen will do the flyers. Teresa will have speakers send their information to her.

--Pam is working on the brochure. She needs speaker times to include.

--Teresa will order a blue light.

--Horticulture contest will be Friday evening instead of Saturday.

Brian will visit with Wayne about a budget.

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After discussion a motion was made to use treasury money to pay for attendees' meals at the January awards meeting. Corrine Weihe/Sharon Hinricksen motioned. Motion passed. Sharon will make four door prizes to be used as center pieces. She will also have a game to play. RSVP to Sharon or Teresa if you plan to attend. Those in attendance signed an RSVP sheet.

A mentor program will be initiated. Let Pam know if you are interested in becoming a mentor.

Tammy Furstenau developed a community service grant application. Jody Gartner, Wayne Ohnesorg, Tammy Furstenau and Deb Daehnke will serve on a committee to further develop it. It was suggested money requested, project cost, applicant submit break down of money needed, maximum amount to be given to club or entity, and one deadline be some of the additions to the application.

A slate of officers was submitted for 2016:

President: Teresa Roche; Vice President: Corrine Weihe; Secretary: Deb Daehnke; and Treasurer: Karen Zierke.

Phyllis Mc Cain had her surgery and is recuperating in Heritage of Bel Air. For a summer tour, Phyllis would welcome a tour to end at her house. Suggestions for additional tour homes were Bonnie Smith, Marjorie Jansen, and Marjorie's daughter.

Pam rescheduled the classroom for the third Saturday in May.

One emeritus application has been received.

Wayne announced that Ron Rhebb would like to host the horticulture contest at his acreage again this summer in honor of Jane. He will need some assistance with selecting annuals.

Sharon will invite Mary Pat to the January meeting.

New handbooks can be ordered for \$75. Sign up and payment for new Master Gardeners in training will include receiving the new handbook.

A drawing was held for four of the extra forms that are included in the handbook. Karen Zierke was the winner.

Teresa asked all members to introduce themselves.

Robin Jones/Bonnie Smith motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50. Motion passed.

Speaker for the meeting was Sue Fase from TLC Floral by Hooper.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Daehnke, Secretary