

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener

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Dear Master Gardeners:

I hear our last meeting was wonderful. Did everyone share fun plants? We keep thinking we are finished planting our gardens, but then the rabbits eat something off and I have another space to fill. Frustrating! Remember that we have the 4-H Horticulture Contest at the Rundell acreage in Pierce on June 7. I'm sorry that I will miss it this year—it is one of my favorite activities as a MG. There are always new and unusual plants for me to misidentify!

The officers will be getting together soon to discuss the monthly speakers for October through April. If you have any ideas for topics or speakers, please let one of us know. We are always open to new and different presentations.

I haven't visited with Robin or Carolyn lately, but I imagine the garden at the museum needs some attention. If you have a few hours to volunteer, please consider heading over there.

We are hoping to have a few garden tours this summer, so if you are planning one, please let Pam know and she will email the details to the master gardeners.

I've seen a few MGs at the local greenhouses and garden centers. It's always fun to see what everyone else is buying!

Hoping for rain!
Teresa Roche
President

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



Birthday

Robin Jones—June 2
Tom Surber—June 6
Helen Goedeken—June 7
Joyce Eucker—June 10
Denise Trine—June 13
Marge Holland—June 14

Anniversaries

Jean & Lonnie Wickett—June 4, 1960
Carolyn & Gary Lingenfelter—June 18, 1961
Melinda & Jim Simonsen—June 22, 1991
Karen & LeRay Zierke—June 28, 1961



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Dates and Trainings to Know and Grow - Mark on your Calendars

No meetings held in June, July or August

September 9 Next Meeting. Mark your calendars!!!!

BACKYARD FARMER ARCHIVED PROGRAMS <http://byf.unl.edu>

⇒ Claudia West, co-author of *Planting in a Post-Wild World*, will be speaking on a unique approach to planting design that marries horticulture with ecology to increase the ornamental, functional, and ecological value of gardens and landscapes at Lauritzen Gardens on Thursday, June 22, 7:00 pm. More information and registration is in the May newsletter.

⇒ HORTICULTURE CONTEST

A horticulture judging contest will be held on June 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Scott and Vicki Rundell Acreage (85213 544 Ave., Pierce).

Directions:

West of Norfolk (mainly gravel) -- West on Hwy. 275 to Battle Creek spur; turn Right/North 9 miles (mainly gravel) road to dead end with Stop sign; turn Left/West 2 miles, the last mile has 3 curves; turn Right/North 1 1/8 miles; you've arrived - on the Left/West side of the road.

North of Norfolk (mainly pavement) -- On Hwy. 81 to Hadar turn off; turn Left/West on Hwy. 13 through Hadar and winding through Pierce on Hwy. 13; (watch for golf course sign); turn Left/West pass the golf course on pavement to 544 Ave.; turn Left/South 1 7/8 miles on gravel road; you've arrived - on the Right/West side of the road.

SUMMER EVENTS

Let me know of any upcoming summer events to share with the members.

◇ Treasurer's report: \$8,272.95

2017—1ST QUARTER AND 2ND QUARTER LOCAL TRAINING HOURS: (January 1 through May)

January 14—0 hours

February 11—2.25 hours (Bob Hinrickson, Pollinators & Favorite Landscape Plants)

March 11—1.25 hours (Hank Scott, Honey Bees)

April 8—0.5 hours (Sheila Schmidt, Sheila's Country Garden)

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 * Plant Fair Speakers Training Hours: *
 — Gary Zimmer—1 hour *
 * — Wayne Ohnesorg—0.5 hour *
 — Deb Daehnke—1 hour *
 — Sarah Browning—1 hour *
 — Linda Tinken—1 hour *
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Northeast Nebraska Gardeners Lifelong Learning Center May 20, 2017

Vice President Corrine Weihe opened the meeting at 9 a.m. with 21 members present.

Jody Gartner/Vicki Rundell made motion to accept April minutes. Motion passed. Karen Zierke reported that there is \$8272.95 in bank. Asked members to turn in any other expenses they had for plant fair. Mentioned that we had lost money on the plant fair.

Vicki Rundell said that 409 postcards were sent out. In 2017 there were 364 signed to be sent out next year. Four boxes of trees were handed out this year. We had only five entries of flowers for the tables. Weather may have been the reason because it had snowed the morning of the plant fair.

Jody Gartner said that vendors were satisfied with plant fair and most liked the location they were assigned to. Most said that they had done okay and felt that the weather had probably impacted the traffic more than anything. Several new vendors said that it was "wonderful" and they wanted to be invited back next year.

There was discussion that Bluebird didn't send any signs this year. Connie Dvorak said that they are free to download. We need to ask Extension office to do that next year. We also need to locate the big banners. No one knew who had them last. Tom will store the signs and other members said they would keep the ones they had for next year. Said that they held up well in spite of the wind and rain. They were a little difficult to read.

Discussion that the dirt "floor" wasn't as smooth as in past. Wayne mentioned that he had tried to get someone to roll it Friday morning but the person who does that had already gone home to West Point. Next year they will need to be reminded to make sure it is smoother. Karen mentioned that possibly next year we could move to the middle of the building for better lighting.

Pearl thanked all of the kitchen workers. It was mentioned that the Garden Café made more than last year. Vendors really liked the pot luck. Pearl created a book for kitchen duties. She has two spoons and a knife that were left at the plant fair.

There was discussion about the closing time Friday evening, suggesting that it seemed long, and that traffic tapered off after 8. Weather was again mentioned as a possible factor and it was noted that last year we had shoppers still shopping at 8.

Speaker attendance was Gary Zimmer- 22, Sarah Browning - 43, Deb Daehnke -22, Wayne Ohnesong- 16 and Linda Tienken - 26. It was mentioned that several people showed up to see the Emerald Ash Borer presentation but had missed it. Suggestions included having it later than 9 a.m. next year or possibly two presentations since it is a timely topic. All speakers were videoed and can be viewed on U-tube. The last part of Linda's was not videoed. Call Pam or Wayne if you want access to view the presentations.

Corrine thanked all of the members for their hard work and hours they helped at the plant fair.

The Hort Contest will be at Vicki Rundell's Wednesday, June 7 at 7 p.m. Wayne explained how the contest works for both youth and Master Gardeners. Pam will email directions to Vicki's.

The next meeting will be September 9, 2017. Summer plant tours were discussed. Jody and Teresa may have some sites in Norfolk. Kathy Duval had several suggestions about people to contact.

Wayne presented a certificate and bowl to Kristine Zachmeyer for 10 years of Master Gardener membership.

Renee Halsey thanked everyone for prayers and cards when she had surgery in February.

There was discussion on "active" status and what is required for volunteer and educational hours. Also about using Backyard Farmer as educational hours. Wayne explained what hours were required and how to document them.

There were also discussions about including the Horticulture Club through NECC in Master Gardeners or inviting them to do presentation. It was suggested that whoever is given the scholarship could come and it could be presented to them at a meeting.

Wayne said that there is a way around the 3% fee that is charged for administration of the scholarship. Discussion about the fee was tabled until September.

There was additional discussion about the selection of the scholarship recipients. Vicki Wagner/Joyce Eucker made a motion to change it so that our Scholarship Committee reviews the applications and awards the scholarship. It was discussed and motion passed.

Rita sent a thank you card and it was read to group.

Phyllis McCain brought a box of books to share with the group.

Renee Halsey brought an assortment of pressed flowers to share and asked if anyone knew where she could donate her collection and stands. Several suggestions were made.

Don Liedman/Vicki Hingst made motion to adjourn meeting.

Following the meeting, members shared plants and lunch was served. Pearl brought mexiburgers, soda and bars left from plant fair and members enjoyed lunch.

Respectfully submitted, Jody Gartner



To show our appreciation for the work the Master Gardeners have done in the garden, we'd like to invite the Master Gardeners who you know work on Verges Park Garden to our Annual Meeting

Thank you!
~*Jeana Ganskop*

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Annual Meeting, Potluck, & Presentation

This evening will begin with a potluck meal and the annual meeting, including updates on the status of the museum, our financials, programs, exhibits, and visitation for this year and our plans for the next. Then we will enjoy Highlights from our Audio & Film Archives Collection.

MEMBERS & FRIENDS ONLY EVENT

Thursday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m./

Board members & staff will provide main dishes and beverages. If your last name begins with A-L, please bring a side dish. If your last name begins with M-Z, please bring a dessert!



Check out this website: I Love Gardens.com
<http://www.ilovegardens.com/Nebraska%20Gardens.htm>

Master Gardener Plant Fair

◆ Do you know where the large banners are for the Plant Fair used in past years? If you know where they are, please call the Madison County Extension Office at 402-370-4040 or email.

Printed copies of this newsletter will be available at the Extension Office.



A MESSAGE FROM SHERYL SCHMECKPEPER AT THE NORFOLK DAILY NEWS:
She is willing to run articles if they are submitted. She said she would hate to see this tradition end.

Sheryl Schmeckpeper (living@norfolkdailynews.com)

If you did not pick up your Master Gardener Directory at the Plant Fair or the May meeting, they will be available at the Nebraska Extension Office in Madison County.

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