

Northeast Nebraska Extension Master Gardener

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Hello Master Gardeners

Happy New Year. Now it will take me awhile to remember to write the right date. I hope everyone had a good Christmas.

I've been getting cards ready to send out. I have two nieces that will be getting pictures that I think they will like. If not, then they can get rid of them. My son and his wife live in Texas, so they will get their present through the mail. My oldest granddaughter lives in Hawaii, so she also will get her gift in the mail.

You're invited to the next Master Gardener meeting on January 10th, 2026. The meeting will start at 8:30 to talk about the Plant Fair. At 9:00, our regular meeting will take place. Loren Walton from Fresh Flowers, will be our speaker. We will have a luncheon and a gift exchange.

Kate Pruitt is our new president and Brian Mandl is vice president. I want to thank everyone for putting up with me as your president. Kate will do a wonderful job and I thank her for taking over that job.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kathy Hayes Duval, past president.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES—

If you would like to submit an article or information to share with the Extension Master Gardeners, please submit it by the **22nd of the month**.

Submit your article to: pkesting2@unl.edu

Member Recognition: These members have birthdays/anniversaries in January

Birthday

Deb Daehnke—January 20

Anniversary

Teresa & Patrick Roche—January 9, 1982



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

Regular monthly meetings:

(doors open at 8:15 am with meeting to start at 9:00 am and speaker to start at approximately 10:00 am) ***Please remember to wear your name tag to the meetings***

Plant Fair Committee meeting will start before the regular meeting at 8:30 a.m.

January 10— “Fresh Flowers” Lauren Walton and January Extension Master Gardener Banquet

February 14— “Pollinator project” Dan Vanderveen (Willow Creek Recreation Area Superintendent)

March 14— Topic to be determined, Jill Heemstra

April 11— Finalize Plant Fair Plans

April 24/25—Plant Fair

May 16 (3rd Saturday) — No presenter. Plant Fair wrap and plant exchange

TREASURER’S REPORT:



Bank balance as of 12-18-25 \$10,200.32

2026 Membership dues are due and can be paid at the meetings or mail to Connie Dvorak. Her address is in the membership directory.



Members,
Please save articles, thank you cards, etc. about Master Gardeners that could go in the scrapbook. - Deb Daehnke

NORFOLK DAILY NEWS ARTICLES



Articles for the Norfolk Daily News can be emailed to Ashley at agracey@norfolkdailynews.com

Also, email your article to Pam and she will put it on the Extension Master Gardener Facebook page.



VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP BOOK

The book has been updated for the next year on activities or projects. The book will be available at the meetings, or you may stop at the Extension Office M-F 8-12 and 1-5.

2025— EDUCATION HOURS:

January 11—.75 hour “Recycled objects for the garden”
Deb Daehnke
February 4— 1.5 hours “Houseplants for the Home” Scott
Evans
February 8—1.5 hours “Ivy Folkers with Honey, “Raising
Bees”
February 11—1.5 hours “Overs and Unders—Gambling on
Good and Not-so-Good Shrubs—Kim Todd
February 18—1.5 hours “How Flowers attract pollinators”
- Emily Stine
February 25—1.5 hours “Integrated Pest Management “ -
Elizabeth Exstrom
March 4—1.5 hours “Vegetables” - David Lott
March 8— 0 hours monthly meeting
March 11—1.5 hours “Creating a Native Landscape - Ian
Peterson
April 12—.45 minutes “Drip Tape” - Kurt Schrant
April 25/26—Plant Fair
July 17—?? Garden Tour in Wayne
August 14—?? Phanny’s Farm Garden Tour
September 13—.50 Shared garden experiences
October 13—1.5 hours “The World of Aphids” and
identify weeds—Wayne Ohnesorg
November 8—1 hour “A World of Birds” Janice
Wobbenhorst
December 13—1 hour “Hydroponics” Shelly Junck

****Please remember to keep recording your hours on the Master Gardener website.****

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UPDATING PICTURES FOR THE MEMBER DIRECTORY

If you would like to update your picture for the directory, I will take pictures after the Saturday meetings or call the office to make arrangements to have your picture taking during the week.

Minutes from the Plant Fair and Monthly Meeting

Northeast Nebraska Extension Master Gardener Plant Fair Committee Minutes

December 13, 2025

Brian Mandl called the meeting to order.

Brian asked if the committee wants to keep fee for vendor booth rentals the same this year or raise the price. It was decided to keep the fee the same because a higher fee might deter vendors. Robin Jones moved to keep prices the same with 2nd by Kathy Duval. Motion was passed.

Café—Mary Lux reported that she or Linda Douglas will buy hamburger when it is on sale. A discussion was held regarding how many bars are needed to sell in the café and how much money should be donated if members don't provide bars. It was also brought up the possibility of providing a sign up sheet for donation of bars, donation of money, paper supplies, and food. We will discuss this at the January meeting.

Advertising—Robin Jones reported she foresees no change in advertising this year. Wayne Ohnesorg reported he has access to free advertising on WJAG radio every Monday. Brian Mandl inquired about if the group thought we needed more banners for advertising and where to place banners. There were 4 banners used last year. It was proposed to purchase 2 more banners. Robin Jones moved that 2 more banners be purchased, 2nd by Joyce Eucker. Motion was passed. The group will discuss at the next meeting where these banners will be placed. Deb Daehnke made the suggestion of swapping advertising with the Bargain Byway. She said this was done in the past with the intent to benefit the Bargain Byway and the Master Gardener's Plant Fair. This subject will be discussed at the next meeting.

Children's Corner—Viola McShannon asked if Robin Jones has cardboard for the proposed photos of children by their parents at the plant fair. Robin will see if she has cardboard suitable for photos. Viola described "seed snails" project for children to plant seeds. If anyone has whitish foam-like packing from shipping boxes, please bring to the next meeting.

Submitted by,
Suzanne Hanlin

Northeast Nebraska Extension Master Gardener Meeting Minutes. December 13, 2025

Kathy Duval called the meeting to order.

She introduced Taylor Cammack, the new Extension Instructor for Platte County. Taylor will be helping us with our Master Gardener's group. The group welcomes Taylor and we look forward to working with her.

Meeting minutes from November 2025 were approved with motion by Robin Jones and 2nd by Karen Zierke.

Treasurer's report—Connie Dvorak was absent to present Treasurer report but left information with Kathy Duval. Checking balance-\$10,200.71. \$200 in dues were deposited. \$26.06 paid for meeting supplies. Nursery stock distributors license (\$140.00) is due by 12/31/25. She will pay this next week. Please pay your dues if you haven't done so. Connie also reported that she has sent an e-mail to Shamrock Nursery about supplying annuals for the Plant Fair. She will let us know at the next meeting.

Old Business-

There was a picture in the Norfolk Daily News about the Parade of Trees with our Master Gardener decorated tree featured. The committee did another fine job this year. Brian Mandl presented a Thankyou from the Norfolk Arts Council for our participation.

Extension Garden-

Wayne Ohnesorg reported that he has spoken with Ellen Glanzer's daughter and that a donation from the family will be run through the University of Nebraska Foundation. The money would be noted to be used by Madison County Extension. Scott Beckman has offered to supply all the compost for the garden, which would replace the costly potting soil for the raised beds. In January there will be a list of plants needed for the garden so members know what plants to start from seed. There will also be a sign up sheet for labor needs.

Elkhorn Valley Museum—It was suggested by Robin Jones that the Master Gardener sign at the Elkhorn Valley Museum by removed since the group has not been helping with the garden.

Seed library—Viola McShannon stated she is currently applying for seed donations from several suppliers. She said she has many seeds currently and is asking for assistance to sort and package the seeds. There will be a sign up sheet in January.

Deb Daehnke reported that she participated in the UNL garden trial but has not heard back about results of the research.

New Business-

Brian Mandl volunteered to be Vice President for 2026. Mary Lux moved to approve Brian's nomination with 2nd by Robin Jones. Brian will be Vice President for 2026. Kate Pruitt will then be President and Kathy Duval, past President. Thankyou Brian and other officers!

We wished Pam Foltz a Happy Birthday and she supplied breakfast pizza for the group. Pam reported that newsletter information must be submitted by 12/18/25 since the Extension staff will off for the holidays.

Banquet will be held January 10th. See food list for the banquet. Speaker will be Lauren Waddle presenting "Fresh Flowers". Please bring a \$10 gift for gift exchange. There will also be a plant fair meeting at 8:30 am.

Meeting was moved to adjourn by Viola McShannon and Kate Pruitt. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,
Suzanne Hanlin