

Northeast Nebraska Extension Master Gardener

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MARCH 2025

Dear Master Gardeners

You're invited to attend our monthly meeting on Saturday, March 8th. We will have our Plant Fair meeting starting at 8:30 am and the business meeting at 9:00 am. If you haven't done so, it's time to start our house plants for the Master Gardener booth at the Plant Fair. We do very well selling the plants.

Our speaker for the meeting is Julie Wagner talking on "Microgreens". I'm sure that will be an interesting subject. Connie Dvorak and Lynn Bloomquist will be bringing treats.

Thank you to the Folkers for their very interesting program on Bees. I think we all learned a lot from their talk.

Our training program for this year has been very informative. Thank you Pam for coming to the office on training night if there are enough people that are coming. Unfortunately, the weather hasn't always been very cooperative for that.

I look forward to seeing you on March 8th. Remember to wear your name tags and log in your education and volunteer hours.

Thanks

Kathy Hayes Duval

Member Recognition: These members have birthdays/anniversaries in March

Birthday

Viola McShannon—March 1

Anniversary

No anniversaries this month



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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.

March 8, 2025— Julie Wagner “Microgreens”

April 12, 2025— Kurt Schrant “Drip Tape”

May 17, 2025 (3rd Saturday) — Plant Fair Discussions and Plant Exchange

TREASURER’S REPORT:



⇒ Bank balance as of 2-26-25: \$9,029.95

◇ Member dues paid: \$120 with 1 renewal and 1 EMGT.

◇ Six Vendors paid

⇒ If mailing your dues, please remember to mail them to Connie Dvorak.



2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE.

\$20.00 per person. You can bring your dues to the next meeting or mail them

to Connie Dvorak. *Her address is in the member directory or call the Extension Office to ask for her address.*



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



TRAINING



General topics and speakers for advanced Extension Master Gardener training zooms

Zoom link: <https://go.unl.edu/emg2025education>
 Passcode: 061163

| Date | Topic | Presenter |
|----------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| March 4 | Vegetables | David Lott |
| March 11 | Creating a Native Landscape | Ian Peterson |

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 Holy, “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

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

[https://mastergardenervolunteer.unl.edu/vrs/sec_Login/
 sec_Login.php](https://mastergardenervolunteer.unl.edu/vrs/sec_Login/sec_Login.php)

Noted in Passing



◇ Connie Mandl Eberhardt, sister of
 Extension Master Gardener, Brian Mandl

Address can be found in your Master
 Gardener directory.



Minutes from Plant Fair and Monthly Meeting

Northeast Nebraska Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Plant Fair committee meeting 2-8-25

Brian Mandl opened meeting

Children's Corner—Viola McShannon reported that she is in need for 6 oz tomato paste cans to use for a windchime craft project for children. No pull tops lids. Some activities for children will be bird house gourds, seed balms, orange peel hangers and bird feeders made from pine cones.

Registration table—Vicki Rundell reported that there are plenty of postcards on hand for plant fair.

Café—Linda Douglas and Mary Lux have been purchasing supplies. They reported that hamburger price has gone up from last year. It was proposed to increase the price of meal from \$6.00 to \$7.00.

Still need a chairperson for Speakers and Advertising.

Vendors—Pam reported there are 5 confirmed vendors for the plant fair. There was a discussion regarding how to recruit more vendors. E-mails will be sent to potential vendors.

Signs—Connie Dvorak suggested we purchase an additional table top sign from UNL. This suggestion was passed with Suzanne Hanlin motioning approval with Mary Lux seconding.

A consent form was developed by Pam Foltz for property owners or representatives to sign indicating approval to place banners on their property.

Speakers for plant fair. Marilyn Schmit has offered to speak with preference of Friday evening. Topic not yet determined. Other options for speakers would be Wayne and/or Dan Vanderveen.

Master Gardener house plants booth—Marjorie has no new news to report.

Advertising—Mary Lux volunteered to assist with advertising on interim basis

Cashier—Diane Lukens will be chairman



Northeast Nebraska Extension Master Gardener's Volunteer meeting 2-8-25

Meeting was called to order by Cathy Duvall.

Old minutes were moved to be approved by Brian Mandl, 2nd by Karen Zierke

Financial report by Connie Dvorak—current checking account balance is \$8,575.32. She reported the Dept of Agriculture was paid for Nursery Distributer license for plant fair and \$100.00 to Statewide Arboretum for membership.

We now have 23 members. Connie will contact members who have not paid 2025 dues.

Old Business

The Volunteer book and Plant Fair signup sheets were passed around. Mary Lux will not be able to attend plant fair so more volunteers will be needed in the Café.

Lynn Bloomquist has contacted Suzanne and would like to participate on tour committee this year. Members discussed that it would be beneficial for members going on tour to invite a friend, which could potentially recruit new members.

Viola McShannon reported she will be teaching 2 classes for the Seed Library at the Norfolk Public Library on 3/25 and 4/8. She would like to have some help from any interested members.

Viola also presented information about potential volunteer opportunity at the Elkhorn Valley Museum. She said that a new Children's Museum will be added and there may be a new garden opportunity. She reported that the Statewide Arboretum could be approached to assist with plant selection as well as Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts or 4-H to help volunteer. This would all have to be coordinated with the Elkhorn Valley museum director. It was discussed that a committee could be formed in the future to address this opportunity.

New Business

Treats for next meeting will be provided by Connie Dvorak and Lynn Bloomquist.

We welcome a new member to our Master Gardener's Volunteers group. Wendy Winstead.

The group was reminded about Tuesday evening education opportunities.

A Thank you card was presented from Phylis McCain thanking us for memorial donation upon her husband Wyman's death.

March speaker will be Julie Wagner presenting information on Microgreens.

Meeting was moved to be adjourned by Mary Lux and 2nd by Suzanne Hanlin.