

Northeast Nebraska Extension Master Gardener

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Dear Master Gardeners

Last week, we had the first day of spring and winter weather. It looks like toward the end of this week we will have one summer day and cold again. Welcome to Nebraska in the spring time.

You are invited to attend our Master Gardener meeting on Sat., April 12. We will start with our Plant Fair meeting at 8:30 and the regular meeting at 9. Our speaker for the meeting will be Kurt Schrant on drip tape.

Committee chair persons for the Plant Fair will be giving a report on their committee and if additional help is needed. We thank everyone for their help for the Plant Fair to make it a great success.

Our next meeting will be the wrap up for the Plant Fair and plant exchange and that will be the 3rd Saturday of May, which is May 17th.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, April 12th.

Thanks

Kathy Hayes Duval,
 President

Member Recognition: These members have birthdays/anniversaries in April

Birthday

Kurt Schrant—April 6
 Teresa Roche—April 11
 Lynn Bloomquist—April 28
 Mary Birch—April 30

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.

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 3-26-25: \$9,690.41

◇ Total of 28 members dues paid

◇ Total of 16 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

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

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

https://mastergardenvolunteer.unl.edu/vrs/sec_Login/sec_Login.php



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.



Would you like to update your photo for the member directory? You will have the opportunity after the April meeting. If you will not be at the meeting, call the office and set up a time to schedule a time.



Minutes from Plant Fair and Monthly Meeting

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

Plant Fair Committee Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Kathy Duval in chairman Bryan Mandl's absence.

Cafe

Mary Lux passed around sign up list for members to either bring bars or donate \$10.

Mary related that she will be unable to attend Plant Fair this year so Linda Douglas will need extra help in café.

Prices for food will be increased in café due to increase cost of purchasing food this year.

Please bring one covered dish for potluck Friday of plant fair. Welcome table volunteers will eat first.

Mary also stated she needs quarters for making change for café.

Advertising-

A discussion was held regarding sponsors. The cost for an individual or business is \$50. Mary Lux will work on sponsors. Kathy Duval suggested that MidWest Bank should be contacted about being a sponsor since we have an account.

Children's Corner-

Viola reported plans are progressing well for Children's corner. A donation was received for coloring books. She is still in need of 6oz tin cans for use for wind chime project.

Door prizes-

Karen Zierke reminded the group to remember door prize contribution.

Houseplants-

Reminder to bring your houseplants. Diane Lukens inquired if we can bring vegetable plants for Master Gardener sales. Kurt Schrant stated vegetable plants are welcome also.

Perineal and Annual Plants-

A discussion was held regarding plant sale discount. The group decided that there will be a 30% discount for the public and Master Gardener's at 2:30 pm on Saturday of Plant Fair. Committee chairman can use their \$10.00 discount either day. Those members helping at the Plant Fair will have a \$5.00 discount to use on either day. It was also decided that Master Gardener members can save plants back to purchase at discount period on Saturday. Members were encouraged to set plants in a place where the public doesn't see them.

Welcome Table-

Vicki Rundell reported there will be 302 postcards sent out to remind costumers about plant fair. She also reminded members of centerpiece contest.

Cashier-

Diane Lukens reported she will handle the card reader details regarding activation and connectivity.

Speakers-

Kelly Feehan—"If Trees Could Talk"

Marilyn Schmit—House plants topic

Wayne—"Beetles Invade Nebraska"

Deb Daehnke—"Recycled Objects For The Garden"



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

President Kathy Duval called the meeting to order

Our new member was introduced. Wendy Winstead was welcomed and members introduced themselves individually.

Last month minutes were approved by Deb Daehnke and Viola McShannon.

Treasurer report by Connie Dvorak. Current balance is \$9,030.32. Twenty-four members have paid their annual dues. A reminder was made to remember to pay dues. A new table banner for the plant fair was ordered and paid for. \$60.05

Old business-

Viola reported that she utilized a coupon from Edin Brother's to order seeds for the seed library. There was a group who got together and sorted and packaged seeds. There are more to be sorted and packaged. Dates were set up for this activity for anyone interested—1:00 pm on 3/24/2025 and 3/31/2025 at the Extension office. Viola will present a topic at the Norfolk Public Library on 3/25 (Planting a Vegetable Garden) and 4/8/2025 (Basic Composting). Any member with an interest or experience with these topics is invited to help present.

New Business

The Norfolk Women's Chamber group has sent an invitation for a Master Gardener member to speak at one of their meetings. Let Cathy Duval know if interested.

Wendy Winstead stated that Haskel Ag Labs could advertise our Plant Fair in their publication, "Haskell Happenings".

Deb D. proposed that members share a topic of interest in the monthly newsletter and that there be an individual featured each month. It was suggested that Viola be the first featured member since she has done so much with the seed library.

Diane Lukens suggested that a reminder of next year's plant fair be handed out @ the cashier table. Pam will make up some reminders on colored paper.

Viola presented an idea for a future project. Previous Northeast Master Gardner Jodi Gardener has communicated with Viola regarding a "Sacred Corn Plot" that was done by her new group. This project involved mounds planted with ornamental corn and squash in conjunction with a Native American tribe. Viola suggested possibility of this project for the Elkhorn Valley Museum or the Nebraska Veteran's home. Will discuss this proposed project at future meeting.

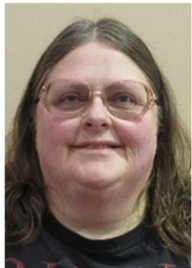
Reminders of education available. Zoom meeting education links have been sent out via e-mail by Kelly.

Education for today by Julie Wagner on "Microgreens" cancelled due to presenter illness. Next month education will be on "Drip Irrigation" by Kurt.

Hosts for next month are Deb D. and Cathy Duval.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Joyce Dvorak and 2nd by Connie Dvorak.

Get to know your Extension Master Gardener members



VIOLA MCSHANNON

Born: Bitburg, Germany 3-1-1960

As a child, I came to America on a ship called The Bremen with my German mom and older sister in 1961. My first language was German and I was naturalized as an American citizen in 1962 in California. I've lived in Mildenhall England, San Antonio Texas, Bancroft NE, Duluth Minnesota, Birkenfeld Germany, Norfolk Virginia; and finally returned to Nebraska in 1976.

I graduated from Bancroft High in 1978. I was an Air Force BRAT, so I sometimes feel like I'm still adjusting to civilian life and miss traveling. I was an LPN, have an associates in Biology and a Bachelors in Biology and Earth Science; with a teaching endorsement. With that, I substituted and taught Science and Spanish for three years then returned to nursing for a year. I worked at Gurney's in Yankton for a five week season in the spring packing Roots of asparagus and Venus Fly Traps. I think this was my favorite job.

I then spent the next 25 years working as a lab technician in a chemistry lab in Norfolk at Cardinal Health before retiring in 2021.

I have 2 adult kids; Charlie 41 and Aubrey 43. Terry and I will be married for 25 years, this July. My hobbies include: Quilting, Camping, Fishing, Birding, Gardening I started working on becoming a master gardener in 2016 completing my requirements after two years.

My favorite things about being a Extension Master Gardener volunteer are the summer tours, learning and being able to teach. I love interacting with the kids and parents at the plant fair and teaching classes on gardening at the library.



Looking for some relaxing garden views during snowy days or summer heat? Pull up your chair and check out 'Whispers In the Garden'. Jay Jinge Hu moderates his Whispers in the Garden YouTube channel where he takes you on delightful garden tours near Buffalo NY in the western part of the state. Many of his sites were found while touring 'Garden Walk Buffalo', a free, two day, garden tour scheduled each summer around Buffalo, usually encompassing approximately 200 gardens. His soothing voice describes gardens designed with trees, shrubs and water features. He also finds sites to feature gardens curated with mostly potted plants, or even a Harry Potter garden, where a father transformed his yard into a Harry Potter fantasy floral masterpiece. Many of these gardens have been over thirty – fifty years in development.

Following are some links to check for marvelous garden respites. If you have a smart TV, I recommend watching the YouTube Channel on TV instead of your phone or tablet. You should be able to Google the names to bring up information, or search for the sites on YouTube.

Whispers in the Garden - YouTube by Jay Jinge Hu

Garden Walk Buffalo - www.gardensbuffaloniagra.com or on Facebook

As you peruse these sites, many other garden sites will be viewable and you won't be disappointed.

Deb Daehnke