

Northeast Nebraska Extension Master Gardener

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Good morning Master Gardeners

This morning it was wonderful to wake up to the sound of rain and thunder and to see the lightning. And no crazy wind this morning either. My poor lilies had to be staked up because of the wind from the last few days.

It was disappointing that the tour to Phanny's Farm was cancelled because of inclement weather conditions. It's better to be safe and not out in bad weather.

Our next tour will be July 10 and we will be going to Wayne. Deb Daehnke has all the details worked out for us. I'm looking forward to Deb's trash to garden art for her garden Thank you Deb for all of your hard work.

Remember to log in your volunteer hours and education hours. I hope to see you on the 10th.

Kathy Hayes Duval,
President

Member Recognition: These members have birthdays/anniversaries in July

Birthday

Connie Kava—July 10
Karen Zierke—July 17
Kristine Zachmeyer—July 25

Anniversary

Viola & Terry McShannon—July 1, 2000
Wayne & Gina Ohnesorg—July 9, 2005
Connie & Kenny Kava—July 16
Diane & Greg Lukens—July 16
Suzanne & Kent Hanlin—July 21



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TREASURER'S REPORT:



Bank balance as of 6-25-25 \$12,018.95



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 Face-
book page.

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

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

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



Dear All,
Deb and I would like to tell everyone that was not at the May meeting about our first
garden tour to be held at Pfanny's Farm on **August 14 (Please note date
change)**. We will be meeting there at 6:00 p.m. for a tour of their farm and some
other fun activities. Also, please plan on bringing a sack dinner meal for a picnic
there. If you are planning on attending please text Lynn Bloomquist at 340-1735 or
email me at lynnbloomquist9@gmail.com by June 8th so I can give them a count of
how many will be attending. The cost will be around 12 to 13 dollars per person. If
you already signed up at the meeting you do not have to let me know again that
you will be attending. ☺ Also, we will send out a few more details to you soon.

Here is the address to Pfanny's Farm:

86765 Hwy 81

Randolph, NE 68771

This is 2.5 miles N of the 81-20 Junction, near Randolph

Just a heads up so you can add this to your calendars, we will have another tour in Wayne, NE on July 10th in the
late afternoon/evening. More details to come soon on that event. We are also hoping to do something in the fall in
Yankton. This date has not yet been decided.

Let us know if you have any questions. Have a wonderful week everyone!

Lynn Bloomquist and Deb Daehnke

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We have four gardens in Wayne, a flower business NW of Wayne, and my home SE of Wayne. We will stick to a tight schedule so no one has to be on the road late at night.

July 10, Thursday, 5:00 pm. You can join us at any time.

Start

412 and 418 Oak Drive (they are side by side) Both have lovely front approaches to their homes with large terraces in the back yards, each decorated a little differently.

(when arriving in Wayne on Hwy 35 from the west, Oak Drive is about a block

east of Bomgaars) You will turn south, west side of road. (these two homes are new on the tour)

217 West 11th

Corner lot with a vast array of blue pots incorporated into the landscape. If you like blue this landscaping really pops. (this home was on previous tour)

(return to hwy 35, drive east to Lincoln Street, turn north to 11th street.
house is on the corner

911 Loyd Court

Corner lot house in one of the newest housing areas of Wayne. Many items packed into the corner of the backyard. (when on 11th street, drive east to main street and turn north. Turn east on Lindahl Drive) You will be driving through Wayne State College. Your GPS will take you the rest of the way. If you drive past the large dome, you have gone too far north. This house is new on the tour.

2115 Highview Fresh Flowers by Lauren. This is the name of her business and Facebook page. She has beautiful flowers and bulbs for sale at very reasonable prices.

Go back to Main Street/Hwy 15 and turn north. Drive one mile and turn west (golf course corner). Drive about 3/4 mile, turn north on Highview Drive.

Your GPS should take you to any of these homes.

57750 855 Road We will finish at my home. Go south of Wayne just past the bridge on Hwy 15. Turn east on 855 Road for 1 1/2 miles. South side, Shadow Ridge sign. Please Don't Park on the Grass. There are a few parking spots near the house (maybe save for those who need to park closer) plenty of parking around the sign and along the access road. I will have munchies and you are welcome to bring something as well as I know some people like to share the neat things they make or bake.

Maybe remember bug spray. Should be a great tour if Mother Nature cooperates.

Questions ?? Call or text me. 420.369.2085

- Deb Daehnke



Get to know your Extension Master Gardener members



KATE PRUITT

Know your Master Gardener-----

I was born and raised in Waseca, Minnesota, about 30 miles north of Albert Lea. My dad was a mechanical engineer who worked for EF Johnson Company that manufactured communication radios. When I was in junior high, Mom and Dad bought a house that was on Clear Lake. We had so much fun learning to water ski and sail. I learned to canoe in Girl Scouts and spent hours each week canoeing on the lake. Several times I canoed in Boundary Waters with different groups. I loved the camping, adventure, and water.

I finished college in the Pacific Northwest and stayed there several more years, working for Washington State Unemployment. On the weekends, I hiked in the Cascade Mountains and around Mt. Rainier. Eventually, I moved to the Rocky Mountains west of Denver, settling in Summit County, a resort area in CO. For several years, I worked seasonally, summers with the US Forest Service in the San Juan Mountains and winters at the ski resorts in Summit County. One summer I was a raft guide on the Kern River in the mountains above Sacramento, CA. It sure was fun, but it didn't pay very well.

I started driving school bus in 1989 and drove for the next 30 years. As drivers, we were hired by the school district and received all the benefits of school employees, such as health insurance, paid time off and retirement benefits. I enjoyed the work and over the years, the pay increased. It was a good fit for me.

Frank and I met in Summit County and were married in 1993. I have no kids. We retired from our jobs seven years ago and started talking about moving to a lower elevation, an easier winter and a more affordable cost of living. I have a cousin with her family, that live here in Norfolk. I would stop here on my trips to MN and stay for a day or two. During the summer trips, we'd load up the pets into the camper and spend a day or two camped at TaHaZouka. It was on one such trip to MN that I stopped to look at a (Jody Gartner's) beautiful garden. My cousin noticed the For Sale sign as I was looking and offered to call the realtor named on the sign. Robin Jones was there in minutes and we walked through the house together. Robin mentioned that on Saturday, the day after tomorrow, the Garden Club was coming to dig up the garden. People looking at the house often preferred a lawn over the gardens. That's crazy! Frank has said, Kate bought a garden on her way to a birthday party. It was a good thing there was also a house on the property. We've been here two and a half years and this too, has been a good fit.

→ DID YOU KNOW

The Tilden Petunia Story

From 2005 to 2015, Ginny Werkmeister spearheaded and championed Tilden's annual community-wide flower displays along its main streets during Prairie Days. She also planted and nurtured the beautiful wave petunias that cascaded from planter boxes suspended above the streets every July and August.

Since Ginny's passing in 2015, a small band of flower enthusiasts (a.k.a. The Petunia Pals) have honored Ginny's memory and continued the petunia tradition. We each take turns watering and fertilizing the plants. This year there are seven Petunia Pals sharing the flower duties, which began May 1st with the potting of 130 wave petunia plants. The Werkmeister family still graciously allows us the use of their greenhouse for nurturing the flowers.

As the plants mature fully, we "pinch them off" to create a more full effect. In mid-July, the plants will emerge from the shelter of the greenhouse onto a flatbed trailer to "harden off", and in late July they'll be brought to town to be enjoyed by all.

It's a fun project every year! We hope everyone enjoys our labor of love — a gift to the community and an ongoing memorial to Ginny, whose life embodied "the strength of the soil and the beauty of the flowers"

Submitted by Linda Douglas, EMGV