

## Northeast Nebraska Extension Master Gardener

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Dear Master Gardeners,

You're invited to attend the Saturday, February 8th meeting. We will have our Plant Fair meeting at 8:30 and the regular business meeting at 9. It's getting time to start our plants for the Plant Fair. Our speaker for the meeting will be Ivy Folkers with Honey, "Raising Bees". I'm sure we will get a lot of good information about Bees and Honey. Vickie Rundell and Mary Lux will be bringing treats for the meeting.

Tuesday, February 4 will be our first educational class of the year. If you are planning on coming to the office to watch the zoom as a group, please contact Pam by noon on February 4. One nice thing is that if can't watch the class live, they are recorded.

Thank you Deb Daehnke for giving us an excellent program on "Recycled Objects for the Garden". She had some great pictures to show us on how she has used recycled objects.

A big thank you to our past officers. You did an excellent job and we appreciate it.

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

Thanks

Kathy Hayes Duval  
President

### Member Recognition: These members have birthdays/anniversaries in February

#### Birthday

Marjorie Jansen—February 7  
Jane Jensen—February 11  
Kelly Feehan—February 13

#### Anniversary

Trent & Marla Brunssen—February 23, 1991



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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.**

February 8, 2025— Ivy Folkers with Honey, “Raising Bees”

March 8, 2025— Julie Wagner “Microgreens”

April 12, 2025— Kurt Schrant “Drip Tape”

May 17, 2025 (3rd Saturday) -

#### **TREASURER’S REPORT:**



⇒ Bank balance as of 1-24-25: \$8,782.95

◇ \$220 dues deposited with 23 members now paid.

◇ \$20 Memorial—Wyman McCain

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

#### **2025— EDUCATION HOURS:**

January 11 —.75 hour “Recycled objects for the garden”  
Deb Daehnke

**\*\*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)



#### **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



General topics and speakers for advanced Extension Master Gardener training zooms

Flyer with more information is included in this newsletter.

Date	Topic	Presenter
February 4	Houseplants for the Home	Scott Evans
February 11	‘Overs and Unders’ - Gambling on Good and Not-so-Good Shrubs?	Kim Todd
February 18	How Flowers attract pollinators	Emily Stine
February 25	Integrated Pest Management	Elizabeth Exstrom
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#### ***Noted in Passing***

◇ Extension Master Gardener, Wyman McCain, husband of Extension Master Gardener Phyllis McCain

◇ Father of Extension Master Gardener, Denise Trine

Address can be found in your Master Gardener directory.

## Minutes from meeting and Plant Fair

### Northeast Nebraska Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Plant Fair committee meeting

1/11/2025

Brian Mandl opened meeting.

Kathy Duvall reported that perennial plants have been ordered. Order amount was reduced by \$1,000 per Blue Bird Nursery recommendation since we sold fewer plants last year. This was related to tornado warning on Friday evening of plant fair. Discussion was held regarding possibility of reducing prices on Saturday of plant fair to sell more plants and avoid restocking fee. Will discuss at next meeting.

Advertising visibility to advertise for our plant fair.

Pam Foltz will create a permission form to be signed by property representatives where banners are placed.

Robin Jones who has been leading advertising for the plant fair is ill and hospitalized. We wish her the best with her recovery. Mary Lux volunteered to contact radio stations to see if it is feasible to arrange live broadcasts at plant fair.

Diane Lukens proposed having an organization sponsor the plant fair. She also suggested having Midwest Bank advertise the plant fair on their digital sign outside the bank.

Vendors-

Pam Foltz reported she has e-mailed 146 prospective vendors and has received few responses. One vendor expressed concern that we need to find a way to increase attendance at the plant fair.

Café-

Mary Lux reported the cost of pop and ground beef has increased. Mary passed around a signup sheet for members to indicate if they wish to donate a dozen bars or pay \$10.

Speakers-

Viola McShannon mentioned that no definitive speakers for the plant fair have been determined. Options were presented for speakers including Wayne, Kelly Feehan and Marilyn. Will discuss further at next meeting.

Dates for 2026 plant fair will be April 24-25.



### Northeast Nebraska Extension Master Gardener's Volunteer meeting

1/11/2025

President Viola McShannon called meeting to order

Correspondence-

Northeast Nebraska Community College sent a thank you for the horticulture scholarship. A personal thank you was sent by the scholarship recipient. Norfolk Arts Center invited our organization to participate in the 2025 parade of trees. Viola sent a memorial to the family of Wyman McCain. Our thoughts are also with Master Gardener member Denise Trine whose father passed away.

November 2024 minutes were approved by Karen Zierke and second by Laurie Larson.

Financial report by Karen Zierke. Karen reported current balance in checking account is \$8,583.95. \$20 was sent contributing to Wyman McCain's memorial. NECC scholarship fund paid \$1,030.00. The 2024 profit/loss sheet was presented to the members. Karen reminded members of \$20 yearly dues.

Old Business-

Elections were held for new officers. Those who volunteered for positions and were elected are:

President-Kathy Duvall

Vice President-Kate Pruitt

Treasurer-Connie Dvorak

Suzanne Hanlin will continue her term as Secretary.

Viola McShannon will move to position of Past President

The group expressed their gratitude for Viola's role as president for last several years!!

Mary Lux and Mary Birch moved to accept new officer's elections.

Elementary school project-Brian Mandl reported the group will review funds available for this project at a later date

Seed donations-Viola reported seeds were donated for the seed library by Baker's Creek, Mary's Heirloom seeds of Texas and Earl May

Monthly speakers-

Vicki Rundell reported that Dan Vanderveen (Willow Creek Recreation area Superintendent) will be rescheduled due to cancellation of last month's meeting due to weather.

New Business-

Kelly Feehan reported that the 2025 Extension Master Gardener classes are scheduled. See handout for dates. Dates are 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4 and 3/11. Contact Pam Foltz at the extension office if plan to attend class in person by day before class. ZOOM option is available. Other education available through Grow Big Red, Nebraska State Arboretum, plus others. Deb D. stated members could contact her regarding education options she has utilized.

Viola mentioned she is taking a Food Preservation class through North Dakota State Extension.

Upcoming plant fair/symposiums: Siouxland Garden symposium 3/22/2025 in Sioux City.

Sioux Falls spring education March 2025

February meeting speaker will be Ivy Folkers about Bees

February hosts are Mary Lux and Vicki Rundell.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Suzanne Hanlin and 2nd by Vicki Rundell.

# 2025 EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER CLASSES



## EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER



Classes are live on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8pm (CT) (5:30-7pm MT). All Classes are recorded for later viewing. The link and QR code to the left go to the live programs.

**ZOOM INFO: [HTTPS://GO.UNL.EDU/EMG2025EDUCATION](https://go.unl.edu/emg2025education)  
PASSCODE: 061163**



### DATES

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### RECORDINGS

#### AVAILABLE HERE:

All recordings will be uploaded to YouTube. You can find the recordings through the VRS Calendar after the program.

Access YouTube Channel at the following link or by using the QR code below

<https://go.unl.edu/emgvtraining-statewide>

