

Northeast Nebraska Extension Master Gardener

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Hello Master Gardeners

Time is flying by and Halloween is coming on the 31st. Are you all ready for trick or treaters? I don't get any in the country, so I don't get to see all the costumes that the kids are wearing these days.

You are invited to attend the Master Gardener meeting November 8th. Our speaker will be our own Janice Wobbenhorst, speaking on the Wonderful World of birds. We're looking forward to learning more about birds.

Our meeting will start at 8:30 to talk about the Plant Fair for the next year. Make sure to sign up for the different committees that will be needed for the Fair.

Hosts for our meeting are Karen Zierke and Joyce Eucker.

Thank you Wayne for a very interesting topic on aphids. Also, we thank Wayne for an added topic on how to identify whether you are dealing with a weed or a good grass. Continue to log in your education and volunteer hours.

Kathy Hayes Duval,
 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 November

Birthday

Kate Pruitt—November 12
 Laurie Larson—November 17
 Pat Dodson—November 24

Anniversary

None in November



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.

Monthly speakers will be added to the newsletter later

- November 8— “A World of Birds” Janice Wobbenhorst
- December 13 - “Hydroponics” Shelly Junck
- January 10— “Fresh Flowers” Lauren Walton
- 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 10-28-25 \$10,005.96
 ◇ Deposit: \$250 New Member Dues



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

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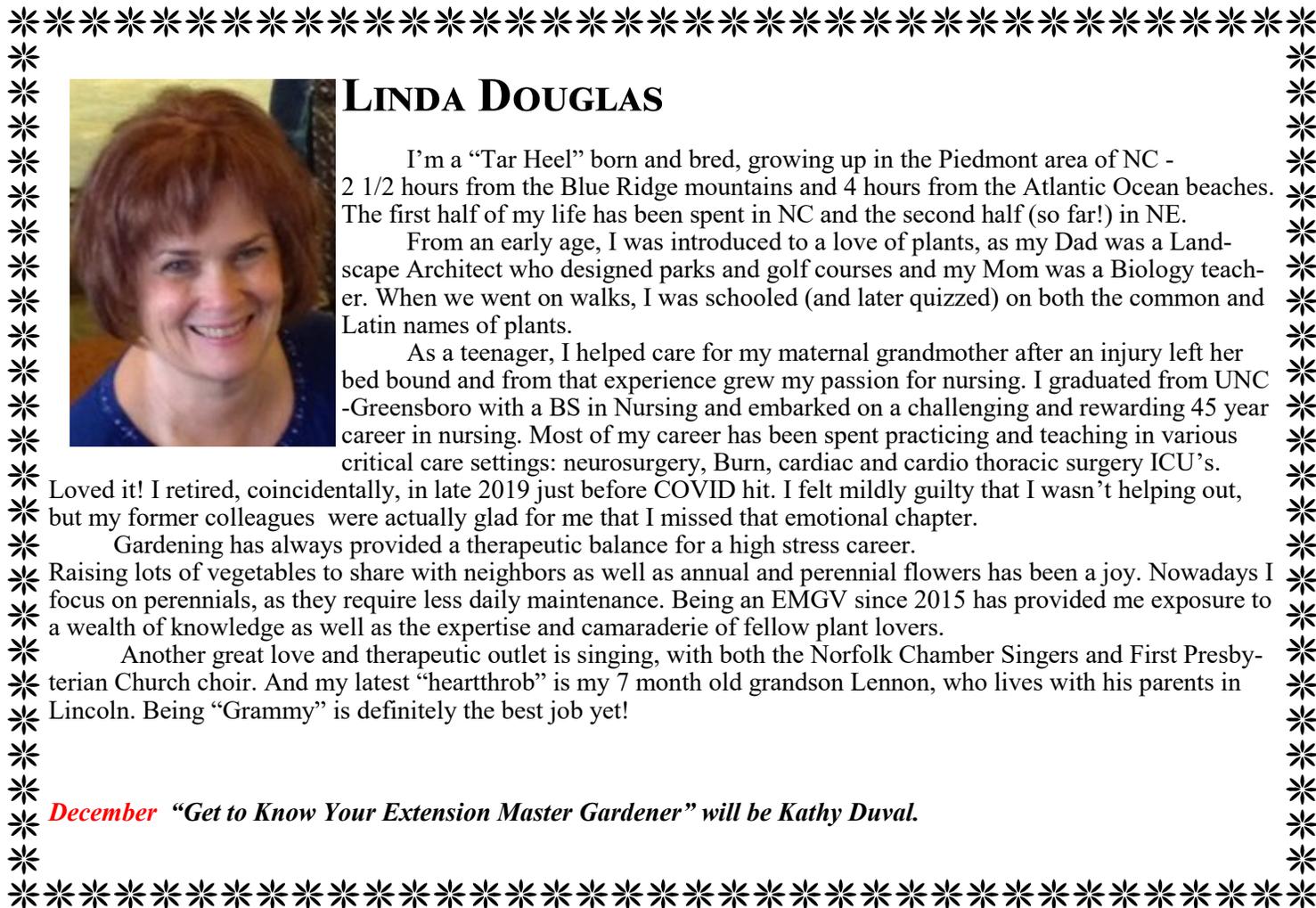


Information—Get to know your Extension Master Gardener members



The developer, RJ, has the VRS site back up and running. Here are a few things to know from now on.

1. The reason for the problem was that the site was hacked. RJ gave the option to move the site to his servers. While the University's servers are protected, it has become more difficult for RJ to access and work on them. We have also been running out of the allotted space on the University's servers, so this should work out better.
 2. With this move, we will have a new site to go to log in <https://nebextemgv.org>
 3. It will also have a slightly different look, but everything functions the same way.
 4. We will no longer have this on the mastergardener.unl.edu site for people to connect to. We will need to share this link through our various outlets, including newsletters and email—Google Classroom, Top Hat, etc.
 5. DO NOT create a page on your website and have the EMGVs connect through that.
 6. It was this, or we would be getting a different link every year.
 7. This link will automatically direct them to the new login page https://nebextemgv.org/sec_Login/
 8. As we were transferring this over to RJ's servers, we discovered that two versions of the database were running on the university's servers.
 9. This may explain why some people say they entered hours, and we could not see them
- As an FYI, he did change a few usernames that were using the email address (noemail@email.com). We cannot have duplicate usernames in the system.
10. Here is the example he said to use for those who do not have an email address (that is what you need to use for usernames)
 11. First name, underscore, last name, and the User ID, so “John_Smith_10474
- In the past, they had to use their email address; they can still use that, but for a shared couple, they need to have individual usernames.



LINDA DOUGLAS

I'm a “Tar Heel” born and bred, growing up in the Piedmont area of NC - 2 1/2 hours from the Blue Ridge mountains and 4 hours from the Atlantic Ocean beaches. The first half of my life has been spent in NC and the second half (so far!) in NE.

From an early age, I was introduced to a love of plants, as my Dad was a Landscape Architect who designed parks and golf courses and my Mom was a Biology teacher. When we went on walks, I was schooled (and later quizzed) on both the common and Latin names of plants.

As a teenager, I helped care for my maternal grandmother after an injury left her bed bound and from that experience grew my passion for nursing. I graduated from UNC -Greensboro with a BS in Nursing and embarked on a challenging and rewarding 45 year career in nursing. Most of my career has been spent practicing and teaching in various critical care settings: neurosurgery, Burn, cardiac and cardio thoracic surgery ICU's.

Loved it! I retired, coincidentally, in late 2019 just before COVID hit. I felt mildly guilty that I wasn't helping out, but my former colleagues were actually glad for me that I missed that emotional chapter.

Gardening has always provided a therapeutic balance for a high stress career.

Raising lots of vegetables to share with neighbors as well as annual and perennial flowers has been a joy. Nowadays I focus on perennials, as they require less daily maintenance. Being an EMGV since 2015 has provided me exposure to a wealth of knowledge as well as the expertise and camaraderie of fellow plant lovers.

Another great love and therapeutic outlet is singing, with both the Norfolk Chamber Singers and First Presbyterian Church choir. And my latest “heartthrob” is my 7 month old grandson Lennon, who lives with his parents in Lincoln. Being “Grammy” is definitely the best job yet!

December “Get to Know Your Extension Master Gardener” will be Kathy Duval.

Minutes from the Monthly Meeting

Northeast Nebraska Extension Master Gardener Meeting

October 11, 2025

Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Duval.

September minutes were approved by, motion Brian Mandl, second by Laurie Larson.

Treasurer's report by Connie Dvorak-\$9,755.96 after paying dues to UNL, Northeast Community Horticulture Scholarship, donation of \$100.00 to PBS and \$50.00 registration fee to Norfolk Arts Center for Christmas Parade of Trees. Robin Jones moved to approve Treasurer's report with Viola McShannon stating to proceed to audit as outlined in bylaws.

Old Business-

1. Wayne Ohnesorg reported no further news on the Extension garden. Will discuss at November meeting.
2. Kathy Duval reminded members to please review the Volunteer book and sign up.
3. Brian Mandl is chairman of the Parade of Trees. Scott Beckman and Katie Pruitt both have got trees that could be used for this project.
4. Kristine Zachmeyer and Katie Pruitt were hosts for the October meeting. Thank you!
5. Viola McShannon reminded members that if they participate in the UNL garden trial, that you can claim 10 hours of volunteer time.
6. Pat Dodson was presented her Master Gardener certificate, shirt and name tag for completing the training to become an Extension Master Gardener by Wayne Ohnesorg. Congratulations!
7. Robin Jones inquired about change in website for entering volunteer/education hours. Please refer to e-mails from Terri James. Some members have used the "Help" option on the website.

New Business-

1. Brian Mandl stated that Plant Fair committee meetings will start next month at 8:30 am.
2. Robin Jones brought a sample of a "nuisance grass" in her yard. Wayne Ohnesorg assisted Robin to identify the grass using a website from Missouri.
3. Joyce Eucker and Karen Zierke will be hosts for the November meeting.
4. Kathy Duval presented a letter from Northeast Community College thanking our group for the Scholarship.
5. Suzanne Hanlin proposed that our group assist new members registering to become a Master Gardener with registration expense. She said that the registration cost may deter prospective members and that it may benefit our group if we provide some reimbursement. Wendy stated that she thought the fee could be paid in portions. Wayne suggested that there be a stipulation if financial assistance is provided, that the member must complete all the hours for certification. After discussion, the group decided that a prospective member request reimbursement for the registration fee when they begin the certification process. Extension Master Gardener Executive Committee and Coordinator will meet to discuss the reimburse \$50 to the newly certified member at completion of required volunteer and education hours. Motion was approved by Suzanne Hanlin and Robin Jones seconded, motion passed. Mary Pat Weber is our new member and is registering to become a Master Gardener.

Wendy moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Viola McShannon.

Submitted by,
Suzanne Hanlin