

Northeast Nebraska Extension Master Gardener

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Hello Master Gardeners,

The calendar says fall is here, but Mother Nature doesn't always read the calendar. We've been having summer temperatures, but not much rain. Farmers have started harvesting their crops and pumpkins are available for sale.

I would like to invite you to our October 11th meeting. The meeting will start at 9:00 and our speaker will be Wayne Ohnesorg. Our hosts for the meeting are Kate Pruitt and Kristine Zachmeyer.

We had some interesting plants for give away and discussions on why our gardens didn't grow like they have in the past years.

In November we will start our meetings at 8:30am to start planning for the plant fair.

Thank you to the volunteers that signed up to decorate the Christmas tree at the Art Center.

Continue to log in your volunteer hours and education hours.

I hope to see you all Oct. 11th.

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 previous month.

Submit your article to: pkesting2@unl.edu

Member Recognition: These members have birthdays/anniversaries in October

Birthday

Linda Douglas—October 1

Anniversary

Kurt & Toni Schrant—October 4, 1975
Vicki & Steven Rundell—October 12, 1996



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***

Monthly speakers will be added to the newsletter later

October 11— “The World of Aphids” Wayne Ohnesorg

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 9-25-25 \$9,755.45

◇ University of Nebraska: \$1335.00 Dues

◇ Nebraska Community College Foundation: \$1030.00 Scholarship

◇ Nebraska Public Media: \$100.00 Donation

◇ Norfolk Arts Center: \$50.00 Parade of Trees

◇ 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

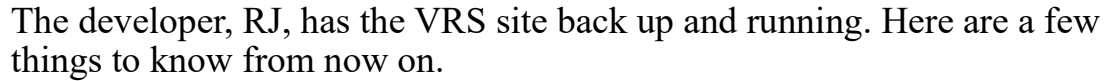
September 13— .50 Shared garden experiences

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

<https://nebextemgv.org>

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Minutes from the Monthly Meeting

Northeast Nebraska Extension Master Gardener Meeting

Meeting minutes-September 13, 2025

-Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Duval.

Guest Mary Pat Weber was introduced and welcomed.

-Minutes from May meeting approved by Teresa Roche and 2nd by Robin Jones

-Treasurer Connie Dvorak reported checking acct balance-\$12,020.45. Bill for state dues-\$1,335 and scholarship amount to be paid-\$1,030.00

Old Business

No old business to report.

-Laurie Larson and Mary Lux provided food for the meeting. Thank you both.

New business

1)-Kathy Duval reported she received a letter from the Norfolk Arts Council inviting us to participate in the Parade of Trees for 2025. Fee to participate will be \$50. Dates of viewing of trees are November 13th through December 13th. Motion was made to again participate in Parade of Trees by Robin Jones and 2nd by Brian Mandl. Motion was approved. Volunteers for committee are Mary Lux, Vicki Rundell, Brian Mandl, Trent Brunssen, Laurie Larson and Kate Pruitt. It was proposed that a taller tree would be beneficial this year.

2)-Karen Zierke proposed that our Master Gardener group donate to PBS. Amount suggested for donation by group was \$100.00. Robin Jones moved to donate to PBS with 2nd by Suzanne Hanlin. Motion was approved.

3)-Wayne Ohnesorg reported that since Kelly Feehan retired this past summer, that her position is waiting to be filled. Wayne communicated that he will be filling in with Master Gardener's until position is filled. Details of leadership from extension for our Master Gardener's group is undetermined. More details forthcoming. Wayne also discussed the status of the Community Garden located on north side of Madison County Extension office. He reported that with change in SNAP funds that Michelle Kroupa's position has been eliminated and the garden would not be supported. Wayne discussed the possibility of our Master Gardener's group taking over supporting this garden. This would involve preparing garden, planting, weeding, harvesting and distributing produce to Food Bank and Rescue Mission. Also would be responsible for garden cleanup. Wayne reported that cost for garden was \$900.00 last year.

It was reported that the Glanzer family may want to help fund the garden. Wayne will contact Janet Glanzer.

This would be a significant project for our group and will be tabled to November and December meetings.

4) Pam reported that volunteer and education hours need to be reported by 10/31/25. Remember to report hours on the new site. Contact Pam if you have difficulty.

5). Kathy Duval reported on the monthly education for 2025-2026.

October-speaker planned backed out. Wayne Ohnesorg will present in October. Topic to be determined.

November-Hydroponics by Shelly Junck

January-Flowers by Lauren Walton

February-Pollinator project by Dan Vanderveen (Willow Creek Recreation Area Superintendent)

March-Jill Heemstra (topic to be determined)

April-Food Preservation (Dehydrating) by Viola McShannon. Education for 30 minutes due to plant fair preparation.

May-No presenter. Plant Fair wrap up and plant exchange.

6) It was proposed that Viola McShannon present an evening class on food preservation since she has completed an entire course of this topic. Will discuss at the next meeting.

Hosts for October meeting will be Karen Zierke and Kristine Zachmeyer.

Move to adjourn meeting by Mary Lux and 2nd by Laurie Larson.

Submitted by,
Suzanne Hanlin