

Northeast Nebraska Extension Master Gardener

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Hello Master Gardeners,

Humidity and high temperatures have been with us for a few days now. The tomatoes are finally starting to turn and we had our first BLT. It must mean that summer is here. I hope you all have had a great summer. It's time to start our monthly meetings again.

I would like to invite you to our September 13th meeting. We will have our regular meeting and we will have a discussion on what worked well for you and what didn't work in the gardening area. Also, we will have a plant exchange again. *Hosts for the meeting will be Laurie Larson and Mary Lux.*

The planning committee have come up with some ideas for our monthly meetings. A couple of things have to be fine tuned, but it all will work out. A big thank you to Suzanne, Viola, Connie and Kate for helping on this project. Continue to log in your volunteer hours and education hours.

I hope to see you all in Sept

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 September

Birthday

Mary Lux—September 8
Suzanne Hanlin—September 10
Aubrey E. Raasch—September 25

Anniversary

Connie & Mike Dvorak—September 1, 1978
Deb & Mick Daehnke—September 2, 1972
Kathy & Ken Duval—September 22, 2012
Kate & Frank Pruitt—September 30



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

September 13—Sharing our garden experiences this year and Plant Exchange
 October 11 -
 December 13 -
 February 14 -
 April 11 -
 November 8 -
 January 10 -
 March 14 -
 May 16 (3rd Saturday) -



TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bank balance as of 8-26-25 \$12,019.97



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.



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

****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)





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 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.



AUBREY RAASCH

Hi! My preferred name is Aubrey E. Raasch. I have been in Master Gardeners since 2020. I live in Norfolk, Ne with my two cats; Ko-chan who is 18, and Onyx who is 4. I was born here, in 1981, at what was Sister's Hospital, and attended Kindergarten. Then we, my mom Viola and I, moved around a bit, sticking to predominantly northeast Nebraska. I did, however, end up graduating at Norfolk Senior High in 2000 and attending Northeast Community College. I graduated from the community college with an Associates Degree in Electronics Engineering Technology in 2005. I then moved to Atlanta, Georgia then looking for work. I had some amazing life experiences on the journey to Georgia, the three month stay, and the trip back to Norfolk. Unfortunately, then was not the right time to find employment in my field,

and I worked in a few call centers until 2010. By that time I had moved up to Yankton, SD, and decided to go back to school. I attend the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, majoring in Fine Arts and minoring in German. When I graduated in 2015, my parents came up for my Senior Show and graduation. I enjoyed my time at USD, and stayed in Vermillion for a couple more years before returning to Norfolk.

Today, I spend my time doing art (at home and in a studio), and volunteering around town. I was recently invited to join the committee for the Great American Comedy Festival. Every Saturday I volunteer at the Elkhorn Valley Museum. I have helped put on and run the Pride Fest, since it began in 2021. I've also previously volunteered at the Red Cross, Norfolk Arts Center, Norfolk Community Theater, and the Northeast Nebraska Animal Shelter. Currently, I am on the tech team for NCT's next production of She Kills Dragons, and I am helping to shape and run a new art gallery/studio on 4th street here in town. As a Master Gardener Volunteer, I have assisted my mom with her education classes, started the Seed Library at the Norfolk Public Library, and co-run the Children's Corner at Plant Fair. Running the Children's Corner has been a yearly highlight for me these last few years, and every time we put on our program we learn something new! When we come up with our crafts, we like to mix artistic ideas into garden related programming. It's a fun challenge, and so rewarding when we see the kids (and adults!) do the crafts and feel proud of themselves for accomplishing something new!

Gardening at home has become a bit of a challenge for me, because I do struggle with mobility. Lately I've stuck to planting all my herbs and flowers in pots, as opposed to in the ground. It works pretty good for me, until I inevitably forget to water them for a couple days. Oops! I enjoy learning more about different plants, and what they can be used for. I'm especially interested in different ways herbs, flowers, and even produce, can be used in herbal teas. The possibilities are endless! I look forward to seeing everyone when we come back in September, and since it's my birthday month I believe I'm set to bring snacks! Thanks for listening to my TED talk... :D