

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener Newsletter

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Dear Master Gardeners,

Our MG community has been hard hit the past few months with the death of Bonnie Smith's husband, Jeff; our hard working and dedicated Beverly McClure and most recently our kind and talented Jane Rhebb. My heart is sad for the families that have lost these loved ones. We will miss Bev and Jane—they were such an important part of our work in educating people about horticulture. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Smiths, the McClures and the Rhebbs.

Sharon Hinrichsen will be organizing the January Awards Banquet. (She would appreciate the help of another volunteer!!) Bonnie Smith is willing to cater the meal again this year. It will be roast beef with all the trimmings. We have yet to decide what the cost will be, but please RSVP to me or Sharon if you are planning to be there on January 9th.

Rachel Leister has agreed to be one of our Plant Fair speakers along with Brent Broberg from Tilden. I have one more to line up so if anyone has an idea for a great speaker, please let me know!

Speaking of Plant Fair, are any of you willing to take on the role of Plant Fair Chair??? We need a leader for our biggest event of the year! PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE.

Our December 12th presenter will be Sue Fase from TLC Floral. It will be an awesome program!

Teresa Roche
President

Plant Fair To Do List: April 29-30, 2016, NECC Chuck Pohlman Ag Complex

December

Sponsorship response deadline

Speaker response deadline

(both of these will then allow the publicity committee more opportunity to publicize)

Member Recognition: These members have birthdays/anniversaries in DECEMBER.

Birthday

Vicky Hingst—December 17

Janice Wobbenhorst—December 22

Brian Mandl—December 29

Anniversary

Marge & Bill Holland—December 5, 1948



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Dates and Trainings to Know and Grow - Mark on your Calendars

Regular monthly meetings:

(doors open at 8:30am with meeting to start at 9:00am and speaker to start at approximately 10:00 am)

Held at Lifelong Learning Center, Madison County Extension, 601 E Benjamin Ave, UNL Classroom, Norfolk

<u>December 12</u>	Sue Fase, TLC Floral
<u>January 9</u>	Awards & Pam Greunke, website & reporting
<u>February 13</u>	Neal Pohlman, Daylilies
<u>March 12</u>	Mary Heithold, Fairy Gardens
<u>April 9</u>	Bonnie Smith, Missouri Botanical Gardens
<u>April 29-30</u>	PLANT FAIR
<u>May 21</u>	Plant Exchange & Plant Fair wrap up (NOTE: this is not the second Saturday)

BACKYARD FARMER - VIEW ARCHIVED SHOWS AT: <http://byf.unl.edu/>

20TH ANNUAL GREAT PLAINS GROWERS CONFERENCE ~ January 7, 8, & 9, 2016

Fulkerson Conference Center at Missouri Western State University, St Joseph Missouri
Seasoned and Beginning Vegetable & Fruit Growers are encouraged to attend.
For more information, contact Buchanan County Extension Office at 816-279-1691, arnn@missouri.edu,
<http://www.greatplainsgrowersconference.org/>

2016 SPRING TRAINING DATES ~ More information coming soon
SAVE THE DATES—**February 2, 9, 16, 23 and March 1, 8, 2016**

SIouxLAND GARDEN SHOW ~ April 1-3, 2016 Sioux City Convention Center
<http://www.siouxlandgardenshow.org/>

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener Emeritus Status.

Applications will be DUE at the December 12 meeting or to Pam or Wayne prior to December 12. Description of the emeritus status with requirements was in the last newsletter. Application form is on the website or contact Pam to have it sent to you.

Annual Membership Dues

Please bring your annual membership dues of \$10 to the meeting December 12. Checks payable to Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners. Or send to Karen Zierke at 84933 547 Ave, Pierce NE 68767. It makes her record keeping so much easier if you renew ASAP. *Thank you!!*

Treasurer Report

Membership payments received	\$205.00		
Paid for memorials (Smith, McClure & Rhebb)	-\$60		
1000 stamped envelopes	-\$601.90	Balance is	\$8,412.05

2015 4th Quarter Local Training Hours: (Oct 1 thru Dec 31)

Oct 10 - Kim Radenz—Grasses & Hostas	1 hour
Nov 14 - MG Discussions, Denise Trine	.5 hour

MENTOR FOR NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

Please email Pam (pam.greunke@unl.edu) your interest in mentoring a new member. All members should be willing to do this but only those committed to the responsibilities are encouraged for this role. Once all names are in, you will be assigned a new member to mentor.

The goal of the mentor program is to provide a welcoming atmosphere for new Master Gardeners from the time they sign up for the MG classes until they become well established in the program. The mentor's role is to familiarize new MGs with the program and help them feel comfortable as they attend training and begin their volunteer service. The time spent on "mentor work" should be included in your MG Hours Report. Mentors are meant to help new trainees smoothly adapt to the program by offering help and support where needed.

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners
Lifelong Learning Center
November 14, 2015

Teresa Roche opened the meeting at 9:00am with 21 members present.

Brian Mandl/Vicki Rundell motioned to approve the October minutes. Motion passed.

Karen reported there was \$8,938.95 in the treasury account with no outstanding bills. 2016 dues of \$10 can be paid to Karen Zierke.

The obituary for Bev McClure was made available for members.

Teresa asked for reports on the plant fair:

--An overall chair is still needed

--purchasing a blue light was discussed again. Thoughts were since speakers will be in the classroom a light might not be needed but would be good to bring attention to vendors throughout the Ag Center. Teresa will contact Robin to get more information.

-- move door prize table to back of room. Use the blue light to draw attention to it

--Ellen needs a co-chair for the vendor committee to do the computer aspects. Teresa Roche volunteered. Pam Greunke will continue to print the vendor letters and envelopes.

--After discussion on booth size, motion made for a standard 10'by20' booth with 2 tables would be \$50. Extra tables would be \$10 each. There would still be walking and driving space between the booths on the dirt. Sharon Hinrichsen/Tammy Furstenau. Motion passed.

--Menards will not provide annuals but Jim Laycock will order them from the vendor he uses. He will take what we don't use but need to be careful not to over order. An extra trip will be needed to pick up our annuals from the supplier.

--Corrine Weihe, Karen Zierke, Rita Cox, and Joyce Eucker will pre order plants from Bluebird.

New Business:

Various ideas were submitted for ways to use money in the treasury.

--increase the scholarship

--give something to recognize master gardeners

--treasury pays expenses for the annual awards banquet meal

--donate to small town garden projects, with communities requesting the money.

Motion was made by Jim Laycock/Ellen Glanzer to raise the scholarship from \$750 to \$1000 each year. Motion passed.

Brian will talk to Wayne about budgeting as the budget has not been evaluated recently.

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Members with small town projects are encouraged to develop a request plan and bring it to the next meeting for discussion. Some guidelines are to set a budget to use during a specific fiscal year until the money is gone; 4-H Clubs could request money. But money should not just be given away without a request.

The new Master Gardener manuals are ready with several items still being updated. If interested, Pam or Wayne needs to order these. Individual parts of this manual can be ordered on the Extension website marketplace.

There was discussion on how to encourage more people who take the master gardener classes to complete the training and volunteer hours and become certified. A new member pays \$100 (new manual costs \$75) and one suggestion was to refund some of the money when requirements are met. Another suggestion was to make certain each new person has a mentor.

After discussion to change the May 2016 meeting date, motion by Carolyn Lingenfelter/Denise Trine to move the meeting date from May 14, 2016 to May 21, 2016 passed.

Submit your education and volunteer hours by December 1 as Pam needs to order certificates.

Hort Club needs pots if you have any to donate.

Green Patch articles are due by December 1.

Committee needed for January meeting and awards.

Following is a list of Plant Fair chairs. *Please check for accuracy.*

Overall Chair. Brian Mandl asked to chair. Hoping he will accept this position.

Speakers – Teresa Roche

Children's Booth – Rita Cox

Vendor space layout and annuals – Jim Laycock

Master Gardener houseplants – Kurt Schrant and Marjorie Jansen

Table Displays/Hospitality – Vicky Rundell

Ordering Plants – Corrine Weihe with help from Karen Zierke, Rita Cox, and Joyce Eucker

Door Prizes – Karen Zierke

Posters – Sharon Hinrichsen

Potluck – Pearl Laycock

Compost – Terry Hochstein

Cashiers – Janice Ladehoff/Vicki Wagner

Publicity – Carolyn Lingenfelter

Vendors – Ellen Glanzer/Teresa Roche

Meeting adjourned at 10:15. Sharon Hinrichsen/Tammy Furstenau

Denise Trine gave a 15 minute presentation about the arboretum in Madison that is being established near the pool.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Daehnke, Secretary