

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener

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MARCH 2024

Dear Master Gardeners,

I can't believe it's almost March! I've started my Winter sowing with 7 jugs of flowers and veg. We had a good group at the Library workshop and each person left with a jug started. March's class will be on starting seeds indoors the traditional way. Kurt has offered to talk about the lights needed to grow good plants. I was also able to take the seed donation to them and the seed library is off to a good start.



I'm so glad everyone was able to make it to the February meeting. The Banquet was great. Thank you to everyone who brought such good food. It was fun to be able to visit with everyone. I also enjoyed Bob's talk. He's such a good speaker.

Our next meeting will be on March 9th. We will start with Plant Fair planning at 8:30am. It will be here before we know it! The Business meeting will be at 9:00 followed by Wayne speaking at 10:00am. We had a lot of people sign up for volunteer positions, thank you! The book will be made available at the meeting. I really think this year will be a busy one. 😊

Continue logging your education hours and volunteer hours online. If you need some help with this let Pam or I know. And please remember to wear your name tags to the meeting!

Thanks,
 Viola McShannon President

Member Recognition: These members have birthdays/anniversaries in March

Birthday

Viola McShannon—March 1

Anniversary

No anniversaries this month



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

Regular monthly meetings:

(doors open at 8:00 a.m. with meeting to start at 9:00 a.m.)

Plant Fair Committee meeting will start before the regular meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Please remember to wear your name tag to the meetings

March 9, 2024—”The Beetles Invade Nebraska” Wayne Ohnesorg

April 13, 2024—Plant Fair preparations

April 26/27, 2024—Plant Fair

May 18, 2024 [3rd Saturday] — Spring Plant Exchange



TREASURER’S REPORT:

- ◆ Balance as of 02/23/2024 \$7,598.24
- ⇒ Deposits of \$275 Plant Fair vendors
- ⇒ Deposit membership \$375
- ⇒ Check \$426.78 for taxes from 2023
- ⇒ Check \$161.47 Bob Henrickson mileage



Click on the Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners Facebook page. A lot of great articles to read.



2024 MEMBERSHIP

DUES ARE DUE. \$20.00 per person. You can bring your dues to the next meeting or mail them to Karen Zierke. *Call the office or email Pam for her new address.*

May 1 is the last date to pay your 2024 membership dues, after that date, you will be marked as inactive.



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY PICTURES

If you would like to update your picture in the membership directory or if you are a new member, pictures will be taken after the meetings. If you have a picture you would like to use, please email it to me.



Watch BYF LIVE from the first Thursday in April – Mid-September

Nebraska Public Media (CDT)

7 pm Thursdays

10 am Saturdays

<https://byf.unl.edu/>

2024— EDUCATION HOURS:

January 13—No meeting due to the weather

February 6 —1.5 hours zoom “Beyond the Basics of Mulch”

February 10—1.5 hours “Gardening with Prairie Plants” Bob Henrickson

February 13— 1.0 hour “Pruning Hydrangeas & Species that work” Anthony Reardon

February 20—1.5 hours “Hydroponics” Stacy Adams

February 27—1.25 Hours “Fire Smart Landscaping” Elizabeth Exstrom

DON’T FORGET TO RECORD YOUR PLANT FAIR VOLUNTEER HOURS.

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

https://mastergardenervolunteer.unl.edu/vrs/sec_Login/sec_Login.php

Minutes

Master Gardeners Plant Fair Meeting Feb. 20, 2023

Brian Mandel called the meeting to order at 8:33 am.

Karen Zierke shared that plants have been ordered by the committee. Shamrock will provide annuals. We will order more hanging baskets this year-maybe 18. She also told us that our distributor's license has been received.

Gardener's Café- Linda Douglas and Mary Lux are getting things lined up. A sheet was passed around for people to sign up to either bring bars or donate \$10 toward the cost of the food. We may have to consider increasing the price of the food we sell based on our costs. Advertising-Robin Jones is ready to start advertising when we know who our speakers will be.

Speakers-Viola McShannon has 3 confirmed-Marilyn Schmidt on troubleshooting growing houseplants; Pam Bergstrom on pollinator habitats and edible landscapes; and Kelli Feehan. She is working on another speaker.

Postcards-Vicki Rundell has ordered new postcards and is ready to mail the postcards from last year once we know some more details like speakers and vendors. Karen will get stamps when needed.

Credit Card reader-Diane Lukens reported that the scanner is working. We will add a charge of \$1 again for credit card sales. Kurt Schrant will be at the Ag Complex all day Friday to help.

Banners-sites discussed were 13th St. and Benjamin Ave., Victory Rd. and Benjamin Ave. and Benjamin Ave. and Hwy 35 and somewhere along 13th Street. A committee of Connie Dvorak and Suzanne Hanlin was formed to work on this. A motion was made by Teresa Roche to allow them a budget of \$500 for banners. Second of the motion by Robin Jones. Motion passed.

Vendors-Pam Foltz has sent email messages to about 80 vendors and 4 have paid so far. NECC will have a spot but doesn't pay. Suzanne and Mary Birch will help Pam with calls to the vendors. Robin Jones will be a sponsor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05.
Respectfully submitted, Mary Lux



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Extension Office

2-10-2024 Monthly Meeting

Handouts: Master Gardeners Awards and Treasurer's Report

President Viola McShannon called the meeting to order at 9:09 am. and welcomed two new members. She passed around a thank you note to sign for Earl May and the seeds donated for the seed library.

The treasurer's report was available to peruse. There is \$7,550.49 in the account and dues should be submitted to Karen Zierke.

Teresa Roche and Joyce Eucker motioned to accept the December minutes. Motion passed.

Old Business

Many seeds were received from members and West Coast Seed Company. Workdays will be scheduled to organize the seeds.

Volunteer sheets are in the booklet so please check for opportunities to volunteer.

Viola was scheduled to present on winter sowing on February 15 at the Seed Library.

Officers for 2024 are President Viola McShannon, Vice President Vicki Rundell, Secretary Suzanne Hanlin, Treasurer Karen Zierke

A motion to have the Vice President move into the President's position at elections was made but after discussion the motion was withdrawn to discuss later. A committee was formed of officers and past president, also Joyce Eucker, Laurie Larson, Teresa Roche (Chair) and Diane Lukens. They will research a constitution and by-laws to assist in elections of officers.

April 25-26, 2025, is scheduled for the Plant Fair.

Renewal fees to the state program are due by May 1 or a member will become inactive.

Reminder to always notify Pam by noon if you are attending the in-person Zoom meeting.

March speaker will be Wayne Ohnesorg. Mary Lux and Mary Birch will be hostesses.

Motion made: member chairing more than one committee will receive a \$10 coupon for each committee and a co-chair will receive \$5 for each committee served. Can be spent Friday or Saturday. Robin Jones/Karen Zierke. Motion passed. Pam makes the discount tickets. They must be used, or the discount will not be given. Brian will distribute and member gives to Joyce at checkout.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 Robin Jones/Emmalene
Respectfully submitted, Deb Daehnke

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EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER

CLASSES: TUESDAYS, 6:30-8PM
CENTRAL TIME

- **FEBRUARY 6**
Beyond the Basics of Mulch:
Kelly Feehan
- **FEBRUARY 13**
Pruning Hydrangeas & Species
that work: Anthony Reardon, K-
State Extension
- **FEBRUARY 20**
Home Hydroponics: Stacy Adams
- **FEBRUARY 27**
Fire Smart Landscaping:
Elizabeth Exstrom
- **MARCH 5**
Plant Propagation: Scott Evans
- **MARCH 12**
Grow your own Mushrooms: Amy
Timmerman

ZOOM INFORMATION

📍 go.unl.edu/emg2024education

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