

**Membership Meetings held at:
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**Northeast Nebraska
Master Gardener
Program—2021**

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Master Gardener

What is a Master Gardener?

Master Gardeners are people who love plants, gardening, landscaping, and teaching others. To earn a title of Master Gardener, individuals enroll in the program and receive 40 hours of training from University of Nebraska—Lincoln faculty, then volunteer 40 hours of gardening and horticulture related work. There is an initial training fee of \$100 which covers the training and includes a large Resource Notebook.

No qualifications or prior knowledge about horticulture is needed for the class. The only requirement is a desire to share a love of gardening, learning, and a commitment to teach others about horticulture.

To retain the Master Gardener title, volunteers annually attend 10 hours of continuing education classes and programs of their choice and give back 20 hours of volunteer time to their communities and master gardener projects.

The Master Gardening program has been affiliated with the Horticulture Department of the University of Nebraska—Lincoln since 1976.

Who are the Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners?

The Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners were organized in 1989. They continue to develop and expand the program working with their county extension offices assisting with horticulture programs. Membership consists of individuals from 15 area counties.

How is the local program run?

The Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners sponsor monthly educational speakers at the meetings held on the second Saturday of each month (September through May) in Norfolk. Tours and special events are held during the year.

What does it cost?

The Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener annual dues are \$20 per person per year. A newsletter is sent monthly and includes meeting dates, class schedule, committee projects and activities.

Scholarships

The Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners donate \$1000.00 each year to NECC students for horticulture scholarships.

What are some of the projects and activities?

- The Northeast Nebraska Plant Fair and Market held early spring, is the major event of the Master Gardeners.
- Gardening column for the Norfolk Daily News.
- Individual Master Gardeners support horticulture through presentations to clubs, community projects, churches, county fairs, schools, maintain gardens in their communities, and assist 4-Hers with horticulture projects.
- Service & training hours are recognized for all members.

Local events listed inside

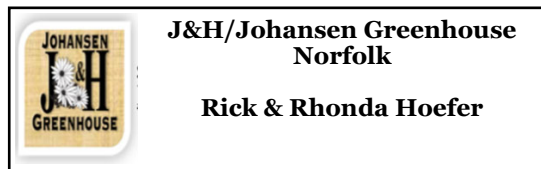
**28th Annual
Plant Fair & Market
Look for us in 2022**

2019 Plant Fair & Market Sponsors

Perennial Partners:



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Plant Fair features include:

- * **Educational Speakers!** Visit website below for names, topics, and times!
- * **Free Admission!**
- * **Perennials and annuals** for sale!
- * **Great Vendors** offering nursery, garden, & home décor plus jewelry, kitchen tools, skin care, crafts, quilts, collectables, candles, toys, and gourmet foods!
- * **Door Prizes** drawn hourly!
- * **Delivery assistance** to your vehicle!
- * **Plant Sitter Area:** Place to keep your purchases until you have completed shopping and listening to speakers!
- * **Children's Garden: Kids Make & Take** ~ Special activities for children!
- * **Ask The Master Gardener** booth will feature a Master Gardener member on hand to answer your gardening questions!
- * **Locally grown houseplants** for sale, grown by Master Gardener members!
- * **Lunch Stand** provided by Master Gardeners!
- * **Youth Horticulture ID Contest:** Youth ages 8-18 years old are encouraged to register!

More information at: 402-370-4040 or <http://madison.unl.edu/theplantfair>

**Master Gardener
Educational & Recertification
Classes Held in February & March**

Those interested in attending need to contact the Nebraska Extension office in Madison County—402-370-4040.

Those wishing to become Master Gardeners will need to pay a onetime initial training fee of \$100. The fee includes The Master Gardener Handbook. Those attending training sessions without intending to become a Master Gardener do not need to pay the initial training fee. For non-Master Gardeners, there will be a charge of \$5 per person for each training session attended. All four training sessions can be attended for \$20. Payment will be collected at the training session.

2020 SPRING TRAINING DATES ~ BROCHURE IS ON THE WEBSITE

SAVE THE DATES—
February 11, 18, 25, & March 3 2020
The trainings will be 2.5 hour sessions (6:30—9:00 pm).

- Feb. 11—Landscape Management**
Presenter: *Terri James*, Extension Educator, NE-EMG Volunteer Program Coordinator
- Feb. 18—Rots & Spots**
Presenter: *Kyle Broderick*, Extension Educator Plant and Pest Diagnostic Clinic
- Feb. 25—NE-EMG Volunteer Program & Soils**
Presenter: *Terri James*, Extension Educator, NE-EMG Volunteer Program Coordinator & *Becky Young*, Assistant Professor of Practice
- Mar. 3—Bugs**
Presenter: *Jody Green*, Extension Educator

These and past years trainings are archived and available for viewing online. Contact Wayne Ohnesorg, Nebraska Extension Educator at 402-370-4044 for more details.