

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener

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Dear Master Gardeners,

How are you today? I'm doing ok, Plotting and planning my garden and starting more seeds in my sewing room. I had a little accident with one tray of seeds. Somehow it jumped out of my hands and landed upside down! 😊 I managed to save some of the little celery starts by picking them out of the soil and replanting them in new seed cells. Oh well what can you do.

Our March meeting was pretty small as the weather wasn't very good. Six of us did come and managed to talk about a few things. Thank you to Mary for taking such good notes. We had to make a decision about the April meeting as the second Saturday is Easter weekend. So it was decided to have it on the first. (no it's not an April fool). Because of the upcoming Plant Fair, it will be better to have it sooner. I hope you can all make it. Also, if you have any pine cones could you please bring them for the Children's corner?

So, our next regular meeting is April 1st , starting with a plant fair meeting at 8:30 am. The regular meeting will start after the fair planning meeting. It depends on how long planning for the fair takes. Hosts will be Joyce Eucker and myself. There will be no speaker. There will be several topics: the Elkhorn museum garden, seed library donation, volunteer signups, group survey, and Most importantly the Summer Tour (the NSA shade garden, backyard farmer garden etc.) We need to pick a date, where we want to go and how we are going to get there. I'm looking forward to going to Lincoln! 😊

Be sure to remember to wear your name tag to the meeting. Also if you haven't yet, it would be a good idea to start logging your education hours and volunteer hours online. If you need some help with this let Pam or I know.

Thank you all,
 Viola McShannon
 President



Friday – March 31, 2023
 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday – April 1, 2023
 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Marriott Center, South Sioux City

Member Recognition: These members have birthdays/anniversaries in April

Birthday

Kurt Schrant—April 6
 Teresa Roche—April 11
 Don Liedman—April 27
 Mary Birch—April 30

Anniversary

No anniversaries this month



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***

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

Following are the dates for the Master Gardener meeting:

- **April 1 (Note date change):** Final Planning for the Plant Fair
- May 20 (3rd Saturday): Plant Exchange



Celebrate Spring Gardening

- Class Type: **Home and Garden**
- Location: **Columbus**
- Start Date: **April 25, 2023**
- Time: **4-8 pm**

Here is the link: <https://www.cccneb.edu/educational-opportunities/community-class-search/home-and-garden/4-25-co-celebrate-spring-gardening/>

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- ◆ Balance as 3-21-23: \$6,267.83
- ◆ Deposit Vendor checks: \$1,075
- ◆ Purchased postcard stamps to be used for the Plant Fair —\$144

2022— EDUCATION HOURS:

January 7—1 hour

February 7—1.5 hour zoom (Pollinators)

February 11—.75 hour (Kelly Feehan—Trees)

February 14—1.5 hour zoom (Strawberries and other small fruit, John Porter)

February 21—1.5 hour zoom (Invasive Plants and Insects in Nebraska, Allison Zach and Nicole Stone)

February 28 1.5 hour zoom (Evergreen Problems, Kelly Feehan)

March 7—1.5 hour (Seed Saving David Lott)

March 11—0 hour due to weather

March 14—1.5 hour zoom (Sedges for Home Landscapes Bob Henrickson)

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

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

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

Master Gardener Survey

Please remember to bring your completed survey to the April meeting. Extra copies will be available at the meeting.



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There were only 6 members present so an informal meeting was held starting at 9:15 am. Viola McShannon brought some donuts for us.

Emma Raasch spoke with Libby McKay, Executive Director of the Elkhorn Valley Museum and learned that arrangements are being made with the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum (NSA) to have an area created on the grounds which will be accessible to wheelchairs and strollers. The plan will extend into the area that we have been trying to maintain. We plan on continuing to help there as we are needed and able.

We discussed steps involved in becoming a Master Gardener (MG) including recording our volunteer and education hours. (Old Business)

Plant Fair-Childrens Corner-Viola asked us to bring pinecones for her to our next meeting. Robin Jones and Emma will do the publicity for the Plant Fair but we are all encouraged to share the info on our Facebook page and put up fliers where we can. Looking into the possibility of taking payments by credit card.

Volunteer Book-Bonnie Hoffmeister and Viola are working on this.

Tuesday night MG Educational Programs-This Tuesday 3/14 will be the last of these Tuesday evening programs. Topic: Sedges for Home Landscapes by Bob Henrickson the NSA Horticulture Program Coordinator. Please let Pam know if you plan to attend.

Seed Library – at the Norfolk Public Library. For the library we received a donation from MG Kurt Schrant and were approved for a grant for two donations for 50 seed packets each from Seed Savers Exchange.

The City of Norfolk Annual Report-section on the library includes an explanation of the Seed Library and the Master Gardeners!

Summer Tour-Kelly Feehan has passed on that Bob Henrickson of the NSA is offering us a tour of the Backyard Farmer Garden and the Shade House area in Lincoln. He recommended May but June seems better for us. Could also tour the Sunken Gardens and Rose Garden while there. We could carpool or take a small bus if not expensive. We will continue to look for dates and travel options.

A survey for our members has been created and will be emailed and mailed to those who don't have email.

Next meeting will be April 1st since April 8th is Holy Saturday. Joyce and Vi will bring food for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55.