

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener

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Dear Master Gardeners,

March is gone and April is here. Time is just flying by! I've spent some time getting my indoor seeds started on my new shelf unit. (Thanks Karen!)



The class at the library was well attended and Kurt was great at explaining how to use lights inside to grow seedlings. Thanks so much for doing this with me Kurt. It was nice to have another person there to answer questions. Afterwards, I talked with some of the attendees and Jessica about future classes. Seed saving was top of the list and then having a seed swap. This is a great opportunity for us to use our training. If you are interested in helping with this, let me know.

For those who signed up to help with packing seeds for the library, I am still working on the dates for this. I'll contact you when I have them.

Thank you Mary Lux for the wonderful treats at the last meeting. Don't forget Backyard Farmer starts Thursday April 4th! We can watch this for education hours and just because it's a great show. 😊

Our next meeting will be on April 13th. We will start with Plant Fair planning at 8:30am. We will focus the rest of the meeting on the Plant Fair business. There is a lot to discuss and make sure we have ready. Hopefully this will help some of the new members learn where they can help the most and get questions answered if needed. We will have a check list for everyone to help us remember what needs done and what to bring. I have Kathy Duval and Connie Kava signed up to bring treats as hosts.

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

Kurt Schrant—April 6
 Teresa Roche—April 11
 Lynn Bloomquist—April 28
 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 8:00 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

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 03/22/2024 \$7,501.94
- ⇒ Deposit membership \$60
- ⇒ Check \$20 Lux Memorial
- ⇒ Check \$184.44 post card stamps
- ⇒ Check \$156.27 Vicky Rundell Big Red printing post cards



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/>



Members,
Please save articles, thank you cards, etc. about Master Gardeners that could go in the scrapbook.

— Deb Daehnke

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 hours “Gardening with Prairie Plants” Bob Henrickson
- February 13— 1.5 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
- March 5—1.5 hours “Plant Propagation” Scott Evans
- March 9—1 hour —“The Beetles Invade Nebraska” Wayne Ohnesorg
- March 12—1.5 hours “Grow your own Mushrooms” Amy Timmerman

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

Monthly Minutes

Plant Fair Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2024

Extension Office

Brian Mandal brought the Plant Fair meeting to order at 8:36. Connie Dvorak presented information from Blackburn Manufacturing Company on banners for advertising our plant fair in April. The size decided on was 3 by 6 feet. Norfolk city rules say they are to be 25 feet from any intersection. Permission should be received from businesses they are located on. Several signs will be printed this year. Items discussed – what should be printed, print on one or both sides, arrows on the banners or standing beside, staking the banners, etc. The banners can be placed out on Sunday, April 21st and removed on Saturday, April 27th after the fair finishes. Having a lunch stand at the Ag center is allowed, members not bringing bars are to pay \$10.00 to Linda Douglas or Mary Lux. Members working at the welcome table will eat first on Friday night as customers do come before 5:00. Robin Jones is working on advertising. She handed out ½ sheet, full sheet, and speaker sheet fliers to distribute. New postcards were received for customers to sign for next year's fair. Kathy Duval handed out the list of perennials for the fair. Connie Dvorak said Shamrock will bring the annual plants. Meeting ended @ 9:10.

Viola Mc Shannon brought the NE Nebr. Master gardeners meeting to order @ 9:10. Paula B. was visiting. Mary Lux provided food. Robin Jones and Joyce Eucker motioned to accept the February meeting minutes. Motion passed. Karen gave the treasurers report on the bank balance, money received, bills paid, 31 members have paid. Old business: Items mentioned for volunteering, packing seeds for the seed library, summer tours, Neligh community gardens, awards banquet - hosting and bring food, speakers for meetings, working in the garden on south side of Extension building, Kurt Schrant and Michelle - pruning the grape vines today, Elkhorn Valley Museum, work will be on second Saturday in June, July, and August. Remember to record your volunteer hours on the Master Gardener website.



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Teresa Roche led a group of Master Gardeners on Tuesday, March 5th to set up NE Nebr. Master Gardener's By-laws. A rough draft for the bylaws was made. There are other items that need discussion. These will be given to Wayne Ohnesorg and Kelly Feehan for UNL knowledge and advice. Plans are for another meeting possibly on April 4th.

Tuesday, March 12th the educational class on Growing Mushrooms will be at the extension Center, call Pam if you can attend, five people are needed to be present, or can be seen on Zoom. Kelley F. will make the classes available. Educational hours are best by watching locally, through Grow Big Red at UNL and the Iowa State websites. Check with Kelley on other education if you have a question. 5 Hours of Backyard Farmer will be accepted. BYF begins in April on Public TV. Connie Kava and Kathy Duval signed up to bring food in April. Brian and Robin Jones made a motion to renew our membership to Nebraska Arboretum. Motion passed. Members were reminded to bring a door prize for the plant fair, Boxes for customers, and make a fresh or dry flower centerpiece for the plant fair contest. Laurie and Karen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Sincerely,

Vicki Rundell