

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener

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APRIL 2021

Dear Master Gardeners:

Spring has sprung and my seed starting is in full swing. Lots of onions, peppers, eggplant and herbs are growing. I will need to transfer some to larger pots soon. This weekend I will start my tomatoes and some flowers. So many plants have sprouted in my garden. Even my garlic is up! I'm trying hard to not start planting out too early.



The March meeting at the office and on zoom was well attended! I really enjoyed our speaker Delray Kumm of Shamrock Nursery who spoke to us by Zoom. Sooo many new plants!

Our next meeting will be April 10th. Either virtual or in person at the Extension office. I hope to see you there. Our speaker for this month will be Kathy Steiner from Platte Co. Master Gardener's. She will be talking about food cultures and fermentation. It sounds really interesting. Remember, she will be speaking at 9 o'clock. Kelly Feehan is also planning to come along. Kelly is transitioning in as our coordinator. This will be a good opportunity to meet her and visit. The business meeting will be at 10:00am.

Be sure to keep track of all your education and volunteer hours. There are many online opportunities for education. Please remember to wear your name tag if you come to the meeting at the office. This will help any newcomers and some of us old timers remember your name!

Thanks,
 Viola McShannon
 President

Member Recognition: These members have birthdays/anniversaries in April

Birthday

Kurt Schrant—April 6
 Teresa Roche—April 11
 Sharon Hinrichsen—April 23
 Donald Liedman—April 27
 Mary Birch—April 30

Anniversary

No member anniversaries this month.



Meeting held at:
 Nebraska Extension in Madison County
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Dates and Trainings to Know and Grow - Mark on Your Calendars

Message from Wayne

There will be a Zoom meeting for sure with an option to attend by Zoom for the in-person. Please bring your own snack and coffee/tea.

****Doors open at 8:30 am**

Note! Kathy will be speaking at 9:00am before the business meeting.

We will hold a business meeting after her presentation.

There are two simple ways you can join:



1. Click on the link and enter the passcode if asked:

<https://unl.zoom.us/j/96544619759?pwd=SzBJOFZLZL2M5cFZtTnRhYjVMaWtTd09>

Passcode: 269779



2. Dial in by phone:

a. Dial: 1-346-248-7799

b. Enter meeting ID when prompted: 965 4461 9759

c. Enter passcode when prompted: 269799



Backyard Farmer starts April 1

NET 7:00 pm on Thursday and 10:00 am Saturdays

2021 Advanced Master Gardener ZOOM Training Schedule for Platte County Area

Contact
Nebraska
Extension in
Platte County
402-563-4901
platte.unl.edu

Date	Topic	Speaker	Time	Hours
Tuesday, April 13	Efficient Turf Irrigation/ Soil Compaction Management	Roch Gaussoin Dennis McAllister	6:30 – 8:30 PM	2 hours



TREASURER'S REPORT:

- ◆ Balance as of 03/26/2021: \$6,673.12
- 30—2021 renewals
- Paid \$100 to renew membership to the NE Statewide Arboretum.



2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE

DUE. \$20.00 per person. You can bring your dues to the next meeting or mail them to Karen Zierke. ***Her address is in the membership directory.***

****Please note: Dues must be paid by April 20.****

2021— 1ST QUARTER LOCAL EDUCATION HOURS:

February 13—1 hour
March 13—1 hour

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

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners Extension Office/Zoom meeting 3-13-2021

President Viola McShannon called the meeting to order at 9:00 am with 21 members present at the Extension Office and 3 in attendance via ZOOM.

Teresa Roche/Joyce Eucker motion to approve February 2021 minutes. All approved.

Karen Zierke reported there was \$6,427.88 in the treasury. She Has received 24 paid renewals

Old Business

Renee Otto-Bergland's Bonsai talk in February was 1 hour of education. Speakers are needed for April and May. Kurt Schrant has a short talk on the irrigation in the Extension garden for May hopefully followed by the plant exchange. Kelly Feehan suggested Marilyn Schmit, a Master Gardener in Platte Co has topics to choose from and there is the possibility to have someone speak on fermentation. A handout was distributed containing various sites (mostly state extension sites) that provide virtual trainings.

A show of hands revealed our group had good attendance at the UNL Course Connect presentations.

New Business

The Lutheran church will have their plant pickup April 30-May 1.

Members discussed if we should proceed with the plant fair in 2022. Since our purpose is primarily education, it was decided to have Wayne reserve the dates. Future discussion will occur to determine if we will proceed with the plant fair.

Members were encouraged to write articles for the Norfolk Daily News. That is an excellent way for members to educate others and obtain their volunteer hours.

Kurt will be trimming the fruit trees after the meeting and members were encouraged to stay and assist.

We hope to have garden tours this summer. Suggestions were for Degroofs Orchard, Pierce, and Hochstein Tree Farm. An attendance of no more than 50 will keep us within the guidelines established by UNL.

Motion by Robin Jones/Joyce Eucker to adjourn at 9:40 a.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Daehnke

Following the meeting, Delray Kumm from Shamrock Nursey in O'Neill gave a ZOOM presentation about new plants for 2021.

Speaker for April Meeting

The speaker will be Kathy Steiner a master gardener from the Columbus group. The title is: "Food cultures and Fermentation". She will share information about her experiences with vegetable fermentation and also her experiences with kombucha and dairy kefir too. There will be time for questions.

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MEMBER DIRECTORY

I will be working on the Master Gardener Member Directory. If you have any additions or changes, let me know at the April meeting or email me. I will be available after the April meeting, if you would like to update your photo.

Thanks, Pam

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