

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener

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Dear Master Gardeners:

How are you doing ?

I really enjoyed last months speaker Kelly Feehan. Things have been a little cluttered and disorganized in my flower beds and I was just not happy with them. Now I think I have an idea of how to focus and fix things and make them more inviting. It was nice to have visitors at the meeting as well! Hopefully they will come again. Thank you Karen Zierke and Vicky Hingst for Hosting. There have been such great treats this year. Maybe we should do a cookbook?



Congratulations to the Madison County Extension Office for the Green Leaf Award for Business! It was presented for not only the landscaping and addition of trees which includes several fruit trees, peach, apple and plum. As well as the vegetable garden. As of this year, they have harvested over 7400 pounds of produce. The staff, Master Gardener's, and volunteers take care of the area and help distribute the food to the Norfolk food pantry and the Norfolk rescue mission. (<https://norfolkne.gov/government/departments/communications-office/news/2021-green-leaf-award-winners-announced>.)

Our next business meeting is December 11th at 9:00am. Remember to come early at 8:30am for the Plant Fair committee meeting. Thank you to everyone who is volunteering for committees. As they say: Many hands make light work. Also, if you are planning to propagate some house plants for the MG Booth now is a good time to start some of them. Many take several months to grow to a good size.

December's speaker will be Marilyn Schmit - Cut Flower Gardening. This months Agenda will include discussion about the water feature for the extension garden and plan for the January Awards lunch. Also, membership dues are coming due. It is \$20. You can bring it to the meeting for Karen Zierke or mail it to her. Thanks. Our Hosts this month are Jody Gartner and Laurie Larson.

Be sure to continue keeping track of all your education and volunteer hours and record your hours online. If you need any help with this let me know.

Be safe and I hope to see you all at the meeting!

Thanks, Viola McShannon President

Member Recognition: These members have birthdays/anniversaries in December

Birthday

Pam Foltz—December 13
 Vicky Hingst—December 17
 Janice Wobbenhorst—December 22
 Brian Mandl—December 29

Anniversary

Mary & David Lux—December 26, 1987



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 a.m. with meeting to start at 9:00 a.m. and speaker to start at approximately 10:00 a.m.) ***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.

- December 11: Marilyn Schmit (Cutting Flower Gardens)
- January 8: Awards Banquet. Need centerpieces to use on the tables. “Winter Sowing Demo”
- February 12: Jill Heemstra (Herbs)
- March 12: Mary Birch (Worm Experiment Project)
- April 9: Last minutes details for the Plant Fair
- May 21 (3rd Saturday): Plant Exchange

RESOURCES:

Here are some resources that might come in handy at this time of year. The name of the game is weather stripping, caulking, screens in good repair, etc. etc. AND it's always important to get positive ID of insects or any problem first.

Keeping Occasional Invaders Out: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/douglas-sarpy/pdfs/ce/resources/ce-infographic-keeping-occasional-invaders-out.pdf>

Insects that Overwinter in Your Home: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/douglas-sarpy/pdfs/ce/resources/ce-abl-millipedes.pdf>

Millipedes: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/douglas-sarpy/pdfs/ce/resources/ce-abl-millipedes.pdf>

Asian Lady Beetles: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/douglas-sarpy/pdfs/ce/resources/ce-abl-multicolored-asian-lady-beetle.pdf>

Boxelder Bugs: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/douglas-sarpy/pdfs/ce/resources/ce-abl-boxelder-bug.pdf>

Cluster Flies: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/douglas-sarpy/pdfs/ce/resources/ce-abl-cluster-fly.pdf>

Marmorated Stink Bug: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/douglas-sarpy/pdfs/ce/resources/ce-abl-brown-marmorated-stink-bug.pdf>



TREASURER'S REPORT:

- ◆ Balance as of 11-1-2021: \$6,372.67
- ⇒ Received 12 membership renewals

TOPIC FOR GARDEN STORY FOR THE

NORFOLK DAILY NEWS—

Specifications: About 1.5 pages double spaced (about 535 words). Email submission is preferred; send column in word format or in the body of an email. Email your column(s) directly to me at living@norfolkdailynews.com

Hand-written/typed columns can be mailed to me at:

Norfolk Daily News,
Attn: Sheryl Schmeckpeper,
PO Box 977,
Norfolk 68702-0977.

Photos: A head-shot photo is needed to run with your column. If your photo hasn't been updated in recent years — or you'd like a new photo to run — please send it to me.

—*Sheryl Schmeckpeper*

***** ALSO, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EMAIL PAM A COPY OF YOUR ARTICLE, SHE WILL PUT IT ON THE MASTER GARDENER FACEBOOK PAGE.**

2021— EDUCATION HOURS:

February 13—1 hour
March 13—1 hour
April 10—.75 hour
Garden Tour, Pierce—2 hours
Garden Tour, Shamrock—1 hour
September 11—1 hour
October 9—1 hour
November 13—1 hour



2022 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.*

Merry Christmas



Dates and Trainings to Know and Grow - Minutes

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners Plant Chair Meeting
Extension Office
November 13, 2021

Brian Mandl opened the meeting at 8:33am.

Marilyn Schultz will give two presentations at the Plant Fair, both on Saturday.

Pam will update the fliers.

Carolyn Lingenfelter places ads in the newspaper, shopper and radio stations. It should be placed on our Facebook page and News Channel Nebraska if possible.

Vicki Rundell oversees the postcards.

Linda Douglas will chair the cafe again but needs helpers. Teresa and Mary assisted last time. Help is welcome in all areas.

Hours will be Friday 5-8 and Saturday 9-3.

Kathy Duval, Vicki Rundell and Karen Zierke will order perennial plants from Bluebird.
Should annuals be ordered from Shamrock?

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 am to attend the regular monthly meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Daehnke, Secretary

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners
Extension Office
November 13, 2021

Handouts: Casa pamphlet and business card, initial plant fair flyer

President Viola McShannon called the meeting to order at 9:05am with 16 members and one guest present. Kelly Feehan was also in attendance and was scheduled to give a presentation. Vicky Hingst and Karen Zierke were the November hostesses.

Viola introduced Karri Roling-Wilson of Casa of Northeast Nebraska. Karri then described Casa and noted volunteers were welcome. They have a garden tour fundraiser coming June 26, 2022. She explained the training volunteers undergo and that background checks are done. She distributed business cards and pamphlets and can be contacted for any additional information.

A correction was made to read that the adjournment of the October Plant Fair Chair meeting was 9:15 not 9:45. Jodi Gartner/Mary Lux moved to accept the amended October minutes. Motion passed.

Karen Zierke noted there was \$6374.67 in the treasury. Dues of \$20 for 2021-2022 can be paid to Karen at any time.

Old Business:

Connie Dvorak shared information on a water feature for the extension garden. An inground container for pump and a fill valve would be needed. Pros and cons were discussed: aesthetics of a water feature; benefits for birds, insects and bees; soothing sound; need for an outlet; depth for safety reasons; pump container; fill valve; tubing and edging; location of the feature; tapering an underground container to prevent freezing. Connie provided pictures to show what would be needed. Also of concern were continuation of care; scale of the feature, who installs, how to maintain water levels.

Bench will be placed at the West side of the fence by the gate.

During the early Plant Fair meeting a new sign was discussed, suggestions for advertising, reservation for April 28-29, 2023 was made by Wayne. Friday night potluck will be held. Will Linda Douglas coordinate this since she is the café manager?

Pam was thanked for submitting meeting information to News Channel Nebraska's community calendar.

Wayne showed a slide for the garden planner. Several color changes can be made, and spelling was checked. Cost is 100/\$261 which includes shipping. No pre-payment is needed. Each Master Gardener will receive one; they will be sold at the Plant Fair; a few will be given as door prizes and start with an order of 100. Mary Lux and Brian Mandl motion to approve the proof Wayne displayed. Motion passed.

Question arose if we should donate financially to Casa. After discussion it was decided since they were not garden related we should not donate but it was suggested to offer them a free booth at the Plant Fair to provide information about Casa and to form a committee to assist them with their garden walk next summer. Jody Gartner will call her. Vicky Hingst made a motion to donate \$75 but then rescinded the motion. Mary Lux/Vicki Rundell motion to provide a booth at the Plant Fair free of charge. Motion passed.

