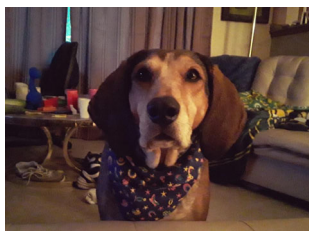


Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener

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DECEMBER 2022

Dear Master Gardeners,



Well, here we go with the snow storm! It's like a winter wonderland out there. It's kind of fun to watch June hop around in the snow. Such a nut. I was surprised that she liked it as she won't go out in the rain. She has become such an important member of the family. If you've ever thought of adopting from the Animal shelter, please do. So many pets need good homes.

Thank you, Linda D and Vicky H for the wonderful treats you brought for the last meeting! And thank you Wayne for setting up and making coffee! The Hosts for the next meeting will be Connie Dvorak and Teresa Roche. Thank you Kelly for the talk about Water conservation.

My favorite note I took down was "Every curb is a shoreline". I'm still thinking about how I will set up a rain barrel and where.

Our next meeting is December 10 starting with a plant fair meeting at 8:30 am. If you are willing there are some chair positions that could use some help. The regular meeting will start at 9:00 am. If you have an item to add to the agenda please let me know. Our speaker will be at 10:00 am by Zoom. Kathleen Cue will talk about the Nebraska pollinator habitat program. Can't wait to hear about it and see how close my backyard is to meeting the requirements. We will have copies of the application for the meeting. It also includes an extensive list of plants for Nebraska.

I hope you all had a happy Thanksgiving. I think it's my favorite holiday. I love to cook and this year I kept everything simple. So much to be grateful for.

Continue keeping track of all your education and volunteer hours. If you need any help let me know. Be sure to remember to wear your name tag to the meeting. 😊 See you then!

Thank you all,
 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



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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:

- December 10:
- January 14: Awards Banquet and watch “The Botany of Bees” from Ohio State
- February 11:
- March 11:
- April 8:
- May 20 (3rd Saturday): Plant Exchange

2022— EDUCATION HOURS:

January 8—1 hour
 February 1—1.5 hour zoom (Nut Trees)
 February 3—2.0 hour zoom (Perennials with Kathleen Cue)
 February 12—1 hour (Jill Heemstra, Herbs)
 February 15— 1.5 hour zoom (Ornamental Grasses)
 March 12—1 hour (Mary Birch)
 September 10—1.5 (Share summer experiences)
 October 8—1.0 (Michelle Kroupa—Garden)
 November 12—1.0 (Kelly Feehan)

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



TREASURER’S REPORT:

- ◆ Balance as of 11/28/22: \$5,654.27
- ◆ \$180— Deposit dues for 2023



2023 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.

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:
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 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.

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

The Barnes Arboretum in Madison will be hosting the "Holidazzle" event.

On Friday Dec 2nd the lights will be turned on and stay on until after the new year.

Please come and see all the beautiful lighted displays put up by different businesses, churches and organizations.

The arboretum is located on South Lincoln St between 9th & 10th St. in Madison, NE. For more info please contact Denise Trine or the City of Madison.

All classes are Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 pm via Zoom. Flyer should be available soon. The Link will be in flyer.

Winter:

Feb. 7. Bringing Back Pollinators: Providing Nesting and Overwintering Habitat with Jennifer Hopwood, Senior Pollinator Conservation Specialist, Xerces Society

Feb. 14 Strawberries and Other Small Fruit, John Porter, UNL Extension Educator

Feb. 21: Invasive Plants and Insects in Nebraska, Allison Zach – Invasive Species Coordinator & Nicole Stoner, UNL Extension Educator

Feb. 28 – Evergreen Problems, Kelly Feehan, UNL Extension Educator

March 7 – Seed Saving, David Lott, UNL Extension Educator

March 14 - Sedges for Home Landscapes, Bob Henrickson, Nebraska Statewide Arboretum Horticulture Program Coordinator

Fall:

September 19 – Photoperiodic Plants: Poinsettias and More, Scott Evans, Nebraska Extension Associate

Oct. 3 – Fall Perennial Weed Control – TBA

Oct. 17 – Composting, Sarah Browning, UNL Extension Educator

Dates and Trainings to Know and Grow - Minutes

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners

Extension Office

11-12-2022

President Viola McShannon called the meeting to order at 9:00 am with 21 members present.

Motion to accept minutes by Joyce Eucker/Linda Douglas. Motion passed.

Karen Zierke gave the Treasurer's report. \$1030.00 paid for the scholarship, and \$340 deposit for membership dues. \$5,574.00 in account. Dues can be given or sent to Karen at this time.

Viola thanked Vicky Hingst and Linda Douglas for the food they brought.

Old Business

April 28-29, 2023, Plant Fair date. Meetings will start at the December 10 meeting at 8:30.

Viola will present on seed starting at the Norfolk Public Library on February 6 at 6:30. She will use the seed starting cards as an incentive to attend if okay with the library. They are looking for additional presenters for assistance for the Seed Library.

The fountain is still tabled as there is no certainty about the bench and other items.

Kathy will check with Wild Roots Greenhouse for the plant fair. If we can return plants, we may see if they would provide them.

New Business

January is the awards meeting at 9:00 am. Soups, desserts, cheese and crackers, salad and a relish tray will be brought by members. A sign-up sheet for food was passed around. Bring a center piece to be used for an exchange. Wayne suggested we watch The Botany of Bees from Ohio State for training. Emma will bring some games and Kristine Zachmeyer word puzzles.

Wayne will submit a request for April 26-27, 2024 for plant fair dates.

Kelly reported the state would like all dues to go to \$200. At \$120 we request the lowest dues with some of the larger counties charging over \$250. These costs help pay for the book given to new members, a T shirt, awards and other incidental expenses. Any change was tabled until Kelly gets more clarification. This will be addressed at the December meeting.

There was discussion about reimbursing new members for some or all the initial cost. That was tabled till the December meeting.

Kelly volunteered to handle a recruitment table at the Plant Fair. Platte County master gardeners have a packet of information they give to new/prospective members. She will bring it next meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 10 with Connie Dvorak and Teresa Roche as hostesses.

Motion to adjourn at 11:00 am. Brian Mandl/ Laurie Larson.

Kelly Feehan presented on the Water Dog Program and water conservation in our lawns and gardens.

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener Emeritus Status.

Applications will be DUE to Wayne prior to December 10 meeting.

Form was emailed Monday, November 14, 11:26 am.