

# Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener

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Dear Master Gardeners,

I hope you are all staying warm in this chilly weather. I do like the look of the snow on my garden but the ice and cold I can do without. The year is coming to a close and it's darker earlier each day. Time for me to get my sewing room cleared of all the plant supplies so I can set up my sewing machine. So many quilts to work on. I'm really looking forward to sewing this year. But first, I have some seeds that I need to package up and label for the seed library.



Thank you Suzanne and Diane for providing treats at the last meeting. The next meeting is December 9th. We will start at 8:30 am with the Plant Fair committee planning meeting. Business at 9:00 am and the speaker at 10:00. Topic will be Ferns, with Marilyn Schmidt. Hosts are Deb Daehnke and Kate Pruitt.

If you haven't done so yet please pay dues for next year, 2024. Please give your \$20 to Karen Zierke, treasurer.

Continue logging your education hours and volunteer hours online. All hours through December 21 count toward your 2023 totals for the Awards Banquet in January. The office will be closed between Christmas and New Years. If you need some help with this let Pam or I know. And please remember to wear your name tags to the meeting!

Thanks and Happy Holidays,  
 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 8:00 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\*\**

**December 9, 2023**—“Ferns” Marilyn Schmit

**January 13, 2024**—Awards and a garden related recording

**February 10, 2024**—“Gardening with Prairie Plants” Bob Henrickson

**March 9, 2024**—“The Beetles Invade Nebraska” Wayne Ohnesorg

**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 11-29-23 \$7,244
- ⇒ Deposit of \$60 for dues.
- ⇒ Paid \$83 Dept of Ag for the nursery Stock Distributor license.



### **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.*

### **2023— EDUCATION HOURS:**

- January 14—Awards Banquet and 1 hour watch “The Botany of Bees” from Ohio State
- February 11—1.5 hour zoom “Nut Trees”
- February 3—2.0 hour zoom “Perennials” Kathleen Cue
- February 7—1.5 hours Bringing Back Pollinators Nesting & Overwintering Habitat with Jennifer Hopwood.
- February 11—1 hour “If Only Trees Could Talk” Kelly Feehan
- February 14—1.5 hours “Strawberry and Small Fruits” John Porter
- February 21—1.5 hours “Invasive Plants and Insects in Nebraska” Allison Zach & Nicole Stoner
- February 28—1.5 hours “Evergreen Problems” Kelly Feehan
- March 7—1.5 hours “Seed Saving” David Lott
- March 11—Monthly speaker canceled due to weather
- March 14—1.5 hours “Sedges for Home Landscapes” Bob Henrickson
- April 1—0 hour (Plant Fair Planning)
- April 28 & 29—Plant Fair
- May 20—0 hour (Plant Exchange)
- July 11—3 hours Road Trip to Lincoln
- September 9—1.5 hours “Share the good or bad in our gardens”
- September 19—“Photoperiodism Plants, Poinsettias & More”  
Scott Evans, Douglas/Sarpy County Extension
- October 3—“Fall Perennial Weed Control” John Fech,  
Douglas/Sarpy County Extension
- October 14—1.5 hours “Herbs” Margaret Svitak
- October 17—1.15 hours “Composting” Sarah Browning,  
Lancaster County Extension
- November 11—1 hour “Urban Agro Forestry” Pam Bergstrom

**DON’T FORGET TO RECORD YOUR PLANT FAIR VOLUNTEER HOURS.**  
**\*\*Please remember to keep recording your hours on the Master Gardener website.\*\***

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## Minutes and Mark on Your Calendars for Fall Extension Master Gardener Classes

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener Plant Fair Meeting  
Extension Office

November 11, 2023

Brian started the meeting at 8:35 am. Steve Wagner will be giving up Vendor Chair position because of his job. Also need a new speaker chair for the fair in April. Connie said Neligh can do 3' x 10' signs or a tabletop sign. Kelly will also check with Terri James to see if there are any stand up signs or feather signs still available. Will check with Kristine about a power point again. Possibly move the power point to show in a space with several chairs for people to sit and watch. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 am.



Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener Meeting  
Extension Office

November 11, 2023

Called to order at 9:19 am by Viola. Food provided by Suzanne Hanlin and Diane Luken. Thank you notes were received from Northeast Community College for the scholarship and from Carolyn Lingenfelter's daughter for the memorial. Approved minutes from last month Kathy Duval and seconded by Suzanne. The bank balance is \$7,267.02. Deposited \$180 for dues. - Checks: \$20 Carolyn Lingenfelter memorial And \$20 to Margaret Svitak for mileage

Old Business – Need to find a new President and Secretary positions for upcoming election. Vicki Rundell will remain as Vice President and Karen Zierke as Treasurer. Discussion on positions of what they should do. Viola and Kelly will get together for organization of these four positions. Seed library – donation from Diane at Dianes Greenhouse. Seeds also from the Extension Office. Earl May contacted for seeds. They will call. Deb sent information on our survey.

New Business – Kelly handed out information for the February Tuesday night six week Training/Zoom Meetings. David Lott has Zoom Meetings scheduled also on Thursday. There are also Friday mornings in Columbus with Kelly. Talk on tours next year. Maybe check out York for Harmony lilies. Suzanne Hanlin will talk with Kelly on tours.

Cinnamon is good for plants rooting in new soil after cutting to replant. It helps prevent fungus, etc.

Meeting adjourned with Robin Jones first and second by Joyce Eucker.

Submitted by,  
Vickie Rundel for Deb

The speaker after the meeting is Pam Bergstrom. She talked on "Urban Agroforestry. She gave the members wooden cookie necklaces and handouts.

