

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener

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Dear Master Gardeners,

Thank you, everyone for all of the good food that was shared at the awards banquet. It was really nice to see everyone there.

Our next regular meeting is February 11, starting with a plant fair meeting at 8:30 am. Have you started propagating house plants yet for the master gardener booth? I have several spider plants rooted, one jade plant and this weekend I'm going to pot some aloe pups. The regular meeting will start at 9:00 am. Hosts will be Mary Lux and Vicky Rundell.



Don't forget we will meet at the Extension office Tuesday the 7th for training. The topic is Bringing Back Pollinator Insect Habitats to Landscapes. The doors will open at 6:00 pm. Training starts at 6:30 pm. If anyone wants to bring treats that would be nice. We will have coffee ready.

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 February

Birthday

Marjorie Jansen—February 7
 Jane Jensen—February 11
 Wyman McCain—February 13

Anniversary

Pam & Jeff Foltz—February 13, 2016
 Phyllis & Wyman McCain—February 28, 1959



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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:

- February 11: Kelly Feehan "If Only Trees Could Talk"
- March 11:
- April 8:
- May 20 (3rd Saturday): Plant Exchange

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:

Sept. 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

TREASURER'S REPORT:



- ◆ Balance as of 2-1-23: \$5,344.06
- ◆ \$100— 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.*



Happy Winter weather, y'all. Things are sounding good for the Plant Fair. If you have any fresh ideas, please feel free to let me know. Carolyn informed me that she will be unable to handle the advertising for the Plant Fair this year so please let me know if you might be interested. We will again be meeting at 8:30 for the Plant Fair so feel to come in for some input.
Thank you, Brian

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Plant Fair meeting.

Brian Mandl called the Plant Fair meeting to order at 8:45. Members continued to attend as they arrived for the regular meeting.

Garden Café report - Linda Douglas noted they would like to have 15 members bring one dozen bars instead of everyone. Then the remaining members bring \$5 for purchase of other supplies. This would be brought up at the monthly meeting for a vote.

Karen Zierke reported that Cathy, Vicki, and herself had ordered the plants.

Viola and Emma reported that they will try to do more upcycling in the Kid's Corner instead of purchasing crafty materials. They are still in need of aluminum cans. Check with them for size.

Steve Wagner reported that he had sent out letters to vendors. Current vendor costs are a 10x10 with two tables for \$50, 10x20 with three tables at \$75, and 20x20 with four tables for \$100. He asked if members thought this should change or remain the same. After discussion he said he would contact some vendors for their thoughts on the prices.

Deb Daehnke reported Wayne Ohnesorg and Kelly Feehan will be speakers. Steve will check with Kurt Schrant to see if he will present on drip line irrigation. Marilyn Schmit and Folkers Honey are other options.

Vicky Rundell will have the postcards printed.

Centerpieces on the tables again this year are eligible for a first or second place prize. Only members bring a centerpiece and only members vote for two. They can be real or dried flowers but no flowers from a store.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08
Respectfully submitted, Deb Daehnke

Dates and Trainings to Know and Grow - Minutes

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Handouts: Profit & Loss Statement, 2023 Master Gardener Training, January 2023 MG Awards

President Viola McShannon called the meeting to order at 9:10am with 20 members present. Eventually there were 23 members present. She thanked all those who had brought food.

Viola read a thank you from Janyce McQuistan for the passing of her husband, Pam Foltz for her mom passing, and the Statewide Arboretum for membership payment. She also passed around the Northeast Community College Foundation's Master Gardener's Scholarship letter and the profile of Javian Scheele, the recipient.

Motion to accept December minutes by Teresa Roche/Karen Zierke. Motion passed.

Karen Zierke gave the Treasurer's report which included payment of taxes which were higher since plants were more expensive. Balance reported was \$5,244.06. The profit/loss statement was discussed, and it was noted that the balance continues to dwindle. The Plant Fair allows us to barely break even after payment of the scholarship. There are currently 28 paid members.

Old Business

Election of Officers was held. Laurie Larson/Diane Lukens motion to accept the slate of officers. Motion passed.

Viola McShannon - President

Vickky Rundell - Vice President

Deb Daehnke - Secretary

Karen Zierke - Treasurer

The slate of officers was accepted and passed by acclamation.

Viola announced this would be her last year. A short discussion followed on how to fill the position. One suggestion was to have the Vice President serve and then fill the President position. No action was taken.

Linda Douglas explained the Garden Café would like to have 15 members bring bars for the café and other members bring \$5 each to supplement purchase of other supplies. Membership agreed and a sign-up sheet for bars and \$5 was passed around.

Steve Wagner asked if fees should be raised for vendors. He will visit with some vendors for a solution.

February speaker will be Marilyn Schmit – Selecting and Growing Sunflowers. March will be Kelly Feehan with Lunchbox Hydroponics. It might be necessary to flip the speakers. April will be Plant Fair preparations and May is the Plant Exchange.

Viola will present seed starting at the Norfolk Public Library on February 9. If you are interested in presenting, Jessica at the library is the person to contact. Preparation and teaching time count as volunteer hours.

New Business

Kelly had brought the Platte County Volunteer book to the December meeting for perusal. Viola and Bonnie Hoffmeister will discuss set up of a volunteer book for our group. Linda Douglas noted Neligh has an on-line volunteer schedule.

Tuesday evening training classes start February 7. They are available via Zoom and in person at the Madison County Extension Office. David Lott is hosting master gardener classes for the North Platte area. The deadline for enrollment has passed so not sure if anyone could still join.

The International Master Gardener Conference will be in Kansas City this year. David Lott from Nebraska Extension will be one of the speakers.

Deb Daehnke asked if some of the prior Master Gardener notebooks could be stored in the office. Wayne and Pam noted there was a cupboard which might hold them. Deb had brought the scrapbooks and noted a new scrapbook will need to be purchased as the current one is almost full.

February hostesses will be Mary Lux and Vicky Rundell.

Motion Joyce Eucker/Teresa Roche to adjourn at 10:03.

The meeting was followed by the awards program and Bee Botany 101 by Randy Mitchell.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Daehnke, Secretary