

# Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener

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Dear Master Gardeners,

I asked Terry which tree we should put up this year. He said, the white one since it's snowy out. And sooo cold! I hope you are all staying warm and that you have a happy holiday. We are just taking it easy. I'm going to make a typical German Christmas dinner. Potato dumplings, red cabbage and Sauerbraten. We also like to have Christmas 'crackers' at dinner. (I spent part of my childhood in England so I still keep this tradition. When you pull them apart they pop and you get a toy, crown and a joke.) So many memories.



Thank you, Connie Dvorak and Teresa Roche for the treats at the December meeting. And thank you Pam for setting up the coffee. I really enjoyed Kathleen's talk. I learn so much and it helped me think more about what I plant and why. The plant list will be good to use next year for planning.

Our next meeting is January 14, starting with a plant fair meeting at 8:30 am. The regular meeting will start at 9:00 am. This meeting will include our Awards Banquet. The list of volunteers for food is included in this newsletter. Make sure all of your education and volunteer hours are recorded online. Your award will be based on what you have recorded there. Be sure to bring a table decoration for the fun gift exchange. We will watch a video on The Botany of Bees and there will be games and wonderful food to share.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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 January

### Birthday

Carolyn Lingenfelter—January 18  
 Deb Daehnke—January 20

### Anniversary

Teresa & Patrick Roche—January 9, 1982



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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:

- 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

**January Awards Banquet**

Please call (Viola at 402-750-4806) if you cannot make it and leave me a message.  
Thanks. Viola

**SOUP**  
Linda Douglas  
Diane Lukens  
Suzanne Hanlin

**DESSERT**  
Mary Birch  
Bonnie Hoffmeister

**SALAD**  
Viola McShannon  
Deb Daehnke

**RELISH TRAY**  
Joyce Eucker

**DEVEILED EGGS**  
Karen Zierke

**CHEESE AND CRACKERS**  
Connie Dvorak  
Laurie Larson

**GAMES**  
Emma Raasch  
Kristine Zachmeyer

*Noted in Passing*

- ◇ Jean Graber, mother of Pam Foltz
- ◇ Bill McQuistan, husband of Master Gardener, Janyce McQuistan

Address can be found in your Master Gardener directory.

**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

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

- ◆ Balance as of 12/20/2022: \$5,143.60
- ◆ Paid NE Dept of Revenue (tax on resale plants) of \$407.67
- ◆ Paid \$20 memorial to Janyce McQuistan

◆ \$20— Deposit dues for 2023

MEMBERSHIP

**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.*

## Dates and Trainings to Know and Grow - Minutes

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Brian Mandl opened the meeting at 8:30 am with 14 members present at the start of the meeting and others joining as the meeting progressed.

The Plant Fair will be April 28-29, 2023. Karen paid the \$83 Nursery Stock Distributors License.

Speaker suggestions were Wayne, the bee person Viola heard, Kelly Feehan and Marilyn Schmit. If we have vendors do short talk-about, a wireless mike would be needed, include as a bullet in the vendor letter, list a Vendor of the Hour, and they receive a lunch coupon.

Advertise on the City of Norfolk web site for activities.

Have advertising sheets ready for the Columbus Spring Garden Show and The Siouland Garden Show. Pam will place on News Channel Nebraska's site, and she also sends to the Extension offices in Nebraska. Deb will contact the Missouri Valley Master Gardeners in Yankton.

A suggestion was made to have an easel in the entryway to post activities and more signs/welcomes on the front windows and doors.

Kelly will chair the recruiting table and have Master Gardener materials.

A reminder was made for electrical set-ups ready for vendors.

Perennials will be ordered from Bluebird and annuals from Shamrock. Can we get any hanging plants to sell?

Talks mentioned were extending growing seasons with cold frames, John Porter in Urban agricultural, Stacey Adams Greenhouse Management and the Pfanstiel from Randolph.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Daehnke, Secretary

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President Viola McShannon called the meeting to order at 9:10 am with 20 members present.

Motion to accept minutes by Joyce Eucker/Brian Mandl. Motion passed.

Karen Zierke gave the Treasurer's report, \$5,531.27 with \$180 in dues deposited. Expenditures were a memorial for Pam's mother and \$83 for Nursery Stock Distributors License.

### Old Business

Future Master Gardener training costs for our group will increase to \$180. Several of the larger county groups will be more than that. Handbooks will no longer be included in this cost. \$125 of this goes to the state organization which helps pay for awards, training, a T-shirt, and other incidental expenses.

Our local dues will remain at \$20 per year. Wayne noted that the balance in the checking account is declining each year. Profits from the Plant Fair have dwindled each year and with the \$1,000 scholarship cost we need to be aware of this.

A question was raised if prices at Gardeners Café should be raised. No decision was made. The chairs work very hard to find ways to reduce expenses. A suggestion was made to have members donate more buns, and other things and reduce number of bar donations since there are always so many left over.

Viola reported bee habitats will be a focus of the Children's Corner at the Plant Fair. Metal cans will be needed for this project but not the pop top type as they are too sharp. They should be at least six inches. They will use paper straws (no plastic), and biodegradable twine. A suggestion was made that a bee hotel could also be a project for a regular meeting presentation.

Viola also reported on the Seed Library at the Norfolk Public Library. She will use the garden planning guide as an incentive at her February 6 presentation and possibly sell them as well. Jessica, library director, felt it appropriate since we use our money to fund the scholarship. Viola contacted Erica Simms at West Coast Seeds in Canada and they will donate 100 packets of seeds. They are mostly vegetables seeds but some others as well.

### New Business

David Lott will host 2023 Master Gardener classes. E-mail him if you are interested in being placed on his training list. No cost for current Master Gardeners. Kelly Feehan noted Platte County will have online classes and in person classes on Thursday mornings. These will be in February. david.lott@unl.edu

The awards meeting is scheduled for January 14 with members bringing a variety of foods. If you would like to volunteer food, contact Viola.

Kelly passed around the Platte County Volunteer book for perusal in how her volunteers sign up. Motion to adjourn at 9:50 am. Teresa Roche/Mary Birch.

Kathleen Cue presented via Zoom on the Nebraska Pollinator Certification Program. More information is available at go.unl.edu/pollinatorhabitat

Respectfully submitted, Deb Daehnke, Secretary