

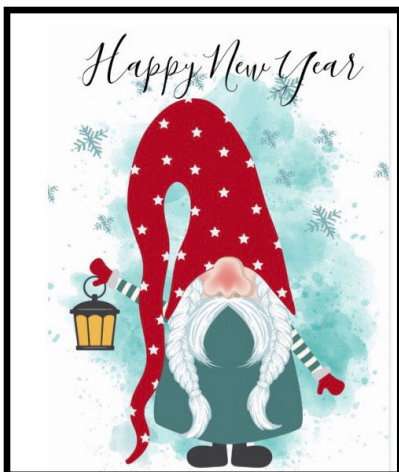
Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener

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JANUARY 2024

Dear Master Gardeners,

Seems like 2023 just flew by! I'm not sure what '24 has in store but I'm sure it will be a busy one. I'm looking forward to doing more sewing starting with a New Years mystery quilt. I'm also working on my presentations for the library on gardening. I hope some of you can attend. More on that later.



Thank you Deb and Kate for providing treats at the last meeting. The next meeting is January 13. This is our Annual Awards Banquet. Starting with a Business meeting at 9:00am. Awards will be handed out and there will be food (check the menu in this newsletter to see if you are signed up to bring something). We will have some games (with prizes) and a gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift if you want to participate (limit \$10).

Also, if you can come to the office to help set up the tables for the banquet, please call Pam and find out when to come! Thanks!

We would like to have election of officers at this meeting. Please consider volunteering to serve. 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. 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 January

Birthday

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 8:00 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

- 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 12-19-23 \$7,257.30
- ⇒ Deposit of \$60 for dues.
- ⇒ Paid Marilyn Schmidt \$50 for mileage.



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
- December 9, 2023— 1hour “Ferns” Marilyn Schmit



Click on the Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners Facebook page. A lot of great articles to read.



DON’T FORGET TO RECORD YOUR PLANT FAIR VOLUNTEER HOURS.

****Please remember to keep recording your hours on the Master Gardener website.****

https://mastergardener.volunteer.unl.edu/vrs/sec_Login/sec_Login.php

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

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners Extension Office

12-9-2023 Monthly Meeting and Plant Fair meeting

Brian Mandel called the Plant Fair meeting to order at 8:36.

Viola McShannon noted she was working on speakers for the Plant Fair. Pam Bergstrom, Marilyn Svitak and Marilyn Schmit were mentioned.

Discussion on where to put the Power Point. Maybe place a few chairs near the projector welcoming attendees to sit and watch the slides.

Blackbird Printing is being considered to print banners as many of them are gone.

Linda Douglas asked for suggestions for the café. She and Mary Lux will determine if it stays the same, items should be changed, or prices raised. Bars will be needed. Those not making bars are asked to give a \$10 donation.

The credit card reader came from the Clover Company. Blue Tooth connection was lost last year so it didn't always work. It will be tested closer to the Plant Fair. There were no complaints for the \$1 card reader fee.

Vicky Rundell reported that Big Red printing will be used for cards. Deadline early in 2024 for information and submission to the printer.

Karen Zierke renewed the nursery stock distributor license for \$83.

Suggestions to have Master Gardener brochures at the welcome table for people.

Dates for 2024 are April 26-27. Wayne will schedule this.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00am.

Respectfully Submitted, Deb Daehnke, Secretary



December monthly meeting December 9, 2023

Handout: 2024 Extension Master Gardener classes and classes held in Lincoln County

President Viola McShannon called the monthly meeting to order at 9:05am with 16 members present and welcomed Trent Brunssen from Randolph as a new member.

A thank you was received from Carolyn Lingenfelter's daughter and Northeast Community College for the scholarship donation.

Robin Jones/ Joyce Eucker motion to accept November minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer Karen Zierke noted the treasurer's report was \$7,247.30. \$83 for the nursery stock distributor license, and \$60 in membership dues were received. Karen's new address was noted.

Old Business

January meeting signup shows there are three soups and salads for the meal with ice cream and cake. Wayne or Kelly will present awards. There will be a fun test, garden word search and white elephant gift exchange, no more than \$10. The meeting will start at 9:00.

Viola presented statements from the survey that was distributed last May.

Seed donations have been received from various sources and more are always welcome for the seed library. Viola will give a presentation Feb 13 at 6:30 on winter seed sowing, and March 14 starting seeds in doors.

Viola reported they would like to possibly start plants for a pizza garden in the Children's Corner at the Plant Fair.

Viola hopes the President's role will move to more of chairs doing more organizing and planning.

Vendor chair for Plant Fair will be Pam with assistance from Viola.

New Business

Kelly Feehan noted the 10-year wooden bowl award would be replaced by something else.

Zoom training has been scheduled for February.

Christine Zachmeyer and Emmalene Raasch will undergo surgery.

After discussion of people acting as multiple chairs at the Plant Fair, Robin Jones motion: chairing or co-chairing more than one committee, a person should receive the \$10 coupon discount for each committee served. Denise Trine second the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 10:15. Connie Dvorak/Diane Lukens

Marilyn Schmit spoke about ferns.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Daehnke, Secretary

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET 2024 MENU

SOUPS:

- Mary Lux
- Vicki Rundell
- Diane Lukens

SALADS:

- Joyce Eucker
- Deb Daehnke

OTHER SIDES:

- Karen Zierke
- Mary Birch

DESSERTS:

- Brenda Thomas—cake and ice cream in memory of
Don L. Jim L. and Carolyn L.
- Suzanne Hanlin

GIFT EXCHANGE

\$10 limit, wrapped.