

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener

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JULY 2023

Dear Master Gardeners,

Hello everyone! How is the garden season going for you? This year I am doing a few seed trials. That alone has kept me busy. But, the most fun I've had this year so far has been with my Greenstalk!



I've had it for three years but this is the first year I set it up and planted it. I have kohlrabi, cabbage and two pepper plants in the bottom three tiers. All from seeds I started. The top two tiers have green beans. Everything is growing so well. I can't believe I waited this long to use it. It has an irrigation system that makes it even easier. I pour 2 gallons of water into the top reservoir and it percolates down to each level. It makes it easy to inspect the cabbages for caterpillars as I can sit in a chair to look at the leaves.

I've also been taking better care of my grape vine this year and it is just loaded with grapes! I'm going to have to get a recipe for grape jelly .

Coming up this month is the trip to Lincoln on July 11. If you plan to come and haven't signed up yet please let Pam or I know. We will leave at 8:00am from the extension office.

Our second volunteer day at the Elkhorn Valley Museum is **Saturday, July 8 at 9:00 am**. We had a good group there last month and, I think, made good progress. Feel free to volunteer there when ever you have time, even if you haven't signed up. It is not limited to just that day. If you can bring a watering can that would help also. Thanks for helping.

Also, it would be a good idea to continue logging your education hours and volunteer hours online. If you need some help with this let Pam or I know.

Thanks and see you later,

Viola McShannon President

Member Recognition: These members have birthdays/anniversaries in July

Birthday

Connie Kava—July 10
 Karen Zierke—July 17
 Kristine Zachmeyer—July 25
 Phyllis McCain—July 27
 Steve Wagner—July 27

Anniversary

Viola & Terry McShannon—July 1, 2000
 Wayne & Gina Ohnesorg—July 9, 2005
 Connie & Kenny Kava— July 16
 Diane & Greg Lukens—July 16
 Suzanne & Kent Hanlin—July 21



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Dates and Trainings to Know and Grow - Mark on Your Calendars



Nebraska Public Media (CDT)

- 7 pm Thursdays
- 10 am Saturdays
- 4 pm Sundays
- 5 pm Mondays

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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- ◆ Balance as of 6-29-23: \$7,930.35
- ◆ Memorial checks to: Vicky Hingst, Pearl Laycock and Our Savior Lutheran Church in Wayne in memory of Don Liedman

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Directory
2023**

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If you did not pick up your member directory at the Plant Fair, directories will be available at the Extension Office.

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 with 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

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



ROAD TRIP TO LINCOLN, TUESDAY, JULY 11

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!!!

- ⇒ Leave Norfolk on Tuesday, July 11 from the Extension Office at 8:00 am (please park on the North side).
- ⇒ First stop East Campus, meet Bob Henrickson at the shade house
- ⇒ Backyard Farmer Garden
- ⇒ Lunch
- ⇒ Sunken Gardens, Rose Garden and others if we have time.

Please reserve your spot by contacting Viola McShannon or call Pam at the Extension Office, 402-370-4040 or email pkesting2@unl.edu

Noted in Passing

- ◆ Jim Laycock Master Gardener member and past president, husband of Pearl Laycock, Master Gardener member
- ◆ Don Liedman Master Gardener member

Address can be found in your Master Gardener directory.



Minutes - May 20, 2023 Plant Fair Wrap Up

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners Extension Office 5-20-2023

Monthly Meeting and Plant Fair Wrap Up

Handouts: 2023 Plant Fair Financial Report; 2023 Plant Fair Vendor Evaluation

President Viola McShannon called the meeting to order at 9:00am with 26 members present. She read correspondence thank you from Vicky Hingst family, Pam Foltz for flowers, and Northeast Foundation thank you regarding scholarship luncheon.

If anyone sees a related article in the Norfolk Daily News please save for Deb Daehnke for the scrapbook.

Robin Jones/Vicky Hingst motion to accept April minutes. Motion passed.

Plant Fair Financial reports were available to peruse. Friday evening, we took in \$3,040.92 and \$2767.80 on Saturday. The Donation Buckets yielded \$114.76.

A review will be made of the \$10 and \$5 discounts and the 30% discount at the Plant Fair meetings in the fall.

Plant Fair Reports

Bonnie Bender will wash the aprons.

Steve Wagner would like to recruit more vendors for next year. Have vendor cards with "save the date". A Plant Fair vendor evaluation was available to peruse.

Children's corner had 103 total with 49 children and 54 adults with a variety of crafts available. Activities were set up more toward age groups which made it more organized.

Advertising/Publicity by Robin Jones

There were 196 surveys completed. Following are ways people saw notice of the Plant Fair: Radio, Yard Signs, Back Yard Farmer, Chamber News, Local town exchanges, Facebook, Flyers, NECC sign, News release, Post cards, Word of Mouth. Cut back on radio ads by half and eliminate advertising in both shoppers. It is very important that vendor sponsors commit by March 1 so appropriate advertising can happen. They can still be added after March 1 but will not receive as much exposure. This was tabled until the Plant Fair meetings start in September.

Deb Daehnke reported speakers had excellent attendance and participants were happy with the programs.

Mary Lux reported the Garden Café went very well. Most items were sold, and Teresa Roche helped fill in since Linda Douglas could not be there. More help is needed in the café.

There are floaters on the work list, and they can be asked to help fill in.

Scott Beckman mentioned we should make sure vendors have tables they need and could there be more room for the booths. Could the money taker area be pushed North a little bit. It's very crowded with sign in and payment areas so close. Is there a need for the 30% discount on Saturday. This was initiated to help reduce plants going back that we had to pay a restocking fee for.

Wayne asked if there were any comments or complaints about not having a hort contest and there didn't seem to be.

The one sign advertising Christ Lutheran's sale was misleading. We need more strategically placed signs.

Kathy Duvall reported the plants were very nice.

Vicky Rundell – The Welcome Table.

There was an increase in Nebraska towns participation, and we had people from South Dakota and Iowa. More post cards will need to be ordered for next year as they only last about two years. There were 346 cards signed up from 341 last year and 110 family cards up from 87. Cost of stamps and cards has increased.

Pam Bergstrom is in Lincoln now but could be available to talk on trees. Thank yous to all the extra help the Welcome Table provided for the surveys. There were 8 centerpieces entered with Karen Zierke the first-place winner and Diane Luckens second.

Elkhorn Valley Museum needs weeding and dates are the second Saturday in June, July, and August. Someone mentioned there are invasive species there so that is being checked and at this time no water is available.

Seed Library has been very popular and is again out of seeds. More seeds are welcome so they will be available for fall. Can use our seeds saved, with appropriate information included.

Viola asked members to sign up for hosting meetings.

A summer tour is being developed to Lincoln to the Arboretum and Back yard Farmer Garden. Dates suggested were June 27 and July 11. Mary Lux said she would be a driver in an individual car.

September 9 meeting will be another plant exchange and we will share summer hits and misses in our gardens. There may be one garden to visit in Norfolk this summer.

A volunteer opportunity is in Battle Creek on June 2 for historical park work.

Keely Feehan reported that Terrie James noted fee for new master gardens in training will be \$225. She also asked that we use the term University of Nebraska Extension Master Gardener Volunteers.

Vicky Hingst thanked everyone for their condolences.

Meeting adjourned 10:41, Robin Jones/ Joyce Eucker.