

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener

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Dear Master Gardeners,

How is your garden growing so far this year? I am so far behind. I have all my veggie plants started but have been leery of putting them outside. I have focused mostly on pots and hanging baskets. I planted a few potatoes in pots as well. It's just that the weather is so unpredictable.



I want to welcome all the new guests/members who were at the May meeting, Fae Dunn, Carol Poellot, Bonnie Boyd and Karen Books. It is so good to see our group growing and I hope to learn more about you in the coming months.

Remember there are no business meetings June-August. However we do schedule the second Saturdays each month to work at the Elkhorn Valley Museum pollinator garden at 9:00am. Our first is on June 11th. I spoke with Libby, the museum director. She was very interested in talking about the pollinator garden. After our talk we decided it would be good to meet on that Saturday (the 11th) so that we could tour the garden and develop a plan. I would really like to have as many of our group come to the museum that morning as possible. Even if you don't plan to work that day it would really help. That way we can all tour the garden and help with the planning. Libby is very interested in having us continue to maintain it. This is also a good way to acquire volunteer hours. Please come if you can for this meeting. Please, also wear your shirts and name tags if you have them. Thanks!

Be sure to continue to keep track of all your education and volunteer hours and record your hours online. If you need any help let me know.

Thank you all,
 Viola McShannon President

Member Recognition: These members have birthdays/anniversaries in June

Birthday

Robin Jones—June 2
 Joyce Eucker—June 10
 Denise Trine—June 13

Anniversary

Pat & Scott Dodson—June 14
 Carolyn & Gary Lingenfelter—June 18, 1961
 Steve & Bert Wagner—June 26
 Karen & LeRay Zierke—June 28, 1961
 Mary & Larry Birch—June 30, 1973



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

→ “Backyard Farmer” airs Thursdays at 7 p.m. through September. It repeats at 10 a.m. on Saturdays on Nebraska Public Media and at 4 p.m. Sundays and 5 p.m. Mondays on Create TV.



If you did not attend the Plant Fair, your Member Directory will be available at the May 21 meeting. If you are not coming to the meeting, you may stop at the office M-F 8-12 and 1-5.

SHORT MEETING

Will be held at the Elkhorn Valley Museum on Saturday, June 11 at 9:00 a.m. to tour and discuss plans with the director of the museum. Please wear shirts and name tag if possible.



If you picked up a Plant Fair yard sign to display and was not at the May meeting, you may drop them off at the office M-F 8-12 and 1-5.

TOPIC FOR GARDEN STORY FOR THE NORFOLK DAILY NEWS—

Specifications: About 1.5 pages double spaced (about 535 words). Email submission is preferred; send column in word format or in the body of an email. Email your column(s) directly to me at living@norfolkailynews.com

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*** ALSO, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EMAIL PAM A COPY OF YOUR ARTICLE, SHE WILL PUT IT ON THE MASTER GARDENER FACEBOOK PAGE.



2022—EDUCATION HOURS:

January 8—1 hour

February 1—1.5 hour zoom (Nut Trees)

February 3—2.0 hour zoom (Perennials with Kathleen Cue)

February 12—1 hour (Jill Heemstra, Herbs)

February 15—1.5 hour zoom (Ornamental Grasses)

March 12—1 hour (Mary Birch)

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

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

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners

Extension Office

May 21, 2022

Handout: Financial report for the Plant Fair.

President Viola McShannon called the meeting to order at 9:04am with 19 members and four guests present.

The four guests were introduced.

Motion to accept minutes by Robin Jones/Brian Mandl. Motion passed.

Karen Zierke distributed the Plant Fair financial report. There was only a profit of \$112, but this included taking out the \$1000.00 for the scholarship. We also succeeded in providing good educational programs and access to plants for attendees.

Viola opened discussion on the plant fair. Children's Corner- there were over 125 crafts done with a 17month old the youngest participant, and an adult special needs person. Three teenage girls also participated and were very interested. Plant seeds were used, nectar and suet feeders made, and some gloves given as prizes. There seemed to be many more children at the plant fair this year.

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Dates and Trainings to Know and Grow - Minutes

New brackets for the Plant Fair signs may need to be ordered.

Plant Fair suggested speakers for next year were one of the vendors with bees, Andrew Hammer on diatomaceous earth, and Mary Birch raising worms for castings.

Garden Café did well with no prices raised from previous plant fair.

Master Gardeners donated plant sales doubled from two years ago. It did very well. The plants all looked very nice. Marjorie thanked everyone who brought plants.

Northeast's Horticulture Club had very nice plants. They had vegetables which no one else did.

The two young men with the metal cutouts did very well and took many orders. They were students of Steve at Northeast and he convinced them to give the Plant Fair a try.

Joni's Dance in the Wind Iris Garden seemed to do very well also.

Discount pricing at the end seemed to work well. Could a dollar amount just be taken off instead of a percentage to assist with not having to deal with so much change? Or maybe discount plants to an even dollar amount. 240 tickets were used. It did not seem the Master Gardener Plant booth was marked well. It was hard to determine who/what it was. Enter/exit needs to be marked better. Still had instances of people shopping from the outside perimeter of the booth. Do we need signs to indicate enter, ropes around the outside, a large Master Gardener sign? It was noted the Minnehaha Master Gardeners had large tables with plants and had tall standing signs indicating what was on the table. Include a Cash/Check only at checkout. Some people came with only credit cards and not cash or check.

There should be more welcoming signage on the front doors. Make the entrance more inviting.

There were eight flower entries in the table decorations. Denise Trine won first prize and second went to Karen Zierke.

Could there be more social media advertising?

Have a container to give a free will donation.

Jody Gartner was thanked for her work in scheduling so many vendors.

When the address cards are ordered, 1000 cards at a time must be ordered. The program is printed on the back. In 2019 there were 303 yellow cards and in 2022 there were 301. They ask only one per family to sign a post card. There were 47 Nebraska towns represented on the 2019 signed cards and 54 towns this year.

Viola talked with a lady about winter sowing.

Old Business:

Emma Raasch contacted the library, and they were interested about a seed library.

Viola passed around the sheet to sign up to provide food for next year, two people per month.

Fountain and bench discussion was tabled.

New Business

Suggested monthly speakers for next year were someone with bees, diatomaceous earth, and Fae Dunn.

Robin Jones/Vicki Rundell motion that the September meeting will be the plant exchange and members sharing their good and bad gardening experiences with no formal speaker. Motion passed.

The Elkhorn Valley Museum project may need some revamping. They advertised for help with the pollinator garden but not sure what they meant. There is a new director, and it does not seem the Master Gardeners involvement is known to this person. Carolyn Lingenfelter stopped at the pollinator garden, and it was cleaned off to the dirt. There is no Master Gardener sign. Viola will talk with the new director, Libby McKay. They have an activity planned for June 26.

Backyard Farmer will tape a show at the Lifelong Learning Center on June 7. A Q&A will occur at 5:15pm and the recording will be 6-7pm. The first time in 70 years there will be an all-female panel to answer questions. Not certain if it will be indoor or outdoor.

There will be a garden tour in Wayne June 11, \$15 and Casa will host one in Norfolk June 26, \$20. The Monroe-Meyer garden walk will be June 12 in Omaha. \$25 advanced tickets or \$30 day of tour.

It was noted to the guests that meetings are usually held the second Saturday of each month, but the May meeting is the third Saturday. The guests were encouraged to join, and any member could answer questions for them. Next meeting will be September 10.

Did not catch names of who motioned to adjourn Meeting adjourned at 10:20.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Daehnke, Secretary

Financial Report from the Plant Fair

2022 Plant fair- financial report – Karen Zierke, Treasurer

Income (figures are after removing the start-up cash)

Vendors & supporters:	\$1,400.00	(2019- \$950.00)
House plant sales	\$387.75	(2019- \$163.75)
Garden café	\$522.00	(2019- \$522.00)
Plant Sales	\$5,835.70	(2019- \$4,291.65)
Brobergs		&

Total: **\$8,144.45**

(2019- \$5,640.40)

Expenses

Post cards & stamps	\$-120.40
Dept. of Ag Nursery Stock Distributor license-	-83.00
Printing post cards & stamps	-157.46
Price ticket printing-	-19.26
'Garden Café' supplies (Mary & Linda)	-246.53
Shamrock Nursery (annuals)	-1,499.00
Bluebird Nursery – (perennials)	- 2,251.64
K. Van Bourgondien (bulbs)	-602.23
Brobergs (worm castings)	-496.00
Hort/contest	-70.00
Vendor search (Norf&O'Neil)	-228.49
Daily news/ shopper (NDN \$328.59 Shopr\$234.30)	-562.89
Radio -	-348.00
Aprons & appliques	-102.00
Children's Corner	- 122.31
Refund vendor & gifts	-93.17
Total:	<u>\$7,002.38</u>
Scholarship	-1,030.00
Total:	<u>\$8,032.38</u>

Start-up cash -500.00 (re-deposited)

2019 Plant fair- financial report – Karen Zierke, Treasurer

Income (figures are after removing the start-up cash)

Vendors & supporters:	\$950.00	(2018- \$1830.00)
House plant sales -	\$233.75 (-\$70 worm)=	\$163.75 (2018- \$190.00)
Garden café-	\$515.00	(2018- \$567.00) (total)
Plant Sales	\$4,291.65 (-\$565 worm)	\$3,726.65 (2018- \$2,983.00)
Total:	<u>\$5,640.40</u>	(2018- \$5,357.40)

Expenses

Post card stamps (340x.35)	\$-120.40
Dept. of Ag Nursery Stock Distributor license-	-97.75
Printing post cards	-42.00
Next years' blank postcards(1000)	-61.80
Price ticket printing-	-10.70
'Garden Café' supplies (Teresa & Linda))	-223.16
Shamrock Nursery (annuals)	-864.93
Bluebird Nursery -	- 1,621.75
Hort/contest	-95.00
Daily news & shopper (NDN \$328.59 Shopper\$165)	-493.59
Radio -	-348.00
Supplies (banner, etc, children's)	- 204.80
Misc. refund vendor	-30.00
Brobergs (worm castings)	-508.00
Total:	<u>\$4,721.88</u>

No Scholarship given

Start-up cash -500.00 (re-deposited)