

Northeast Nebraska Extension Master Gardener

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Dear Master Gardeners,

How is your garden growing? I'm behind as usual. But I'm getting a little bit done each day.



I'm involved in seed trials again this year. The best one is the vegetable varieties trial Citizen Science Project for master gardeners. I chose Red Deuce as my tomato, emerald crown for the fall planted broccoli and little leaf cucumber. I know several from our group signed up to participate. Can't wait to see how everyone does 😊

The summer brings us plenty of opportunities to volunteer and to learn. I see that Lynn, Suzanne and Deb have a great garden tour arranged on July 9th. Check your email and this newsletter to see the list of activities. Let Lynn know by the June 15th if you plan to go. The county fairs are starting also and I am looking forward to seeing all the open class and 4-H entries.

Continue logging your education and volunteer hours online. If you need any help with this let Pam or I know.

Thanks and I hope you have a great Summer!

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
 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



TREASURER'S REPORT:

⇒ Bank balance as of 5-16-24:
\$9,613.16



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



Watch BYF LIVE from the first Thursday in April – Mid-September
Nebraska Public Media (CDT)

7 pm Thursdays

10 am Saturdays

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Dear All,

Here is the itinerary for our Summer Garden Tour in Omaha! The date chosen is **Tuesday, July 9th**. If you have any questions, please send Lynn Bloomquist an email. Please let her know by **Saturday, June 15th** through email or text if you plan to attend and if you would be driving separately or would like transportation to be provided for you.

These are the approximate times for the day:

7:45 – Leave from the Madison County Extension Office in Norfolk

10:00 – Arrive at Lauritzen Gardens in Omaha

10:30 to 12:15 – Trolley Tour at Lauritzen Gardens and Gift Shop Visit

12:15 – Drive to Wheatfields in Omaha for Lunch

12:30 to 2:00 – Lunch at Wheatfields

2:15 to 3:00 – St. Leo's Pollinator Prairie Garden (Handicap accessible)

3:00 to 3:10 – Go to the OPPD Arboretum (The focus is on trees and shrubs)

3:10 to 3:45 – OPPD Arboretum

4:00 to 4:30 – Private Home Garden Tour

After the last tour we will head back to Norfolk and stop in West Point at Dairy Queen for treats or dinner. We plan to eat in the car on the way home.

Cost:

The cost of the Lauritzen Garden Entrance is \$15.00, and the Trolley Tour is \$5.00 per person. Each person will also need to bring money for their lunch, treat/dinner, and gift shop items. Bottled water will be provided throughout the day for those wanting some.

If you have any questions, please send Lynn Bloomquist an email or text.
It should be a fun and educational day!

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Thank you,
Lynn, Suzanne, and Deb

Monthly Minutes

Northeast Nebraska Extension Master Gardeners

May 18, 2024

Extension Office

Meeting was called to order by Vicki Rundell Vice President
Old minutes approved by Mary Lux, seconded by Karen Zierke
Financial report from Karen Zierke for plant fair 2024.

Did well despite no Friday sales due to weather.

Pam Foltz communicated some suggestions for plant fair next year including needing clarification of discounts on plants for master gardeners so better checks and balances can be done.

Other suggestions/concerns voiced by members:

Vendor evaluations were presented.

Suggestions for ways to advertise vendors better as well as recruiting vendors.

-Members were encouraged to make contact with vendors when attending various events with vendors to encourage them to participate in our plant fair/vendor market in 2025.

It was suggested to advertise our event as "Master Gardeners Plant Fair and Vendor Market.

Deb D. suggested idea of featuring certain vendors in the weeks before plant fair on Facebook. Suggestion was also made to feature certain plants on Facebook to generate interest.

Suggestion was made to look into Nebraska Tourism for advertising for our event as well as looking into being included in Bargain Byway booklet

-Discussion about effectiveness of new banners. Due to inclement weather on Friday on plant fair, was difficult to assess effectiveness. Thanks to Brian and Trent who placed banners.

Vicki reported number of post cards filled out by plant fair attendees: 2023--348, 2024—302 Need to consider we were unable to have Friday night this year related to weather.

Speakers on Saturday were well attended. It was discussed moving speakers out into area of plants but was determined to much background noise.

Discussion was held regarding starting to sell plants earlier on Friday evening which would require modifying potluck time. Will discuss for next year.

Suzanne brought up about moving annual plant fair forward one week due to competition from other events. Other members voiced concern would interfere with graduations

An appreciation gift was presented to Pam for all of her work she does for our plant fair and Master Gardeners in general.

Suzanne reported that the Summer Garden tour committee is working on tour options. Watch for updates!

Members were reminded to sign up for treats @ meetings in the fall

There was an update about Elkhorn Valley museum and Madison County Extension garden volunteer opportunities. Update also on request from Nebraska Veteran's home to help with their gardens. Watch for updates on Facebook and e-mails for volunteer opportunities.

September meeting will include sharing our experiences with our gardens over the summer

Motion to adjourn by Carol Poellot second by Denise Trine. Plant exchange followed meeting.

Submitted by

Suzanne Hanlin



Members,
Please save articles, thank you cards, etc. about Master Gardeners that could go in the scrapbook.

- Deb Daehnke



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If you picked up Plant Fair yard sign(s) to display, you may drop them off at the office M-F 8-12 and 1-5.

GROBigRed Virtual Learning Series Wednesdays | 12 p.m. CST



Join the experts from Nebraska Extension to learn and ask questions about:

- 2/14 — Starting Plants for Your Garden • Nicole Stoner
- 3/13 — Maximizing Garden Potential • David Lott & Ian Peferson
- 4/10 — Rain — Use It, Don't Lose It! • Kelly Feehan
- 5/8 — Simple Landscape Design • Elizabeth Exstrom
- 6/12 — Summer Lawn Care • John Fech
- 7/10 — Vegetable Garden Disease • Sarah Browning
- 8/14 — Fall Garden Maximization • David Lott & Ian Peferson
- 9/11 — Pollinator Habitats • Scott Evans & Mary Jane Frogge

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