

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener

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Dear Master Gardeners,

How are you all today? Has anyone started their seeds yet? I've started celery, celeriac, rosemary, red onion, white onion and shallot. Just a little of each. Next I'll do some winter sowing of echinacea, artichoke and lavender.

Thanks Mary and Vicki for preparing breakfast for the last meeting. I never think of making couscous for breakfast but it was great! Especially with added fruit.

Our next regular meeting is March 11, starting with a plant fair meeting at 8:30 am. If you have started propagating house plants for the master gardener booth, thank you! Time is sure flying and it seems like there is so much to do to get ready for the plant fair. The regular meeting will start at 9:00 am. Hosts will be Laurie Larson and Deb Daehnke.

Don't forget training continues at the Extension office Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. Hopefully there won't be any more technical difficulties. 😊 The doors will open at 6:00 pm. Please let Pam know by noon if you are coming.

Be sure to remember to wear your name tag to the meeting. Also if you haven't yet, it would be a good idea to start logging your education hours and volunteer hours online.

Thank you all,

Viola McShannon President

Member Recognition: These members have birthdays/anniversaries in March

Birthday

Viola McShannon—March 1

Anniversary

No member anniversaries this month.



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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:

- March 11: Kelly Feehan "Lunchbox Hydroponics"
- April ??: Final Planning for the Plant Fair
- May 20 (3rd Saturday): Plant Exchange

All classes are Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 pm via Zoom. Flyer should be available soon. The Link will be in an email.

WINTER:

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:

Sept. 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 2-16-23: \$5,436.62
- * Paid \$100 to Arboretum membership
- * Deposited \$60 memberships
- * Deposited \$50 Plant Fair vendor
- * Deposited \$40 from the seed library

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2-11-2023

Plant Fair meeting.

Brian Mandl called the Plant Fair meeting to order at 8:35 with 12 members present at the start of the meeting.

Steve Wagner reported that vendor packets have gone out and three vendors have signed up.

Kurt Schrandt is working on accumulating Neb Guides for the Master Gardener plant booth.

Perennials have been ordered.

Wayne Ohnesorg and Kelly Feehan will be speakers as well as Kurt Schrant. Marilyn Schmit thought she could speak on Friday evening.

Suzanne Hanlin and Diane Lukens had spoken and thought a card reader at the fair might be beneficial. Wi fi is available, a phone or iPad is needed, a daily fee is \$25-50 for the card reader, and 3 cent transaction fees on each sale. Sell 67 individual plants to break even for using a reader. Kelly will talk with Wayne and UNL to determine all legal parameters. Thoughts were this would help increase sales and membership agreed this could be positive.

Garden Café report - Linda Douglas noted they would like to have 15 members bring one dozen bars but a few more people need to sign up to reach that number. More members had signed up to donate \$5 for purchase of supplies.

Vicky Rundell needs information for the save-the-date cards by March 1 to have them printed.

Connie Dvorak is working on obtaining annuals from Shamrock. She will ask about hanging baskets and members thought we should order 12 to start small this year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05
Respectfully submitted, Deb Daehnke

2022— EDUCATION HOURS:

January 7—1 hour

February 7—1.5 hour zoom (Pollinators)

February 11—.75 hour (Kelly Feehan—Trees)

February 14—1.5 hour zoom (Strawberries and other small fruit, John Porter)

February 21—1.5 hour zoom Invasive Plants and Insects in Nebraska, Allison Zach and Nicole Stone

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



Dates and Trainings to Know and Grow - Minutes

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners Extension Office

2-11-2023

Signup sheets passed around: Plant Fair work times; Garden Café, bars or \$5 donation

President Viola McShannon called the meeting to order at 9:16 am with 17 members present. She thanked Vicki Rundell and Mary Lux who had brought food.

Viola shared correspondence from the Statewide Arboretum and the many benefits it provides and asked if we should renew our membership with them. MG Members will probably be working with them at the Elkhorn Valley Museum. Robin Jones/Vicki Rundell motion to pay \$100 dues. Motion passed.

Scholarship Luncheon will be held at Northeast Community College April 4, 11:30-1:00. March 21 is the RSVP deadline. Emmalene Raasch will attend as our representative.

Motion to accept December minutes by Kathy Duval/Karen Zierke. Motion passed.

Karen Zierke gave the Treasurer's report which included payment of \$40.50 for awards banquet supplies and UNL stars for name tags. Balance reported was \$5,258.13. There are currently 36 paid members.

Old Business

Plant Fair chair meeting information shared: will investigate using a card reader for sales; need a chair for the Advertising Committee; establish more presence on Facebook and other technology sources. Continue with radio announcements and local news gram. Robin Jones will do a radio spot again.

Bonnie Hoffmeister will chair the Volunteer Sign Up Book. She will work on accumulating activities to include. Please share if you have suggestions or questions.

Viola reminded everyone to write an article for the Norfolk Daily News.

Tuesday trainings will continue. E-mail Pam by noon the day of training if you will attend in person. Doors open at 6:00, class starts at 6:30.

Library Speakers: Viola presented February 9 on seeds topic at the Norfolk Public Library. Other topics could be presented on compost, how to plant a garden, container gardening, container vegetable gardening, and question and answer session. They would appreciate more speakers.

Deb pointed out that the training sheet she shared, and Pam forwarded via e-mail continues throughout the year, not just in the spring. They are mostly extension sites that were shared.

Viola shared that some members would like people to share recipes of the food they bring to meetings. If you will share, bring the recipe and members can take a photo of it.

Viola asked members to consider sharing their talents in the following positions: a plant fair chair, awards banquet coordinator, summer garden tours, a chair to work with officers to set up speakers. Kelly Feehan and Suzanne Hanlin will research a tour to the Statewide Arboretum and possibly the Master Gardener Garden in Lincoln.

Robin Jones and Carolyn Lingenfelter have spearheaded worktimes and plant acquisition at the Elkhorn Valley Museum. Robin will contact them and ask for suggestions on how they want to proceed. The pollinator garden will probably need to be replanted; determine how to proceed with manager and assistant manager changes which causes plans to change.

Viola saw a survey by the Nebraska Master Naturalist. She will work on using their questions as a base and develop something similar for our group. What is our purpose, what will fit with what we are doing here, how to move ahead and more. A deadline will be set, and Carolyn Lingenfelter and Deb Daehnke will compile information from the survey when completed.

Robin Jones/Linda Douglas motion to adjourn, 11:20 am.

Kelly Feehan presented the topic If Trees Could Talk.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Daehnke, Secretary