

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener

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MARCH 2021

Dear Master Gardeners:

My big news for the month is that I too have retired. 😊 It's a little early but it was time. Hopefully this will enable me to be more involved with Master Gardener's and spend more time in my garden. So far I have started luffa seeds and will do more this weekend. So many projects!

The February meeting at the office and on zoom was well attended! I think we had more than last month. I would like to thank our speaker Renee Otto-Berglund for her presentation about Bonsai. I learned so much and was inspired by all the beautiful images shared. So much so that Emma and I have started some of our own with seeds. We have a lot to learn, especially patience!

I also want to thank Deb Daehnke for all of the information she has shared with us about virtual experiences we can join online. So many opportunities!

Spring Master Gardener Training for 2021 is in progress. The first two were about Tree identification and selection, how trees affect people and planting and pruning. Pruning is something I need to learn more about so this was good for me. There are only two more left March 2 & 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Our next meeting will be March 13th. Either virtual or in person at the Extension office. I hope to see you there. We talked about speakers at the last meeting. It is possible that we will have a speaker at the office this month. If not we will have one of our Master Gardener's show us the garden irrigation system at the office and that will be outside provided the weather is good. If you have any ideas or know of anyone who could present a topic at our meeting in April or even next fall please share.

Be sure to keep track of all your education and volunteer hours. There are many online opportunities for education. Please remember to wear your name tag if you come to the meeting at the office. This will help any newcomers and some of us old people remember your name!

Thanks,
Viola McShannon
President

Member Recognition: These members have birthdays/anniversaries in March

Birthday

Viola McShannon—March 1
Geena Graber—March 3

Anniversary

No member anniversaries this month.



Meeting held at:
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Dates and Trainings to Know and Grow - Mark on Your Calendars

Message from Wayne

With COVID-19 numbers dropping in the area, it looks like a possibility that Madison County will be in the Yellow for the Risk Dial next week. Watch your emails for cancelling of an in-person meeting on March 13. There will be a Zoom meeting for sure with an option to attend by Zoom for the in-person. Please bring your own snack and coffee/tea.

**Doors open at 8:30 am with meeting to start at 9:00 a.m. and speaker to start at approximately 10:00 am)

There are two simple ways you can join:



1. Click on the link and enter the passcode if asked:

<https://unl.zoom.us/j/93862320500?pwd=QnRLSEFzWm1TbE9wSS82amRJMkRjdz09>
Passcode: 190570



2. Dial in by phone:

- a. Dial: 1-346-248-7799
- b. Enter meeting ID when prompted: 938 6232 0500
- c. Enter passcode when prompted: 190570



Backyard Farmer starts April 1
NET 7:00 pm on Thursday and 10:00 am Saturdays



SIUXLAND garden SHOW

2021 Virtual Education

Presentations are FREE and available live on:

Website: <https://www.siouxlandgardenshow.org/>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/SiouxlandGardenShow>

Dates (All Fridays)	10 AM	3 PM
February 19	Preserve The Taste of Summer 101 Renee Sweers Iowa State University Extension & Outreach	Maple Syrup for the Backyard Hobbyist Shanna Mueggenberg Iowa State Master Gardener
February 26	A Rose By Any Other Name Kim Todd University of Nebraska- Lincoln	Busting Garden Myths Benjamin Vogt Designer & Author, Monarch Gardens LLC
March 5	Using Annual and Perennial Flowers for Curb Appeal Kathleen Cue Nebraska Extension	Winter Care of Apple and Cherry Trees Steve Renquist Oregon State University Extension
March 12	Gardening for the Long Game: Tackling Problems For More Than One Season Erin Kinley Penn State Extension	Container Vegetable Gardening Cynthia Haynes Iowa State University Extension & Outreach
March 19	Monarch Butterfly: Biology and How To Help Them Edward Spevak, Ph. D. Saint Louis Zoo	Wildlife In The Landscape Dennis Ferraro University of Nebraska- Lincoln
March 26	Nature's Best Hope Doug Tallamy University of Delaware	Using Annual and Perennial Flowers in Landscape Design Kathleen Cue Nebraska Extension



⇒ Janice Wobbenhorst recently lost her Mother.



TREASURER'S REPORT:

◆ Balance as of 03/02/2021: \$6,427.88
This includes 12—2021 renewals.



2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE. \$20.00 per person. You can bring your dues to the next meeting or mail them to Karen Zierke. *Her address is in the membership directory.*

2021— 1ST QUARTER LOCAL EDUCATION HOURS:

February 13—1 hour

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Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners

Extension Office/Zoom meeting

2-13-2021

President Viola McShannon called the meeting to order at 9:01 am with 10 members present at the Extension Office and 15 in attendance via ZOOM.

Don Liedman/Jodi Gartner motion to approve January 2021 minutes. All approved.

Karen Zierke reported there was \$6,167.62 in the treasury. She paid the nursery stock license of \$83.00, \$20 for a memorial for Ellen Glanzer and reminded everyone to pay their \$20 dues.

Old Business

Discussion on the bench determined the garden had changed from when we first discussed purchasing a bench and members should probably visit the garden this spring/summer so we could make a better decision for an appropriate bench. Jodi Gartner had talked to someone from metal works and an option from them would cost about \$150. This was tabled until members could visit the garden later this year.

At the last meeting there was discussion on whether to create on-line trainings/presentations. Volunteers are needed to obtain information as to whether we should continue with this. Need to determine a target audience and decide if we can do this. This was tabled until a committee could be established.

Yearly trainings will start February 16. Information was in the newsletter and all presentations will be virtual.

We join the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum each year with a membership fee of \$100. Brian Mandl/Robin Jones motion to join again this year. Motion passed.

New Business

Members who use the on-line master gardener reporting site discussed the site is not registering partial hours. For example, if the time is 1.5, it only registers as 1 hour.

Viola noted we need speakers for March, April and May. Delray Kumm from Shamrock Nursery was suggested. Hopefully, the May plant exchange will be possible. Maybe plants could be set outside, and members could pick them up.

It was noted Julie Pfanstiel of Pfanny's Farm was dealing with health issues and will have to undergo an isolation period.

Denise Trine at the Barnes Arboretum in Madison is requesting volunteers to help trim trees. Her number is 402-920-3761.

Motion by Jodi Gartner/Karen Zierke to adjourn at 9:30 a.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Daehnke

Following the meeting, Renae Otto-Berglund gave a presentation on Bonsai.

2021 Advanced Master Gardener ZOOM Training Schedule for Platte County Area

Contact
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Date	Topic	Speaker	Time	Hours
Monday, March 15	Growing and Using Herbs	David Lott and Pat Jones	6:30 – 8:30 PM	2 hours
Tuesday, March 23	Doctoring Your Soil with a focus on soil mycorrhizae	Elizabeth Wahle, Extension Educator-Commercial Ag. University of Illinois Extension	6:30 – 7:30 PM	1 hour
Tuesday, April 13	Efficient Turf Irrigation/ Soil Compaction Management	Roch Gaussoin Dennis McAllister	6:30 – 8:30 PM	2 hours