

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener

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Dear Master Gardeners:

How are you all doing?

I am so glad the weather has started to be warmer at night. I lost some pepper starts when I forgot to bring them in a couple weeks ago. I replanted April 7th and they are finally regrowing. As of today, however, my gardening is postponed. Had a little accident at home so will need to take some time to heal. It is so annoying though to look out the patio doors and know I have a list of things to do!

Our next meeting will be **Saturday, May 22nd**. Either virtual or in person at the Extension office. I hope to see you there. Business meeting will be at 9:00 am. We will break and then go outside at 10:00 am. Kurt will show us the irrigation set up for the demonstration garden. We will then do a plant exchange. So, if you have some perennials or plant starts you have too many of, bring them along and share with the group.

We will take the summer off and not meet again until September. Remember at the last meeting, we decided that if you can, we would like to meet the second Saturday in June, July, and August to work in the garden at the Elkhorn Valley Museum. And I am sure that there will be plenty of work to do at the Extension office in the garden there.

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.

Thanks,
Viola McShannon
President

Member Recognition: These members have birthdays/anniversaries in May

Birthday

Renee Otto-Berglund—May 12

Anniversary

No May Anniversaries



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

Message from Wayne

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

There are two simple ways you can join:



1. Click on the link and enter the passcode if asked:
<https://unl.zoom.us/j/95360949860?pwd=N2NHS3RHSzE3QIRCck01UHFIUxZz09>
 Meeting ID: 953 6094 9860
 Passcode: 000606



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 - a. Dial: 1-346-248-7799
 - b. Enter meeting ID when prompted: 953 6094 9860
 - c. Enter passcode when prompted: 000606



Backyard Farmer airs live Thursdays on NET at 7 pm CDT from April 1 through September 16 and repeats on NET Saturdays at 10 am CT or CREATE (NET3) Sundays @ 3 pm CT & Mondays @ 5 pm CT.

Backyard Farmer is dedicated to helping you find solutions to your lawn and garden questions. Every year from spring to fall, our panel of experts deal with topics from insects, turf and weeds, rots and spots, landscapes, vegetables, and critters, as well as landscape design

and general horticulture topics.



TREASURER'S REPORT:

- ◆ Balance as of 05/07/2021: \$6,236.43
- ⇒ Paid \$100 to renew membership to the NE Statewide Arboretum.
- ⇒ Paid the state MG dues of \$370.00

2021— 1ST QUARTER LOCAL EDUCATION HOURS:

- February 13—1 hour
- March 13—1 hour
- April 10—.75

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

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners Extension Office/Zoom meeting 4-10-2021

At 9:00am President Viola McShannon asked Kathy Feehan to introduce Kathy Steiner who presented on Food Cultures and Fermentation prior to the start of the regular meeting.

President Viola McShannon called the regular meeting to order at 9:50 am with 16 members present at the Extension Office and 4 in attendance via ZOOM.

Teresa Roche/Joyce Eucker motion to approve March 2021 minutes. All approved.

Karen Zierke reported there was \$6,673.12 in the treasury with a payment of \$100 made to the Statewide Arboretum. She has received 31 paid renewals.

Jody Gartner announced Northeast Community College Horticulture Club is having a plant sale Saturday, April 24 from 9-3 at the Ag Complex. They would welcome volunteers. Jodi was going to obtain more information from Tee Bush. Pam and Jodi were going to visit with Wayne to determine because of the Pandemic if we were able to work at this. Question was presented if the Ag Complex had been reserved for 2022 Plant Fair.

Old Business

Viola announced that after last month's meeting there were six members who stayed to assist and learn about pruning in the garden.

Teresa Roche announced that she had a tour scheduled for April 24 at Shamrock Nursery in O'Neill. Further information is being sought but members may have to choose between Shamrock and the Hort Club plant sale.

Any decisions on the bench are still tabled.

New Business

May 15 is the next meeting which is a week later to avoid meeting on Mother's Day. We hope to have the Plant Exchange outside to practice better social distancing and to keep the dirt out of the classroom. Kurt will give us a drip irrigation demo in the garden.

Since we do not meet for regular meetings in June, July and August members may meet at the Elkhorn Valley Museum to work. Unless noted, this will be the second Saturday of each month. Jodi Gartner/Teresa Roche motion for members to voluntarily meet on these dates. Motion passed.

September 11 will hopefully be an in-person meeting followed by the fall plant exchange.

We hope to have garden tours in Pierce in June, and in Norfolk sometime this summer to Viola and Jody's gardens.

A reminder was given to send cards to Julie Pfansteil as she has completed her transplant and is in isolation recuperating.

Pam was taking pictures for the directory for anyone that wanted it done.

Linda Douglas spoke about a community garden she is involved with in Neligh where the food is donated to the Neligh Food Pantry. Laurie Larson is assisting as well. Grant money was provided by UNL and they do meet specific stipulations.

Linda also spoke about Petunia Pals which was a focus of an article she wrote for the Norfolk Daily News. It's a program continued in honor of the Tilden woman who initiated it to hang planters of petunias around Tilden. Prairie Days is held the last weekend of July where these and additional flowers will be viewable.

Motion by Jody Gartner/Vicki Hingst to adjourn at 10:40 am. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Daehnke