

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener

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Dear Master Gardeners,

How are you today? Everyone recovered from plant fair? I was pretty sore Saturday night but slept well and felt better Sunday morning.

Our next regular meeting is May 20, starting at 9:00am. We will talk about how the Plant Fair went and any suggestions for next year. There are bars, chips and soda left over after the plant fair. If you'd like to bring anything else for treats that would be nice. Just let us know when you get the email from the newsletter. There will be several other topics: the Elkhorn museum garden, seed library donations, volunteer signups, and Most importantly the Summer Tour (the NSA shade garden, backyard farmer garden etc.) We need to pick a date, where we want to go and how we are going to get there.

Following the regular meeting we will have the May plant exchange. I have 5 cherry trees potted up and I'm hoping they will take root so that they transplant well. There are more still in the ground so if these don't work I can dig more. So, what kind of plants to bring to the meeting? Well if anyone has some comfrey I wouldn't mind having some. Do you have some perennials that you need to split? Like Hosta? Did you split your rhubarb and need to share that? Do you have some seeds you have saved from last years flowers? Also do you have any seeds you aren't going to use in your vegetable garden? We could use more for the seed library. Whatever you'd like to bring would be great. Also if you have any plants you have been looking for 'reply all' to the email for the newsletter and let us all know. Maybe someone has some to spare.

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. If you need some help with this let Pam or I know.

Thanks and see you at the meeting ,
 Viola McShannon President

Member Recognition: These members have birthdays/anniversaries in May

Birthday

Diane Lukens—May 11

Anniversary

No 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***

Lunch # =>

- May 20 (3rd Saturday): *Plant Exchange*
- **Lunch will also be served at the May meeting. There are chips, bars, soda and mexiburgers.**



Nebraska Public Media (CDT)

- 7 pm Thursdays
- 10 am Saturdays
- CREATE (CDT)
- 4 pm Sundays
- 5 pm Mondays

TREASURER'S REPORT:

◆ Balance as of 5-5-23: \$13,207.30



My soap-wort failed to come back, does anyone have some to share? I'd appreciate it, Karen Zierke



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Master Gardener
Member
Directory
2023

If you did not pick up your member directory at the Plant Fair, directories will be available at the May meeting or at the Extension Office.




Northeast Nebraska



Noted in Passing

◆ Verlyn Hingst, husband of Vicky Hingst



Address can be found in your Master Gardener directory.



2023— EDUCATION HOURS:

January 14—Awards Banquet and 1 hour watch “The Botany of Bees from Ohio State

February 11—1.5 hour zoom (Nut Trees)

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

February 7— 1.5 hours Bringing Back Pollinators Nesting & Overwintering Habitat with Jennifer Hopwood.

February 11— 1 hour—If Only Trees Could Talk, Kelly Feehan

February 14—1.5 hours Strawberry and Small Fruits, John Porter

February 21—1.5 hours Invasive Plants and Insects in Nebraska, Allison Zach & Nicole Stoner

February 28—1.5 hours Evergreen Problems, Kelly Feehan

March 7—1.5 hours Seed Saving, David Lott

March 11— Monthly speaker canceled due to weather

March 14—1.5 hours Sedges for Home Landscapes, Bob Henrickson

April 1—0 hour (Plant Fair Planning)

April 28 & 29—Plant Fair

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

Minutes

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners Extension Office
4-8-2023
Plant Fair meeting.

Brian Mandl called the Plant Fair meeting to order at 8:40 with 20 members present.

Mary Lux reported the potluck will start at 4:00pm, and it was requested to have two serving lines. A few more donations of bars are needed.

Kristine Zachmeyer developed a Power Point to showcase plants available in our booth. She suggested using a ribboned flower tag on our name tags to advertise different plants. Place a plant at the welcome table as a featured plant of the hour.

Robin Jones would like to do a plant fair survey to determine how our advertising dollars can be most beneficially used. She will develop this and have it at the Welcome Table. The Plant Fair is listed on the April Chamber event calendar. Pam Foltz shared we were listed on News Channel Nebraska and when Extension hosted a childcare conference, she placed postcards in the bags distributed to participants. The Horticulture Club usually has us listed on the digital advertising sign at Northeast.

Steve Wagner noted twenty vendors had paid with twenty-two confirmed. \$1250.00 fees and sponsor deposits have been received. He indicated plants that don't sell will have to be returned to Shamrock and Kathy Duval volunteered to complete this. Steve will also have plenty of flats and leftovers will be taken to Shamrock.

Lutheran High Northeast will have their plant pick up the same weekend.

Wagons and watering cans are needed, aprons are available again, remember to bring door prizes. Blue light specials will happen again.

Connie Dvorak said prices are set and sales tax will be included in the price.

Bonnie Bender and Suzanne Hanlin helped Steve make numerous phone calls.

Diane Lukens presented information on purchasing a credit card processor for \$133. A flat fee per transaction will be required and everything can be done through the bank. Office iPad can be used. Motion by Robin Jones/Kathy Duval to purchase a processor and trial its use for one year with a \$1 charge per each transaction. Motion passed.

Karen asked anyone who had the left-over bulbs from last year to pot them or bring them to sell at the houseplant booth.

Vicky Rundell reported on the Welcome Table. Big Red Printing was used for the post cards, table centerpieces will be judged again this year. Only Master Gardeners can enter, and they should be there early. Personally dried flowers can be used but no purchased flowers. Members will vote for two centerpieces.

Set up begins at 10:00, plant truck comes at 1:00. A 30% discount will be available to members at 3:00 on Saturday but must be there to assist in take down and clean up.

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Sign up sheet was passed around. Please contact Brian if you have not signed up for a job.

Linda Douglas reminded everyone that a few bars were still needed but others were asked to donate \$5 instead of bars.

Garage sale type items can be brought to the houseplant booth.

April 26-27, 2024 are prospective dates for the next Plant Fair but the classrooms will not be available until after 4:00 on Friday so we will have to compensate for their usage until available.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02am.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Daehnke Secretary



Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners Extension Office
4-8-2023

President Viola McShannon called the meeting to order at 10:15am with 20 members present.

Teresa Roche/Bonnie Bender motion to accept March minutes. Motion passed.

Nebraska Arboretum bill, stamps and cards for the plant fair were paid. \$6304.73 in the treasury.

A thank you was received from the Northeast Community College Foundation Board for the scholarship.

The Norfolk City newsletter had an article about the Seed Library.

Old Business

Bonnie Bender and Viola McShannon are still working on the volunteer sign up. Some committee suggestions are tour, election, January banquet. Give them any suggestions.

Viola reported the seed packages at the library are all gone.

Plans are underway for a tour to Lincoln in June and Jody Gartner has inquired if her master gardener group could join us.

Viola reminded members to complete the survey that was sent to them. Please submit immediately. Deb Daehnke and Carolyn Lingenfelter will compile the results.

Kelly Feehan will contact the Norfolk Daily News for information regarding the status of the garden column.

Celebrate Spring Gardening in Columbus April 25 and West Point Library Spring Expo, April 18.

Next meeting is May 20 with a plant exchange.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15

Respectfully submitted, Deb Daehnke, Secretary