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Master Gardener

Northeast Nebraska Extension Master Gardener

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Dear Extension Master Gardeners,

I have been so impatient to plant my garden. But, the nights have been getting cold enough that I have managed to hold back a little. I did plant some cabbages and cauliflower in my Greenstalk . And today I planted a basil just to see if the cold night will hurt it. I had to up pot some tomatoes and peppers as they are too big for the tiny cells they were in. My grow shelves are full of starts for this year.



I want to thank Kathy and Connie for bringing treats to the last meeting. I felt like we were ready for the Plant Fair after all the discussion and the wonderful slideshow of all the flowers that were included in the sale. Unfortunately the weather wasn't the best. I hope it didn't hurt things too much.

Our next meeting will be on May 18th at 9:00am. Vicki Rundell will have the agenda for the meeting as I will not be able to attend. The meeting will start with the financial report for the Plant Fair and any reports that would like to be shared about the different parts of the Fair.

Following the business meeting we will have our Spring Plant Exchange. Please bring any plants that you have divided or would like to exchange.

Continue logging your education hours and volunteer hours online. If you need some help with this let Pam or I know. And please remember to wear your name tags to the meeting!

Thanks,
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 8:00 a.m. with meeting to start at 9:00 a.m.)

Please remember to wear your name tag to the meetings

May 18, 2024 [3rd Saturday] — Spring Plant Exchange



TREASURER'S REPORT:
 ⇒ Financial reports will be available at the meeting. This report will include the Plant Fair.



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

<https://byf.unl.edu/>

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

– Deb Daehnke



If you picked up Plant Fair yard sign(s) to display, please bring them to the May meeting and if you did not attend the May meeting, you may drop them off at the office M-F 8-12 and 1-5.



Member Directories will be available at the May meeting. If you are not planning on attending the meeting, please stop by the Extension Office M-F 8-12 and 1-5.

2024— EDUCATION HOURS:

- January 13—No meeting due to the weather
- February 6 —1.5 hours zoom “Beyond the Basics of Mulch”
- February 10—1 hours “Gardening with Prairie Plants”
Bob Henrickson
- February 13— 1.5 hour “Pruning Hydrangeas & Species that work” Anthony Reardon
- February 20—1.5 hours “Hydroponics” Stacy Adams
- February 27—1.25 hours “Fire Smart Landscaping”
Elizabeth Exstrom
- March 5—1.5 hours “Plant Propagation” Scott Evans
- March 9—1 hour —“The Beetles Invade Nebraska”
Wayne Ohnesorg
- March 12—1.5 hours “Grow your own Mushrooms”
Amy Timmerman
- April 13— Plant Fair Planning
- April 26/27—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

GROBigRed Virtual Learning

Join us for the next programs in the GRO Big Red Virtual Learning series



These free webinar series - delivered via Zoom - are a great opportunity to join experts from Nebraska Extension to learn and ask questions! All programs are on the second Wednesday of the month from Noon-1pm CT

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Northeast Nebraska Extension Master Gardeners

April 13, 2024

Extension Office

Plant fair meeting lead by Brian Mandl

Sign committee-Connie Dvorak, Suzanne Hanlin

Connie presented information regarding plant fair signs ordered from Blackburn Manufacturing in Neligh. Four single side banners advertising plant fair were presented that will be placed @ locations in Norfolk. Tabletop banner--\$54 that Wayne will pick up in Lincoln and bring to plant fair. Banners from Blackburn Manufacturing--\$230 for 4 banners

Brian and Trent will place signs @ areas discussed around Norfolk. An auger was left @ extension office to dig holes. It was reported that 400 cashier tickets have been ordered. Bench cards for plant signage are also ordered.

Advertising—reported by Brian for Robin Jones

Advertising in shoppers has been eliminated. Expanded Norfolk daily news coverage. Savings in costs this year--\$294

Welcome table

Welcome table members will eat first @ potluck. Will serve from both sides of table for potluck. Bring your centerpiece for the contest by 4:30 on Friday.

Was suggested that Norfolk Daily news may be cheaper for printing cards for the Welcome table in future.

Cafe-

Linda Douglas and Mary Lux reported food has been planned and purchased for café. Reminder to pay \$10 or bring your 12 large individually wrapped bars if signed up. If bringing a hot dish to potluck, please bring a crockpot or something to keep warm.

Children's Corner-

Viola and Emmalene reported there will not be a bee hotel this year. They stated kids seem to love to plant so are having a “salsa garden” available for kids to plant.

Cash for plant fair-

Kelly reported that UNL has a policy for cash handling and to comply Wayne and Pam will take cash from cafeteria, houseplant sale, plant sale and donation jars from plant fair to Extension office at end of day of Plant fair.

Viola then called Extension Master Gardener meeting to order.

Viola help class @ Norfolk Public Library which was well attended. She thanked Kurt for attending and helping answer questions. Future topics of interest were seed swapping and seed saving. Viola will also present @ West Point library on 4/30/2024 @ 6:30 for their seed library.

Bylaws--Teresa Roche reported that committee has met twice. Teresa and Kelly have visited about the bylaws. Wayne and Kelly still need to review for edits/additions; and the bylaws will possibly be presented @ September or October meeting with potential implementation in January 2025.

New business Joyce Eucker volunteered to attend the Scholarship luncheon @ NECC.

Kelly informed us that Terri James (state MG coordinator) encourages us to use “Extension Master Gardener Volunteer” when referring to ourselves as Master Gardeners. The name Master Gardener is not copyrighted and can be used by anyone. Using Extension MG volunteer or EMGV identifies us correctly as being volunteers who represent Nebraska Extension and requires fulling education and volunteer requirements to be Master Gardeners.

Deb Daehnke encouraged anyone who sees newspaper articles about our Master Gardener group to give them to her for scrapbook.

Kristine Zachmeyer presented Power point that will be on display @ plant fair with pictures and descriptions of various plants. Looks good! She also had pictures of photos from previous plant fairs.

Plant fair checklists were available. Please refer to these for schedules and remember what you signed up for to work. It was discussed that driving to volunteer activities could be counted as volunteer time. Also remember to record volunteer time spent preparing potluck items or bars.

Deb Daehnke presented possible education opportunities including Columbus Celebrate Spring.

Next meeting will be May 18th @ 9:00. Will include plant exchange.

Motion for meeting be adjourned by Suzanne Hanlin and seconded by Linda Douglas.

Submitted by

Suzanne Hanlin