

# Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener

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Dear Master Gardeners:

How are you doing ?

First, I want to say I really enjoyed our speaker last month, Jim Peschel. He and his wife Beth really shared such good information on collecting maple sap and making syrup. And that video at the end was hilarious! 😊 Thank you also to Joyce and Vicki for Hosting.



Our next business meeting is November 13th at 9:00 am. Preceded by a plant fair committee meeting at 8:30 am. There are still chair positions open. This is a good way to earn volunteer hours and help raise funds. The main uses for this being a scholarship given to a student at Northeast (horticulture), and to help pay for educational opportunities and supplies at our meetings etc.

This months agenda will include discussion about doing a water feature for the extension garden and plant tags. For any old business I may have overlooked please remind me and If you have anything you would like to discuss let me know. Also, membership dues are coming due. It is \$20 per person. Thanks.

Our speaker for this month is Kelly Feehan, extension educator, at 10:00 am. She will talk about Using Focal Points in Landscaping. Maybe this will help me figure out where to place all my Gnomes and plan my plantings better? Our Hosts this month are Karen Zierke and Vicky Hingst.

Be sure to continue keeping track of all your education and volunteer hours and record your hours online. If you need any help with this let me know.

Be safe and I hope to see you all at the meeting!

Thanks,  
 Viola McShannon, President

## Member Recognition: These members have birthdays/anniversaries in November

### Birthday

Laurie Larson—November 17

### Anniversary

No members in November



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

## Regular monthly meetings:

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

- November 13: Kelly Feehan, Using Focal Points in Landscapes/Landscaping ideas
- December 11: Marilyn Schmit (Cutting Flower Gardens)
- January 8: Awards Banquet. Need centerpieces to use on the tables. "Winter Sowing Demo"
- February 12: Jill Heemstra (Herbs)
- March 12: Mary Birch (Worm Experiment Project)
- April 9: Last minutes details for the Plant Fair
- May 21 (3rd Saturday): Plant Exchange

## RESOURCES:

Here are some resources that might come in handy at this time of year. The name of the game is weather stripping, caulking, screens in good repair, etc. etc. AND it's always important to get positive ID of insects or any problem first.

Keeping Occasional Invaders Out: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/douglas-sarpy/pdfs/ce/resources/ce-infographic-keeping-occasional-invaders-out.pdf>

Insects that Overwinter in Your Home: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/douglas-sarpy/pdfs/ce/resources/ce-abl-millipedes.pdf>

Millipedes: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/douglas-sarpy/pdfs/ce/resources/ce-abl-millipedes.pdf>

Asian Lady Beetles: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/douglas-sarpy/pdfs/ce/resources/ce-abl-multicolored-asian-lady-beetle.pdf>

Boxelder Bugs: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/douglas-sarpy/pdfs/ce/resources/ce-abl-boxelder-bug.pdf>

Cluster Flies: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/douglas-sarpy/pdfs/ce/resources/ce-abl-cluster-fly.pdf>

Marmorated Stink Bug: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/douglas-sarpy/pdfs/ce/resources/ce-abl-brown-marmorated-stink-bug.pdf>

### TOPIC FOR GARDEN STORY FOR THE NORFOLK DAILY NEWS—

Specifications: About 1.5 pages double spaced (about 535 words). Email submission is preferred; send column in word format or in the body of an email. Email your column(s) directly to me at [living@norfolkdailynews.com](mailto:living@norfolkdailynews.com)

Hand-written/typed columns can be mailed to me at:

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PO Box 977,  
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Photos: A head-shot photo is needed to run with your column. If your photo hasn't been updated in recent years — or you'd like a new photo to run — please send it to me.

—*Sheryl Schmeckpeper*

**\*\*\* ALSO, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EMAIL PAM A COPY OF YOUR ARTICLE, SHE WILL PUT IT ON THE MASTER GARDENER FACEBOOK PAGE.**

### 2021— EDUCATION HOURS:

February 13—1 hour  
March 13—1 hour  
April 10—.75 hour  
Garden Tour, Pierce—2 hours  
Garden Tour, Shamrock—1 hour  
September 11—1 hour  
October 9—1 hour



#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- ◆ Balance as of 10-23-2021: \$6,372.42
- ⇒ -\$38.00 mileage to Jim Peschal
- ⇒ +\$140.00 membership renewals



**2022 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.*



## Dates and Trainings to Know and Grow - Minutes

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners Plant Chair Meeting  
Extension Office  
October 9, 2021

Plant Fair Chair Brian Mandl opened the meeting at 8:40am.  
10 members in attendance.

We need to find ways to increase membership. All members are encouraged to assist with this.

To increase advertising, the Plant Fair will be listed on a variety of exchange sites, more inclusion on Facebook, and posted on the Nebraska Hints, tips and Share site.

Bring items to put in the Master Garden booth to sell.

Wayne will reserve the Ag Complex for 2023.

We will need everyone's assistance to have enough members to staff the Plant Fair.

Possibly ask others to serve as volunteers. Could there be an incentive for them to do this?

Any option to offer free or reduced vendor fees especially for new vendors?

Possibly have more education programs/speakers.

Pam Bergstrom is no longer with the Natural Resources District so it might be doubtful there will be seedlings to give away.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45am to attend the regular monthly meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Daehnke, Secretary

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners  
Extension Office  
October 9, 2021

President Viola McShannon called the meeting to order at 9:15am with 15 members present. She thanked Vicky Rundell and Joyce Eucker for bringing treats.

Joyce Eucker/Vicki Rundell moved to accept September minutes. Motion passed.

Karen Zierke noted there was \$6272.16 in the treasury. There are 38 paid members. Dues of \$20 for 2021-2022 can be paid to Karen at any time.

Old Business:

A question was raised about education hours for tours. Actual time spent at a location can be counted. Travel time is not counted for education. When hosting a tour, the regular time you spend in your garden is not volunteer time, but anything above and beyond that is.

Some tour hosts feel guests should be limited, not just anyone come to the tour. People can be personally invited.

Suggestion was made to list Master Gardener meeting date/time/speaker in the Norfolk Shopper and Norfolk Daily News.

Connie Dvorak was not in attendance so there was no report on a water feature for the garden.

Vicky Hingst and Karen Zierke will be the November hostesses.

Since students complete a blanket application, the scholarship will be awarded. Hopefully advertisement will entice more horticulture students to apply as there have not been many applications the last few years. Wayne looked at the application form and made suggestions to Northeast.

Kelly Feehan will be the November speaker on Focal Points in the Landscape.

Pam reported on the chart being considered for purchase for the Plant Fair. \$266 for 100, cost and postage. What will we do with them? Maybe put in a new member packet. Door prizes at the Plant Fair. Robin Jones/Jodi Gartner motion to order 100 as a trial. Each current master gardener will receive one free and then distribute as needed.

The bench sitting in the entryway was the one given in honor of Ellen Glanzer. It will be stored until next year and then placed outside.

The transition from Wayne to Kelly will take one more year as there is a staff shortage in Kelly's office.

Next meeting will be November 13.

Motion by Robin Jones/Laurie Laren to adjourn at 10:03 a.m. Motion passed.

Following the meeting, Jim Peschel spoke on tapping trees to make maple syrup.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Daehnke