

# Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener

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NOVEMBER 2023

Dear Master Gardeners,

Winter has arrived with cold and Snow. Thankfully I had just planted my Pristine Apple tree and Methley plum. So they are snug in the ground. Apples have been a challenge for me. I've planted several and still haven't gotten any of my own fruit. Fingers crossed that this one will like it's new home. I have three other apples. However, two of them are struggling to grow and the other needs to be moved to a better spot. I have a lot to learn in this area. Hopefully the plum will help my American plum to produce more fruit. This year was the first time it fruited but there were not very many.

Thank you Connie for hosting the last meeting. I really appreciate everything you do. This month the meeting will be November 11 and our hosts will be Suzanne Hanlin and Diane Lukens. Thank you for volunteering. We will start at 8:30am with the Plant Fair committee planning meeting. Business at 9:00am and speaker at 10:00. Topic for the meeting will be Urban Agroforestry with Pam Bergstrum.

Last month we passed around volunteer signup sheets again. Thank you to those who signed up to help. However, we still need an election committee and a host for the Awards Banquet. All of these volunteer hours count towards your Master Gardener certification. Talk to any of the officers and we can explain how this is recorded.

It's also time to start paying dues for next year, 2024. Please give your \$20 to Karen Zierke, treasurer.

Continue logging your education hours and volunteer hours online. All hours through to December 31st count toward your 2023 totals. If you need some help with this let Pam or I know.

Thanks and see you later,  
 Viola McShannon  
 President

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

### Birthday

Kate Pruitt—November 12  
 Laurie Larson—November 17  
 Pat Dodson—November 24  
 Fae Dunn—November 26

### Anniversary

None in November



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

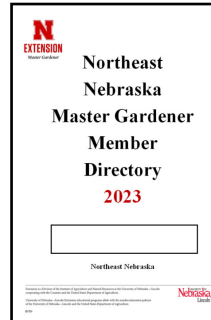
## Regular monthly meetings:

(doors open at 8:00 a.m. with meeting to start at 9:00 a.m.)


**Plant Fair Committee meeting will start before the regular meeting at 8:30 a.m.**

*\*\*Please remember to wear your name tag to the meetings\*\**

- November 11, 2023—"Urban Agro Forestry" Pam Bergstrom
- December 9, 2023- "Ferns" Marilyn Schmit
- January 13, 2024—Awards and a garden related recording
- February 10, 2024—"Gardening with Prairie Plants" Bob Henrickson
- March 9, 2024—"The Beetles Invade Nebraska" Wayne Ohnesorg
- April 13, 2024—Plant Fair preparations
- April 26/27, 2024—Plant Fair
- May 18, 2024 [3rd Saturday] — Spring Plant Exchange



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



**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- ◆ Balance as of 10-29-23 \$7,267.02
- Deposit of \$180 for dues,
- Checks: \$20 Carolyn Lingenfelter memorial
- And \$20 to Margaret Svitak for mileage

**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" 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

May 20— 0 hour (Plant Exchange)

July 11—3 hours Road Trip to Lincoln

September 9—1.5 hours "Share the good or bad in our gardens"

September 19—"Photoperiodism Plants, Poinsettias & More"

Scott Evans, Douglas/Sarpy County Extension


October 3—"Fall Perennial Weed Control" John Fech, Douglas/Sarpy County Extension

October 14—1.5 hours "Herbs" Margaret Svitak

October 17—1.15 hours "Composting" Sarah Browning, Lancaster County Extension


**DON'T FORGET TO RECORD YOUR PLANT FAIR VOLUNTEER HOURS.**  
**\*\*Please remember to keep recording your hours on the Master Gardener website.\*\***

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*Noted in Passing*



◆ Master Garden Member Carolyn Lingenfelter passed way October 4.

**2024 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.*



## Minutes and Mark on Your Calendars for Fall Extension Master Gardener Classes

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners  
Extension Office  
10-14-2023 Monthly Meeting

President Viola McShannon called the meeting to order at 9:05am with 15 members present and welcomed Kate Pruitt.

Robin Jones/ Brian Mandl motion to accept September minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer Karen Zierke noted the treasurer's report was \$7,106.68. \$1,030.00 was paid for the scholarship and \$20 memorial for Carolyn Lingenfelter.

### Old Business

Viola reminded everyone about the Volunteer Sign-Up sheet and someone is needed to solicit volunteers to be placed on the officer ballots.

January meeting signup shows there are three soups and salads for the meal with ice cream and cake. Wayne or Kelly will present awards. A host, gift exchange coordinator and game planner are also needed.

Plant Fair meetings will start at 8:30am prior to the regular November meeting. A reminder that committee work and serving as a chair serve as volunteer hours to count.

### New Business

Steve Wagner is stepping down as the Vendor Chair for the Plant Fair, so another volunteer is urgently needed.

There were copies of three recipes available for members to take.

Pam Bergstrom will talk on agroforestry at the November meeting.

Deb Daehnke noted University of Illinois and University of Iowa will be presenting Gardening in the Air via Zoom on November 4. Pre-registration is needed.

Karen Zierke brought cuttings from her Hoya plant to share.

There will be six Advanced Master Gardening classes starting in February. Top Hat is a program now available for new master gardeners starting their training.

Meeting adjourned 9:50, Robin Jones/ Joyce Eucker.

Margaret Svitak spoke about herbs.

