

# Northeast Nebraska Extension Master Gardener

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Dear Master Gardeners,

Oh man. How fast this year has gone by! I have most of my garden picked and many things canned. I've made tomato soup, cranberry/apple pie filling, cowboy candy, pear elderberry jam, tomatillo salsa, Italian sauce and honeyed yellow tomato butter. I had a very nice crop of red potatoes and sweet potatoes from my Green stalk. A total of 13 lbs!



I want to can these as well for future use. So this will be a learning experience as I haven't used my pressure canner as much as the water bath. I still have tomatoes and have yet to decide what to do with them. Maybe dehydrate? If not, I may make another salsa. I'm doing dehydrated apples tonight. This is my third year doing them. They make great snacks.



Thank you to everyone on the committee who has volunteered to decorate the Christmas tree at the Art Center. I can't wait to see how it turns out! Don't forget, all the time you spend planning and doing the work is volunteer time and you can record it online. The box of flyers to put with the tree is still at the office. Thanks Pam for designing and printing them.

Our next meeting is on November 9th. We will have our first Plant Fair meeting at 8:30 am. This will be the time to sign up to chair the different areas that need volunteers. The business meeting will be at 9:00 am. Hosts for the meeting are Kathy Duval and Suzanne Hanlin. I did hear back so our speaker at 10:00 am will be Chris Wood, Conservation Forester for Nebraska Forest Service and UNL. He will discuss forest types, tree diversity and threats/ problems.

Continue logging your education and volunteer hours online. And please remember to wear your name tags. I'll see you at the meeting.

Thanks,  
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

### Anniversary

None in November



Meeting held at:  
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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\*\**

Monthly speakers will be added to the newsletter later

- November 9, 2024— Chis Wood “Forest types, Tree Diversity and Threats/Problems”
- December 14, 2024— Daniel VanderVeen, Superintendent at Willow Creek, SRA “Sunflower project, pollinator habitat project and water quality at Willow Creek
- January 11, 2025— Banquet and Deb Daehnke “Recycled objects for the garden”
- February 8, 2025— Ivy Folkers with Honey, “Raising Bees”
- March 8, 2025— Julie Wagner “Microgreens”
- April 12, 2025—
- May 17, 2025 (3rd Saturday) -



**Please note:** *There is another meeting scheduled here at the office on the same day as the Extension Master Gardener Meeting. I just wanted to let you know about the extra cars parked in the parking lot.*



Click on the Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners Facebook page. A lot of great articles to read.



### TREASURER’S REPORT:

- ⇒ Bank balance as of 10-24-24: \$8,676.13
- ◇ Deposit \$205 for Top Hat Program



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



**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
- July 9—Garden Tour
- September 14—.75 hour Gardening Experiences
- October 12—1 hour “Beyond Mulch Basics” Kelly Feehan

**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](https://mastergardenvolunteer.unl.edu/vrs/sec_Login/sec_Login.php)

# Dates and Trainings to Know and Grow - Minutes

## Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener Volunteer Meeting minutes October 12, 2024

Joyce Eucker moved to approve September minutes. Minutes were approved.  
Financial report—current balance \$8,471.13

### Old Business-

Discussion held regarding updating bylaws. Diane Lukens brought forward input regarding financial aspects of bylaws.  
 -should we address whether future treasurer would utilize manual or electronic methods keeping for records?  
 -should a specific bank be determined in case a future treasurer would want to use a different bank?  
 -should there be 2 signatures required for signing checks for expenses paid out of account?  
 -should it be determined who facilitates how yearly audit is done?

Discussion was held regarding these concerns. The group thanked Diane for bringing up these items regarding financial aspect of by-laws.

Joyce Eucker moved to approve bylaws as currently written, Laurie Larson seconded. Bylaws were approved with option for amendments in the future with input from current treasurer who was unable to attend October meeting. Further discussion planned at November meeting.

### Parade of Trees at Norfolk Arts Center-

Committee is working on plans for event. Mary Birch volunteered to join committee. Set up at Norfolk Arts Center is November 12-13<sup>th</sup>. More information to come from committee at November meeting. Participating in this event is a great way to promote our organization.

### NECC scholarship-

The group determined that funds are available for a NECC scholarship as well as potentially offering funds to another population to promote our love of plants

Brian Mandl suggested that a committee be formed to explore ideas to include providing funds to elementary students to do projects with emphasis on plants. Discussion was held regarding possibility of teachers in areas schools, as well as home school programs to apply for funds. Brian asked members to please bring ideas for this project to next monthly meeting. It was determined that this issue to discussed at next meeting.

Mary Lux moved to continue to offer NECC scholarship at current amount. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Birch. Motion was approved.

### New Business

There will be a Plant Fair meeting at 8:30 November 9<sup>th</sup> before next meeting.

Hosts for November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting are Suzanne Hanlin and Kathy Duvall.

Meeting adjourned by Laurie Larson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Lux

Submitted by,

Suzanne Hanlin



General topics and speakers for advanced Extension Master Gardener training zooms

Flyer and more information will be in the next newsletter

Date	Topic	Presenter
February 4	No pain Houseplants/Easy Keepers	Scott Evans
February 11	'Overs and Unders' - Gambling on Good and Not-so-Good Shrubs?	Kim Todd
February 18	Flower Attractions for Insects/ Pollinators—title TBD	Emily Stine
February 25	IPM—Integrated Pest Management	Elizabeth Exstrom
March 4	Vegetables—Title TBD	David Lott
March 11	Perennials/Native Plants—Title TBD	Ian Peterson