

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener

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Dear Master Gardeners:

How are you doing ?



My garden is still giving me lots of peppers and tomatoes. The weather has been good for my fall garden. The warm days and cooler nights. I still have beans, carrots, beets and Swiss chard. I can't believe how fast this year has gone!

Our next business meeting is October 9th at 9:00 am. Things on the agenda so far: old business: planning for the Plant Fair next year, water feature and/or plant markers for the extension garden. New business: education hours for garden tours.

We would like the plant fair committee members to come early at 8:30 am. This way we can see where we are as far as who is chairing which committee for the fair. With not having a fair for 2 years we will need to see who is still willing to volunteer.

Be the sure to continue keeping track of all your education and volunteer hours. It is best to have most hours recorded online by October if you can. This will help with the grants for the Nebraska Master Gardeners.

Our speaker for this month is Jim Peschel from Osmond at 10:00 am. He will talk about maple syrup making for the backyard hobbyists. Our hosts for treats are Vicki Rundell and Joyce Eucker. Thanks so much to everyone who shared last month I learned a lot. And thanks Jody for bringing all the veggies!

Be safe and happy gardening!

Thanks,
 Viola McShannon President

Member Recognition: These members have birthdays/anniversaries in October

Birthday

Linda Douglas—October 1
 Alice Johnson—October 17

Anniversary

Kurt & Toni Schrant—October 4, 1975
 Vicki & Steven Rundell—October 12, 1996



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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 October before the regular meeting at 8:30 a.m.

- October 9: Jim Peschel from Osmond (harvest and makes his own maple syrup)
- 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

A Bug's Life **Fall armyworm**

Family: Noctuidae; *Spodoptera frugiperda*

Not-so-fun facts

- Called armyworms because they "march" and damage in large groups
- Favorable conditions: Cool, wet spring seasons followed by warm, humid weather and heavy rainfall
- Overwinter in southern sites in Florida, Texas and Mexico
- Migrate north to midwest in Aug/Sept
- Major damage can occur to home lawns, golf courses, forage pastures and a variety of crops



Damage can appear in a line with healthy turf on one side and dead turf on the other. Line progresses over time

Identification

Egg: Laid in masses of 100-200, covered in "fluffy" dense scales



Caterpillar: Undergo 6 stages of development, mature larvae are up to 1-1/4" long

Pupa: Reddish-brown pupal cases in top 3" of soil

Adult: 1-1/2" wingspan, dark gray-brown, mottled moth, males and females look different



Life cycle

- 3-4 weeks to complete life cycle
- Adults are nocturnal
- Egg masses laid everywhere - on plant material, buildings, outdoor objects
- Caterpillars emerge 2-5 days later



Mature larvae do the most damage

Management

- Scout lawn for signs of pest activity
- Destroy egg masses by hand
- Small caterpillars can be treated with organic products spinosad or *bt*k
- Caterpillars <3/4" long can be treated with pyrethroids like bifenthrin, lambda-cyhalothrin or carbaryl
- No effective treatment for mature larvae or pupae
- For areas with extensive damage, plan to re-seed or re-sod
- Chlorantraniliprole treatment in spring protects turf
- Offspring do not survive the winter

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2021— 1ST-3RD QUARTER LOCAL

EDUCATION HOURS:
February 13—1 hour
March 13—1 hour
April 10—.75 hour
September 11—1 hour



TREASURER'S REPORT:

◆ Balance as of 9-1-21: \$6,272.16



Dates and Trainings to Know and Grow - Minutes

Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners

Extension Office

September 11, 2021

President Viola McShannon called the meeting to order at 9:00 am with 16 members present.

Joyce Eucker/Teresa Roche moved to accept May minutes. Motion passed.

Karen Zierke noted there was \$6,272.16 in the treasury. There are 38 paid members.

Old Business:

There were three tours this summer: Shamrock Nursery in O'Neill, a tour of homes in Pierce and one in Norfolk. Del Ray Kumm noted that they had sold the nursery but would be working with the new owner for a few years to assist with the transition.

Karen received a letter from Vlasta Zrust, previously a MG member, in which she suggested using real peppermint flavoring on paper towels to keep mice out of garden sheds.

Everyone should have received the email from Carolyn Lingenfelter regarding Vergas Park. Robin Jones has a lock box to put there with a key to use for water.

The Extension Garden donated 2,336 lbs. this summer. Some Concord grapes were harvested, two Honey Crisp apple trees bore fruit, and the shed is up. Food was donated to the Norfolk Rescue Mission and the Food Pantry.

Marjorie was not feeling well but she had dug up iris for the plant exchange.

The sheet to be a meeting host was passed around.

The officers met August 2 to discuss meeting topics. Suggestions are welcome.

October- Tapping maple trees	November – Focal points in landscaping
Think about center pieces for the January awards meeting. Suggestion was to have Viola do a demo on Winter Sowing.	
February- Jill Heemstra	March – Mary Birch

Members will meet at 8:30, prior to the October meeting to start discussion for the Plant Fair. Dates are April 22-23, 2022. Deb will contact the speakers originally scheduled for the Plant Fair to see if they are still interested and then proceed to schedule main speakers and/or talk abouts.

Northeast Community College has changed how scholarship awarding works. It now goes through the Foundation. Every student who completes a blanket application form is eligible for scholarships. Ours is still \$1000 and we can have a representative when selecting the recipient. If there is no qualified recipient, the blanket applications will be used. Jodi Gartner/Vicki Hingst motion to work through the Foundation to administer the scholarship. In return we would not have to pay the rental fee for the Ag Center when we hold the Plant Fair. Motion passed.

Everyone should have received an email from Terri James to complete a survey. The survey pertains to how the pandemic affected your health and is from the University of Maryland. Should take under 10 minutes and if you completed it last year can do it again.

Marilyn Schmit, Platte County Master Gardener, sent an email regarding classes through Central Community College in Columbus. There is a \$10 fee which covers lunch and there may be additional fees for a particular project.

New Business

Wayne will reserve the 2023 Plant Fair dates, the last weekend of April or the third weekend of April as the second option. Teresa Roche/Robin Jones. Motion passed.

At 8:30 meeting prior to the regular October meeting discussion will start for the Plant Fair. Pending obtaining more info regarding the sliding garden planner (logo fee, cost, etc.) to use as a fund raiser, Robin Jones/Vicki Hingst motion to table purchase of the planner until Pam checks with Terri James.

Ellen Glanzer's family placed a bench in the Extension Garden area. Connie will check into adding a water feature to the garden and report at the next meeting whether this is a viable option.

Suggestion was made to place plant markers in the Extension Garden.

Next meeting will be October 9.

Motion by Vicki Hingst/Linda Douglas to adjourn at 10:12 am. Motion passed.

Following the meeting members shared info about their summer gardens and had a plant exchange.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Daehnke