

# Northeast Nebraska Extension Master Gardener

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Dear Master Gardeners,

It seems the weather has taken a turn. I have lots of songbirds at the feeder. The hummingbirds have moved on but it was fun watching them fly around the flowers while they were here.



I've been able to get out and harvest a bowl of heirloom tomatoes and a bowl of cherry tomatoes. Peppers are still growing and I'm hoping to get a good crop of jalapeños to make cowboy candy. Thank you all for sharing at the meeting and bringing plants. I always learn so much from all of you. We are still working on speakers/topics for the November and December meetings.



Thank you also for volunteering to help the Liberty Center with weeding and for signing up to decorate a tree for the Parade of trees at the Art Center. I can't wait to see how it turns out. Thanks to Pam for working on the Master Gardener flyers; plant fair handouts-for saving the date, and if they want to be a vender, all to put under the tree. This will be a great project for us!

Our next meeting is on October 12th at 9:00 am. We will be Voting on the bylaws. Please read through them. After the business meeting we will have Kelly Feehan speaking on Beyond Mulch. Hosts for the meeting are Joyce Eucker and Kate Pruitt.

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 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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## 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

October 12, 2024— Kelly Feehan, “Beyond Mulch Basics

November 9, 2024—

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) -



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



### **TREASURER’S REPORT:**



⇒ Bank balance as of 9-27-24: \$8,471.13

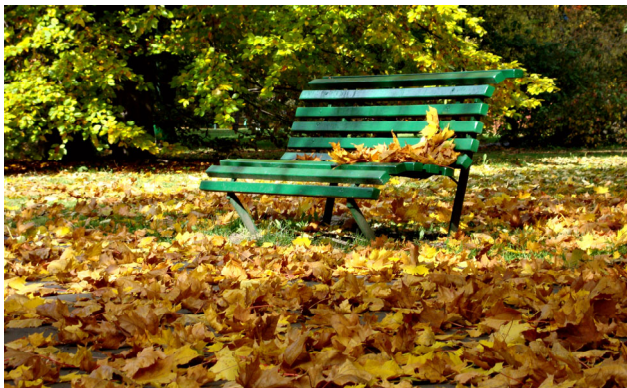
◇ Paid \$50 to the Norfolk Art Center to enter the “Parade of Trees” in November

◇ Paid NE Community College Scholarship \$1,030

◇ Purchased supplies of plates, coffee, tea, etc. \$46.00



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

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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## Dates and Trainings to Know and Grow - Minutes

### Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener Volunteer Meeting minutes September 14, 2024

Viola McShannon (president) opened the meeting.

Correspondence—A Thank you note from NECC

Thanks to Shamrock Nursery donated seed packets when closed their Norfolk location for the season.

Old minutes were approved. Motion by Karen Zierke and Joyce Eucker

Financial report by Karen Zierke—balance of account as of 9/1/24 is \$9,547.13

#### Old Business-

-Wayne discussed request from the Liberty Centre to have Master Gardener's assistance to clean up flower beds before their planned color run. Some members volunteered and a committee was formed to clean up flower beds on 9/21/2024.

-A signup sheet was passed around for volunteers for January 11, 2025 Awards Banquet. Deb Daehnke volunteered to be speaker.

-Teresa Roche presented Bylaw revisions that were created by the bylaws committee. A copy of proposed bylaws was presented to members present for their review. Suggested changes in document were made and new document will be available and voted on at October meeting and to into effect January 2025.

#### New business-

Fees for new (intern) Master Gardener's are increasing to \$250 next year. Our annual fee for returning volunteers is \$20. \$15 of fee goes to UNL and rest to our organization. Member's discussed increasing annual fee to \$25. Karen Zierke suggested to keep annual fee at \$20. Motion was made by Joyce Eucker and seconded by Vicki Rundell.

Discussion was held regarding amount of annual scholarship to NECC student. Mary Lux suggested increasing amount of scholarship due to increasing costs of tuition. Joyce Eucker suggested idea of offering 2 scholarships. This scholarship is handled by NECC foundation. With our organization sponsoring the scholarship, we don't have to pay fee for use of Ag Complex for Plant Fair. Will discuss further at October meeting.

Brian Mandl suggested that we donate to other organizations also such as elementary school projects involving plants. Will discuss this topic at next meeting.

Teresa Roche mentioned that our Wayne Ohnesorg received a National award, "Distinguished Service Award" Our organization congratulated Wayne. We are proud he is involved with our Master Gardener's group.

Deb Daehnke reminded group to please send items to Pam for scrapbook so she can keep it current.

Viola presented a potential volunteer opportunity to promote our organization. She received information about upcoming Norfolk Arts Center "Parade of Trees" that will be held November 14-27<sup>th</sup>. Set up would be November 12-13 and take down December 3-4<sup>th</sup>. Members expressed interest in participating in event and some expressed ideas to decorating tree. Joyce Eucker said she would supply a lighted tree. Emmalene Raasch motioned we participate in event and Laurie Larson seconded. Norfolk Arts Center will be contacted that we will participate. Further planning to be done.

Speakers committee still working on finalizing monthly speakers. Kelly Feehan will speak on "Beyond Mulch Basics" at October meeting.

Hosts for next October meeting Mary Lux and Joyce Eucker.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Laurie Larson, second by Brian Mandl.

Submitted by Suzanne Hanlin