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Spring Is A Fresh Start

By Janelle McIntyre, Platte County Master Gardener

Are you like me and want each new gardening season to be the best ever? This spring may be just that for me. I have gotten both knees replaced this past year and am looking forward to a fresh start. We are also giving up the cleaning business we've had for many years. Both these changes will give me more time. The bad thing is because of these circumstances, I am more behind than ever. Whatever your personal circumstances, you may need fresh motivation, too. I have made a list of some steps I need to take to start this spring off right. I thought I'd share them with you.

Dream: This is also an appropriate time to look up the new Perennial Plant of the Year, Hosta of the Year, 2016 GreatPlants for the Great Plains, and the latest All American Selections. These are wonderful plants to add to any garden. Most are both tough and beautiful. So in short I have gotten ideas early for "must have" plants. It seems like the seeds I want, everyone else wants also. Hyacinth beans are so hot right now it takes cunning to get them. Pinetree Seeds is one of the earliest catalogs that come in the mail. I placed my order early and got what I wanted. There are so many garden catalogs, everyone has their favorites. Browsing through them is an education in itself.

Prune: Early spring is a wonderful time to prune woody plants whether shrubs or trees. I have a terrible time pruning. It is a psychological glitch in my thinking and it's no one's fault but my own. My pruning is getting to be a common joke in our family. It's not that I don't do it; it's just that I never take enough off. Last year I pruned our locust tree, only to have a branch nearly knock me out the next time I mowed under it. Suffice to say, it is hard for me to take off as many branches as needed, but this year I am trying. My husband, Rod, loves to give me advice—trim more off.

Weeds: Always at the top of my list, I have found some short cuts. This year I hope to start my attack early. If I get the asparagus bed sprayed with Roundup and immediately follow with Preen, I can get ahead of that game. This is a trick one of the Backyard panelists told me about. In spring the dandelions, bad grasses and other noxious weeds are going strong and good plants are mostly dormant. It is an opportune time to destroy these pests using whatever method you deem effective. Next comes mulching, I do get it in bulk from a local cedar post maker. Seldom do I mulch all of my flower beds. It is a big job when you have six flower beds and a veggie garden. This year I will try to get more mulched. On our Master Garden tour last year, one of the professional greenhouses used third cutting hay for mulch in their own vegetable garden. My husband has saved back a large third cutting bale for us this year. We've never put mulched paths in our garden. I thought this would be an easy way to start using this method. Living on a farm has its benefits.

Containers: The last few years I haven't been able to do much extra, so container plantings have taken a second or maybe even a third seat to everything else. We had our house sided in "gray" this fall and I hope to get some "snazzy" containers to set off our new color scheme. I am partial to royal blue and think I will try this color as an accent. I did buy a book on container gardening to give me some much needed inspiration.

Annuals: Annuals are great fillers for bare spots left by tulips, alliums, daffodils etc. They add color to any spot that needs a little sparkle. I am determined to plant tons of annuals this year to cheer up our place. They are a colorful Band-Aid on just about anything, anywhere, anytime.

Enjoy: Master Gardeners often neglect the big picture. Our yards are truly beautiful but we don't take the time to enjoy the hard work we've put into them. I vow to sip a glass of iced tea or wine and spend more time taking in the wonder of our little part of the world. There is a saying: "The past is a lesson, the present is a gift and the future is an inspiration. May we all take the time to be inspired this year and have the best season ever."



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2016 PLANT FAIR & MARKET

Friday, April 29 6—8 PM AND Saturday, April 30 9 AM—3 PM

Northeast Community College, Chuck Pohlman Ag Complex
2301 E. Benjamin Ave, Norfolk NE



- ⇒ Free Admission
 - ⇒ Great Vendors
 - ⇒ Perennials and Annuals
 - ⇒ Door Prizes
 - ⇒ Delivery Assistance
 - ⇒ Plant Sitter Area
 - ⇒ Ask the Master Gardener
 - ⇒ Lunch Stand
 - ⇒ Youth Horticulture ID Contest
- Pre-register by April 22
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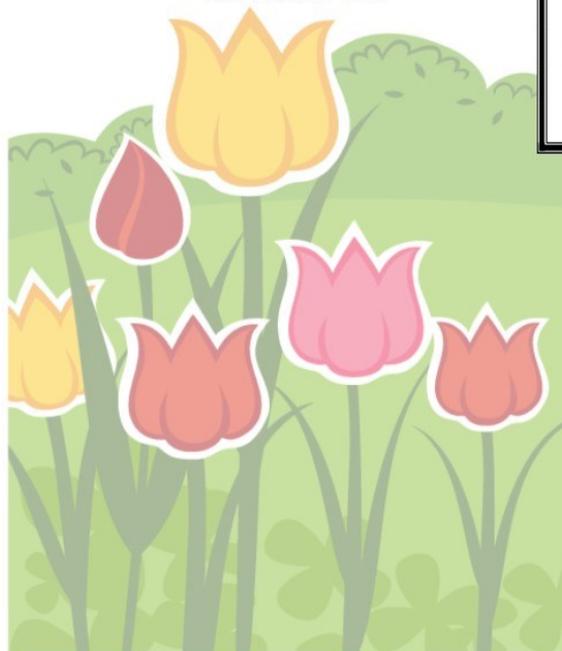
Educational Speakers and Contest

Friday

- 6:15 pm Youth Horticulture ID Contest
- 6:30 pm "Nebraska Natives for the Home Garden"
Amy Seger—J&H Greenhouse—Horticulturist
Herbalist and Educator
- 7:15 pm Awards for Hort Judging Contest & Master Gardener Awards

Saturday

- 9:30 am "Backyard Medicine Chest"
Rachel Liester— Red Road Herbs
Herbalist, Educator, Photographer, & Writer
- 11:00 am "Without Castings It's Just Dirt!"
Brent Broberg—Broberg Organics, LLC
Wiggle Worm Soil Builder



CHILDREN'S CORNER—MAKE AND TAKE 11:30 AM AND 1:00 PM

Flower Friend Sponsors:

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- J & H Greenhouse
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- Red Road Herbs
- Robin Jones, Realtor
- Sue Martin, Realtor



Talk-about Saturday by Master Gardeners

- 10:30 am Carolyn Lingenfelter—Beginning Thoughts for a Home Landscape
- 12:30 pm Kurt Schrant & Jim Laycock—Drip Irrigation
- 1:30 pm Corrine Weihe—Sedums

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Plant Fair and Market
Friday, April 29 6:00-8:00 pm and Saturday, April 30 9:00 am—3:00 pm
Northeast Community College, Chuck Pohlman Ag Complex
2301 E Benjamin Ave, Norfolk NE

There are some outstanding speakers lined up to educate everyone on various topics.
 More info, at 402-375-3310 and <http://madison.unl.edu/theplantfair>

MEET THE 2016 SPEAKERS Be sure to attend at no charge and learn from the experts.



Friday, April 29 at 6:30 PM — Nebraska Natives for the Home Garden

Amy Seger, MS, is a horticulturist, herbalist, and educator originally hailing from East Tennessee. After completing degrees in Ornamental Horticulture & Landscape Design and Plant Sciences at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Amy studied herbal medicine for two years in Asheville, NC. She is particularly interested in learning more about native plants of the Mid-West and using local prairie and "weedy" plants in food and medicine. Such common plants and herbs can support good nutrition and encourage our bodies' innate abilities to heal, concepts that underpin the practice of herbalism. Amy works as a horticulturist at J&H Greenhouse in O'Neill, NE. She is owner of Mint & Mullein Herbals, a business focusing on herbal education, and mother of two little girls. She can be reached at mintandmulleinherbals@gmail.com.

Saturday, April 30 at 9:30 AM — Backyard Medicine Chest

Rachel Liester is an herbalist, educator, photographer, writer and Nebraska Master Naturalist. Her business, Red Road Herbs Retreat & Learning Center LLC, is located between Stanton and Pilger. She and her daughter, Jazmine, offer herbal classes, retreats and events from May - September. Rachel also teaches classes at various locations around northeast Nebraska and makes herbal products, including "The Best Herbal Salve Ever" and "Prairie Spirit Soap."

Learn to grow and harvest common herbs for food and medicine. Rachel will review the uses of 12 wild herbs you probably have growing in your backyard. She provides take-home information and lots of samples. You'll be amazed at the health benefits you can get from plants most folks call "weeds."



Saturday, April 30 at 11:00 AM — Without Castings It's Just Dirt

Brent Broberg was born and raised in Tilden, Nebraska. Brent attained his Associate of Ag degree from Northeast Community College and his Bachelor's degree in the field of Biology from Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska. Since then he and his wife, Marykae, returned to the family farm where they and their three daughters raise Charolaise cattle, hogs, corn, and soybeans.

In the spring of 2014 Brent and Marykae founded Broberg Organics, LLC and entered the worm castings business. Over the past two years Broberg Organics, LLC has grown with the demand for the Wiggle Worm Soil Builder® product they produce.

Master Gardener Talk-Abouts on Saturday, April 30



Carolyn Lingenfelter, Norfolk, Master Gardener since 1989.

10:30 am—Beginning Thoughts for a Home Landscape



Kurt Schrant, Norfolk, Master Gardener in 1990 then restarted in 2014.

12:30 pm—Drip Irrigation



Jim Laycock, Plainview, Master Gardener since 2003.



Corrine Weihe, Norfolk, Master Gardener since 2010.

1:30 pm—Sedums



Kristine Zachmeyer, Norfolk, Master Gardener since 2007.

Ongoing slideshow of various plants being offered at the Master Gardener booth.

Youth have the opportunity to test their Horticulture knowledge by participating in Contests

The Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners will be hosting a Youth Horticulture ID Contest at their annual Plant Fair & Market. All youth ages 8-18 are encouraged to participate. Participation is free but all participants must *preregister by April 22* by contacting the Nebraska Extension office in Madison County 402-370-4040. Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in *each* of the age brackets. Contestants will be required to sight ID horticultural plants to the accepted common name. The list of possible plants and study guides are available at <http://madison.unl.edu/theplantfair>



Photos from 2015 contests

Contest Details

Date: Friday, April 29

Time: Competition begins 6:15 PM, Awards Presented 7:15 PM

Location: Chuck Pohlman Ag Complex, Northeast Community College, 2301 E Benjamin Ave, Norfolk

Prizes:

1st Place - \$25 cash AND \$25 gift certificate for the Master Gardener Plant Booths

2nd Place - \$10 cash AND \$15 gift certificate for the Master Gardener Plant Booths

3rd Place - \$10 gift certificate for the Master Gardener Plant Booths

The ages for brackets are broken down as follows:

Junior – 8-11 years old

Intermediate – 12-14 years old

Senior – 15-18 years old

A 4-H horticulture judging contest will be held on Wednesday, **June 15**, 7:00 pm at the Ron Rhebb acreage located 3 miles northeast of Norfolk, NE (84494 Saddle Rd). The contest will be in honor of Ron's late wife and Master Gardener, Jane. The program is open to all 4-Hers and interested adults. There will be prizes for first, second, and third place finishers; snacks and fun for all. Contact the Nebraska Extension in Wayne County at 402-375-3310 for more information and to register. Pre-registration is due by 5:00 pm, June 10. Directions given when registering.



2016 Plant Fair and Market Vendors as of this publication.

Thank you to these vendors for registering by the Early Bird deadline. More may register, so be sure to visit the Plant Fair & Market

Avon , Jeanne Ballantyne
Broberg Organics, LLC , Brent Broberg
C & J Collectables , Carla Anderson
Cedar Valley Lawn Crafts , Bill & Judy Johnston
Children's Corner
Don Peterson & Associates, Real Estate Co. , Susan Martin
Gardener's Café
J & H / Johansen Greenhouse , Rhonda Hoefer
Joni's Dance-In-The-Wind Iris Garden , Joni Renshaw
Mary & Martha , Tina Myers

Master Gardener Information/Houseplants
Master Gardener Plant Sales , plants provided by Bluebird Nursery & Mulch N More
Mint & Mullein Herbals , Amy Seger
NECC Hort Club
Pampered Chef , Mary Ann Bach
Red Road Herbs Retreat & Learning Center LLC , Rachel Liester
Smok'n Buddies , Craig Risor
Tammy's Craft Room , Tammy Meier
Tis the Season Crafts , Karen Lundt

Chelone, the Turtlehead—A Show Worth Waiting For!

By Karen Zierke, Pierce County Master Gardener

The easiest way to remember how to pronounce chelone, is that it rhymes with baloney. And the 'ch' is pronounced like 'cha-cha-cha'. The more common name is turtlehead which is easy to see the reason why by the resemblance of the spiked flowers to a turtle's beak. I read that 'turtlehead' was a nymph in Greek mythology who elected to not attend the marriage ceremony of Zeus and Hera (or else made some derogatory comment about it.) Well, she and her house were tossed into a river and she was changed into a tortoise who carries her house on her back. This may just be a fun myth but those blossoms do seem to 'snap' out as you pass by! Ok so now that we have all that stuff figured out, you're probably wondering just what is this plant!

Chelones are a native Missouri wildflower that has no serious disease or insect problems. It grows best in a moist, rich, humusy soil in part shade. They say it can be grown in full sun but when I tried it, it was not happy. Most chelones are zone 4 and a perennial that does not need frequent dividing. It grows to 2-3' tall and is covered with dark-green slightly toothed leaves and the flowers are hooded, snapdragon-like. They begin to appear in late summer and may last from 3-6 weeks. Hot-Lips, which is what I have, is colored just like the name implies. At our annual **Master Gardener Plant Fair and Market on April 29 & 30**, we will be offering for sale the chelone plant called 'Hot Lips.' This was the plant of the year in 2012.



Plant a clump in a partial sunny spot (preferably with some afternoon shade). It would appreciate a good composted leaf mulch. Chelone does require adequate moisture and would be good in a rain garden or a boggy spot although it is surprising how much drought it will tolerate. In future years, if you want to share, just take your spade and cut out a small clump leaving the 'parent' plant in place. This plant will attract butterflies but the deer tend to pass it by. And it does make a nice addition to your fresh cut flower arrangement.

Other cultivars than 'Hot Lips' are Glabra (zone3) and Black Ace (zone 5) both exhibiting creamy white flowers. Also I've read of 'Balmony' that is fragrant and there are varieties of red turtle heads. My sister Lois and I have had the 'hot-lips chelone' for several years and we have both been very pleased with its performance and mine has adapted to my mulch composted sand very well.

For more information on the Plant Fair and Market, go to <http://madison.unl.edu/theplantfair>

Ceanothus

By Karen Zierke, Pierce County Master Gardener

Ceanothus (see-ah-NO-thuss) is a large genus of diverse, versatile and beautiful North American native shrubs in the buckthorn family Rhamnaceae, many of which are native to California. The genus includes over 60 species of shrubs or small trees. Most are blue blooming shrubs from 1-6 feet high, prostrate or mounding; some are evergreen and others deciduous.

The ceanothus is Americanus which is a 2016 Great Plains, 'shrub of the year.' Its common name is New Jersey Tea which came about during the American Revolution when there was a shortage of tea and it was discovered that the dried leaves made a good tea substitute, without caffeine.

Americanus, which is native to Missouri, is deciduous, growing from 2-4' tall and rounded in shape. The leaves are toothed edged and dark green, the young twigs are noticeably yellow which stand out in the winter and their roots are red colored, thick and which helps sustain the plant in drought conditions. It prefers to grow in full sun to some partial shade. This zone 4 plant blooms in early summer with tiny, very fragrant white blooms that are clustered on long stalks. Butterflies, hummingbirds and other beneficial insects are attracted to it.



It is quite effective as a shrubby ground cover for hard-to-grow areas such as dry rocky or sandy slopes as it needs good surface water drainage. Ceanothus does not like clay soil. It requires little maintenance and once established no additional moisture or fertilizer is needed. Do not plant where the automatic watering system will hit, as its better left to 'fend for itself'. It will be a good plant to use in the xeriscape (drought tolerant) garden.

While most Ceanothus can be shaped by tip pruning (performed gratis by deer) and cleaning out interior dead growth, it resents serious hacking. Ceanothus will not produce shoots from old wood, so never prune back severely to old wood. Prune from the inside, lightly thinning, and removing some of the lower limbs.

This is a 'new' plant for me and I'm anxious to get one established in one of my sunny well-drained areas.

Photo from <http://arboretum.unl.edu/greatplants-great-plains>

Yikes! Bats!

By Jane Jensen, Pierce County Master Gardener

When most folks have a bat in the house or see a bat hanging somewhere they immediately think the worst. They carry diseases, they're rabid, they're going to fly into my hair! But truly, bats are so beneficial and quite fascinating. I've had my share in my home but opening the door wide to the outside, shutting off the lights, I'd watch and soon it would find its way outside where it wanted to be anyway. A single bat can eat as many as a thousand mosquitoes or more in one night's food search. They are nocturnal of course, and are the only mammal that can fly.

There are 13 species of bats in Nebraska. The most common is the big brown bat which is five inches long but looks larger in flight. They are not rodents but flying mammals. They swoop down using their echolocation technique to avoid flying into buildings or other structures and also swoop down to drink from standing water supplies, even swimming pools.



There are a thousand or more species of bats world wide. There are some who eat fruit, nectar, small mammals, birds, lizards, frogs, fish and blood.

Thankfully the blood sucking bat lives in South America!

Indonesia has giant bats that have six foot wingspans and are known as flying foxes. Just the thought of that one makes me cringe. Bats do not live in polar regions or extreme deserts.

The young are called pups and usually one is born. Gestation is 40 days. Females sometimes gather in maternity colonies to give birth and raise the young. Males do not help in that regard.

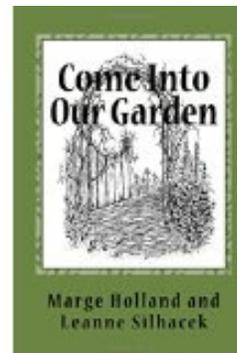
Every state has its laws protecting bats. Only licensed professionals are to move any unwanted colonies. Usually they are allowed to have their young and by July are excluded from the home or building where they are unwelcome. Entry points are covered over and the unwanted remains taken care of by professionals. In Texas it is a federal violation to use chemicals to kill bats. This includes insecticides, rodenticides, disinfectants and mothballs.

No one wants bats in their home, but outside on a summer's evening they are doing what they were made to do. And who likes mosquitoes anyway?

Come Into Our Garden Book review

By Deb Daehnke, Wayne County Master Gardener

If you love to read as I do, then I bet a good book can evoke all kinds of pleasant memories. That was my pleasure recently when I opened the book, *Come Into Our Garden*, written by Marge Holland, emeritus Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener. It is a collection of garden columns penned for the Norfolk Daily News throughout the years Marge has been a master gardener.



It's rich in family reflections, wonderful quotes, joys of gardening and beautiful illustrations by Leanne Silhacek, of Norfolk. Marge ends most chapters with a quote such as this one: "The garden is a love song, a duet between a human being and Mother Nature" - Jeff Cox. It was a short read with many inspiring observations. She explains how 'Mother Nature Knows Best' in determining the right time to plant seeds or plants; or takes you back to making dolls with hollyhock blooms in "Hollyhocks Forever"; and contemplates the ubiquitous question in one chapter, 'Is It A Flower Or A Weed?'

Marge ends the book with Ten Things Every Gardener Should Know.

#8 - "Gardeners love to share, especially advice and zucchini." The vernacular in each numbered paragraph provides humor, wisdom, wittiness, and things we've possibly thought about before but just didn't put down in words.

You can easily read this in an hour or two. Grab a cup of tea, hot chocolate, or lemonade depending on the season you leaf through this gem. When finished I believe you'll have a warm fuzzy feeling and contemplate you just had a visit with a friend.

If you like to purchase your own books, it's available on Amazon and is very inexpensive. Or contact your local library and request they purchase the book so others may enjoy it as well.



This photo was taken by Mary Pat Hoag in the horticulture gardens at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines. She says it is well worth your time to visit!

Celebrate Spring Gardening

Thursday, April 14, 2016, 4:00–8:00 pm
Ramada Conference Center, 265–33rd Ave, Columbus NE

A splendid event for the inquisitive gardener who may tend a precious, petite container garden to those who care for a beautiful luscious abundant garden. The entire event is rooted in a relaxing and fun atmosphere for you to enjoy. We hope you can join us.

Karen Mroczek, Columbus Campus and Marilyn Schmit, Master Gardener.

4:00-5:00 pm	Registration
4:00 pm	The Garden Market, Vendors open for your shopping enjoyment.
5:00-5:45 pm	Garden Session 1 (choose one of three sessions)
5:45-6:15 pm	Enjoy chicken salad croissant lunch, Engage in a conversation with other gardeners, and browse the Garden Market.
6:15-7:00 pm	Garden Session 2 (choose one of three sessions)
7:15-8:00 pm	Garden Session 3 (choose one of three sessions)

Registration form (with session choices) can be found at madison.unl.edu/mgupcomingevents. Register by filling out the form and sending with \$25. **Register by April 6, 2016.**

Questions? Please call Karen Mroczek at 402-562-1249.

Master Gardeners Honored



The Nebraska Master Gardener program is a horticulture related volunteer training program based in many counties throughout the state. It has been part of UNL Extension since 1976. The Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener program was organized in 1989. Master Gardener volunteers are trained by University of Nebraska—Lincoln faculty and staff. They contribute time as volunteers working through their local Extension office to provide horticulture related information to their community. More specifically, they provide education about sustainable horticultural practices. Participants are required to complete 40 hours of training and 40 hours of volunteer service to obtain the title of Master Gardener. They retain their certification through annual training and volunteering requirements. For more information, go to <http://madison/unl.edu/becomemg>

Annually, the Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners hold an awards banquet to honor the members for the previous year's accomplishments. This year's banquet was held on Saturday, January 9. Although the snow and icy roads kept a few away from attending, the members in attendance were served a delicious meal prepared by Master Gardener, Bonnie Smith. Master Gardener, Sharon Hinrichsen, made the table decorations which were then used as door prizes. She also prepared a garden quiz for members to take.

Wayne Ohnesorg, Master Gardener coordinator, presented the 2015 awards including certificates for recertification, emeritus, years active, and participation; recognition pins for volunteer milestone hours; and top ten volunteer and education hours reported. He noted as a group the members had 1453 volunteer hours. At a recognized rate of \$23.07 per hour, the volunteer work was valued at \$33,520.71 for 2015. Total hours reported for Nebraska Master Gardeners in 2015 was 28,000 hours of which the Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners reported hours are 5%. It is very important that all members report all their hours.

(Source: Wayne Ohnesorg and Deb Daehnke)



Recipes by Bonnie Smith, Madison County Master Gardener

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Andouille Sausage Alfredo

8 ounces of Penne Pasta cooked and drained
 1 pkg smoked sausage or Andouille Cajun Style Sausage
 2 tablespoons Butter
 2 cloves garlic minced
 2 cups heavy cream
 2 teaspoons of Cajun seasoning
 1/2 teaspoon ground pepper
 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
 2 tablespoons flat parsley
 1/2 cup shredded parmesan cheese

Prepare pasta, sauté butter and sausage for 5 minutes, add garlic and sauté until golden brown. Add cream, Cajun seasoning, pepper and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 3-4 minutes. Stir in grated parmesan cheese, pasta and parsley, toss to coat. Add shredded parmesan cheese toss until melted.

Banana Bars

Cream 1/2 cup softened butter and 1 1/2 cups sugar. Add 2 eggs, 1 cup sour cream, and 1 teaspoon of vanilla. Set aside.
 Combine 2 cups flour, 1 teaspoon baking soda, and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Mix with creamed mixture. Stir in 1 cup mashed bananas.
 Pour into 15 X 10 X 1 sprayed pan. Bake 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes.

Frosting

Beat 8 ounces of softened cream cheese, 1/2 cup softened butter, and 2 teaspoons of vanilla until fluffy.
 Gradually add 3 3/4 - 4 cups powdered sugar.
 Spread on cooled Banana Bars.

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What is It?? By Wayne Ohnesorg, Extension Educator

Tammy Furstenau was first to correctly respond for what the January *What is it?* Vicki Wagner also answered correctly. The object in question was a nest built by a potter wasp. There are a number of species, but this is one of the smaller ones. They belong to the same insect family as yellow jackets and paper wasps (Vespidae). Most commonly they stock the nests with either caterpillars or beetles.



I found this spider on one of my field research outings on the car. It was enjoying its lunch of a fly.

If you think you know, you can give me a call at (402) 370-4044 or shoot me an email (wohnesorg2@unl.edu). Please be as specific as you can. The first person to contact me with the correct answer will be awarded one (1) training hour. Everyone that submits an answer will be entered into an end of the year drawing for a free Extension Circular such as the *Landscape Diagnostic Guide for Problems Affecting Woody Ornamentals and Herbaceous Perennials*. For every *What is it?* column you provide an answer for you will receive one entry. This offer is available for both the Platte County and Northeast Nebraska Master Gardener groups.

