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# Extension Calendar

All programs and events will be held at the Lancaster Extension Education Center unless otherwise noted.

- October 14**  
4-H Rabbit VIPS Meeting ..... 7 p.m.
- October 15**  
4-H Awards Books and Scholarships Due
- October 23**  
Make A Difference Day
- October 26**  
Character Counts! Training ..... 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.  
Raising Successful Children & Adolescents ..... 7 p.m., Ruth Staples Building
- October 28**  
Character Counts! Training ..... 6-9 p.m.
- November 1**  
Lancaster County 4-H Shooting Sports Club Re-Organizational Meeting ..... 7 p.m.  
Extension Board Applications Due
- November 2**  
4-H Council Meeting ..... 7 p.m.  
4-H Production Livestock Booster Club Meeting ..... 7:30 p.m.
- November 3**  
CWF Re-Organizational Meeting ..... 7 p.m.
- November 8 & 9**  
NU Family Week Seminars ..... 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
- November 10**  
Horse VIPS Meeting ..... 7 p.m.
- November 14**  
4-H Ambassador Meeting ..... 2 p.m.  
4-H Teen Council Meeting ..... 3-5 p.m.
- November 15**  
America Recycles Day  
Extension Board Meeting ..... 6 p.m.
- November 18  
Rabbit VIPS Meeting ..... 7 p.m.
- November 22**  
Emergency Preparedness Workshop Focus: Community Readiness for Y2K ..... 7- 9:30 p.m.
- November 29**  
Emergency Preparedness Workshop Focus: Individual and Home Readiness ..... 7- 9:30 p.m.

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## Raising successful children and adolescents

Join Drs. Lisa Crockett, Marcela Raffaelli and Gustavo Carlo for an informal panel discussion on issues of interest to parents on Tuesday, October 26. This event is free to the public and hosted by the Department of Psychology at UNL. Listen to the experts talk about tough issues such as peer and family influence and promoting positive behavior. Refreshments and child care provided (RSVP to 472-0737 if you are bringing children).

Date: Tuesday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Ruth Staples Building (35<sup>th</sup> and Fair Street; UNL East Campus) (LJ)



### Fall and winter care of water gardens

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again. Fill the pool with fresh water and allow the chlorine to evaporate and water temperature to stabilize. Blend the new pond water with water in the holding tank until its water temperature is within 3 degrees F of the pond water. Release your fish and

scavengers into the pool. Divide and repot those plants that need it and put them back in the pool or store them in a frost free area for winter.

Water gardens are a beautiful addition to the home landscape. However, they are not a

low maintenance addition. For a lower maintenance water garden, select only hardy species and install a pond that is deep enough for overwintering plant material. Installing a water heater is also an excellent alternative. (DJ)



### Transplanting peonies

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system. Using a sharp knife, divide the clump into sections. Each section should have at least three to five buds (eyes) and a good portion of the root system.

Peonies perform best in full sun and well-drained soils. When selecting a planting site, choose an area that receives full sun. Avoid shady areas near large trees and shrubs. Poorly drained soils can often be improved by working in large amounts of compost or peat.

When planting peonies, dig

a hole large enough for the entire root system. Place the peony plant in the hole so the buds are no more than one inch below the soil surface. (Peonies often fail to bloom satisfactorily if the buds are more than two inches deep.) Fill the hole with soil, firming the soil around the plant as you backfill. Then water thoroughly.

In late fall (November), apply a two to four inch layer of mulch over the newly planted peonies. Straw is an excellent

mulch. Mulching will prevent repeated freezing and thawing of the soil during the winter months that could damage the plants. Remove the mulch in early spring before growth begins.

Transplanted peonies will not bloom well the first spring. In fact, it's advisable to remove any flower buds that form the first year to maximize plant growth. Transplanted peonies should bloom well by the third or fourth year. (DJ)



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