



TWINTOWNS GARDENERS' MARKET

WAHPETON, ND / BRECKENRIDGE, MN

Information for Gardeners

It's that time again — time to plan our summer gardens. Fortunately, we have lots of excellent research-based advice available to us. This newsletter is a list of learning opportunities I've come across so far this year.

Field to Fork Webinars

NDSU Extension Service launched this webinar series last year to provide information about growing, transporting, processing and preserving specialty-crop fruits and vegetables safely. These webinars are intended for both growers and buyers.

The webinars are free of charge and are open to everyone. They will be archived for anyone who cannot view the webinars at the designated times.

This season's Field to Fork Webinars will run every Wednesday between February 22 and April 26. All webinars start at 2:00 p.m.

- Feb. 22: Food Safety; From Field to Fork
- March 1: Recommended Vegetable Varieties for North Dakota
- March 8: What Regulations Apply When Preparing Food for the Public
- March 15: U.S. Food Law; Aligning the Pieces of the Regulatory Puzzle
- March 22: Introduction to Home Wine Making
- March 29: Herbs; From Growing to Packing
- April 5: Will the Food Safety Modernization Act Affect Your Business?



- April 12: Update on Spotted Wing Drosophila (Fruit Fly)
- April 19: How to Can Low- and High-Acid Foods
- April 26: Introducing Youth to Gardening

Presenters will be NDSU personnel and special guests. The Field to Fork website (www.ag.ndsu.edu/fieldtofork) has a link with more information and to register for the webinars. Register at least 24 hours before webinars you wish to view.

Register for all sessions you want to view even if you will not be able to watch the live session. A link for the recorded session will be sent to those registered a day or two after the live session.

For more information, visit NDSU Extension's new, comprehensive Field to Fork website, or contact Julie Garden-Robinson, NDSU Extension Food and Nutrition Specialist, at 701-231-7187 or julie.garden-robinson@ndsu.edu.

While you're registering, check out the Field to Fork website. You'll find fruit and vegetable information, archived webinars, harvesting guides, and a weed identification guide.

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Building a Pollinator Garden

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Red Door Art Gallery, Wahpeton, ND

Our native pollinators are declining and they need our help. Learn how to create a “bee-utiful” garden or flower-pot by choosing plants that beautify the landscape while saving our pollinators.

As part of the Garden Art Exhibit, the Red Door Art Gallery will host Joan Zettel for this free informative and important topic.

Joan is a NDSU Master Gardener, Horticulturist for Chahinkapa Park and Zoo, and a member of the North Dakota Horticultural Society. She planned the Master Gardener Model Pollinator Garden near the Chahinkapa Camp Ground, and is planning a Zoo Monarch Garden to be planted in 2017 and funded by Cargill Inc.

Home Garden Variety Trials Report

Results from the 2016 cultivar trials are in. Find them at www.ag.ndsu.edu/homegardenvarietytrials. You can also find a link to the recommended cultivars for North Dakota

East Otter Tail County Horticulture Day

Saturday, March 18, 2017

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Prairie Wind Middle School

480 Coney Street, Perham, MN

Cost: \$30, includes keynote speaker, five breakout sessions, vendor area, and lunch. No pre-registration necessary.

Keynote: Jackie Froemming — *Water Wisely*

Choose from over 25 sessions including wine grapes and wine making, vegetable gardening, beekeeping, annual and perennial flowers, specialty fruits, and more. For a full list of sessions go to www.co.otter-tail.mn.us/DocumentCenter/Home/View/9756.

Sponsored by East Otter Tail County Master Gardeners.

Spring Fever Garden Forums

Mondays, March 20 & 27,

April 3 & 10

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Richland County Courthouse,
Commission Room, Lower Level
418 2nd Ave N, Wahpeton, ND

And Online

For the fourth consecutive year, NDSU Extension Service will host a series of forums to help you care for your yard and garden.

Live presentations from NDSU will be delivered to Extension offices across the state. Free samples of bulbs, seeds, and miscellaneous gardening supplies will be provided. In order to have amply supplies of the free samples on hand, it is important that you register with Richland County Extension (see below). Bonus samples will only be available for those attending at their County Extension Office.

Gardeners may also participate online at home. Go to www.ag.ndsu.edu/springfever/join-us-online to register. A link to the forums will be sent to you. Handouts will be posted on the website preceding each session. Register if you will be watching any of the sessions on your own computer.

Monday, March 20 — Lawns and Gardens

- Spring Lawn Care; Soils for Your Garden and Containers; and Prairie Meadow Gardens
- Bonus at County Extension Offices: Flower bulbs and seeds

Monday, March 27 — Shrubs and Trees

- Flowering Shrubs; If You Want to Plant a Birch Tree; and Diagnosing Spruce Disorders
- Bonus at County Extension Offices: Seed starting

Monday, April 3 — Fruits

- Growing Juneberries; Grafting Apples; and Growing Raspberries
- Bonus at County Extension Offices: Insect traps

Monday, April 10 — Landscaping Ideas

- Building Raised Beds; Adventures in Shade Gardens; and Smart Gardening for Butterflies
- Bonus at County Extension Offices: Butterfly feeders

For more information and to view previous session, go to www.ag.ndsu.edu/springfever.



To attend the sessions at the Richland County Courthouse, please RSVP to Chandra Langseth, Richland County Extension Agent, at 701.642.7793 or Chandra.Langseth@ndsu.edu.

High Tunnel Conference

March 24 & 25, 2017

North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND

Registration is online only and closes on March 8

Cost: \$40 for two-day event

Keynote speakers are Terry Nennich (retired University of Minnesota Extension Service) and Kathy Demchak (Penn State). Terry Nennich will focus on high tunnel vegetable production while Kathy Demchak will discuss both high tunnel strawberry and bramble production.

On both days short, interactive sessions will be offered. You can learn important techniques like scouting for insect pests, trellising vine crops, trapping for spotted wing drosophila, tomato grafting, flower arranging for farmers markets, and irrigation. Research from the NDSU high tunnel project will also be discussed.

To register and to view the conference schedule, go to www.ag.ndsu.edu/mastergardener/events/ndsuhigh-tunnel-workshop.

Sponsored by NDSU Extension, BFG Supply Co., Green-Tech, and Poly Tech.

West Otter Tail County Garden Day

Saturday, April 1, 2017

Kennedy Secondary School

601 Randolph Ave, Fergus Falls, MN

7:30 am - 4:00 pm

\$30 includes lunch, classes, marketplace, and snacks

No preregistration

Detailed information will be available mid-March at www.co.ottertail.mn.us/201/U-of-MN-Extension.

Gardening Saturday

Saturday, April 8, 2017

8:00 am - 4:15 pm

Alerus Center, 1200 42nd St S, Grand Forks, ND

Cost: \$40 if registered by March 27, \$50 after March 27

Keynote speaker is Joe Bergeson, the third-generation owner of Bergeson Nursery in Fertile, MN. The day includes multiple breakout sessions with local experts presenting a variety of gardening topics.

For more information and to register go to www.ag.ndsu.edu/grandforkscountyextension/horticulture.

Let's Get Growing

Saturday, April 8, 2017

8:00 am - 3:30 pm

Alexandria Technical & Community College

Jefferson and 18th Ave, Alexandria, MN

Cost: \$30 by March 29, \$35 at the door

Don't miss keynote speaker Julie Weisenhorn on *Sustainable Design: 3 Case Studies*.

Breakout sessions offered on trees, backyard apples, raspberries, vegetable gardening, top 10 annuals, vegetables, gardening above ground, cottage garden, clematis, lilies, succulents, container gardening, coleus, herbs, food preservation, native flowers, grasses, backyard chickens, signs of spring, water wisely, and much more.

To register and for more information, go to www3.extension.umn.edu/county/douglas/master-gardeners/article/lets-get-growing-2017.

Spring Gardening Workshop and Salad Supper

Thursday, April 20 (Storm date, April 27)

Breckenridge Elementary School Cafeteria

810 Beede Ave, Breckenridge, MN

5:00 pm: Registration and salad supper

6:00 pm: Keynote presentation

7-9:00 pm: Mini-workshops

Admission: \$15 by April 7, \$20 after April 7

Join beginner and experienced gardeners for an evening of fun and learning. Our keynote presentation will be by Esther E. McGinnis, NDSU Extension Horticulturist. You will learn how to grow and harvest nutritious microgreens. There will also be an opportunity to taste the microgreens and get recipes for using them.

Mini-workshop sessions will include adventures in shade gardening, growing both hardy and tender succulents, the science of soil for gardeners, and more.

Register online at www.breckenridge.k12.mn.us. Follow Community Education / Community Education Classes / Web Store link to choose classes for MasterCard, Visa or Discover payment.

Sponsored by The Pretty Bloomers Garden Club, Breckenridge Community Education, and Richland County Extension.

Ask an Expert

Do you have a gardening question? **Ask an Expert** is a web site where you can get expert answers and help from Cooperative/University staff and volunteers from across the United States. Go to <http://ask.extension.org/ask>.

You can also access this site through the NDSU website: <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/horticulture>. Look for the **Ask an Expert** icon. This is also a good site to view interesting articles on horticulture.