



TWINTOWNS GARDENERS' MARKET

WAHPETON, ND / BRECKENRIDGE, MN

Spring odds and ends

Say what you will about our winters — but they do make us appreciate spring. This newsletter is filled with ways to think spring until it finally arrives.

Field to Fork Webinars

These 11 webinars are free of charge, and will be archived for anyone who cannot view the webinars at the designated time of 2-3:00 p.m.



The first two webinars have already aired, but you can still view them at www.ag.ndsu.edu/fieldtofork/webinars. Handouts, including a list of recommended vegetable cultivars, can also be found at the same site.

Feb. 14: Great Seeds and Where to Buy Them

Feb. 21: Tomatoes, Peppers and Cucumbers: A Snapshot of NDSU's High-tunnel Research Project

Mar. 7: Gardening in Small Places

Mar. 14: The Health Benefits of Gardening

Mar. 21: Developing and Selling Food Products That are Safe and Tasty

Mar. 28 : Weed Management and Soil Fertility for Organic Vegetable Production

Apr. 4: North Dakota Cottage Food Law

Apr. 11: Pesticide Safety: Minimizing Exposure

Apr. 25: Using Scarce Resources: Square Foot Gardening and Raised Beds

To receive information on how to view these webinars, register at www.ag.ndsu.edu/fieldtofork.

Spring Fever Garden Forums

NDSU is offering a free series of forums to help you care for your yard and garden.



Live presentations will be delivered to Extension offices across the state, including Richland County, on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm. Free samples of bulbs and seeds will be provided at Extension offices.

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 or register online at <https://tinyurl.com/SpringFeverForums2018>.

You may also participate online at home by registering at www.ag.ndsu.edu/springfever.

Mar. 19: Fruits and Vegetables

Black Currants: Once A Forbidden Fruit
Starting Seeds Indoors
Controlling Weeds Without Chemicals

Mar. 26: Gardens

What's New in the Display Gardens
Horticulture as Therapy
Growing Ornamental Grasses

Apr. 2: Trees

Small Statured Ornamental Trees
Elms for North Dakota
Tough Trees for Tough Sites

Apr. 9: Special Topics

Invasive Insects to Watch Out For
Preventing Diseases in Your Yard
Research on High-Value Crops

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East Otter Tail County Horticulture Day

Saturday, March 17, 2018
Prairie Wind Middle School
480 Coney Street, Perham, MN
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
\$30 includes 5 sessions and lunch
No preregistration

For a complete list of sessions go to <https://www.co.otter-tail.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/10823>.

New this year are optional make and take sessions. These sessions are first-come first-served and are an additional \$5.00. Pre-register for one of these sessions when you register for the workshop.

Also new this year are Youth Sessions for grades 1-6. **Pre-register for youth sessions by March 1.** Call 218.385.5420 or email klwulf@umn.edu.

Sponsored by East Otter Tail County Master Gardeners and Lady Slipper Garden Club.

West Otter Tail County Garden Day

Saturday, March 24, 2018
Kennedy Secondary School
601 Randolph Ave, Fergus Falls, MN
7:30 am - 4:00 pm
\$30 includes morning snack, lunch, classes and marketplace
No preregistration

Keynote Speaker: Stan Tekiela is a naturalist, author and wildlife photographer with a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural History from the University of Minnesota.

Detailed information will be available mid-March under **Notices** at www.co.ottertail.mn.us/extension.

Gardening Saturday Ready, Set, Grow

Saturday, April 14, 2018
8:00 am - 4:15 pm
Alerus Center, 1200 42nd St S, Grand Forks, ND
Cost: \$45 if registered by March 28, \$55 after March 28

Featuring: Dr. John Ball, Professor of Forestry at South Dakota State University, and Forestry Extension Specialist. Go to www.gardeningsaturday.info for a list of sessions.

Call NDSU Extension Service/Grand Forks County at 701.780.8229 or log on to www.gardeningsaturday.info to register online or obtain a registration form.

Spring Gardening Workshop and Salad Supper

Thursday, April 19 (Storm date, April 26)
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 6, \$20 after April 6

Join beginner and experienced gardeners for an evening of fun and learning. Our keynote presentation will be Seasonal Containers, Secrets of the Professionals by Phaidra Yunker, Custom Container Design Manager at Baker Garden and Gift in Fargo.

Mini-workshop sessions will include What's New; Trendy and Healthy Houseplants; Pests—Bug Off; and Fruits for Our Area.

Register online at www.breckenridge.k12.mn.us. Follow Webstore/Community Education link to choose classes for MasterCard, Visa or Discover payment. Or register at Breckenridge Community Education, 810 Beede Ave, Breckenridge, or call 218.643.6822.

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

The Dirt Newsletter

This newsletter is designed, edited, and distributed by NDSU Extension Master Gardeners. To read back issues containing information on a wide range of gardening topics, go to www.ag.ndsu.edu/mastergardener/TheDirt.

As long as you are on this site, check out some of the other resources listed on the left. Some of the links are only for current master gardeners, but most of them are open to everyone.

You might be interested in two recent publications listed under **Certified NDSU Extension Pollinator Garden Resources**: [Butterfly Gardening in North Dakota](#) and [Beautiful Landscapes: Building a Pollinator Garden](#).

NDSU Extension Publications

NDSU Extension has hundreds of research-based publications on their website at www.ag.ndsu.edu/publications.

I often find myself going to the **Food & Nutrition** section for recipes — especially canning recipes. Canning recommendations have changed over the years, and I am confident that these recipes reflect the latest available research.