



Bismarck Event Center

Lots of Vendors

Free Admission!

Seminars on Friday, April 21

3:30 PM

What is Wrong with My Tree?

Room 101 (Upstairs)

Beth Hill, Educator, ND Forest Service

Trees have a number of enemies including wind, lightning, snow, diseases, pests and humans. We will discuss common tree ailments and what they mean for the health of your tree.

Xeriscaping

Room 102 (Upstairs)

Tyler Kralicek, Agriculture Agent, NDSU

We have faced drought the last two summers. Xeriscaping provides opportunities to reduce your water bills while adding beauty to your home landscape.

4:30 PM

Common Garden Weeds

Room 101 (Upstairs)

Monica Fitterer, Agriculture Agent, NDSU

Come learn about some of the most common garden weeds. You will learn how to identify those troublesome plants by leaf shape, flowers and other characteristics.

Seed Saving

Room 102 (Upstairs)

Brandy Varty, Master Gardener Intern, NDSU

Learn the best ways to save your own seeds. We will show you different methods of saving seeds depending on the crop, and you will learn how to store your seeds, too.

5:30 PM

Growing Tomatoes and Peppers in ND

Room 101 (Upstairs)

Tom Kalb, Horticulturist, NDSU

Learn how to grow bumper crops of these delicious vegetables. We'll discuss selecting varieties, fertilizing, mulching, trellising, pruning, watering and controlling pests.

Bug Off

Room 102 (Upstairs)

Rick Schmidt, Agriculture Agent, NDSU

Over 70% of insects are beneficial and many serve as pollinators for our garden and flower beds. We will discuss which bugs are good and which we should get rid of.

6:30 PM

Emerald Ash Borer is Getting Closer

Room 101 (Upstairs)

Joe Zeleznik, Extension Forester, NDSU

Emerald ash borer was discovered in Moorhead in February. What can we expect in ND in the next year, two years, or 10 years? We'll discuss the implications of the find.

No-Dig Potatoes

Room 102 (Upstairs)

Jaden Deckert, Urban Conservationist, Burleigh SCD

Come and learn about no-dig potatoes, a different way to grow potatoes that eliminates digging, reduces weeding and increases the soil health within your garden.

7:15 PM

Growing a Victory Garden in 2023

Room 101 (Upstairs)

Tom Kalb, Horticulturist, NDSU

One hundred years ago, Bismarck had some of the greatest Victory Gardens in the nation. We'll discuss new varieties and techniques that will lead to your highest yields ever.

Container Gardening

Room 102 (Upstairs)

Kelsey Deckert, Horticulture Agent, NDSU

Container gardening is something that any gardener of any age or experience can do! Learn the benefits of container gardening along with the basics of how to do it.

Seminars on Saturday, April 22

10:00 AM

Art in the Garden

Room 101 (Upstairs)

Esther McGinnis, Horticulturist, NDSU

The addition of statuary, sculptures and other art objects can take your garden to the next level. We'll look at formal gardens and DIY projects.

Take Time for Tea

Room 102 (Upstairs)

Courtney Hoikkala, FCW Agent, NDSU

Sharing a cup of tea with a friend can be good for emotional and physical health. It warms you and adds health promoting substances to your diet.

11:00 AM

The Healing Power of Gardens and their Inhabitants

Room 101 (Upstairs)

Sarah Bedgar, Agriculture Agent, NDSU

There is a healing power in the process of witnessing the miracle of seeds growing into plants. Hear inspiring ideas and heart-warming stories.

Scan Your Face for Sun Spots

Room 102 (Upstairs)

Shaundra Ziemann-Bolinske, Family and Consumer Wellness Agent, NDSU

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the US. We'll start with a talk on awareness and prevention, followed by individual 3-minute scans.

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Spring Shrub Pruning

Room 101 (Upstairs)

Kevin Hollatz, Legacy Landscaping

Now is the best time to prune most shrubs. We'll cover dozens of before-and-after photos and tips to help you prune your shrubs like a professional.

How to Plant Bare-Root Trees

Room 102 (Upstairs)

Tom Meier, Owner, Tree Rows 4 U

Get your hands dirty with a hands-on activity of planting small, bare-root trees into containers. Then you may take your tree home with you.

1:00 PM

Companion Planting

Room 101 (Upstairs)

Sophia Asbury, Master Gardener, NDSU

Native traditions and old wives' tales often have seeds of truth. Learn how companion planting can help with pests, weeds, water and soil health.

Composting: Break It Down

Room 102 (Upstairs)

Emily How, Horticulture Agent, NDSU

What are vermiculture and hot compost? Why is compost important? We'll answer those questions and show you how to start composting!

2:00 PM

Spring Lawn Care Tips

Room 101 (Upstairs)

Kelsey Deckert, Horticulture Agent, NDSU

We'll discuss everything to help your lawn green up and be healthy this year. Learn how to properly mow, fertilize, irrigate, and control weeds.

Hydrangeas and Roses

Room 102 (Upstairs)

Marcy Pflieger, Designer, Plant Perfect

Discover new varieties with compact growth, long-season bloom and minimal care. Learn how to make these shrubs a showcase for your yard.

Speakers

Sophia Asbury

NDSU Extension Master Gardener and an Archaeologist at Bismarck State College.

Sarah Bedgar

NDSU Extension Agent in Agriculture and 4-H Program Leader for McLean County.

Jaden Deckert

Urban Conservationist with Burleigh County Soil Conservation District.

Kelsey Deckert

NDSU Extension Horticulture Agent in Burleigh and Morton Counties.

Monica Fitterer

NDSU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent in Kidder County.

Beth Hill

Outreach and Education Manager for the North Dakota Forest Service.

Courtney Hoikkala

NDSU Extension Family and Community Wellness Agent in Morton County.

Kevin Hollatz

Landscaper and horticulturist for Legacy Landscaping in Bismarck/Mandan.

Emily How

NDSU Extension Horticulture Agent in Ward County.

Tom Kalb

Horticulture educator and Director of the ND Junior Master Gardener Program.

Tyler Kralicek

NDSU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent in Burleigh County.

Esther McGinnis

Horticulture educator and Director of the ND Master Gardener Program.

Tom Meier

Owner of Tree Rows 4 U, a landscape design and tree planting company in Bismarck/Mandan.

Marcy Pflieger

Designer, consultant and presenter for Plant Perfect in Bismarck.

Rick Schmidt

NDSU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent in Oliver County.

Brandy Varty

Master Gardener Intern for NDSU Extension and an avid gardener.

Joe Zeleznik

NDSU Extension Forester. Leads the NDSU Forestry Program.

Shaundra Ziemann-Bolinske

NDSU Extension Family and Community Wellness Agent in Burleigh County.

This schedule is subject to minor changes.