#### **Training Sites**

Gardeners may attend the forums at a participating Extension office.
Educators will be there to share educational materials and expertise.

A list of training sites is available at our website, which is listed below.

Registration may be required by a local Extension office. Registration may be done at our website or via phone to your local Extension office.

## Online Opportunities

You can join us online at home. Go to our website and register for online participation. We will send you a link to the forums.

Handouts will be posted on the Spring Fever website by 1:00 PM on the date of each forum.

Presentations will be recorded and later posted online.

#### **Our Website**

https://www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/extension/spring-fever-garden-forums/.

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# Spring Fever Garden Forums 2023

North Dakota State University is offering a series of forums to help you care for your yard and garden.

Live presentations from NDSU will be delivered on the internet. Viewers can ask questions to the speakers. All sessions are free and recorded for future viewing.

Viewers can participate at home or at selected Extension offices across the state. See the back panel of this brochure for details.

All forums run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. CDT. Registration is requested. Please register at https://www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/extension/spring-fever-garden-forums/.

# March 20 **Vegetables and Soil**

## **How to Grow Mouthwatering Melons**Don Kinzler, Horticulture Educator

Imagine sweet, crisp watermelons or tasty muskmelons on a hot summer's day, fresh from the garden. We'll cover the key tips for success.

## Nitrogen in Your Garden Carrie Knutson. Horticulture Educator

Learn how nitrogen cycles in your soil to help you sustainably manage your garden.

#### The Dirt on Soil: Why Soil Structure is Important for Happy Plants Emily How, Horticulture Educator

Discover the differences between potting soil, potting mix and garden soil.

#### March 27

#### **Flowers and Fruits**

## Making a Monarch Conservation Garden

April Johnson, Extension Pollinator Technician Learn how to design a garden that will attract and support monarch butterflies.

#### **Hardy Pears at CREC**

#### Kathy Wiederholt, Fruit Project Manager

Pears are vigorous trees but not always hardy. Find out what's happening in Carrington.

#### **Growing Apples in North Dakota** Tom Kalb, Horticulture Educator

We'll discuss how to grow apples in the backyard: planting, pruning and more.

# April 3 **Biology and Technology**

### Monarchs in My Gardens Jan Knodel, Extension Entomologist

We'll discuss how to participate in a project on monitoring monarchs in your gardens.

## **Technological Advances in Plant ID Esther McGinnis, Extension Horticulturist**

Plant identification apps are available that are fairly accurate. Learn how to use these apps.

#### Sprayable Biodegradable Mulches Greta Gramig, Associate Professor

Plastic mulches are used to suppress weeds, but their disposal is costly. Learn about this new environment-friendly technology.



## **Container Gardening**Kelsey Deckert, Horticulture Educator

Container gardening is something that any gardener of any age or experience can do. We will share tips on how to be successful.

#### A Tight Fit: Adding Edible and Other Space-Saving Landscape Plants Todd West, Professor

We'll explore outstanding trees and shrubs that provide food and/or beauty in small spaces of home landscapes.

## **Environmental Stresses on Trees**Joe Zeleznik, Extension Forester

A number of stresses are showing up. We'll discuss some of the recent symptoms and offer suggestions on how to manage these issues.

#### **More Information**

Go to https://www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/extension/spring-fever-garden-forums/.