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- Esther McGinnis, Associate Professor and Horticulturist, NDSU
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- Byron Chaves, Assistant Professor and Extension Food Safety Specialist, University of Nebraska - Lincoln

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How to Create Beautiful Flowerbeds and Landscapes Good Enough to Eat

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Let's explore
the world of
edible
landscaping



Most people would like 2 things from home yard

Pleasant
Appearance





Also
produce food –
fruits and
vegetables



This can require space



How are we going to do this with today's smaller home lot size?



Mesh two
concepts:

(1) Beautiful
landscaping

(2) Include
fruits/veggies



“Edible
Landscaping”
yields food while
keeping the yard’s
aesthetics



Many plants are
double duty – both
ornamental and
edible



Mix in Plants without compromising beauty – Have your yard and eat it too



Feed the family – people are more engaged



Start
planning
now in
winter



Hardest part – planning without totally dismantling landscape



Where do you find space to add edibles?

- Fill open spaces



- Replace flowers with colorful edibles



- Replace dead or scraggly shrubs with edibles



- Backyard corner triangles are often unused



- A too enthusiastic gardener might incorporate design principles ...



Where to begin creating a well-designed edible landscape

- Follow design principles



1. Use strong lines

- Stepping stones draw eye along
- Clean edges of small lawn
- Curved lines



2. Structures give structure

- Gates
- Fences
- Trellises
- Arbors
- grow vertically



- Create privacy

Grow fruit on fence or trellis



- Hedges



3. Use contrasting foliage color and size



4. Add charm with flowers



5. Think color



6. Pots and planters make things pop





7. Unity: unified groups, repeat plants to create order





8. Create a focal point emphasis







9. Add extras



10. Small lawn sections



How to incorporate Vegetables



Pots and planters









Utilize the beauty of herbs



Swiss Chard in
flowerbed



Cabbage
in a
flowerbed



Lettuce for
a flowerbed
border













Edible flowers



How to incorporate fruits



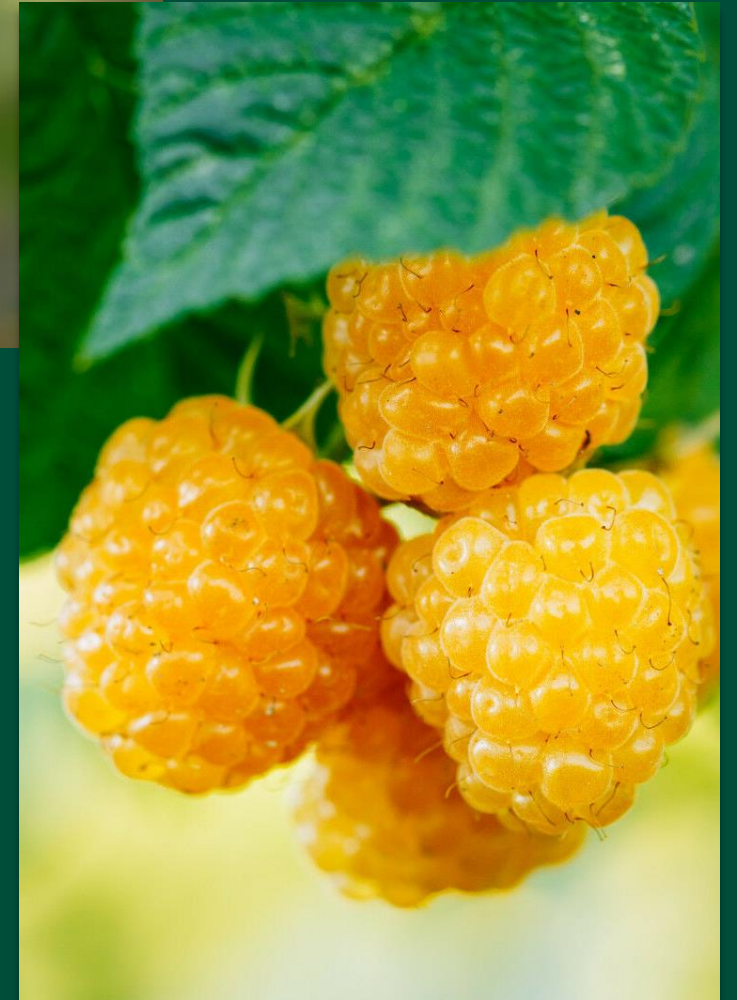
Strawberries

- Edge of perennial bed
- Between shrubs
- Groundcover



Raspberries

- Informal hedge
- Landscape shrub grouping
- Perennial bed



Honeyberry

- Also called Haskap
- Member of the Honeysuckle Family
- Hedge, landscape shrub



Aronia



Perfect
landscape shrub

Currants and Gooseberries



Landscape shrubs, hedge
3-4 feet in height

Highbush Cranberry Viburnum

Large Shrub

Hedge, landscape
feature



Elderberry

- Large shrub – 6 feet high
- Screening, divider



Juneberry

- AKA Saskatoon, Serviceberry
- Large shrub/small tree
- “Blueberry of the North”
- Screening, privacy



Chokecherry

- Very large shrub or small tree
- Great ornamental or screening tree



Canada Red Cherry, AKA
Schubert Chokecherry

Cherries



Plum

Small ornamental or
screening tree



Apple

- Ornamental
- Screening and privacy





Ready...Set...Grow!





Thank you!

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