

## 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

Go to [ndsu.ag/springfever26](http://ndsu.ag/springfever26)

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Requests for accommodations related to disability may be made to Tom Kalb at 701-877-2585 or [tom.kalb@ndsu.edu](mailto:tom.kalb@ndsu.edu) at least two weeks in advance of the event.

# Spring Fever

## Garden Forums

Monday Nights  
March 23 and 30  
April 6 and 13  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. CDT



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## Garden Forums 2026



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 [ndsu.ag/springfever26](https://ndsu.ag/springfever26)

### March 23

#### Flowers, Lawns and Soil

##### **Hot New Annual Flowers Plus Old Favorites**

**Don Kinzler, Horticulture Educator**

We will describe hot new annuals perfect for flowerbeds and containers, plus old reliable types that deserve a spot on everyone's must-plant list.

##### **Lawn Fertilization**

**Alan Zuk, Turf Specialist**

Learn how to develop a fertilization program for your lawn. Fertilizer timing, fertilizer products and simple calculations will be presented.

##### **Soil Testing Made Simple**

**Carrie Knutson, Horticulture Educator**

Explore the basics of soil testing, including sampling methods, timing and equipment. We will cover local laboratories and how to use the results.

### March 30

#### Gardens

##### **Are Low Tunnels for Me?**

**Harlene Hatterman-Valenti, Professor**

Learn the benefits, limitations and economic costs of these season-extending shelters.

##### **Pesticides, Labels and Safety, Oh My!**

**Kelly Leo, Ag and Natural Resource Educator**

We will cover the different types of pesticides, including organic types, followed by a discussion on how to use them effectively.

##### **The Best Tasting Vegetable Varieties**

**Tom Kalb, Extension Horticulturist**

A team of over 1,000 gardeners have grown and identified the best tasting varieties for ND.

### April 6

#### Trees and Shrubs

##### **Native Trees and Shrubs for ND**

**Todd West, Professor**

We will highlight key native species and their benefits to your landscape and environment.

##### **Ornamental Shrub Pruning**

**Esther McGinnis, Extension Horticulturist**

Pruning does not have to be scary! Learn the methods and timing for pruning common shrubs.

##### **The Old Year Passes, A New One Begins**

**Joe Zeleznik, Extension Forester**

From insects to fungi to challenging weather, we will look back at common tree pests of 2025 and look forward to what we may expect in 2026.

### April 13

#### Special Topics

##### **Garden Heroes: Beneficial Insects**

**Jan Knodel, Extension Entomologist**

We'll highlight beneficial insects that naturally control garden pests. Learn how to identify and support these allies in your garden.

##### **Be Water-wise**

**Emily How, Horticulture Educator**

This is a landscape design focused on building functional gardens with minimal water usage. Learn how to create an environmentally savvy, low-maintenance landscape that looks great.

##### **Growing Succulents**

**Kelsey Deckert, Horticulture Educator**

Do you worry that you don't have a green thumb? We will teach you how to grow fool-proof succulents.

### More Information

Go to [ndsu.ag/springfever26](https://ndsu.ag/springfever26)