

**Gardening with the Masters  
2025 Spring Event Schedule  
Saturday, March 22, 2025**

8:30 - 9:00    **Registration**

9:00 – 10:00    **Session 1 – 50 Ways to Make Us All Better Gardeners**

*presented by Don Kinzler, Keynote Speaker, NDSU Extension Horticulture Agent for Cass County*

10:00 - 10:30    **Break, Breakout Sessions**

10:30 - 11:30    **Session 2 – Balancing Bugs and Blooms: Tips for Managing Insects and Enjoying Your Garden**

*presented by Amanda Bachmann, PhD, SDSU Extension Urban Entomology Field Specialist*

11:30 – 12:30    **Lunch, Breakout Sessions**

12:30 – 1:30    **Session 3 – How to Create Beautiful Flowerbeds and Landscapes Good Enough to Eat**

*presented by Don Kinzler, NDSU Extension Horticulture Agent for Cass County*

1:30 – 2:00    **Break, Informational Talks**

2:00 – 3:00    **Session 4 – Getting Started with Regenerative Gardening: The Basics of Composting**

*presented by Chris Goldade, Soil Health Technician, South Dakota Soil Health Coalition*

3:00            **Optional Tour of Southeast Technical College Horticulture Dept & Greenhouses**

**Breakout Sessions During Lunch & Breaks**

- Cages, Cutters & Coils, Oh My!
- Don't Buy New Geraniums Every Year!
- Growing Your Gardening Knowledge
- Growing Up with Vertical Gardening
- Blueprinting with Plants
- New Plant Varieties for 2025 at McCrory Gardens
- SDSU Horticulture Happenings
- Southeast Technical College Horticulture Happenings

**Informational Tables to Visit During Lunch & Breaks**

- Minnehaha Master Gardeners
  - Becoming an SDSU Extension Master Gardener info
  - Sign up for the “From the Ground Up” newsletter
- Free horticulture books, magazines, publications
- South Dakota Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.
- SDSU Native Plant Initiative
- South Dakota Soil Health Coalition
- South Dakota SARE (Sustainable Agriculture & Research Education)