

2026 Spring Event Table Talks Sessions

Grow It Indoors with a DIY Plant Light Cart

Presented by Cindy Jungman, SDSU Extension Master Gardener

This DIY plant light cart offers the perfect solution for small areas! Utilizing only 2 square feet of floor space, the 3-tier rolling cart equipped with LED lights is perfect for seed starting, cultivating cuttings, or growing an array of plants such as herbs, succulents, and houseplants! Get the details on building your own!

Exploring the Beautiful World of Hydrangeas

Presented by Amy Kirk, SDSU Extension Master Gardener

Dive into the diverse and vibrant world of hydrangeas, exploring the key varieties and their unique characteristics. You will learn about the different flower shapes, colors, and growing conditions that make each type of hydrangea special.

Native Plants for Bird Habitat in South Dakota

Presented by Robin Buterbaugh, SDSU Extension Field Specialist

To have abundant backyard birds, waterfowl, and other species, we need to have appropriate habitat to support them. Native plants play an important role in providing this bird habitat. In this presentation you'll learn about native plants for different habitat regions in South Dakota and receive plant recommendations and tips to improve bird habitat on your property.

Growing Together — The Teaching Garden

Presented by Michelle Spader & Brenda Loftness, SDSU Extension Master Gardeners

The Minnehaha Master Gardener Teaching Garden has been growing for two years now. This year's highlights include: strawbale gardening, early spring solar row cover, bacterial spot disease, swallowtail caterpillars and more. A Food Forest area is being developed. Monthly MMG guided tours will help you learn, compare, and plan a garden with confidence.

SDSU Horticulture Happenings

Visit with SDSU students about their interesting horticulture projects and activities.

Horticultural Technology at Southeast Technical College

Come chat with the Horticulture Technology students from Southeast Technical College! They are eager to educate you on all the fun activities, projects, and other happenings going on with their program. The students are busy prepping the greenhouse for the annual plant sale coming up at the end of the semester. Exciting things are happening at STC!

Information Tables During Lunch & Breaks

- [Minnehaha Master Gardeners](#)
 - [Become an SDSU Master Gardener](#)

- [Sign up for “From the Ground Up” newsletter](#)
- [Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum](#)
- [SDSU Native Plant Initiative](#)
- [South Dakota Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.](#)
- [Pasque Hill on Beaver Creek](#)
- [McCrary Gardens](#)
- [SARE - Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education](#)
- Free Horticulture Books, Magazines, Publications