NDSU Extension Master Gardener Program accepting applicants through Nov. 1

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If you love gardening and want to make your community a better place, consider becoming a North Dakota State University Extension Master Gardener. Convenient online training starts in 2025, offering a great learning experience for adults.

The Extension
Master Gardener
Program is a national
volunteer service
organization that
works in cooperation
with land-grant
universities. The
program trains and
empowers volunteers
to teach others how

to garden, to conserve natural resources such as pollinators, to beautify communities and to fight food insecurity.

NDSU Extension is now accepting applications for the 2025 Extension Master Gardener Core Course. Accepted applicants will take a 40-hour horticultural training course designed to provide participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to complete volunteer projects. Weekly classes will be held from January 24 to April 4, 2025.

Course topics include vegetable and

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fruit production, soil health, composting, plant diseases and insects, annual and perennial flowers, tree selection and maintenance, landscape design, houseplants and lawn maintenance. NDSU faculty and Extension personnel teach the classes.

"The ten-week training is designed to be flexible for both working individuals and for those wintering in other states," says Esther McGinnis, NDSU Extension horticulturist and Extension Master Gardener director. "Students from

around the state can participate from their computers in the live Friday morning classes. Alternatively, students can watch the recorded lectures at their convenience. Students near Fargo have the option to be present in the NDSU campus classroom."

Once participants complete the 40-hour training, they are known as Extension Master Gardener interns. They must volunteer 48 hours of time during a two-year period on horticultural projects in cooperation with NDSU Extension. After that, they will be certified Extension

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Master Gardener volunteers.

Potential volunteer projects include answering gardening questions, organizing horticultural workshops and tours, teaching children to garden, growing fresh produce for food pantries, designing and maintaining pollinator gardens, and conducting citizen science projects.

The program fee (\$225) for the 2025 class remains the same as 2024 to make the class more accessible to individuals. A non-volunteer option which leads to a Pro-Horticulture certificate

HETTINGER COUNTY

Twenty-six North
Dakota counties
will be accepting a
limited number of
Extension Master
Gardener applications.
The process will be
more competitive in

is available for \$450.

Application forms and a list of counties that are accepting applications are available at ndsu.ag/ mastergardener25.

urban counties. The

Nov. 1 at noon.

application deadline is

For more information, contact your NDSU Extension county office at ndsu. ag/countyoffice or McGinnis at esther. mcginnis@ndsu.edu.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

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Notice is given that on Tuesday, November 5th, 2024, at the polling places of the Enchanted Castle in Regent, the Memorial Hall in New England and the Mott Armory in Mott, an election will be held for the election for Presidential, Congressional, State, Legislative, County Offices, and Constitutional, Initiated and County Measures, which election will be opened at 9:00 a.m. and will continue to be open until 7:00 p.m. of that day. The arrangement of candidate names appearing on ballots in your precinct may vary from the published sample ballot, depending upon the precinct and legislative district in which you reside. Jeri Schmidt, County Auditor

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	Democratic-NPL Party E. Jane Sinner	NO-PARTY BALLOT	Constitutional Measure No. 1
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	Republican Party Seff Magrum Rick Becker	you must darken the oval () next to the name of that candidate.	2023 Session Laws, Ch. 597)
0		To vote for a person whose name is not	This constitutional measure would amend
_		printed on the ballot, you must darken the oval () next to the blank line provided	and reenact sections 12 and 13 of article IX of the Constitution of North Dakota,
V	United States Senator ote for no more than ONE name	and write that person's name on the blank	relating to the replacement of outdated terminology describing public institutions
	Kevin Cramer	Superintendent of Public	the state. The amended sections are summarized as follows: the "school for the
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0	Democratic-NPL Party	Vote for no more than ONE name	changed to the "school for the deaf and hard of hearing"; a "state hospital for the
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	epresentative in Congress	○ Kirsten Baesler	an "institution for the feebleminded" is
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MEASURES BALLOT Initiated Constitutional Measure No. 4 County Measure No. 1 Vote by darkening the oval (●) next to the word "YES" or "NO" following the explanation of each measure. This initiated measure would amend sections 1, 14, 15, and 16 and repeal Shall the Board of County Commissioners of Hettinger County be authorized to sections 4, 5, 7, 9 and 10 of article X of the assess up to four (4) mills for county agent North Dakota Constitution. It would prohibit political subdivisions from levying any tax on the assessed value of real or extension services for a period not to exceed ten (10) years in accordance with Sections 57-15-06.7(2) and 11-38-01 of the North Dakota Century Code? Constitutional Measure No. 2 (Senate Concurrent Resolution 4013, 2023 Session Laws, Ch. 598) personal property, except for the paymen of bonded indebtedness incurred through a certain date, and would require the state to This constitutional measure would amend provide replacement payments to political subdivisions of no less than the current rea property tax levies. It would limit the debt of Yes - Means you approve the measure Dakota, relating to initiated constitutional amendments. The proposed amendments would require both constitutional and a political subdivision to an amount not to exceed two and one-half percent of the full and true value of the real property in the political subdivision; however, by a vote, an incorporated city could increase its indebtedness to four percent and a school non-constitutional initiated measures to be limited to one subject as determined by the Secretary of State, who may not approve the initiated petition if it comprises more district could increase its indebtedness to than one subject; require that measure sponsors be qualified electors; require that five percent. It would allow an incorporated city to become indebted in an amount not exceeding two percent of its full and true value for water and sewer projects. It would require a political subdivision only qualified electors may circulate a petition; require petition signers to provide a complete residential address; and increase the number of signatures required to place a constitutional initiated measure incurring indebtedness to provide for annual revenues to pay the debt paym on the ballot from four percent to five percent of the North Dakota resident population. Additionally, the proposed when due and would prohibit a political subdivision from issuing general obligation bonds secured with tax levied on the amendments would require that assessed value of property. constitutional initiated measures approved by the Secretary of State be voted upon by the voters at the next primary election and if approved by a majority of the voters, voted upon at the general election immediately following the primary election; The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is \$3.15 billion i biennial expenditures to beginning in the 2025-20 if the measure fails at either the primary of general election, the measure is deemed failed. ans you ap The estimated fiscal impact of this O Yes - Means you approve the measure O No - Means you reject the measure Constitutional Measure No. 3 individuals who are 21 years (House Concurrent Resolu older: direct a state entity to regulate and register adult use cannabis production businesses, dispensaries, and their agents; provide protections for individuals who are 21 years of age or This constitutional measure would amend and reenact section 26 of article X of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to spending and transfers from the legacy fund. The measure intends to decrease the amount of principal available for spending each biennium and clarify the distributions from the legacy fund. The proposed amendments would require transfers and earnings according prior to July 1, 2017 to be deemed as the principal of the legacy fund, reduce the amount of the principal of the legacy fund available to be expended older who use cannabis; provide penalties for violations of the chapter: preserve certain employer rights regarding use of cannabis products by employees; supersede local ordinances that otherwise would prohibit the purchase, sale, use delivery, or growing of cannabis by or to individuals 21 years of age or older; and provide that fees must be appropriated for fund, reduce the amount of the principal of the legacy fund available to be expended the legacy fund available to be expended. during a biennium from fifteen percent to five percent, require the state investment board to invest the moneys in the legacy fund, not limited to the principal; and on The estimated fiscal impact of this measure includes revenues of \$10,227,600, expenses of \$8,324,275, and an undetermined amount of additional costs associated with behavioral health July first of odd-numbered years, require the state treasurer to make a distribution of and social impacts for the 2025-2027 the legacy fund earnings into a legacy earnings fund. The estimated fiscal impact of this Yes - Means you approve the measure measure is none. Yes - Means you approve the measure No - Means you reject the measure as O No - Means you reject the measure as **VOTE BOTH SIDES** summarized above Typ:01 Seq:0001 Spl:01 ------