

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.

The Extension Master Gardener Program is a national volunteer service organization that works in cooperation with land-grant universities.

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.

Course topics include vegetable and

fruit production, soil health, composting, plant diseases and insects, annual and perennial flowers, tree selection and maintenance, landscape design, houseplants and lawn maintenance.

"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.

around the state can participate from their computers in the live Friday morning classes. Alternatively, students can watch the recorded lectures at their convenience.

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.

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

is available for \$450.

Twenty-six North Dakota counties will be accepting a limited number of Extension Master Gardener applications. The process will be more competitive in urban counties. The application deadline is Nov. 1 at noon.

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

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

NOTICE OF ELECTION

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.

Jeri Schmidt, County Auditor

GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT NOVEMBER 5, 2024. Includes sections for Party Ballot (President & Vice-President, Presidential Electors, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, Governor and Lt. Governor, State Auditor) and No-Party Ballot (Superintendent of Public Instruction, Judge of the District Court No. 1, Judge of the District Court No. 3, County Commissioner District 1, County Commissioner District 3).

MEASURES BALLOT. Includes sections for Constitutional Measure No. 2, Constitutional Measure No. 3, and Initiated Constitutional Measure No. 4. Each measure includes a description and options to 'Yes' or 'No'.

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