

County Agent News  
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### Spring Fever

I've gone and done it again! After writing about gardening issues the past several weeks and thinking about the timing for starting transplants, I sat down to order a few packets of seed. Every variety description looked so good! And promised huge crops of super delicious tomatoes, peppers, sweet corn, and other vegetables! I think I now have enough seed ordered for half the gardens in the county! I know I have unused seed carried over from last year too! Some of you know that Kathy and I bought a "to be moved" house in October of 2013. We got the new basement built last summer and hoped to have the house moved so I could be remodeling this winter. Well, we are still waiting on the mover and I think the remodeling is going to seriously interfere with my gardening this spring. I doubt if Kathy will let me postpone the house repairs and remodel till next winter! I might have to offer free produce to anyone who comes help keep the weeds down!

Back to the title of this week's column, the NDSU Extension Service will be holding Spring Fever Gardening Forums the last two weeks of March. I will be hosting these forums at the Burke County Courthouse community room in Bowbells at 6:30 pm on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>; Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>; Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Each forum session will consist of broadcasts by topic experts in Fargo, followed by a chance to ask questions. I will also add comments providing localized information relating to each topic. Each week I discuss an additional topic to finish out the evening.

Broadcast topics include selecting landscape trees, gardening in containers, attracting pollinators, growing fruits and herbs, pruning shrubs and preventing diseases.

Registration is requested. If you cannot make it to Bowbells, you can register to watch the broadcasts on your home computer. Registration may be done by calling the Burke County Extension office at 701-377-2927 or online at [www.ag.ndsu.edu/springfever/](http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/springfever/) (if it fits your schedule you may attend some sessions in Bowbells and watch others at home).

The broadcast topics of the first session on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> will include "The Sweet Side of Honeyberries", "Evergreen Trees for North Dakota", and "Pollinators of North Dakota". I will show some of the simple equipment I use for stating my transplants. On Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, I'll talk about trees available through the Burke Soil Conservation District.

A complete breakdown of broadcast topics by date can also be found at [www.ag.ndsu.edu/springfever/](http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/springfever/)