

Garden Educator Workshop

June 16

BROOKINGS, S.D. - SDSU Extension and Ground Works are hosting a training series begins June 16, 2015 in Sioux Falls for elementary teachers, afterschool programs leaders and others who utilize a garden as part of their educational program.

The 'Growing the 4-Seasons Teaching Garden' workshop provides a series of 2-hour sessions that will feature horticultural information, hands-on demonstrations of relevant lessons for students and food preparation and nutrition activities. Educators can participate in one or all workshops for \$10 per session.

The workshops will be held at the Teaching Garden Demonstration and Training Center at the Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum, (1900 Perry Pl. Sioux Falls).

Pre-registration is required.

Refreshments will be provided. Sessions run from 6 to 8 p.m. (CDT) on the following dates:

June 16

Food safety, good bug-bad bugs-identification & control, a related curriculum lesson, harvest, storage & preparation lesson

July 21

Pest control-managing insects, diseases & weeds, a related curriculum lesson, harvest, storage & preparation lesson

August 18

Season extension & frost protection, cover crops, a related curriculum lesson, harvest, storage & preparation lesson

September 15

Garden clean-up, winter activities, vermicomposting, harvest, storage & preparation lesson

Continuing education units

Continuing education units (CEU's) are available through South Dakota State University. Attendees seeking half a CEU credit must attend multiple classes to complete a total of 5 training hours. The application and certificate payment of \$5 will be collected once contact hours are reached by the participant.

Registration forms are available at the iGrow events page, under the date of the event. Completed registration forms should be emailed to Christina Van Ruler or printed and mailed to SDSU Extension, 2001 E. 8th St., Sioux Falls, SD 57103. [iGrow](http://www.igrow.com)



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Mead On The Move

A Change In Seasons Means A Change In Priorities For The Mead Project

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In roughly three years, you'll be able to visit the Dakota Territorial Museum and the offices of Yankton College in the Mead Building on the campus of the Human Services Center (HSC). In the meantime there's a lot of work to be done with the 106-year-old structure — both inside and out. Mead Building project coordinator Gregg Homstad said a lot has been going on over the last six months.

"Through the winter, we were primarily focused on the central staircase and balcony area, plaster restoration and doing the decorative painting on the ceiling areas," he said. "After that, we started doing work in the upstairs parlors, more plaster restoration, fabricating moldings."

But with the transition from winter to spring and summer, Homstad said the focus has shifted. "That's on hold right now as we transition operations outside for tuck pointing," he said. "While we've got the warm weather, that work we can continue into October and maybe November. That's definitely a window of opportunity we need to take advantage of is exterior work to help with the weatherization of the building."

Additionally, utility work is also set to continue this summer.

"Hopefully we'll have some utility work coming in," he said. "We've got water and sewer that's supposed to happen this summer. We'd like to time that so we can have some running water in the building."

Homstad said once winter rolls around again, they'll return to the plaster work and other interior projects.

Another section of the renovation taking advantage of warmer weather is window installation.

Ben Brunick of Chalkstone Woodworking has been helping build and refurbish windows for the building.

"The last six months, we've restored the sash that are in the east wing," Brunick said. "We worked on that through the winter. We took those sash out, restored them, replaced parts."

He added that they didn't need to make a full replacement of any of the windows.

"I don't think we had any sash windows that we had to completely remake," he said. "We just ended up making parts for the windows. Because the windows aren't glued together, we can take them apart and we can just replace pieces that need to be replaced. The pieces that mainly got replaced are the bottom lower rails of the upper and lower sash — they're the ones that the water comes down, sits on and rots it out. I would say that's probably 85 percent of the parts that were replaced."

He said the goal is to repair as much as possible, rather than replace everything.

"We only try to replace the pieces that are too far gone," he said. "If we can repair them, then we try to repair them."

Brunick said currently they're focused on storm windows and painting.

"We've got some trustee labor that's painting the restored windows for that east wing," he said.

"We've been working on these large windows in the front parlors. We've been pulling those windows out, doing the same restoration process on those windows and making these large storm

windows."

The storm windows are new and being installed on the outside with the original windows on the inside. Brunick said after the lower level windows are complete, they'll move on to the upstairs windows.

While the project has steadily moved along towards its goal for more than two years now, Dakota Territorial Museum director Crystal Nelson said she hasn't seen any drop in support for the project.

"We probably have more momentum now than we ever have," Nelson said. "As we finish different areas of the project, it's made a huge difference. ... Now that we're at a 50 percent funded area, people actually see it happening and that's made a huge difference. I don't feel like we've really lost a lot of momentum, I actually think we have more now than we've ever had because people believe that project is real because it is."

Homstad said they've been taking a number of measures to help keep the project in the conversation with the public.

"We've had a series of open houses," he said. "We have our weekly updates in the paper, occasional 'Morning Coffee' interviews on the radio and trying to get the public out here and more engaged."

Anyone interested in helping with fundraising or wanting more information on the project is encouraged to visit <http://www.meadbuilding.org/>.

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