

### **Bicycle Winner**

Greeting spring with the Easter Bunny was fun at Drummers during our annual egg hunt on March 15. Over 150 kids gathered their eggs and enjoyed goodies. Trinity Bauman won the grand prize taking home a brand new bicycle! The prize drawing also included gifts from donors Pioneer Bank and Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que.

Below please find a list of events we are hosting on Saturdays, April 5 and 12. Please call us to register for the seminars so we will have a seat for you: 507-388-4877 or 800-536-0758.

### **Get Ready to Garden**

For some of you this can be a busy time getting ready for the gardening season. Seed potatoes and onion sets are in and if you can turn your soil plant those now along with other cool-season crops like radish, cabbage, kohlrabi and broccoli. At the same time enjoy some color with frost-tolerant and colorful pansies, snapdragons and other companions.

You can get out and prune your fruit trees and call us for advice about shrub pruning if you have questions. If you're growing fruit get out and spray All Seasons Spray Oil and Lime Sulphur for insect and disease prevention when temps are in the 40s and 50s.

### **Start Creeping Charlie Control**

If creeping charlie and weedy violets are interfering with your lawn you can start using Weed Beater Ultra and Weed Free Zone when temps are above 40.

### **Start Animal Repellant Now**

And lastly, temperatures above freezing means you can get going on your pest repellent actions again. Come see us about new Repels All granular as a solution to squirrels digging and cats "going" where they shouldn't.

### **Get Ready to Garden Seminars Saturdays, April 5 and 12**

**Pansies & Pals** Yes you can have flowers this early! Come in and pot up a pansy bowl with colorful, frost-tolerant companions like dianthus, diascia, nemesia, snapdragons and verbena. There's no need to register. *Drop in anytime from 12pm-3pm both days and take the planter home when you're done.*

### **April 5**

**9:30 am - New Varieties: Trees, Shrubs, Roses & Perennials with Lane Rutherford of Bailey Nurseries** Get the first scoop on these wonderful new plants for the garden and landscape and she's not joking about Ole, Lena and Sven roses! Listen in and try one of these great new plants at home.

**11 am - Herbs for the Kitchen with Chef Gar Olson** Gar always has delicious ideas from his kitchen! He's going to give us the secrets to all the basics like herb butters,

companions and preserving and he'll pop in with a surprise or two. Herbs are great from sauces and teas to the bar. Start a pot or garden full today.

**1 pm - Plant a Million Trees in Mankato with Tom Hagen** Hear the founder of this innovative project tell about where it's going. It will take a few years but imagine areas reforested with lush trees helping to cool the earth, save on fossil fuel use and to help reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Planting starts this spring but there's still lots of planning and work to do.

**3 pm - Water Gardens for Small Spaces with Bryden Jones** Yes you can have the soothing sounds of water and exotic water plants without having a pond! Bryden will show you how to water garden using a variety of materials. That's just the start. Wait until he shows off all the great plants that make these water gardens a joy to have as a companion to your flowering containers.

*Saturday, April 12*

**9:30 am & 1 pm - Care and Feeding of Water Gardens with Mia Keske of Pond Care** Mia's got the answers you need to maintain an pond or pondless waterfall in your landscape. If you've dreamed of adding a water garden this is your chance to learn the basics of water, fish and plant care. Mia will also have tips on operating existing water gardens as well as solutions to challenges.

**11 am - 20 Sustainable Tips with Liza Domeier** One of Drummers experienced gardeners, Liza offers these easy tips to help you make the best of your garden. If you're growing your own food, flowers or trees check this out. She'll explain pest and weed control without the use of chemicals as well as soil enriching techniques that will also help conserve water. Get familiar with our earth friendly and organic products.

**3 pm - Top 10 Crops for Kids with Sarah Malchow** Get your kids hooked on gardening with easy-to-grow plants and fun projects they'll remember for a lifetime. Plus, show them food can come from their own back yard.

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