

Newsletter

Pennington County Extension

June
2010



Upcoming Meetings or Events - 4-H Bldg

July 12, 2010 - 7:00 Ldrs Mtg

Other Important Dates

- June 8-11 TLC Camp
- June 13-15 Teen Camp
- June 15 Shamrock Riders Horse Show
- June 13-19 Performing Arts Camp
- June 16-19 SET Camp
- June 20-26 CWF Focus Trip
- June 21-24 4-H Camp—Penn Co.
- June 22-23 Rangeland Days
- June 25-28 4-H Camp
- June 29-July 2 4-H Camp
- June 30 Pennington County Horse Show
- July 1 State Horse Entries DUE
- July 17 Fashion Revue
- July 20-22 State Horse Show-Huron
- July 23 State Livestock Judging
- Aug 9 Flower Arranging Class
- Aug 19 Achievement Day
- Aug 21 Fashion/Talent Show
- Aug 20-29 Central States Fair
- Aug 27-29 State Rodeo Finals
- Sept 2-6 State Fair
- Oct 3-9 National 4-H Week
- Oct 4-8 Western Junior Lvst Show
- Oct 8-9 Consumer Science Show



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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Payment is required at time of sign up with exact amount

4-H Achievement Day—August 19th. Forms will be available the week of June 7 on line and also at the office.

4-H Campers



The craft at Camp Bob Marshal this year will be tie-dyeing so you may want to send something that could get dye on it to wear the day they have their craft workshop.

FASHION SHOW/TALENT SHOW



This year's Fashion Show theme for the Central States Fair is "4-H Fashion is for Everyone!" Be thinking about what you are going to make that might fit this year's theme or your own wardrobe.

Besides our usual modeling of clothes, we have also decided on trying something new, incorporating dogs into the Fashion Show and Talent Show. For the Fashion Show, some members have shown an interest in modeling clothes or other attire they have made for their dogs. We thought this would be a fun addition to our show. For the Talent Show, if you have any dogs or other pets that can do tricks, we would welcome you to participate in the talent show. Of course, we can't forget about the 4-H member portion of the Talent Show. If you sing, play an instrument, dance, or want to do a skit (or whatever talent you may have), we need you. All talent will need prior approval by the 4-H Office. Please contact the 4-H Office as soon as possible to sign up for the Talent Show so we get an idea of who we will have so we can start planning this event.

Flower Arranging Workshop

When: August 9th; 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Where: 4-H Building

What: Doug Hesnard and Master Gardeners will introduce the basics of flower arranging.

Cost: \$5.00

Bring: one of the following: kitchen shears, pruners or a sharp knife (paring knife, jack knife, etc.)

Class size limited, register early!

Making A Difference

Creating Opportunities for a Lifetime

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Dog Classes & Show

Classes: Dog classes will start Wednesday night, June 2 and continue through July 28 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Show: 4-H Dog Show—July 21 & 28

Location: Walter Taylor Building.

Cost: \$30 per child per 4-H Year (October—September)

Call the office to sign up for the classes. If you have any questions, please contact the Pennington County Extension Office at 394-2188.



2010 4-H rodeo schedule and entries available at <http://sd4hrodeo.org>



Community Service Opportunity

The Pennington County Rodeo is looking for a club or individual to work in the concession stand at the Pennington County Rodeo in Wall on June 19th from noon until 4 or 5:00 p.m. If interested please call Angela at 279-2648 or 381-4630.

Club Fund Raiser Opportunity

Pennington County Rodeo is looking for a club to take gate ticket money at the Pennington County Rodeo June 19th in Wall from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They will receive \$100 for this great club opportunity. Please call Angela at 279-2648 or 381-4630.



BEWARE - RUMMAGE SALE TIME!

For those of you that want to model used clothing for the Fashion Revue, you had better start your rummage sale/used clothing store shopping now. If you haven't tried this project before, it is so much fun!! You learn how to purchase used clothing (i.e. what to look for when buying used clothing, how to repair items, take out stains, learn to match clothing and accessories, realize a good deal, and find out who found the best deal in town, etc.). You will also learn how to model just for the fun of it. WHAT COULD BE MORE FUN! If you need further information, contact the 4-H Office.

Fashion Revue Updates

New this year at State Fair:

A new constructed outfit category called RECYCLED or REMADE. This is a great opportunity for budding designers to create new garments out of old ones. A low cost option in these economic times.

The addition of Selected Outfits. This category

continues the Youth-in-Action emphasis on presentation of self in public but also focuses on the 4-H member's consumer skills in making smart decisions.

New awards:

Total Look

Overall Top Model

Recycled/Remake

Good Buymanship

New First Aid Publication is Available

Check out the new 4-H First Aid Publication and Exhibiting Guidelines found at <http://4h.sdstate.edu>. At the website, click on the 4-H circle, then project list and the Health and First Aid to find the publication.

Shooting Sports Website

There is a new shooting sports website. We encourage everyone in shooting sports to use it. It is: <http://www.rapidnet.com/~4hss>

SD 4-H Leader Association Website-NEW!!

There is a new 4-H Leader Association website. We encourage leaders and parents to use it. It is: <http://www.southdakota4hleaders.com>

You will find information about the camp scholarships and the applications, mini-grant, board of directors, and other announcements. This is a work-in-progress so if there are things you would like to see added, please let your representative, Angela Lytle know at 279-2648.

Community Food Banks of SD invites local gardeners to share their backyard bounty. Most home gardeners and community gardens have more fresh produce than their families and neighbors can consume, and we welcome them to donate their abundance to those who need it most. By sharing fresh fruits and vegetables lovingly grown in the backyard, the community can help nourish their neighbors in need. The harvested fruits and vegetables can be dropped off at the Food Bank located at 814 N. Maple Ave. If you have any questions call Monica Leitheiser, at 348-2689 or e-mail: monica@sdfoodbanks.org

Rabbits and Guinea Pigs Need Good Home

We have 2 rabbits and 2 guinea pigs that we would like to give to a **good home** if anyone in 4-H would like them. Please call 385-5403.



Achievement Day—August 19

ALL Pre-Registration DUE July 10, 2010. Available on line at: <http://www.co.pennington.sd.us/extension/extsvc.html>

This includes all entries including Fashion Revue and Clothing

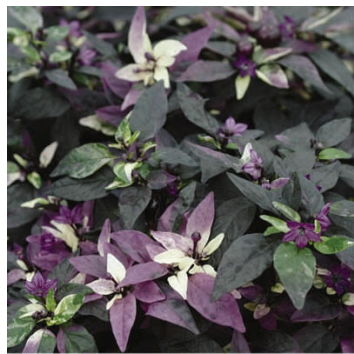
- **LEADERS/FAMILIES:** Achievement Day packets will be ready for pickup on June 7. Each family is responsible for picking up their own information unless arrangements have been made with their leader. It is very important that everyone has a **CURRENT 2010 State Fair Book** because ALL lots have been changed. State Fair Books are available on line at <http://4h.sdstate.edu> or can be purchased at the office for a fee.
- **Achievement Day Judging will be held on Thursday, August 19th, 2010 from 8:00 am. until 12:00 noon in the 4-H Building. Exhibits can be entered from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Judging starts at 8:30 a.m. 4-H'ers are encouraged to participate in the interview judging process.**
- **All youth must pre-register their exhibits on or before July 10, 2010. Link for static exhibits, dog and small animals. [Static Form](#) [Dog Form](#) [Small Animals](#)**

Entries can be faxed by 5:00 p.m. or postmarked by July 10, 2010. A late fee of \$5.00 will be assessed per 4-H'er. Absolutely NO LATE entries after August 6. **Late entries will forfeit their premium money and will not be able to go on to State Fair.**

- **All static exhibits except clothing will be judged on this day, including flowers.**
- **Entry Tags****—We will be printing the front side of the tag and will have all your entry tags ready for you the day of check-in for all the entries that you pre-registered. Entry tags will be generated from our new 4-H Plus program again this year. We will be printing the front side of the tag only — you will need to pick up the back side of the tag and fill each one out for each exhibit. Back entry tags are available at the office or at this link: [Entry Tag](#)
- **Clover Bud Entry Tags – All clover buds will be using a clover bud entry tag instead of the 4-H entry tag. LEADERS, please make sure if you have any clover buds that they use the correct tag. Here is the link: [Clover Bud Entry Tag](#)**
- **LEADERS/CLUBS**—We will need to watch the 4-H Building on August 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28. Please call the office to sign up for a shift.
- **We will need volunteers the day of judging. Please call the office to sign-up.**
- **Livestock Show – The livestock show will be **Saturday, August 14th, 2010 at the Custer County Fair.** More information will be mailed directly to all livestock enrolled 4-H members by July 1.**

****Fashion Revue—July 17** All of the Fashion Revue Forms can be found on this link: <http://www.co.pennington.sd.us/extension/extsvc.html>
Clothing & Fashion Revue Forms

American Garden Award Rick Abrahamson



Ornamental Pepper 'Purple Flash'

Recently, I received an email from All-America Selections announcing "The American Garden Award" for 2010. They are asking for gardeners and professional horticulturists to vote on the plant they think have the most garden appeal. AAS has selected four different plants to choose from. They are hoping gardeners will purchase the plants and vote based on how well the plants do in their area. There are several ways to participate in the voting.



Echinacea 'Purple Splendor'™

Gardeners can vote online at

www.americangardenaward.com, text a code to a phone number, mailing postage

-paid postcards that are available at most garden centers, or by becoming an AAS fan on Facebook. Several public gardens have agreed to display the four plants so that the public can see them in action. The closest gardens to South Dakota are Denver Botanic Garden, Boerner Botanical Gardens, Chicago Botanic Garden, and Chicago Park District gardens. Other sites include Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Garden, Longwood Gardens, Missouri Botanical Garden, and Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City just to name a few. This summer consider visiting a botanical garden while on traveling to see some of these plants.

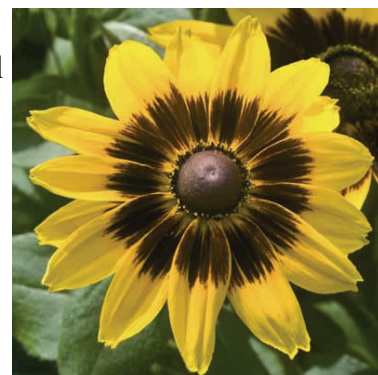
The four plants in the running are: Echinacea 'Purple Splendor'™, Ornamental Pepper 'Purple Flash', Rudbeckia 'Denver Daisy', and Zinnia Profusion 'Knee-High Red'. 'Purple Splendor' is a non-stop blooming coneflower that blooms well into the fall. Adding years of enjoyment to a perennial border and will blend well into a wild garden and will attract butterflies. Flowers are a large 3 inches or more in size and the plant grows 24 inches tall with a spread of 14-16 inches. The ornamental pepper 'Purple Flash' grows to the height of 10-12 inches with a spread of 14-16 inches. This plant boasts leaves that are almost black in color with bright purple flashes with glossy black peppers. Drought tolerant and easy to care for this plant will enhance any mixed container as well as in-ground plantings. 'Denver Daisy' is a summer-long Rudbeckia that stands up to extreme weather. Large 4-6 inch flowers are golden in color with red rings. The plant grows to a height of 18-20 inches and a spread of 12-15 inches. 'Knee-High Red' is a profuse bloomer with red two inch flowers and grows to a height of 16-24 inches with a spread of 12-15 inches. This zinnia will work well in a cottage garden and is very tolerant of cool, wet and hot, humid conditions. The flowers are long-lasting in a cut arrangement and growing is easy as it is perfect for low maintenance and low water gardens.

Voting will continue until August 31st but consider voting today. The AAS website has a graph that illustrates how each plant is doing. While surfing the website be sure to check out all the past All American Selection winners for the past several years.



Zinnia Profusion 'Knee-High Red'

Feel free to call on me if you have any questions about the voting process or any other horticultural issues. I can be reached at 605-394-2188 or via email at ricky.abrahamson@sdstate.edu. Also, be sure to check out our website at <http://www.co.pennington.sd.us/extension/extsvc.html>.



Rudbeckia 'Denver Daisy'

****JUNIOR LEADER****

Due to the busy summer months coming up and everyone having to work on their projects, we will not be holding regularly scheduled monthly meetings again until October. The Junior Leaders will be helping with a couple of OMK (Operation Military Kids) summer camps as well as assisting with the workshop preparing props and decorating for the Fashion Show/Talent Show at the Central States Fair. If anyone is interested in helping out with either the summer camps or the helping at the Fashion Show/Talent Show workshop, please contact the 4-H Office or Cherie at 787-9106. Also, we are looking for someone who might be interested in being a Junior Leader advisor starting the next 4-H year. If you are interested, please contact the 4-H Office.

Operation Military Kids Day Camp July 31 at the 4-H Building from 9am – 4pm. Pennington County Junior Leaders and any 4-H members 12yrs + are encouraged to help host this camp for youth whose parents serve in the armed forces. Call the office if you can help.

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Service Project at Black Hills National Cemetery

On Tuesday, June 22, from 8:45 until about 11:00 our Operation Military Kids will be doing a service project at the Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis, helping to wash the headstones in preparation for the 4th of July. I would like to invite your 4-H club to join us for this special project! It would be spectacular if we had 200 youth working together to honor our military heroes before this special holiday.

Please consider joining us! Arrive at the Cemetery by 8:45 on June 22, wear a 4-H tee shirt, bring a bucket to share with a partner and bring a water bottle and a hat so you don't get over heated.

If you as an individual, family or 4-H club plan to join us, please RSVP to Kathy Reeves at 394-2188 me by June 17th so I can let the cemetery know there will be more of us coming.



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