

# NORTH HAVEN Gardens

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# Every Blooming Thing

MARCH • APRIL • 2010

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All NHG programs are complimentary and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Visit our Events Page at [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com) for added programs.

### ~ MARCH 2010 ~

SAT, MAR 6  
9AM • **Japanese Maple Styling & Care** by John Miller, Dallas Bonsai Society

SAT & SUN, MAR 6 & 7  
**ROSE WEEKEND** Shop the best selection of more than 200 rose varieties! Speak with local Rose Societies and vendors for the best information on rose garden success.



**Open: Sat 7am & Sun 8am** Shop early for great deals, including a **FREE rose plant or bag of Vital Earth Rose Mix for the first 50 people each day!** Enjoy morning coffee and pastries, free rose education and the best selection of roses in town!



**Shop Sat 10am-3pm & Sun 11am-2pm** to sample teas from the wonderful folks at **The Cultured Cup!**

#### SATURDAY PROGRAMS

1PM • **Growing Show Quality Hybrid Tea Roses in Dallas**  
2:30PM • **Roses: Organic Pest Control & Proper Pruning**

#### SUNDAY PROGRAMS

11AM • **EarthKind® Roses**  
1:30PM • **Selecting the Right Rose**

SUN, MAR 6  
2:30PM • **General Orchid Care**  
3PM • **Orchid Photos from Ecuador** by North Texas Orchid Society



WED, MAR 10  
NOON-1PM • **Just Tomatoes** by Leslie Finical Halleck, *growLively* Blog, NHG GM, MS. *Just in time for the arrival of spring tomatoes!* Feel free to bring your lunch or snack to class!

THURS - SAT, MAR 11-13 • 10AM-5PM  
**AFRICAN VIOLET SHOW & SALE**

View amazing African violets, creative ways to display them and shop varieties you won't find anywhere else!

**View the Show:** Fri & Sat 10am-5pm  
**Shop the Sale:** Thurs, Fri, Sat 10am-5pm

#### FRIDAY & SATURDAY PROGRAMS

10AM • **Repotting Demo**  
2PM • **Propagate from Leaf Cuttings**



SUN, MAR 14 1-4PM or  
WED, MAR 17 10am-1PM • **Vegetable Gardening 101** by Leslie Finical Halleck. A comprehensive class on growing vegetables in N. Texas. Register early! \$20 Grow Card Members/\$25 Non Members.

SAT & SUN, MAR 20 & 21  
**SPRING WEEKEND** Learn something new about your garden, shop plant specials and the best plants in town!

SAT, MAR 20 ONLY  
11AM-2PM • **Adopt A Pup**



**FREE 15 MINUTE GARDEN COACH SESSIONS** In-store sign up only. Bring photos of your garden for some personal attention.

#### SATURDAY PROGRAMS

10AM-2PM • **Backyard Chickens for Sale**  
11AM • **Propagation**  
1PM • **Tantalizing Tomatoes**  
3PM • **Maintaining Beautiful Trees**

#### SUNDAY PROGRAMS

1PM • **TBA:** visit [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com)  
2:30PM • **Native & Adapted Plants**

SUN, MAR 28  
3PM • **Growing & Using Culinary Herbs in North Texas** by Arlene Hamilton, Certified Rainwater Harvesting Specialist for Texas. Sponsored by the Dallas Organic Garden Club



### ~ APRIL 2010 ~

SAT, APR 3  
9AM • **Growing Your Collection** by the Dallas Bonsai Society  
11AM • **Bonsai 101** by Diane Lowe & John Miller. Learn the basics of keeping bonsai plants.

SAT, APR 3  
**DAYLILY SALE** • 9AM-NOON  
*Proceeds benefit the Daylily Growers of Dallas*



SAT & SUN, APR 3 & 4  
**EASTER EGG SPECIALS HUNT**  
Hunt for eggs throughout the garden center with **special discounts** attached to each one!  
**Save 10-30% off your entire purchase!**

SAT, APR 10  
10:30-11:30AM • **Urban Chicken Keeping** by Leslie Finical Halleck *growLively* Blog, NHG GM, MS.  
11:30AM-12:30PM • **Chicken Show & Tell** by Christine Hensley. Christine shows us a variety of birds from her flock.

SUN, APR 11  
2:30PM • **General Orchid Care**  
3PM • **Orchid Judging How-to's**  
Non-members can bring in orchids to be judged by an official American Orchid Society judge. We'll explain the judging process and what it takes to have flowers in condition to be likely to be awarded.

SAT, APR 17  
**DAYLILY SALE** • 9AM-NOON  
*Proceeds benefit the Daylily Growers of Dallas*

SUN, APR 18  
**IRIS SHOW** • 9AM-NOON  
*Proceeds benefit the Dallas Iris Society*

THURS, APR 22  
11AM-12:30PM • **Bountiful Backyard Gardens** by Leslie Finical Halleck. Celebrate EarthDay with NHG! Leslie talks about raising chickens, composting, kitchen gardens and more!

SAT & SUN, APRIL 24 & 25  
**SPRING HERB WEEKEND**  
**All 4" herbs on special this weekend only!**  
**Herb Salad Dressing Contest!**

SAT, APR 24 • Enter by Noon! Dressing is made easy & fresh with herbs straight from your garden! Create your own and bring it in to NHG during Herb Weekend for our Herb Salad Dressing Contest. Be creative, have fun!

#### CONTEST PRIZES

1st: \$100 NHG gift card & Snappy Salad gift card  
2nd: \$75 NHG gift card & Snappy Salad gift card  
3rd: \$50 NHG gift card & Snappy Salad gift card

#### SATURDAY PROGRAMS

10:30AM • **Preserving Herbs**  
Oils, vinegars, butters & more!  
1PM • **Landscaping with Herbs**  
2PM • **TBA:** visit [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com)



#### SUNDAY PROGRAMS

1PM • **Drought Tolerant Herbs**  
3PM • **Nature in Photographs** Keith Crabtree shares memorable moments exploring nature that are captured in his photos. Sponsored by the Dallas Organic Garden Club.

*More Herb Weekend programs & details at [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com).*



Cape Daisy

# Our Favorites...

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## Kay's Favorite Spring Color

by Kay Nelson, TCNP, NHG Garden Coach

Spring is a time to refresh! Now is a good time to add flowering plants to last into summer. These are some of my favorite blooms I have in my garden. White and lavender **sweet alyssum** for fragrance and color make a great border. **Cape daisies** (*osteospermum*) come in pinks and purples and love the cool season, plus make a stunning contrast to **perennial dianthus**. **Gerbera daisies** come in mixed colors and love morning sun along with **geraniums 'Maverick' Series**. Have you tried growing **bacopa** or **nemesia**? They provide long lasting color and are great in containers, too! **Lobelia 'Techno Heat'** has spreading, dark or light blue flowers through summer. **Calibrachoa 'Superbells'** are excellent in baskets, containers and the garden. When combining colors, remember white pops in the shade and complimentary colors such as blue and orange are dynamic in the garden. Be creative with your use of color! Complimentary colors are always a fun, dynamic choice. Fertilize all new plantings with **NHG Organic Bedding Food** and add compost to stimulate micro-organisms. Call 214-363-5316 to make an appointment this spring with NHG Garden Coach, Kay Nelson. Details about the Garden Coach program at [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com).

## Don't forget to Fertilize! Try some of our favorites!

by Kato Crowe, NHG Staff, TCNP

In our area, I've found that the difference between plants *surviving* and *thriving* is **fertilizer**. Start a garden journal or calendar to keep track of your garden's feeding schedule. Signs that plants may need fertilizer include yellowing leaves or limited growth, flower or fruit production. *Read the label carefully.* **Annuals** need monthly feedings for beautiful blooms and healthy, new growth. Apply **NHG Organic Bedding Food** or **Hasta Gro monthly**. Feed **potted plants** easily with slow-release **Osmocote granular fertilizer** or organic **Jobe's** slow-release plant stakes. Well-fed veggies will yield large returns! Our custom blended NHG Organic Herb & Veggie food works great at a great price! Give tomatoes a boost with Espoma Tomato-tone. After your **lawn** has been mowed 2-3 times this spring, fertilize with **NHG 21-7-14**, **organic Nature's Guide 6-1-4** or **Texas Tee**. Feed again, in June and September. **Texas Tee** is also great for trees, vines, ground-cover, perennials and shrubs spring and fall. Easter is when I give azaleas, camellias, gardenias, Japanese maples, dogwoods, hydrangeas and loropetalum their first feeding. Organic **Espoma Holly-tone** is my favorite. Well-fed roses are disease resistant and produce exceptional blooms. Fertilize new roses at planting time with **NHG Organic Rose Food**. Feed potted roses every month. *If you are not sure what fertilizer to use (or when), ask an NHG Garden Advisor and they can help you select the right food for your plants.*



## Favorite Shrubs

by Alison Swann, NHG Staff

Shrubs play an important role in your landscape! They anchor a bed or frame a house while providing color, texture and interest. Selecting and planting shrubs is a great way to establish a new look for your outside living space. Begin by determining your sun/shade conditions and deciding whether you'd like an evergreen or deciduous shrub in each area. Where do you need taller backdrop shrubs? Where would a specimen planting enhance your look? In shadier areas and those that receive truly dappled or morning sun, you may select an evergreen such as the taller **Japanese** and **Hicks yews** and the shorter **Yew 'Emerald Spreader'** and **plum yews** that fit the bill under windows. Flowering shade shrubs include **camellias**, **gardenias** and **azaleas**. The new **Mahonia 'Soft Caress'** has bamboo-like foliage perfect for shade. In the sun, colorful blooming **Indian hawthorne**, **cleveras** and **boxwoods** can be just the ticket! And don't miss another new beauty, **Nandina 'Flirt'** that sports bright red foliage fall through spring. Other beautiful, blooming sun lovers include **quince**, **oleander** and **roses**.



## Favorite New (& Fun!) Products

Be sure to shop this spring for some fun, must-have gadgets to make life easier in the garden and the kitchen.

**Pretty Patterns:** Fashionably coordinate your watering can, trowel and broom/dust pan to match perfectly! Who says garden gadgets can't be pretty?



**Herb Dryer:** Enjoy herbs year round by hanging them on this handy dryer then storing them in an air tight container. Plus, they'll add beauty and fragrance as they dry.



**Herb Savor:** Keep cut herbs fresh for up to 2 weeks! Remember, fresh tastes best!



**Herb Scissors:** 5 parallel blades make cutting herbs for recipes a breeze!



**Herb n' Serve:** Make dressings and marinades in minutes! Just add herbs, oil, vinegar or citrus, blend and go!





'Julia Child'

'Easy Does It'

### Favorite Roses

by Mickie Chenault, NHG Rosarian & Brandon Sorenson, TCNP NHG Rosarian

**NEW AARS Winner for 2010 'Easy Does It':** A floribunda with a blend of orange, peach and apricot colors. Each petal has a beautiful scalloped edge. Fruity fragrance & good disease resistance. One rose that I am sure to buy this year.

**NEW! 'Apricot Drift':** A florascape rose that can be used in smaller scale gardens, borders and along pathways. Groundcover growth habit (18" tall x 24-30" wide) with double apricot colored blooms.

**'F.J. Lindheimer':** Upright growing shrub to about 3'-4'. Fragrant yellow-orange blooms appear in rapid succession. I have this rose planted in a large container and it seems to rarely be out of bloom. Produces lovely rose hips in late fall-winter.

**'Chrysler Imperial':** Beautiful hybrid tea rose with velvety red blooms with a strong citrus fragrance. Great for cutting.



'Chrysler Imperial'

#### More roses we love...

**'Belinda's Dream':** EarthKind™ is a tough rose with big, beautiful tea-like blooms

**'Julia Child':** Great disease resistance! Fragrant yellow Floribunda.

**'Sweet Intoxication':** NEW! Gorgeous, fragrant magenta floribunda.

**'Sedona':** Dazzling NEW Hybrid tea with the colors of the high desert at sunset.



### MARCH

- Select rose bushes the weekend of March 6th & 7th during NHG's Rose Weekend. Ask the local rose societies and vendors for the best advice and newest varieties.
- Plant ornamental trees, shrubs, roses, perennials, herbs, cool-season vegetables and annuals like geraniums, petunias, snapdragons and alyssum.
- Plant begonias now for best results.
- Plant tomatoes, peppers and tender herbs after the last frost.
- Fertilize now if you didn't do it in February. Use root stimulator on all new plantings.
- Repot and fertilize water garden plants with tablet fertilizers made for that use.
- Prune fruit trees before bud break. Wait to prune spring-flowering shrubs and vines after flowering.
- Purchase caladium bulbs for the best selection. Plant in May. Store them in a cool dry location until planting time.
- Cutback groundcover early in the month to remove winter damage.
- Spray for pests on fruit trees. Use BT for caterpillars, or release Green Lacewings and Trichogramma wasps to control aphids, mites, thrips, and caterpillars. Treat fire ant mounds with bait early in the morning or later in the afternoon when ants begin to forage.
- Fertilize lawn. NHG 21-7-14 or Texas Tee are both great fertilizers.

### APRIL

- Plant warm season annuals and vegetables; summer and fall flowering perennials. Repot houseplants.
- Fertilize summer flowering shrubs.
- Order custom created Spring Flowering Gift Baskets from the NHG floral department to give as Easter Gifts.
- Spray for fruit tree pests and black spot on roses. Watch for aphids on new growth. Spray with insecticidal soap or release Ladybugs. Use slug & snail bait or set out beer traps, if needed. Release beneficial nematodes to control ticks, fleas, chiggers, and fire ants. Fertilize now if you didn't do it in February. Use root stimulator on all new plantings.

## NHG VEGETABLE DEMO GARDEN

#### Planting this March & April

- Black-eyed Peas
- Corn
- Cucumbers
- Green / Lima Beans
- Melons
- Okra
- Peppers
- Squash / Pumpkins
- Sweet Potatoes
- Tomatoes

#### Currently Growing

- Asparagus
- Cardoon
- Horseradish
- Parsley
- Rhubarb
- Strawberries
- Swiss Chard



#### Harvesting

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| • Asparagus .....Apr-May     | • Kohlrabi .....Feb-May            |
| • Beets .....Feb-May         | • Lettuce .....Feb-Apr             |
| • Broccoli .....Feb-May      | • Onions .....Feb-Jun              |
| • Cabbage.....Feb-May        | • Parsley .....year-round          |
| • Cardoon.....May-July       | • Peas .....Feb-April              |
| • Carrots .....Feb-Jun       | • Potatoes.....May-Jun             |
| • Cauliflower .....Feb-Apr   | • Radish.....Feb-Apr               |
| • Chinese Cabbage ...Feb-Apr | • Rhubarb.....May-Jun              |
| • Collards .....Feb-May      | • Spinach .....Jan-Mar             |
| • Horseradish .....Aug-Sept  | • Strawberries .....May-July; Fall |
| • Kale .....Feb-May          | • Swiss Chard.....year-round       |

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## NOT SURE WHAT TO GET THE GARDENER IN YOUR LIFE?

**NORTH HAVEN GARDENS Gift Cards**  
make the perfect gift! Order online or in-store.



## Favorite Veggies to plant in Spring

by Leslie Finical Halleck, NHG GM, MS

Growing and preserving our own food, at least some of it, can go a long way to cutting down on costs and reducing our impact on the environment. NHG is here to help you learn how. Vegetables can be grown even in small spaces and containers in an urban garden. Early March, plant turnips, Swiss chard, collard greens and kale by seed. Mid-March, plant tomato transplants outdoors. Mid-March is also the time to direct seed salad greens, pole, snap bush and lima beans. The third week of March, direct seed beans, corn, squash, cucumbers and watermelon for early summer harvest. Late March is also the time for peppers! Bell, sweet, mild and hot! Yum! Don't forget, many vegetables are also beautiful ornamentals. Mix them in containers with spring color for a great display. We have a great selection of timely vegetable transplants each season. For fantastic tomatoes from your own garden, attend my **FREE "Just Tomatoes" program, Wednesday, March 10th from noon - 1pm** or Christine Hensley's program "Tantalizing Tomatoes" March 20th at 1pm during Spring Weekend. For a comprehensive class on growing vegetables, sign up for **"Vegetables 101" Sunday, March 14th or Wednesday, March 17th.** Details and fees at [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com).



## NEW! NHG Premium Potting Soil

We've finally created and perfected our custom blend potting soil and it's available now at NHG! Our organically rich potting soil contains premium compost, peat moss, expanded shale, aged fine bark and organic fertilizer to provide your plants with good drainage & water-holding capacity, superior aeration, and beneficial soil organisms.

## Society Meetings at NORTH HAVEN GARDENS

### Does your club need a meeting space?

NHG has a wonderful lecture room!  
Call **214-363-6715** ext: 326 for details.

#### TNT Judges Study Club

972-241-1726

Meets the second Thursday at 11am

#### Begonia Society

214-363-6715 ext 340

Meets the fourth Sunday at 3pm

#### Bonsai Society

More info at [www.bonsaisocietyofdallas.com](http://www.bonsaisocietyofdallas.com)

Meets the first Saturday at 9:00am

#### Bromeliad Society

More info at [www.dfwbromeliads.com](http://www.dfwbromeliads.com)

Meets every other month beginning in  
Feb. fourth Saturday at 3pm

#### Daylily Growers of Dallas

More info at [www.dallasdaylilies.com](http://www.dallasdaylilies.com)

Meets the third Saturday at 10am

#### Herb Society of America

Meets the fourth Saturday at 10am

#### Texas Daffodil Society

More info [www.texasdaffodilsociety.org](http://www.texasdaffodilsociety.org)  
Meets the second Tuesday October-February

#### Iris Society

Meets the third Sunday at 3pm

#### Southwestern Fern Society

Meets the second Sunday at 3pm

#### Greater North Texas Orchid Society

More info at [www.gntos.org](http://www.gntos.org)  
Meets the first Sunday at 3pm

#### Dallas Organic Garden Club

More info at [www.dogc.org](http://www.dogc.org)  
Meets the fourth Sunday at 3pm

#### Dallas Backyard Poultry Meetup Group

[www.meetup.com/dallasbackyardpoultry](http://www.meetup.com/dallasbackyardpoultry)  
Meetings vary. Check website.