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Organic Planning for Spring

Although the garden may appear to be dormant during the cold winter months, it is actually a great time to re-energize your plants by applying organic fertilizers and additives to enhance root growth and soil health.

Remember: Organic gardeners feed the soil, not the plants. Healthy soil leads to healthy plants.

> Organic fertilizers, such as cottonseed meal, alfalfa meal, Texas Tee, Greensense, Milorganite, HuMore, or NHG 6-3-0 can be applied around February 1st in lawn and garden areas. Other additives, such as lava sand,

greensand, and humate are also beneficial.

Annuals should be kept mulched and watered during winter dry spells, and fertilized with earthworm castings, Buds 'n' Blooms or cottonseed meal on a monthly basis. Best choices for mulch are shredded cedar, hardwood, or cypress.

To learn more about the benefits of organic gardening, please drop in to meet our organic gardeners and vendors during ORGANIC WEEKEND on February 12th.



On Saturday, February 12th, from 9:00 to 2:00 pm we will have lectures on various topics by experts who can answer your questions and help you with your problems. Get a jump on the gardening season with the information you will learn during this exciting weekend event! Start planning your spring and summer gardens now.

FREE LECTURES IN **∼ JANUARY 2005 ∼**

All events are scheduled to begin at 1:30PM

SAT JAN 8TH FRUIT TREES, BERRIES & GRAPES, by Chuck Goecke

SAT JAN 15TH COMPOSTING, by Mike Norton,

First Men's Garden Club of Dallas

1:30 to 3:30PM **SUNDAY**

JAN 16TH, JAN 30TH & FEB 13TH

presented by the Dallas Rose Society & Collin County Rose Society (3-Sunday afternoon series)

SUN JAN 16TH "Roses in the Dallas A<mark>rea"</mark>

SUN IAN 30TH "THE CARE OF ROSES"

SUN FEB 13TH "Rose Q&A Session and Pruning WORKSHOP"

SAT JAN 22ND BACKYARD BIRD FEEDING. by Connie Sandlin, Audubon Society

SAT JAN 29TH INTERIORSCAPING IN YOUR HOME, by Marlin Dunklin, ValleyCrest

SUN JAN 30TH ROSE UNIVERSITY ROSE SUNDAY, presented by the Dallas Rose Society & Collin County Rose Society

FREE LECTURES IN → FEBRUARY 2005

SAT FEB 5TH FENG SHUI, by Laural Schellinger

SAT FEB 12TH

Meet organic gardeners, vendors, and learn about products, composting, and mulches.

SAT FEB 12TH VEGETABLE GARDENING, by Steve Kimball, First Men's Garden Club of Dallas

SUN FEB 13TH ROSE UNIVERSITY ROSE SUNDAY, presented by the Dallas Rose Society & Collin County Rose Society

SUN FEB 20TH **E OPEN HOUSE!**

Meet local clubs and societies and see what's new for 2005

WEDNESDAY at NOON with **JUDY FENDER**

Advance reservations required; Lecture/luncheon charge; Registration/menu form available online. Phone reservations will be accepted with a credit card.

JAN 19TH · NOON TO 2PM GARDEN JOURNALS"

FEB 16TH · NOON TO 2PM "Rose Gardens to Delight"

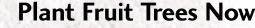
Rose University at NHG!

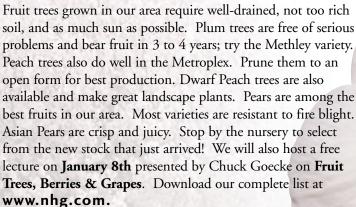
Consulting Rosarians and members of the Dallas Rose Society and the Collin County Rose Society will once again present their 3-Sunday afternoon series of informative rose lectures on January 16th, January 30th, and February 13th from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. for anyone wanting to learn more about roses in the landscape and garden.

Consulting Rosarians and expert rose growers Claude Graves, Turner Hasty, John Allen, and Bob McLaughlin will take you through rose selection, rose care, bed preparation, maintenance, and pruning so that when rose season begins you will have the knowledge to make your rose garden grow beautifully. New rose selections arrive at NHG for our **ROSE WEEKEND: March 4-6.**

Whether you are a novice, intermediate, or advanced rose enthusiast, there will be great information and opportunities for questions and answers. Check our website for a list of program topics. This workshop fills quickly so arrive early to get a good seat.

















GARDENING 101 Comes to NHG!

Are you a novice with a zillion questions and wondering where you can possibly learn all you need to know to get started, maintain, and enjoy a garden? This one-day seminar is designed for the novice gardener and those who are always learning and want to know more. We've designed a program to help you get started and to assist you with your garden design. Please note: registration and class fee required.

Want to know more? Visit our website for details. Class size is limited. Date(s) to be announced in February.

Invite Winter Birds to Your Backyard

The Metroplex attracts many different varieties of migrating birds with different food preferences. We carry several types of quality seed including black oil sunflower, which attracts Cardinals and Blue Jays, and safflower seed, which attracts more desirable birds. To help you identify the many new visitors to your winter garden, add *The Birds of Texas, The Sibley Guide to Birds, or Stokes, Field Guide to Birds* to your library.

When planning your garden this spring, remember to include seed and berry-type plants to your garden that

will provide natural foods at different times of the year. Birds love berry producers, such as Hawthorns, Hollies, Pyracantha, Viburnums, Wax Myrtle, and Beautyberry. We also carry several perennial favorites for seed eaters including Rudbeckia, Coneflower (Echinacea), and Coreopsis.

If you would like to learn more about how to invite birds to your garden, please stop by on **Saturday**, **January 22nd** to hear a free lecture entitled "**Backyard Bird Feeding**" presented by Connie Sandlin of the Audubon Society.



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2004 CUSTOMER SURVEY

We love to hear from our customers and would like to thank everyone who completed the 2004 CUSTOMER SURVEY featured in the November newsletter and online at www.nhg.com. To see some of the results of the survey or to send in your comments please visit our website.

ADD COLOR TO YOUR WORLD!

Stop by the greenhouse this winter to add some color and interest to your home or office with the many colorful and fragrant varieties of orchids that we have available. Orchids are an exotic favorite. We carry several varieties including, Phalenopsis (Moth Orchid), Dendrobium, Cattleya, Oncidium (Dancing Lady Orchid), Paphiopedilum (Lady Slipper Orchid).



ROSE WEEKEND • MARCH 4-6!

Mark your calendar for these dates and be among the first to select from the thousand-plus roses available. Local rose society members will be here to help you with rose information, guidance, and care on Saturday & Sunday. Please visit our website for more details.

WINTER PRUNING

Late winter pruning is often recommended for many trees and shrubs. Pruning trees and shrubs while they are dormant is less stressful for the plants and will encourage them to grow more vigorously in the spring. Also remember to use good quality, sharp pruning shears, loppers, and saws to prevent injury to your plants and yourself. We carry a wide selection of quality tools. For a guide to successful pruning please visit our website.



Now is the Time...



JANUARY

Plant pre-chilled tulips and hyacinths, and save a few for planting in pots to enjoy inside your home or office.

Transplant existing trees and shrubs while their root systems are dormant.

FEBRUARY

Plant potatoes and onion sets. Plant grapes, berries, and asparagus for many years of harvest.

Protect tender perennials or flowering shrubs with frost cloth during severe cold spells. Water is critical immediately prior to hard freezes to lessen cold injury.

Prepare beds for spring planting by working in compost or other organic materials. Add mid-winter color with pansies and cyclamen.

Fertilize pansies and other winter color annuals. Cut back on fertilizing indoor plants.

Prune rose bushes (not the climbers) after the last freeze (about mid-February). Don't forget to attend our winter rose seminars entitled "Rose University Rose Sunday"!

Visit our website for more tips and information www.nhg.com



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Greenhouse OPEN HOUSE

This is your opportunity to visit with local plant societies and garden clubs. We are expecting almost twenty organizations to be represented. Learn what they have to offer and how to join. This is a great way to meet people with shared interests. They always have a lot of fun helping each other. So join us in the greenhouse on Sunday, February 20th.

Informative speakers will share information throughout the weekend in short lectures. Check our website at **www.nhg.com** for a listing of programs and speakers.



SOCIETY

BEGONIA SOCIETY

214-363-5316

Meets the third Thursday at 7:00 PM

BONSAI SOCIETY

972-392-1430

Meets the first Thursday at 6:30 PM

BROMELIAD SOCIETY

214-691-6691

Meets every other month on the fourth Saturday at 3:00 PM

DALLAS ROSE SOCIETY

972-234-5184

Meets the fourth Friday at 7:00 PM

DAYLILY GROWERS OF DALLAS

972-241-1726

Meets the third Saturday at 10:00 AM

FIRST MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF DALLAS

972-530-3691

Meets the third Tuesday at 7:00 PM

SOUTHWESTERN FERN SOCIETY

214-544-7288

Meets the second Sunday, 3-5:00 PM



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