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All NHG programs are complimentary and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Visit our Events Page at www.nhg.com for added programs.

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Events and programs outlined or placed in a green box are presented by NHG staff!

~ JULY 2012 ~

JUN 29-JUL 5 • **JULY 4TH 25% OFF SALE**
25% off all the best plant material in town!
 All annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, herbs, groundcover and greenhouse plants. *In stock material only.*

THURS, JULY 5

11:30AM • **POP UP Class: Fall Tomatoes**
 by Christine Hensley, NHG Plant Buyer, MS

FRI, JULY 6

4-7PM • **Garden Happy Hour** Join us the first Friday of each month. We stay open an hour later so you can enjoy shopping in a relaxed environment with **complimentary wine, beer, and light appetizers.**

SAT, JULY 7

10AM • **POP UP Class: Fall Tomatoes** by Kato Crow, NHG Garden Adviser, TCNP

SAT, JULY 14 • **POP UP Classes**

10AM • **Summer Sun Perennials** by Rusty Allen, NHG Garden Adviser

10:30AM • **Proper Summer Watering** by Rudy Infante, NHG Garden Adviser

THURS, JULY 19

11:30AM • **POP UP Class: Proper Summer Watering** by Carolyn Kennedy, NHG Garden Adviser

SAT, JULY 21

10AM • **POP UP Class: Shade Gardens** by Carolyn Kennedy, NHG Garden Adviser
 10AM-1PM • **Backyard Chicken Sale / Q&A** by Dan Probst, Bageniece Farms. Visit www.nhg.com for any scheduling changes due to heat.

SAT, JULY 28

10AM • **POP UP Class: Proper Summer Watering** by Carolyn Kennedy

~ AUGUST 2012 ~

FRI, AUG 3

4-7PM • **Garden Happy Hour** Join us the first Friday of each month. We stay open an hour later so you can enjoy shopping in a relaxed environment with **complimentary wine, beer, and light appetizers.**

SAT, AUG 4

1-1:45PM • **Plant Cole Crops By Seed** by Kato Crow, NHG Garden Adviser, TCNP

SAT, AUG 18

10AM-1PM • **Backyard Chicken Sale / Q&A** by Dan Probst, Bageniece Farms. Visit www.nhg.com for any scheduling changes due to heat.

SAT, AUG 25

1-1:45PM • **Fall Vegetable Garden** Carolyn Kennedy. Plant broccoli, cabt kohlrabi, cauliflower, salad greens and

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Water Your Landscape Easily, with Confidence

by Christine Hensley, NHG Staff, TCNP

At NHG, we want you to know that it IS possible to have a healthy landscape within your watering restrictions, no matter where you live! For starters, plant **Native and Adapted drought tolerant plants** (visit the **This Just In** page at www.nhg.com for a rotating list of ideas of what to plant in your landscape today.) In addition, follow our best tips for a gorgeous garden.

- **Nature's Guide Root Stimulator** with seaweed improves resistance to heat, drought, and cold! Apply at planting time.
- **Lava Sand** on lawns and in soil mixes helps in retaining moisture in the soil.
- ½ inch of **Organic Compost** on lawns creates healthy soil and drought resistance.
- Containers and Baskets can dry out very quickly. **Soil Moist** helps reduce watering needs.
- Irrigation systems aren't adequate for new plantings. Use **Soaker Hoses** and **Drip Lines**.
- Attach **Gator Bags** to larger shrubs and trees. They can release water for up to a week.
- At NHG, we have all the best quality tools you need for watering: **nozzles, wands, hoses, sprinklers, and rain barrels** aid in conserving water more efficiently.

Look for our **POP UP Classes on Proper Summer Watering in July & August** to learn how to efficiently and effectively hydrate your lawn and garden. www.nhg.com/events.htm

Ugly Garden Contest 2012

Entry deadline August 24th, 5pm

Is your lawn scorched? Are your garden beds a jungle? Have you just given up? Enter our **second annual Ugly Garden Contest**. Take up to 10 pictures of your front or back garden, print them out and bring to NHG by 5pm, August 24th. We'll choose 5 finalists and visit their homes to assess how bad their landscape really is. Winner (or loser) announced Friday, September 7th. *You must be in our NHG Delivery zone to qualify. Details online at www.nhg.com/uglygardens.htm*

All Finalists win a FREE in-store session with our NHG Garden Coach.

1st prize winner will win...

- 2 spots to our September 9th Gardening 101 Class
- \$1000 Gift Certificate to NHG, from NHG, Soil Menders & Blue Label Herbs
- More than \$150 of organic Nature's Guide products
- FREE 50 bags Organic Compost and 50 bags Hardwood Mulch from Vital Earth
- 2 FREE In store, 45 min sessions with Kay Nelson, NHG Garden Coach
- You'll be featured on our Facebook Page and on our website





Heuchera 'Pear Crisp'

KoKo PRO: The Garden Hydrator!

by Kay Nelson, TCNP Garden Coach

Why does our staff love **KoKo PRO** so much? It's one of the best products to help retain moisture in container gardens and in landscapes. KoKo PRO is organic, compressed coconut fiber that we add to soil in our landscape and raised beds to keep plant roots cooler and keep the soil from drying out too quickly. Add to hanging baskets, window boxes and potted plants to reduce stress in the hot summer months and also to reduce the amount you are watering plants. Also add to amended beds to retain moisture and increase soil aeration for enhanced growth and root development. It can also be used alone as a rooting medium. Coir comes from coconut fiber, a sustainable and natural resource. It is peat free and does not repel water like peat. One KoKo PRO brick expands eight times its weight when mixed with water! KoKo PRO comes in 1.25 pound bricks and for the best value, a 10 pound size.



JUNE 29-JULY 5 • JULY 4TH OFF SALE
Don't miss our annual 4th of July Sale
to get **25% OFF** all plants in the store!

Greenhouse plants, seasonal color, trees, shrubs, groundcover, perennials, herbs and more! *In-stock plant material only. No special orders.*

Summer Shade Takes Us Away!

by Kyle Leggario, NHQ Garden Advisor

Summer trees are filling in, leaving many people with a need for a variety of shade solutions in their landscape. Some of our favorites include:

- **Viburnum 'Summer Snowflake'** and **'Eastern Snowball'** White flowers in spring. 6 to 8 feet tall.
- **Taxus**, **Podocarpus** or **Japanese Yew** are excellent evergreen screens. 10 to 15 feet tall; 6 to 8 feet wide.
- **Aucuba** a lovely perennial shrub. Green foliage with bright yellows spots, 8 feet tall.
- **Oxalis** 10"-12" mounding perennial with purple or green foliage and dainty flowers.
- **Wood Fern** and **Japanese Holly Fern** prefer moist well drained soil. 2 to 3 feet tall and wide.
- **Hosta 'Frances William'**, **'Wide Brim'** and **'Blue Angel'** are known for their colorful foliage. A little bit of Sluggo will keep all your plants slug-free.
- **Heuchera** - **'Blackout'**, **'Brownie'**, **'Pear Crisp'** and **Heucherella 'Gold Zebra'** - perennial known for it's foliage in a variety of colors such as lime green, peach, and deep plum. 18 to 24 inches tall.

With all this shade and newfound color, be sure to finish off your outdoor living space with a bench, rocking chair, statue or water feature. Come see all the great garden accessories we have in stock!



Heucherella



Wood Fern



Viburnum 'Summer Snow Flake'

Hydrate your landscape with our colorful, top quality watering tools!

by Sandi Holmes-Schwedler, TCNP, NHQ Hardgoods Buyer

At the time of this writing, most cities surrounding Dallas still allow the use of soaker hoses, drip irrigation and hand-held watering tools in addition to your above ground sprinklers. We have many varieties of colorful hand-held and sprinkler products from **Dramm**. Dramm offers a lifetime guarantee on all their products, which are made from die-cast metal in the U.S.A. In-stock items we love include:

- Hand held wand sprinklers available in several lengths and styles with 9 spray patterns.
- The turret above-ground sprinkler offers 9 spray patterns.
- Several styles of oscillating and impulse sprinklers.

All come in vibrant colors of red, orange, berry, blue and yellow. Why waste hard-earned money on plastic sprinklers that you have to replace a couple of times a year when you can make a worthwhile investment in a beautiful, quality metal one that will last you for years to come.





American Agave

Architectural, Artistic Agaves, Cactus & Yuccas: Not just for desert-scapes!

by Robin Carlton, NHG Garden Advisor

Many drought tolerant agaves thrive in our hot dry summers here in North Texas weather. We have a huge selection of cool, unique and unusual varieties for your landscape. In-stock this summer:

AGAVES

- **Baccarat** or **Mountain** (*Agave montana*) A 4' toothy variety with yellow blooms.
- **'Baja'** (*Agave 'Baja'*) Under 3' with very dense foliage lined with fine red teeth.
- **American** (*Agave americana*) Blue-green foliage. One of the largest-growing types available.
- **'Jaws'** (*Agave gentryi 'Jaws'*) Apple green foliage. Grows 4'. Large, stiff spines.
- **Parry's** (*Agave parryi* var. *parryi*) One of the most dense and compact. 2-3' x 2'-3' of tightly packed leaves.

YUCCAS produce one bloom stalk every summer. The bell-like flowers are fragrant at night. Will grow in partial shade conditions conditions, but thrive in full sun.

- **Spanish Dagger** (*Yucca gloriosa*) One of the most fragrant types. Can be formed into a tree.
- **Twist Leaf** (*Yucca rupicola*) Slender, upright, curving, blue-green foliage.
- **Color Guard** (*Yucca filamentosa 'Color Guard'*) NHG Staff favorite! Compact, variegated leaves. Coral tones emerge in cooler weather.
- **Red Yucca** (*Hesperaloe parvifolia*) Curving foliage, beautiful red blooms. Close relative to yuccas and agaves.



Agave "Jaws"



Spanish Dagger



Hairy Old Man

CACTUS These are flat-leaved, fruiting succulents. Clumping growers.

- **Prickly Pear** (*Opuntia engelmannii*) Produces edible fruits.
- **Cow's Tongue** (*Opuntia engelmannii* var. *linguiformis*) Elongated, tongue-like foliage.
- **Purple Prickly Pear** (*Opuntia violacea*) Very round pads are blushed a violet purple hue that deepens in cooler weather.
- **Hairy Old Man** (*Opuntia pilifera*) Pads are covered in very fine "prickles", resembling a man's beard stubble.

NOW is the TIME...



JULY

- **Plant:** Tomatoes early to mid-July for fall production and plant pumpkins and gourds for fall harvest. Plant peppers mid-July for fall production.
- **Fertilize:** Feed container plants and roses regularly and watch for insect and disease problems. We carry a full line of rose care products, including organics.
- **Water:** Water deeply when you water your established plants. Water container plants as needed; use Soil Moist or Koko Pro to retain water in the soil for container plants.
- **Pest control:** Use BT for caterpillars, blast aphids with water, and release ladybugs.
- **Disease control:** Spray Neem oil or potassium bicarbonate for control of black spot, powdery mildew and other fungal diseases.

AUGUST

- **Plant:** Fall-flowering bulbs, fall annuals (marigolds, zinnias, celosias) and perennials (Mexican bush sage, fall asters). Plant wildflower seeds late in the month to allow for germination and growth prior to winter. Plant beans and squash early in the month; cucumbers, broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower about mid-month. Plant leafy crops late in August.
- **Pests:** Spray horticultural oil for spider mites, lace bugs, thrips, and scale.
- **Mulch, mulch, mulch** to keep in moisture and protect against harsh, hot temperatures this summer.
- **Prune** roses back by 10%-30% and fertilize for fall-flush of blooms.

DALLAS MANDATORY WATERING GUIDELINES

March 1 to Oct. 31, watering of lawns or landscapes with an irrigation system or sprinkler is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Watering with a hand-held hose, drip irrigation or a soaker hose is permitted at any time. Don't allow your sprinkler system to water driveways, sidewalks and streets. Do not water or irrigate lawns or landscapes during any form of precipitation. Rain/freeze sensors are now required on all irrigation systems installed on or after Jan. 1, 2002. As of January 1, 2005 all irrigation systems must be equipped with rain sensing devices and freeze gauges. Violations of these outdoor watering guidelines can now result in fines of \$250 to \$2,000 per incident. For water conservation information, call 214/670-3155.

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Fall Tomatoes Done Right!

by Christine Hensley, NHG Plant Buyer, BS

Love tomatoes? Here in DFW, we are lucky to have

TWO times a year we can plant tomatoes. Once in **early March** for summer production and the other, right now, in **early July** for fall production. Tomatoes require 6 or more hours of direct sunlight, well-drained soil, and consistent moisture. There are two types of tomatoes, determinate and indeterminate.

Determinate tomatoes set one heavy crop of tomatoes over a short period of time. **Indeterminate** plants provide smaller crops of fruit over a long season. Grow tomatoes in your garden and in containers. If you choose to grow in containers, select a determinate plant as they are usually smaller than indeterminate plants. We will have a huge selection of both heirloom tomatoes, which have great flavors and unusual colors, and hybrid tomatoes, which have improved disease resistance and hardiness. Plant several types of tomatoes to extend your harvest and get a great selection of colors and flavors through fall! *All varieties listed at www.nhg.com*



Mulch, Mulch, Mulch!

A good 2"-3" of mulch is a must in the garden this summer! Mulch keeps soil moist, roots cool, reduces weeds and, as an added bonus, breaks down as a natural compost into the soil. NORTH HAVEN GARDENS carries a variety of fine bagged mulches. *Need a larger quantity of mulch or soil? Ask about our bulk delivery service.*

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.

1st African Violet Society of Dallas

Meets 3rd Thursday at 10:30am, Sept - May

Alpha African Violet Society

Meets 2nd Saturday at 11am

Bonsai Society

More info at www.bonsaisocietyofdallas.com

Meets the first Saturday at 9am

Daylily Growers of Dallas

More info at www.dallasdaylilies.com

Meets the third Saturday at 11am

Herb Society of America

Meets the fourth Saturday at 10:30am

Iris Society

Meets the third Sunday at 3pm

Greater North Texas Orchid Society

More info at www.gntos.org

Meets the first Sunday at 3pm

