

# NORTH HAVEN Gardens

# Every Blooming Thing

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MAY • JUNE • 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.

### ~ MAY 2010 ~

SAT, MAY 1 **ARBOR DAY- PLANT A TREE**  
1PM • **Native & Adapted Trees for North Texas** by Christine Hensley, TCNP, NHG Staff.

SAT, MAY 1  
9AM-NOON • **Bonsai Flowering Tree Demonstration** by the Bonsai Society of Dallas

SAT, MAY 1  
10AM-4:30PM • **Landscape Design 101: Turn Your Dream Landscape Into a Reality** by Bram Franklin, Landscape Designer, Lamberts Design. Join us for this full day class. Bram goes over basic concept design, site development, drainage, hardscape and more. Bring pictures of your landscape, a plot plan, pencils and a ruler. Lunch included. \$70 per person for a 6hr. class + 30min for lunch. Call 214-363-5316 to register.

SUN, MAY 2  
1PM • **Attract a Variety of Butterflies to Your Garden** by Dale Clark, Lepidopterist Society.

WED, MAY 5  
NOON-1PM • **Plant Soon! Fall Tomatoes by Seed** by Christine Hensley TCNP, NHG Staff.

SAT, MAY 8  
2PM • **The Summer Vegetable Garden** by Christine Hensley TCNP, NHG. Sponsored by Slow Food Dallas.

WED, MAY 12  
NOON-1PM • **Planting Caladiums** by Don Miller. Tips timing, planting and maintaining! Caladiums are great for shady areas.

**HAPPY 59TH BIRTHDAY NORTH HAVEN GARDENS!** Shop SAT, MAY 15th and enjoy cupcakes 11-1pm and sweet deals in-store!

SAT, MAY 15 • **CRAPE MYRTLE TRAILS OF MCKINNEY** Featuring Neil Sperry!

We'll be open early to support the CMT Crape Myrtle Sale. You'll be able to purchase varieties you won't find anywhere else, attend great programs and get great planting & maintenance advice. Limited Quantities. Get here early or pre-order at [www.crapemyrtletrails.org](http://www.crapemyrtletrails.org)

FREE PROGRAMS

12PM • **History of Crape Myrtle:**

Shara Gose of Renner Wood Farms

1PM • **Varieties, Care & Maintenance:**

Bram Franklin

2PM • **History of the Crape Myrtle Trails:**

Neil Sperry



SAT, MAY 15  
10AM • **From Egg to Chick: How to Incubate** Sponsored by the Dallas Backyard Poultry Meetup Group.

11AM • **Backyard Chickens Show & Tell** by Christine Hensley, NHG Staff, TCNP. Christine goes over a variety of breeds for your backyard flock.

11AM-2PM • **Backyard Chickens for Sale**

SAT, MAY 22  
10:30AM • **Ikebana Creations with Herbs** by Nan Mitchell, Certified Instructor. Sponsored by the Herb Society of America.

SAT, MAY 29  
11AM • **Summer Care for Japanese Maples** by Christine Hensley, TCNP, NHG Staff. Program includes a \$10 off gift certificate towards your new Japanese Maple.

SUN, MAY 30  
11AM-4PM • **Gardening 101** Learn all you need to know about Texas gardening! This is a great class for those new to the area, beginner gardeners or experienced gardeners looking for a refresher course. \$65 / \$60 for Grow Card Members. Price includes: **Easy Gardens for North Texas** (Retail value \$29.99), handouts on soil amendments, planting, maintenance and more. Lunch included! Visit [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com) for class details and to register.

### ~ JUNE 2010 ~

SAT, JUNE 5  
6:30PM-9PM  
**PLANT THE TOWN PINK!**

We're raising money for **Dallas County Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure®** with a garden gathering! Shop until 9pm on this special night. Times Ten Cellars will be serving wine. Bailey Catering will provide organic, local foods. Visit and purchase unique pieces from local artists, win raffle prizes, enjoy live music and shop for plants specifically grown for the event! **100% of the \$10 donation at the door and 5% of sales for the evening go to SGK.** The first 50 people to arrive will get a FREE goodie bag filled with products, gift certificates and samples from local businesses!

**For a list of fabulous raffle items, gift bags and sponsors, take a look at the back page!**



SAT, JUN 12  
11AM • **Agaves, Yuccas & Other Succulents** by Christine Hensley, NHG Staff, TCNP.

SAT, JUN 19  
11AM • **A Humorous Talk With Gardening Fool & Chicken Lover Mariana Greene of the Dallas Morning News** Sponsored by the Dallas Backyard Poultry Meetup Group.

11AM-2PM • **Backyard Chickens for Sale**



JUN 26 • **SALSA SATURDAY! Prizes given for the best salsa recipes!** Put those tomatoes and herbs you so tenderly cared for all season to good use! Use fresh veggies, herbs and even fruit to create your very best salsa! *Be creative!* Visit [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com) for rules and an entry form.

#### GREAT PRIZES!

**1ST PRIZE:** \$100 NHG Gift Card + Taco Joint GC

**2ND PRIZE:** \$75 NHG Gift Card + Taco Joint GC

**3RD PRIZE:** \$50 NHG Gift Card + Taco Joint GC

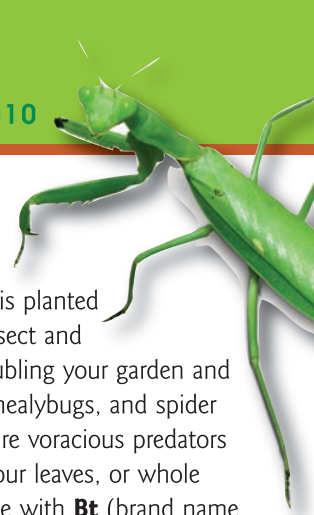
**Sponsored by Taco Joint**

1PM • **Fall Tomatoes & Peppers** by Christine Hensley, TCNP, NHG Staff.

2PM • **Canning & Pickling** by Christine Hensley, TCNP, NHG Staff.

SAT, JUN 26  
10:30AM • **Sex in the Garden** by Janet Smith. Lots of things go on in the garden to make our plants reproduce and grow! Sponsored by the Herb Society of America.





## What's Eating My Garden?

by Christine Hensley, NHG Staff, TCNP

OK, the weather has finally cooperated, the vegetable garden is planted and looks good, and all of a sudden it looks good to every insect and disease too! Here are some common things that could be troubling your garden and some solutions for them. Release **ladybugs** to treat aphids, mealybugs, and spider mites. Set out **praying mantis egg cases**, praying mantids are voracious predators that eat anything they can catch. If you're noticing holes in your leaves, or whole shoots are missing, you've probably got caterpillars. Treat these with **Bt** (brand name Thuricide) or **Spinosad**, or gently remove them from your plants and give them to a butterfly gardener! Spinosad will also take care of a number of beetles, pillbugs, and other bugs that are chewing holes in leaves. Powdery stuff on the leaves (light or dark) is mildew and can be treated with a spray application of **potassium bicarbonate** or **wettable sulfur**. Tomatoes will benefit from an application of **Soil Menders Plant Wash** to ward off early blight. Remember that a healthy plant is the best treatment for pests and diseases, so make sure that your veggie garden receives at least 6 hours of direct sunlight, and is fertilized and watered consistently.

### Staff's Eco Friendly Picks

by Mickie Chenault, NHG Staff

#### 1. S.H.O.P. Tote Bags –

**Start Helping Our Planet** tote bags are a great way to become more environmentally friendly and look good while you do it! Take these fashionable bags with you when you shop. They fold up and can be tucked into your purse. Plus, they come in a variety of fun prints and colors.



#### 2. Raised Bed Kits –

Our raised bed kits are made from reclaimed redwood, come in 2 sizes 3' x 6' and 4' x 8'. Easy to assemble. Just fill with our recommended soil mix and presto you are ready to get started on your garden.



#### 3. NHG Premium Organic Potting Soil –

You may wonder why it took so long for NHG to have their own potting soil. Well, we finally came up with a formula that we feel will make your flowers and garden sit up and take notice. Our soil is custom blended to give your plants the best possible environment to grow lush and healthy.



4. **Rain Barrel** – Now would be an excellent time to install rain barrels for the summer and beyond! Our rain barrels are made of recycled plastic and are super tough. Plus their deep green color makes them a lovely fit with any home. Best part? Not only are you conserving water, they are tax free!



5. **Liquid Seaweed** – If there is one product you should always have on hand, it's liquid seaweed. It can be used as a foliar spray to discourage spider mites and to feed plants. You can also spray into the soil to encourage microbial activity. It's also an excellent all around indoor plant food!



## Bring on the Butterflies

by Alison Swann

Whether you have sun, shade or both in your garden, you can entice butterflies, (hummingbirds, too!) to spend time in your yard!

Butterflies only lay eggs on "host" plants that can be eaten by caterpillars. Black Swallowtails use dill, parsley, fennel as hosts. Giant Swallowtails lay eggs on Rue. Each type of butterfly uses different plants for "childrearing." Butterflies harvest nectar from sun-loving butterfly bushes, zinnias, verbenas, asters, poppies, pentas and other colorful plants. Mexican plum, hibiscus, pineapple sage and tropical hibiscus are hosts and provide nectar.

Shade plants that attract butterflies and hummingbirds include columbine, Turk's cap (which thrives in sun, too), violets and the tropical lemon lollipop. *Salvia guaranitica* 'Black & Blue' and Texas betony grow in light shade and sun.

*NORTH HAVEN offers you an extensive selection of plants to attract a variety of wildlife to your garden and the organic products to keep them safe!*



## Low Maintenance, Drought Tolerant Blooming Plants

Looking for gorgeous plants that will thrive in our hot, Texas sun? Here are favorite plants the staff here at NHG plants in their own gardens at home!

**Red Yucca** - tall, red spikes of flowers rise above grass-like tendrils.

**Blackfoot Daisy** - an abundance of delicate mounds of white blooms.

**Dianthus 'Bath's Pink'** - evergreen silver foliage creates a lovely backdrop for small pink flowers all summer.

**Centaurea 'Colchester White'** - large silvery leaves and an architectural structure make this an excellent border and container plant.

**Flame Acanthus** - bush-like plants with hot red blooms attract butterflies and hummingbirds like flies to a flame!

**Mexican Feather Grass** - a beautiful mounded ornamental grass with needle-like leaves and silky flowers up to 18" tall.





Yarrow plant

## More Water Thrifty Perennials

by Don Miller, NHG Staff

As populations grow and water rationing becomes a reality to more and more gardens, it only makes sense to plant more water thrifty plants. But, the good news is you don't have to sacrifice beauty to get great results! The **daylily** is a perennial that produces gorgeous flowers in shades of yellow, orange, peachy pink and red, providing you with splashes of color for months. **Daylily 'Stella D'Oro'** is a smaller variety that blooms all summer. The **Bearded Iris** or **German Iris** is another lovely perennial that will bloom a rainbow of color in the spring. **Sedum** is a unique, low-growing plant that comes in a variety of sizes, colors, textures and bloom color. Many choices make excellent groundcovers! **Baptisia** (spikes of blue flowers) and **Pink Skullcap** are more of our favorites for the water wise garden. Got a shadier spot you'd like to fill? **Turk's Cap** and **Columbine** are excellent choices. *All of these water thrifty perennials will perform best in beds amended with **Nature's Guide Expanded Shale** and **Back to Earth Compost**.*

## Easy Summer Containers

by Carolyn Hestand Kennedy, NHG Staff

Spruce up your patio, porch and pathways with lovely containers filled with summertime flowers and foliage. Remember, add something tall, something mounding and something cascading for an easy, dynamic arrangement.

**Sunny Areas:** try a mixed planting of gorgeous, long blooming annuals like dianthus, lantana or begonias combined with warm season foliage plants such as coleus and sweet potato vine. Choose a variety of heights and growing habits to make each plant stand out. Combine your favorite herbs such as basil, thyme, oregano and sage in a classic terra cotta pot to use in tasty summer recipes.

**Shady Areas:** Fill a colorful, glazed ceramic bowl with irresistible butterfly impatiens. For a sleek, modern architectural look, use a square ceramic vessel with a foxtail fern, philodendron or a dark leafed cordyline.

**Cachepot:** Keep it simple and make things easy on yourself by creating a "cachepot." This term is derived from the French word cacher which means: to hide. Simply remove the plastic handles and tuck one of our ready-made hanging baskets into a nice looking container. We have lots of wonderful pot hangers in iron, wire and cloth to hang your cascading and draping plants. The draping plants will spill beautifully over the edges and obscure the original container. Be sure to use our NEW, specially blended NHG Organic Potting soil for all your container plantings and feed with our line of NHG Organic Fertilizers.



## 2009 SALSA CONTEST First Prize Winner: John Romero

John won a \$100 Gift Card  
to North Haven Gardens  
+ \$50 **Bliss Raw Cafe**  
+ \$30 **Taco Joint!**

### BERTA'S BEST SALSA

- 3 green onions diced
- 2 cloves fresh garlic diced
- 3 whole medium tomatoes chopped
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 11 round chile pequin peppers chopped
- juice from 1 (8oz) can stewed tomatoes
- 3 Tbl fresh cilantro chopped
- salt to taste

Chop and blend all  
ingredients together.  
Chill before serving.

Find more Salsa Contest  
Winners on the Edibles page  
at [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com)

# NOW is the TIME...



## M A Y

- Leave lots of hints around the house about the Mother's Day gift you were hoping for—an NHG Gift Card or colorful garden accessories.
- Plant caladium bulbs and summer bedding plants such as lantana, marigolds, purslane and zinnia; perennials, herbs, warm-season vegetables.
- Fertilize tomatoes, annual flowers and potted plants, and azaleas after blooming. Use root stimulator on all new plantings. Add compost and slow-release fertilizer to new planting beds.
- Prune spring-flowering shrubs, vines and climbing roses after they are finished flowering.
- Pest Control: Use BT for caterpillars, blast aphids with water and release ladybugs; use horticultural oil or insecticidal soap for thrips, scale, spider mites, and mealybugs.
- Disease Control: Spray Neem oil or Plant Wash for control of black spot, powdery mildew and other fungal diseases.

## J U N E

- Let your family know you are wishing for high quality NHG Garden Tools for Father's Day!
- Plant warm-season annuals such as periwinkle, copper plant, vegetables, tropicals, fall-flowering perennials; re-pot houseplants.
- Fertilize summer-flowering plants; potted plants.
- Pests: Spray horticultural oil or orange oil for spider mites, lace bugs, thrips, and scale.
- Mulch, mulch, mulch to keep in moisture and protect against harsh, hot temperatures this summer.

### DALLAS MANDATORY WATERING GUIDELINES

April 1 to Oct. 31, watering of lawns/landscapes with an irrigation system or sprinkler is prohibited 10am-6pm. Watering with a hand-held hose 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/landscapes during any form of precipitation. Rain/freeze sensors are required on all irrigation systems installed on or after Jan. 1, 2002. As of Jan. 1, 2005 all irrigation systems must be equipped with rain sensing devices and freeze gauges. Violations of these guidelines can result in fines of \$250-\$2,000 per incident. For water conservation information, call 214-670-3155.

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information [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com)



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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.



## Summer Veggies by NHG Staff

There are several popular varieties of vegetables that will mature during the heat of summer. In fact, these nutritious veggies prefer the heat! Okra, cucumbers, southern peas (coupees, black-eyes, and purple hull), melons and eggplants all do very well during Texas summers. Green beans, mustard greens and swiss chard can also be planted in May. Peppers add beauty as well as spice throughout the summer and continue all the way to frost. Plan for fall today! Plant pumpkins from now through June for a fall harvest! Side-dress your vegetable beds monthly with **NHG Organic Herb and Veggie Food**. You can't plant vegetables without the flavor of herbs! Many tasty herbs are also happy in our heat – parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme are just a few. *Be sure to enter your best salsa recipe for our annual **Salsa Saturday Event June 26th!** Great prizes for the best salsa!*



## PLANT THE TOWN PINK

Benefitting **Dallas County Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure®** Many thanks to our event partners! As the donor list grows, they'll be posted at [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com)!

**Wine by:** Times Ten Cellars

**Food by:** Bailey Catering & Events (specializes in local, seasonal & organic)

**Live Music:** Special guest TBA

**Photography:** "Pink Booth": Jennifer Jurek

**Door Raffle Prizes:** Orlan gift basket, Frederic Fekkai gift basket, Vegetable garden gift basket from NHG, Herb garden gift basket NHG, Another Broken Egg gift basket,

**White Rock Pet Services** will offer a free pet sitting visit or dog walk to ALL attendees PLUS one block of 10 free pet visits!

**50 goody bags** at the door will include products or discounts from: Free NHG tote provided by **Armhole**, NHG products and gift cards, **Snappy Salads** gift card, **Orlan** samples, **Fekkai** samples, **Monrovia** Tee, **Natures Guide** Tee, **Edible Dallas** magazine, **George Boyd Photo** cards, **Eve Anderson** hand painted cards, **Emma Alison Designs** gift card, **Eye on Sparrow** jewelry, **Millarnarium Hats** gift card, **Alicia** recycled jewelry, **Seedballz**, Gardening tool and product samples. All local artists contributing to bags will be selling their wares at the event!

*Don't miss out on a relaxing evening of shopping, wine, food, specials and fun!*

## 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.

Fekkai

