

# NORTH HAVEN Gardens

# Every Blooming Thing

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## NHG SCHOOL OF GARDENING

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

#### ~ MAY 2013 ~

FRI, MAY 3

4PM-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, MAY 4

9AM-NOON • **Bonsai Meeting** Bonsai Society of Dallas meet on the first Saturday of each month. Regular meeting, plus four different work stations on various techniques used in the creation and maintenance of bonsai. FREE

10AM • **POP UP Class: Proper Watering**

1-2PM • **Start Tomato Seeds for Fall Harvest**

SUN, MAY 5

3-5PM • **Greater North Texas Orchid Society (GNTOS)** meets on the first Sunday of each month. Speaker: Todd Miller of Miller's Tropicals, Dripping Springs, TX. Monthly orchid raffle.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY NHG!

SAT, MAY 11 & SUN, MAY 12

We're 62 years young!



SAT, MAY 18

11AM • **Backyard Chicken Sale / Q&A**

Purchase healthy, juvenile hens for your own backyard flock! This is a great opportunity to speak with Dan about keeping chickens. Please arrive early! Sale ends when birds sell out.

1PM • **POP UP Class: Proper Watering**

2PM • **POP UP Class: Exotic Tropicals**

SAT, MAY 25

1PM • **Texas Tough Perennials Workshop** by Leslie Finical Halleck, Halleck Horticultural. Want to get the most bang for your gardening buck by choosing the right perennials the first time? Let Leslie teach you about her favorite Texas Tough perennials, proper selection, placement and best care practices. Butterfly and bee plants will also be highlighted. \$20 Register in store or call 214-363-5316. Learn more about Leslie at: [www.lesliehalleck.com](http://www.lesliehalleck.com)

SUN, MAY 26

11AM-4PM • **Texas Gardening 101** Great class for beginners, those new to the area, or experienced gardeners looking for a refresher course. \$65/\$60 for Grow Card Members. Price includes lunch, class handouts on soil amendments, planting, maintenance and more. Register in store or call 214-363-5316. Full Class Details at <http://nhg.com/gardening101.htm>

#### ~ JUNE 2013 ~

SAT, JUN 1

9AM • **Bonsai Meeting**

1PM • **POP UP Class: Colorful Tropicals**

Learn how to use these colorful, heat loving plants for stunning containers and landscapes!

SUN, JUN 2

3-5PM • **Greater North Texas Orchid Society (GNTOS)** meets on the first Sunday of each month. Demonstration on how to mount and repot orchids. Q&A

SAT, JUN 15

11AM • **Backyard Chicken Sale / Q&A**



SAT, JUN 22 • **SALSA SATURDAY!** Now is the time to plant for fall tomato harvest! Plus, enter your best salsa to win prizes from NHG, Taco Joint, and Artizone.

NOON • **Salsas MUST be entered at NHG. Judging begins at noon.**

1PM • **Winners are announced!**

SAT, JUN 22

9AM-1PM • **Terrific Tomatoes Workshop** by Leslie Halleck, Halleck Horticultural. In-depth workshop on how and when to properly start transplants from seed, using raised beds, crop timing, culture and care, pests & disease management and tomato varieties for DFW. \$20 Register at NORTH HAVEN GARDENS. This is a popular class and seating is limited so register soon!



### UGLY GARDEN CONTEST 2013

Is your lawn scorched? Are your garden beds a jungle? Enter our **Ugly Garden Contest**. Take pictures of your front or back garden, print them out along with a reason why your garden is so ugly, and bring to NORTH HAVEN GARDENS 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 Fri, Sep. 6th. You must be in our NHG Delivery zone to qualify. See last years winner and more details at [www.nhg.com/uglygardens.htm](http://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 Sep. 11th Gardening 101 Class
- \$500 NHG Gift Cert.
- 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
- Stay tuned for more prizes!





## Containers for Heat Tolerance

by Cynthia Koogler, Container Specialist

When planting containers in our intense summer heat, sometimes you have to be a bit innovative with your plant selection. Drought tolerant perennials, shrubs, and succulents are going to give you great results with minimal effort.

### Some plants you may consider:

**Agave • Artemisia • Barberry**  
**Blackfoot Daisy • 'Drift' Roses**  
**Grasses • Lamb's Ear • Lantana**  
**Salvia • Shasta Daisy • Sedum**  
**Verbena • Wooly Stemodia**

To have a great heat tolerant container, that you can enjoy all summer long, you will need a few essential materials.

### NHG Organic Potting Soil –

Contains natural wetting agent that will help keep plants hydrated

**Coir Fiber** – blend this natural material with your potting soil to help retain moisture.

**Espoma Bio-Starter** – Contains plant food and microbes to help plants develop stronger root systems

**Hasta-Gro** – Effective natural fertilizer that will keep your plants looking great all summer without burning

**Mulch** – Top dressing with mulch is important for water conservation during the summer

**Irrigation** – We have Container Drip Kits and other items to keep your containers moist

*Still not sure what to put in your containers? Come in today and our staff can get you set up with everything you need, or if you'd like we can pot it for you!*



## Summer In The Vegetable Garden

by Robin Carlton

Temperatures are starting to climb and you're harvesting juicy tomatoes from your veggie garden. In addition to your monthly fertilizing with granular food, apply a liquid foliar feed to vegetables once every couple of weeks. Fruit-producing plants are heavy feeders to begin with, and as soil temperature increase, many nutrients become bonded with the molecules in the soil, rendering them unavailable to the plants. **Hasta-Gro** foliar feed is a staff favorite. Use **Spinosad** to control grasshoppers, aphids, caterpillars and leaf miners in the vegetable garden. Spray liquid seaweed on tomato plants to control spider mites. Put down 2 – 3 inches of an organic mulch, if you haven't already. It will help your plants retain moisture in between those deep, infrequent waterings you should be doing year round.

Now is a great time to start seeds of many vegetables. Try squash, beans, eggplant, cantaloupe, watermelon and peppers. Sow them directly into the garden or into eco-friendly **Cow Pots** which will naturally decompose after you plant them.



## Today's Trend: Tropicals!

by Mark Black, TCNP

The exotic colors and rich textures of tropicals are catching our eye these days! Plant tropicals in your garden to add lush texture and extreme color for summer and fall. Hibiscus, bougainvillea and ginger added to vibrant containers and placed on patios, entrance ways and around a pool or water garden will "WOW" your guests. Other thrilling plants we love are **esparanza**, **bananas**, **tapioca**, **copper plants** and **mandevilla**. There are several wonderful tropical plants that thrive in shade. **Lemon Lollipops**, **elephant ears**, **philodendrons**, **crotons** and **caladiums** are some of our favorites. Most tropical plants like to be fed on a regular basis with **Hasta-Gro** or **Liquid Seaweed**. Water them as needed and allow the soil to dry in between. For more great info on tropical lovelies, attend our **POP UP Class on Exotic Tropicals on May 18th at 2pm!**



Mandevilla



Croton



Caladium

# NOW is the TIME...



## MAY

- Leave lots of hints around the house about **Mother's Day gifts** you are hoping for—an NHG Gift Card, baskets of herbs or colorful garden accessories.
- **Plant** caladium bulbs and summer bedding plants such as lantana, marigolds, purslane and zinnia; perennials, herbs, warm-season vegetables.
- **Fertilize** 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. Feed veggies.
- **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.

## JUNE

- **Father's Day** is around the corner! Make sure the kids know you want top quality tools and a gift card from North Haven Gardens!
- **Plant** warm-season annuals such as periwinkle, copper plant, vegetables, tropicals, fall-flowering perennials; re-pot houseplants.
- **Vegetables:** Begin harvesting tomatoes from spring planting. Keep tomato plants watered consistently to prevent cracking of the fruit. Harvest bush beans, peppers and summer herbs such as basil, oregano, sage and chives.
- **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.
- **Watering:** Use **Gator-Bags** to help keep newly planted trees and shrubs properly watered. Water established plants deeply and infrequently. Established lawns, shrubs and trees will need a deep watering about once per week. Do not rely on your sprinkler system to adequately water new plantings. Provide supplemental hand watering to new plants several times a week, as needed. Early morning, between 6am-8am is best. Watering in the evening encourages fungal diseases in your turf, ornamental and vegetable plantings.

## Natural Mosquito Control

by Robin Carlton

Mosquitoes are a frustration in many North Texas yards. No one enjoys being dinner for these pests, but how can you rid yourself of them without harmful pesticides? There are more than a few repellents and biological controls on the market, and we have pared down the selection to the most effective products.

If you simply want to repel them, try the **Skeeter Screen reed diffusers**. They give off an aroma that, while off-putting to mosquitoes, is quite appealing to people. You may also want to pick up one of the **Bug Band** products. Available in a wrist band, a towelette, and a spritz form, these contain geraniol, a botanical extract proven to repel mosquitoes and other summer pests. A liberal application of **Nature's Guide CedarCide** treats the entire lawn. These small bits of cedar wood coated in cedar oil repel fleas and chiggers, too.

To prevent mosquitoes, the best products are the **Summit Mosquito Dunks** and **Mosquito Bits**. The dunks are a small donut shaped cake that goes into birdbaths, fountains, creeks and other waterways. They release a strain of bacteria known as *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt), which is harmless to birds, fish, pets and humans, into the water where it infects mosquito larvae. The bits contain the same bacterium and are fantastic applied under foundations, in irrigation drains, in gutters, under raised decks, in groundcover beds and any other areas water may pool. The advantage is that it targets the larvae, killing them before they have a chance to breed again, breaking the life cycle swiftly.

For more information on these products and mosquito control, please visit our store and speak to a Garden Adviser today.



Visit our website for more tips and information [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com)

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## Summer Garden Care

Summer is around the corner and it's a good time to evaluate the needs of your whole yard. Your shrubs, trees, lawn, vegetables, annuals and perennials need preventative care so they're able to thrive in our brutal summers, not just survive.

If you missed your spring fertilization, now is a good time to put down **NHG's Organic 3-2-3** fertilizer. In addition to your lawn, this balanced fertilizer can also be applied under shrubs and trees to give them what they need to stay strong and healthy. We also have our **NHG 7-2-2** in handy 3 lb pails - great for small yards or patio fertilization.

Be sure to adhere to local watering restrictions. Water established plants **deeply** and **infrequently**. Established lawns, shrubs and trees need a deep watering about once per week. Do not rely on your sprinkler system to adequately water new plantings! Provide supplemental hand watering to new plants several times a week, as needed. Early morning, between 6am-8am is the best time to water. Watering in the night or evening encourages fungal diseases in your turf, ornamental and vegetable plantings. Audit your irrigation system to locate any leaks and ensure proper water delivery before the heat of summer arrives.



## 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](http://www.bonsaisocietyofdallas.com)  
Meets the first Saturday at 9am

**Daylily Growers of Dallas**  
More info at [www.dallasdaylilies.com](http://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](http://www.gntos.org)  
Meets the first Sunday at 3pm

