

Every *Blooming* Thing



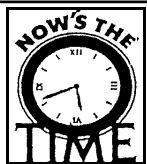
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North Haven Gardens Newsletter



November

Be certain you have Frost Cloth on hand to protect tender perennials and other plants from frost and freezing.

Be certain that plants are mulched well. At least 2-4 inches of mulch will help protect plant roots from cold temperatures.

Refrigerate tulips and Dutch hyacinths during November (45 days) for late December planting

Plant winter 'color' such as pansies, cyclamen, primrose, flowering kale and cabbage. Finish dividing and replanting spring- and summer-flowering perennials early November.

Using a watering can, apply a water-soluble fertilizer to newly planted annuals for a quick start.

Trim perennials back to the ground as they go dormant. Trim tender perennials such as bananas, Mexican bush sage, and lantanas after the first freeze; then mulch them well to protect from cold.

December

Mulch the gardens that you missed last month! Remove dead materials that could harbor insects or disease.

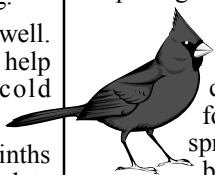
Plant tulips and hyacinths late December. Primulas and hardy cyclamen can be planted in protected garden areas or pots.

Transplanting is best done when plants are dormant.

Prune summer-flowering shrubs and vines (such as crape myrtles and altheas) *lightly* to prevent rampant growth in the spring. NEVER 'TOP'! Do not prune spring-flowering shrubs (azaleas), vines, or climbing roses until after their spring bloom.

Flighty Thoughts for Fall

As the migratory birds begin to arrive to feast on our season's seeds and berries, new ideas come to mind for the garden. Our **globe-type songbird feeders** will create hours of enjoyment for bird watchers while enticing clinging birds to your yard. Fill it with safflower seed or Black Oil sunflower seeds and watch the fun. The colorful house finches, Carolina chickadees, tufted titmouse, and other small birds can easily access these tricky feeders to retrieve their favorite seeds. Squirrels are foiled by the globe shape, and other large birds can't maneuver well enough to gain entrance to the openings located on the lower part of the feeder! An absolute MUST for bird lovers.



Attract the most desirable birds to your feeders with **safflower seeds**. Squirrels don't like them! **Black Oil sunflower seeds** will bring the most colorful of birds to your feeders this winter. And include at least one feeder for **thistle seeds** for the goldfinches that arrive in November and stay until spring. You will delight in watching their colors change from winter drab to brilliant yellow in the spring when you have 'regulars' around your feeding stations. Be on the lookout also for migratory kinglets, brown thrashers, juncos, and white-throated sparrows (they like Millet), and sapsuckers. Wrens and woodpeckers will enjoy peanuts. *And don't forget to join our Birdseed Club!*



Can't figure out what that bird was? Grab a copy of the **Sibley Guide to Birds, Birder's Guide to Texas, Birds of Texas, or Field Guide to Birds**. That little darting bird you saw might have been a house wren or perhaps a common yellowthroat or a ruby-crowned kinglet!

And if you are thinking about adding a shrub or tree to your landscape, consider the birds when you make your selections! **American Beautyberry** with its display of clustered vibrant magenta-colored fall berries not only will attract birds but also everyone else's attention! This 3-9' deciduous shrub does well in dappled shade areas. **Wax myrtle** is an evergreen shrub with aromatic leaves. It develops waxy pale bluish berries and is great as a 'nesting' tree. It tolerates poor drainage. The berries in the fall and winter attract about 40 different species of birds, including the migratory cedar waxwing, robin, cardinal, mockingbird, warbler, towhee, and sparrow. Once the native [female] **Possumhaw holly** drops its leaves for winter, the berry display can be quite stunning — and the birds like them, too!

Most of all, add a bird bath or fountain to your winter garden — birds will flock to use it. You will delight in their winged antics as they bathe on chilly days in your garden!

Camellias for Winter Garden Blooms and Interest

Camellias are evergreen shade-loving plants that are often overlooked until their winter blooms attract attention, creating colorful displays. The shiny dark green foliage is attractive year-round in the garden and can be used as an accent plant or a landscape shrub. Camellias require very little pruning and require shade. From October to April, these evergreen shrubs can add a spark of color to an otherwise flower-less season. A single Camellia can brighten a troublesome shady corner, turning it into a wonderfully attractive niche. Add variety to a patio garden or an area where the soil is difficult by planting them in large containers with drainage holes. They like well-drained slightly acidic soil (pH 6.0 to 6.5 is ideal), but will tolerate a lower pH. Plant camellias in the fall and mulch them well to keep soil moisture in (but not soggy). Check out our many beautiful varieties!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 3 - 1:30 p.m.
'Sights & Sounds: Winter Birds of North Texas'

Join Carolyn & David Oldham, Audubon members, for a new winter bird presentation. Find out which birds visit, why they come, how to attract them, and learn how to identify them by sight and sound.



Saturday, November 9 — 1:30 p.m.

Experience Live Birds of Prey!

Pierre Bradshaw 'On the Wing Again' If you've never seen a raptor 'up close and personal,' then you will delight in seeing and learning about these magnificent birds.



Sunday, November 10 — 1:30 p.m.

"Feng Shui for the Holidays"

Feng Shui Expert/Consultant Laurel Schellinger will explain how to arrange your holiday decorations to capture the best spirit of the holidays.

Wednesday, November 20 - Noon 'til 2 p.m.

"Wednesday at Noon — for the Holidays!"

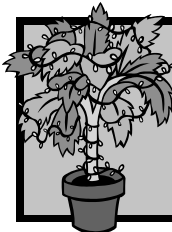
Enjoy lunch and see what new plant ideas & gifts you can add to your home for the holidays.

Reservation required;

Luncheon Charge.

Limited Seating; Registration Form in store or on our website:

www.nhg.com



Saturday, December 7 -- 1:30 p.m.

"Making Holiday Wreaths and Other Decorating Tips" with Michael Phillips



Saturday, December 14 - 1:30 "Gardeners' Gift Tour" with Bob McLaughlin

Join Bob on a tour of the nursery and find many gift ideas we have for your favorite gardener.

**First Men's Garden Club of Dallas
 November 9 and December 7
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

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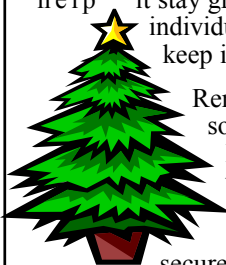
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Check our Website for More Info and Events!



Ahhhhhhhhh! The Fragrance of Christmas ... Trees

North Haven Christmas trees are shipped directly to us by the growers, so they are fresh, fresh, fresh! Later in November, many varieties will arrive from which to choose — Nobel Fir, Douglas Fir, Fraser Fir, and Grand Fir — all of which premium grade trees. We spray each tree with 'Cloud Cover,' an anti-transpirant product, to seal the foliage and help it stay green and moist. Each tree is individually displayed suspended into its own pail of water to keep it fresh just for you.



Remember that trees absorb several quarts of water a week; so, add water regularly once you get your tree home.

Locate it away from heat sources (fireplaces, heaters, vents, television), and check light strands before decorating. If you have a curious cat or rambunctious pup (or toddlers) running about, you might want to secure the top of your tree to a ceiling hook "just in case..."

Enjoy the joy and fragrance of a fresh tree this holiday!

Special family nights for shopping late: Open until 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings on

December 5, 6, 7

December 12, 13, 14

December 19, 20, 21

Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas and New Year's days — so we can all be with our families.



Poinsettias Add Cheer to the Holiday Season!

Originally from Mexico, there are now over 100 varieties of poinsettia available. *North Haven Gardens will carry more than 25 of them this year!*

The usual color choice is the deep, vibrant red. However, there is a wide array of other colors, including pink, white, marbled, speckled, and yellow. The colorful parts of the poinsettia, the bracts, are actually modified leaves. The poinsettia flower is actually very small, yellow, and situated in the middle of the colorful bracts.

New additions to our poinsettia collection are *Prestige, Monet, Plum Pudding, Monet Twilight, Snow Cap, Red Baron, Cortez, Winter Rose, and Santa Claus.*

Keep out of drafts. Water when soil is dry.

December 12th is National Poinsettia Day!



Cyclamen — Unique Winter Delight

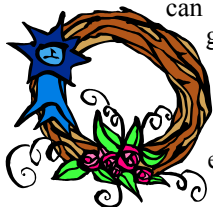
Cyclamen are part of the Primrose family, native to the Mediterranean. Many of these tuberous plants have adapted well to our climate in North Texas. They bloom in the winter — pink, white, red colors that stand on tall stems above unique and striking foliage. They like good drainage and slightly alkaline soil. Cover with frost cloth if the temperatures dip below 25° F. to 20° F.



Add pots of cyclamen to your entryway for the holiday — or set them inside to cheer your winter guests. Add hardy cyclamen to shade-protected areas of your outside garden for delightful winter color. Select from our many interesting varieties.

Add Warmth to Your Holiday Festivities with Special Floral Designs

We have several creative, award-winning floral designers on our staff. Stop by or call our **floral department (214-691-6751)** today and talk to one of our designers about your holiday floral needs and wishes. Let one of them design something special for your holiday décor — perhaps a unique table arrangement or something for an entryway to greet your guests? Our designers can create arrangements, wreaths, sprays, holiday garlands, and combination floral/gifts for you.



Drop in and select a special container that will hold holiday memories. Ask one of our floral designers to create a floral arrangement to enhance it.

Order a custom holiday center piece (for pickup or delivery) for your holiday table this year. Beautiful wreaths, door swags, and garlands are a specialty and can be either fresh cut or artificial. Stop by and select your favorite size, ribbon, ornaments, and color scheme for your holiday home decorations.

Thanksgiving - November 27
Hanukah - November 29
Christmas Eve - December 24
Quanza - December 26
New Year's Eve - December 31

7th Annual Tea Off and Dessert Winners!

1st/ Herbal Tea - Stephanie Hancock "Peppermint Lemonade"
 2nd/ Herbal Tea - Susan Thornbury "Yard Art Herbal Refresher"
 1st/ Herbal Dessert - Genevieve Reily "Rosemary Almond Cookies"
 2nd / Herbal Dessert - Gussie Deya "Red Rose Tarts"

All recipes are posted on our website! Go to www.nhg.com.

Secret Bulb Tips Revealed by Carolyn Oldham

Dutch bulb expert Cornelius Noordermeer shared his best bulb tips with the North Haven Gardens staff recently, and we gladly pass them on to you.

1. Plant tulips (pre-chilled), hyacinths (pre-chilled), daffodils, crocus, and narcissus (paperwhites) late November through December. Planting too early results in weak growth. Soil temperature should be between 50° F. to 55° F.
2. There is a tulip which will naturalize and be perennial here — the Clusianna, which is native to Turkey.
3. Plant in a sunny (under deciduous trees is okay), well-drained location at a depth 3 times the size of the bulb.
4. Bulbs don't need too much fertilizer. It is best to sprinkle the fertilizer over the top of the soil, not in the hole with the bulb.
5. Always mulch bulbs after planting. This keeps the soil temperatures cool.
6. Bulbs look best when planted in a random pattern, not in rows or circles around trees. Plant them close (3-4 inches) for the best show.
7. After blooms are spent in the spring, there is no need to leave the foliage up. You may cut it down immediately.
8. Always remove spent tulip bulbs (except the Clusianna) and discard, as they can cause fungal diseases in other plants if left in the ground.
9. A good bulb for the shade is *Leucojum aestivum* (Snowdrops). It blooms early and naturalizes well here.
10. Plant anemones in January. They will return 4-5 years. Plant ranunculus (toes down) in mid-January. They are considered annuals here. Soak both these bulbs in water 2 hours before planting.



Great Gift Ideas for the Gardener Consider garden 'necessities' such as *AnyWears* all-season garden shoes (available in many colors), *Mud Gloves*, and beautifully-crafted wooden-handled hand tools for the gardener in your life. For the men and women who are the 'keepers of the grounds', they will love the *Quick Connect* set of five different brass hose heads that turn a common garden hose into an incredible multi-use tool — water plants, clean windows, blast dirt from the driveway, or just clean outside items. Plant markers are a 'must' in the garden. Keep everyone 'in the know' with metal markers in an array of styles and sizes for plants and especially for roses in your garden. *Start forcing paperwhites in our pretty containers now so they will be ready for gift giving during the December holidays!*



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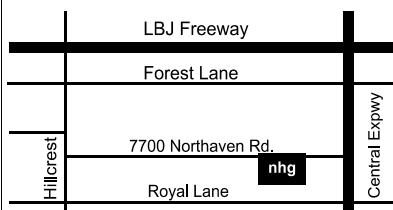
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GARDEN SOCIETY/CLUB MEETINGS AT NORTH HAVEN GARDENS

Call the club to confirm the meeting —
November/December meetings change!
Some of the clubs do not meet in December.

Begonia Society 214-363-5316
Meets the third Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Bonsai Society 972-392-1430
Meets the first Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Bromeliad Society
Alternate months, 4th Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Daffodil Society 214-526-5379
Call for Saturday meeting information.

Dallas Organic Garden Club
972-235-4001
Meets fourth Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Dallas Rose Society 972-234-5184
Meets the fourth Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Daylily Growers of Dallas
972-684-4760
Meets the third Saturday at 10 a.m.

First Men's Garden Club of Dallas
972-907-9911
Meets the third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Hosta Society 214-363-6715 x333
Call to confirm meeting date and time.

Southwestern Fern Society
972-241-6480
Meets the second Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

The Gardener's Gift Corner by Betty Hargrave

Ready for the holidays? We have many unique, beautiful, and useful gifts and ideas for your shopping list! Browsing the new displays and shelves can truly be fun!

You have seen the beautiful faces and the whimsical creations of George Carruth, and now we have them here! You will be captivated by the many plaques, rain gauges, statues, wall hangings, and even beautiful whimsical birdhouses — not seen anywhere else before! Butterflies and dragonflies adorn various hooks, which can be artfully hung anywhere to catch that apron, coat, towel, or cap. Amusing lop-eared bunnies, snails, frog princes, and chubby birds are also among the new arrivals. Any of these will add to the 'spirit of the garden' theme throughout a gardener's home.

Now is the time to splurge also on the incredibly colorful garden globes and blown glass hummingbird feeders. Tiny hummers are incredibly fascinating to watch. Be ready to lure them to your garden with beautifully-crafted and brilliantly colored stained glass feeders. And don't forget to browse the multi-colored venetian glass bird baths on artful metal stands. Enjoy them inside during the winter in your garden room and then put them outside in the spring for all the garden visitors to enjoy!



Our holiday Christmas Tree Shoppe will again glow with beautiful and unique tree ideas. The 'Natural Woodland' tree will delight you with woodland creatures, garden tools, natural pine cones and decorative leaves. Flitting about the branches will be whimsical tin angels and Holly accents. The 'Traditional' tree will feature a multitude of colored lights and ornaments that give that wonderful cozy 'back home' feeling. Look for our 'Shimmering' tree with its uniquely elegant gold, silver, and crystal ornaments. Clear lights give this tree a sparkling glow as they reflect off the crystal icicles and gold and silver spheres and a collection of miniature gold and silver chairs to add a bit of whimsical elegance.

Hard-to-find specialty lights, micro fiber, mini- and soft pearl glow lights will all be available along with traditional small lights and large-size outside lights we all enjoy. Use these lights when designing with the Oregon Fir wreaths and garlands we will have for decorating your home. The wreaths are available in sizes of 24, 30, 36, 48, and 60 inches! Some are pre-lit with tiny clear lights. And don't forget the garlands! Nine-foot long pre-lit garland and door swags always add sparkle to the season!



Check our ad each Friday
in the Dallas Morning News'
Living / House & Garden
section for lectures,
events, and sales.

The Book Corner

Don't forget books for the gardeners in your life! Some favorites are *Southern Herb Growing* (recipes and plant identification and care), *Herbs for Texas*, *Plants of the Metroplex*, and the *Texas Bug Book* are always great to have in a gardener's library. The *Organic Rose Garden* and *Growing Roses Organically* are filled with excellent information and new additions. Come browse the books and find something suited for that special gardener in your life!

