

NORTH HAVEN *Gardens* Every Blooming Thing

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NOV • DEC • 2007

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ALL PROGRAMS ARE COMPLIMENTARY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

NOVEMBER 2007



SAT, NOV 3 • BULB DAY

Come learn about bulbs and how to grow them. Then shop our huge selection of bulbs!

11 AM • TEXAS BULBS by Chris Weisinger of Southern Bulb Company

1:30PM • SPRING FLOWERING BULBS by Cornelius Nordermeer

SAT, NOV 10 BIRDHOUSE CONTEST

Sponsored by Audubon Dallas. Join us for our 3rd Annual Birdhouse contest. Get creative and have some fun!

Great prizes for the winners! Check www.nhg.com for details and registration form.



photos National Geographic

SAT, NOV 10 • 1:30PM ATTRACTING COLORFUL BACKYARD BIRDS

by Carolyn Oldham. Top Ten Tips for attracting Texas birds to your garden. Learn about the best types of bird feeders, houses, food and plants. Presentation and slide show.



FRI, NOV 23 • THE BEST CHRISTMAS TREES AND FRESH GREENS ARE HERE! Come see us to select from the prettiest trees and greens in town. Delivery and tree setup are available in select areas.

SUN, NOV 11 • FALL HARVEST PIE DAY

Just in time for the holidays! Bake your favorite pie then enter it to win in our first "Fall Harvest Pie Contest". Check www.nhg.com for details and registration form. Then attend our free program about growing fruit trees. Entries accepted between 10am-12noon. Contest winners will be announced at 2:30pm following our program. Pie judging by LaDuni Restaurant.

LA DUNI
RESTAURANT & BAKERY

1:30PM • GROWING FRUIT TREES IN NORTH TEXAS by Dale Ham of Ham Orchards

DECEMBER 2007

SAT & SUN, DEC 1 & 2 HOLIDAY WEEKEND

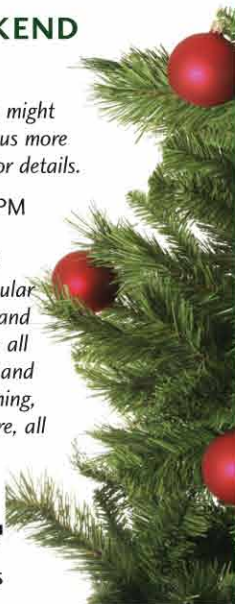
Join us for Christmas tree shopping, hot cider and cookies all weekend. Santa might even sell you your tree... Plus more fun! Check www.nhg.com for details.

BOTH DAYS • 10AM - 7PM

ARTS & CRAFTS SALE

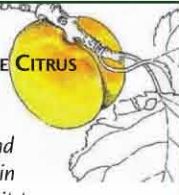
Looking for beautiful hand crafted gifts? Back by popular demand, our holiday arts and crafts sale will be going on all weekend. View and select hand made jewelry, pottery, clothing, glass- work, and much more, all created by local artists.

SUN, DEC 1
11AM - 5PM
OPERATION
KINDNESS PET ADOPTIONS



SUN, DEC 1 • 1PM - 5PM BOTANICAL ART SERIES CELEBRATE CITRUS WORKSHOP with Artist

in Residence Cynthia Padilla. Learn how to paint! Beginners and non-artist types welcome. Demo in watercolor techniques. Call or visit to register. Spots fill quickly. \$55 per person. Details at www.nhg.com



SAT, DEC 8 • 1:30PM

WINTER CONTAINERS

Demonstration on the patio by NHG Staff

Great Garden Gifts

By Mickie Chenault

NORTH HAVEN GARDENS carries all types of gifts for the gardener on your gift list. For the novice or the experienced gardener our NHG Stainless Steel and Hardwood garden forks, shovels and spades would be a wonderful addition to their tool shed. These tools make planting and bed work a breeze. If someone on your list is just starting to garden you might give the gift of a specially prepared soil mix, this can be delivered in bulk to his or her home. For bulb fanciers we have "Garden Bulbs for the South" by Scott Ogden and of course all the bulbs you would need for a beautiful spring display. These items could be combined into a gift basket with gloves, bulb food and a bulb planter for a great gift. We have a rose lovers boxed set, which contains a pair of gauntlet gloves and hand pruners. NHG will have themed garden baskets ready made or one of our garden advisors can suggest items if you would like to make up your own. You can pick up a **NHG Gift Card** at any register for your shopping convenience. Come in and enjoy the Holiday Season while you pick up great garden gifts here at NHG.



NORTH HAVEN GARDENS CARRIES THE BEST CHRISTMAS TREES & POINSETTIAS IN TOWN!

Don't forget to visit us this holiday season for quality fresh cut and living trees. Christmas trees and fresh greens and wreaths go on sale the day after Thanksgiving. Christmas trees can be delivered and set up in select areas in Dallas. Check www.nhg.com for Holiday Weekend.



PLANTING TIME

Plant Tulips, Hyacinth and other spring-flowering bulbs between Thanksgiving and the end of December, when soil temperatures reach 45-50°F. Daffodils, however, can be planted anytime after October 1st and through mid-January.



WE'LL DO THE CHILLIN'

When you purchase \$100 worth of bulbs with your Grow Card, we'll store them for you at just the right temperature for just the right time. We'll call you at the beginning of December to let you know when it's time to plant.

Christmas Trees, Wreathes, and Greens – Keep 'Em Fresh

By Chuck Goecke, MTCNP

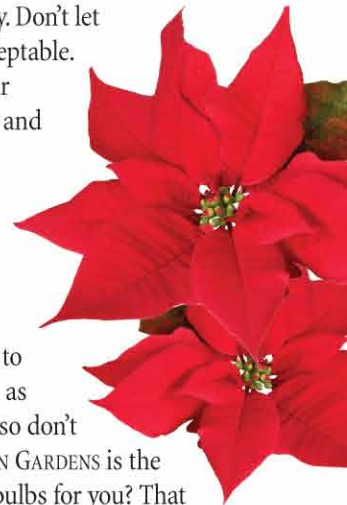
Nothing enhances the holiday spirit better than the smell of real conifer evergreens in our homes. However, if not properly handled, the greens will soon dry out, along with the fragrance, creating a potential hazard in your home. NORTH HAVEN GARDENS treats all the trees and fresh greens we sell with an anti-transpirant that reduces the moisture loss, but there are several other tips that will help you once you're home. Maintaining fresh water in the tree stand reservoir is critical for your Christmas tree, and should keep it fresh through the holidays. Fresh cut greens should be soaked in water before putting them up for display, and then misted daily or soaked for an hour or so every other day if that is possible. The room your greens are in should be kept as cool as possible, with the greens out of the moving air from vents. NORTH HAVEN GARDENS has a huge selection of the prettiest and freshest Christmas greens in the metroplex.

POINSETTIAS

Beautiful Elegant Color for the Holidays

By Don Miller

Poinsettias with their brilliantly colored bracts have become a holiday tradition. The colored bracts are modified leaves and surround small yellow flowers in the center of the rosette. Placing beautiful poinsettia plants in strategic areas of the home is an easy, no fuss way, to decorate for the holidays. Poinsettias also make delightful holiday gifts. 'Carousel Pink' is a new variety you will want to see. The bracts are twisted and ruffled giving a unique shape and texture to the salmon pink inflorescence. We will also have a beautiful selection of miniature poinsettias. These small plants are grown in 2" decorative self-watering pots. These make excellent party favors or inexpensive gifts. Poinsettias will last for 4 to 6 weeks in low light areas. But, they will last for months if put in bright indirect light. Keep poinsettias away from drafts and heater vents. They should be watered thoroughly then allowed to get slightly dry. Don't let them wilt or sit in water. Normal home temperatures are acceptable. The ideal temperature range is 65-75 degrees. Come visit our greenhouse full of beautiful poinsettias and other gift plants and add color to your holidays.



Plan Your Best Spring Garden Yet

By Leslie Finical Halleck, M.S.

It's Tulip time again! The holiday season is upon us, and its time to select your favorite bulb varieties for the garden. Not to mention bulbs make great gifts. Popular Tulip varieties, such as 'Menton', 'Maureen', 'Kingsblood' and others sell out quickly, so don't wait until December to visit! Did you know that NORTH HAVEN GARDENS is the only nursery in town that will store and pre-chill your tulip bulbs for you? That means you can select your bulbs early and leave them with us until planting time. Storage at the right temperature, about 45-50°F, for 60 to 70 days is necessary for your tulips, hyacinth, crocus and other spring flowering bulbs to bloom. We'll also have a great selection of cool season color to brighten your garden from autumn through spring. Choose from the finest selection of popular and new varieties of pansies and violas, as well as dianthus, snapdragons, alyssum, mums, diascia, nemesia, fall blooming perennials and much, *much* more! Our expert garden advisors can provide you with great tips on planting your bulbs and cool-season color as well as help with color and variety selection. Don't miss **BULB DAY, SATURDAY, NOV. 3RD!**

Now is the Time...



NOVEMBER

Prepare for bulb planting by attending Bulb Day November 3rd.

Buy frost cloth to protect tender perennials and other plants from frost and/or freezing.

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

Select your tulips and hyacinths now. We will pre-chill your bulbs for you in our bulb cooler. Tulips and hyacinth should be planted after Thanksgiving and by the end of December. Plant your daffodils now through mid-January. Mix Bone Meal or NHG Bulb Food into soil when planting daffodils.

Plant winter color such as pansies, violas, dianthus, snapdragons, flowering kale and cabbage. Plant cool season herbs like dill and parsley. Finish dividing and re-planting spring and summer-flowering perennials early November. Plant container trees and shrubs.

Using a water 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, firebush, Mexican heather, 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, hyacinth and crocus by the end of the month. Continue planting daffodils through mid-January. Over-plant your bulbs with winter color such as viola and pansy. Primula and hardy cyclamen can be planted in protected garden areas or pots. Apply NHG Organic Pansy Food.

Plant container trees and shrubs. 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. Do not prune spring-flowering shrubs (azaleas or hydrangeas), vines, or climbing roses until after their spring bloom.

Don't forget to water trees and shrubs.

For more tips, seasonal information and extended gardening articles visit www.nhg.com and go to the Member's Page.

Ornamental Herbs and Vegetables for Winter Color

By Kay Nelson, TCNP

Reward yourself with flavor and color in your fall/winter herb and vegetable garden. Plant broccoli, cauliflower and brussels sprouts, red and green cabbage, spinach and mustard greens. Don't forget cool season herbs like dill, fennel and parsley. Plant extras of these herbs for the swallowtail butterflies. Curly parsley makes a beautiful cool-season border and takes cold winters very well. Swiss chard has beautifully colored stems and makes an attractive combination with golden lemon thyme, lettuce, arugula and salad burnet are not only pretty, but can be harvested during cold weather. Sprinkle in violas and pansies for a blast of color. Give your new plants a jump-start with SUPERthrive. Improve the soil with lava sand and keep your plants vigorous and healthy with NHG Organic Herb and Vegetable Food. Enjoy your beautiful and tasty winter garden.



HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Looking for a Fresh Gift for the Hanukkah or Christmas Season?

Let us create a gift basket, garden basket or centerpiece with live plants from our greenhouse and garden center. Fresh herbs, cool season color, poinsettias, orchids and more make wonderful gifts for family, hosts and hostesses. Let us deliver your gift for you in Dallas Mon-Fri. Call us at 214.363.5316 to place your order.

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North Haven Gardens Gift Cards make the perfect gift! Order online or in-store.

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CONGRATULATIONS

to **KATO DIXON** on receiving her TCNP – **Texas Certified Nursery Professional** certification! Stop by and give her a pat on the back!

My Favorite Evergreens By Kato Dixon, TCNP

Some customers tell me they think nandinas are “old fashioned”. But, there’s a reason our grandparents planted them. They are Texas Tough! They grow in sun or shade and you can’t hardly kill ‘em with a stick. Nandinas are available from 18” to 10 feet tall. Plus, these beauties have a constant metamorphosis of color. Chartreuse, burgundy, orange and red; both with or without berries. The smallest of the nandinas, ‘Harbour Belle’ stay compact and low to the ground. ‘Moon Bay’, ‘Compacta’ and ‘Fire Power’ each reach about 3-feet tall and ‘Gulf Stream’ reaches about 4-feet tall. The huge standard nandinas, ‘Heavenly Bambo’ and *N. domestica* are an excellent evergreen screen and a great habitat for cardinals and other birds. For something out of the ordinary, try ‘San Gabriel’. This is a unique variety with unusual lacey leaves – definitely not your grandparent’s nandinas!

Garden Coach Program

Are you a beginning gardener and need some help getting started? Perhaps you have a new home and need help addressing existing problem areas, or just want a fresh garden makeover. A consultation here at the garden center with our Garden Coach will help take your gardening skills to the next level.

Your Garden Coach, a Texas Certified Nursery Professional, will sit down with you and help identify areas in your landscape ready for improvement, suggest the proper plants for your needs and provide maintenance information. Then, she’ll take you through the garden center to show you the plants you’re interested in so you can make educated choices. The cost of your consultation session is \$50. At the end of your consultation, you’ll receive an NHG gift card for \$50, which you can apply to any plant purchase that day or in the future! Call 214-363-5316 to inquire about an appointment.

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.

BEGONIA SOCIETY
214-363-6715 ext 340
Meets the fourth Sunday at 3pm

BONSAI SOCIETY
972-754-9883
Meets the first Saturday at 9am

DAYLILY GROWERS OF DALLAS
972-669-0291
Meets the third Saturday at 10am

FIRST MEN’S GARDEN CLUB OF DALLAS
972-424-0724
Meets the third Tuesday at 7pm

HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA
Meets the fourth Saturday at 10am

IKEBANA CREATIONS
Meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday
from 12:30pm– 3:30pm
Call Sue Smith 972-424-8516

IRIS SOCIETY
Meets the third Sunday at 3pm

SOUTHWESTERN FERN SOCIETY
214-691-4364
Meets the second Sunday at 3pm

