

NORTH HAVEN Gardens

Every Blooming Thing

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ALL PROGRAMS ARE COMPLIMENTARY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

NOVEMBER 2008



SAT, NOV 1 • BULB DAY
12:30PM • **BEAUTIFUL BULBS FOR OUR AREA**
Cornelius Nordermeer, local bulb expert.

1:30PM • **YOUR BEST SPRING DISPLAY**
Denise Robb, Dallas Arboretum Manager of Research & Greenhouses, offers the best advice on planting and maintaining your spring bulbs. Plus, she goes over which bulbs naturalize and perennialize in our area.

SUN, NOV 2
10:30AM • **ORGANIC TOUR** Kay Nelson guides you on a tour of our organic area. This is a perfect program if you are new to organic gardening or looking for some fresh organic advice.
30 minute Standing tour.

11 AM • **CONTAINER DEMO AT THE POTTING BAR**
Colorful containers are an easy, economical way to wow guests this holiday season. Sun and shade.

WED, NOV 5 • 11 AM
NATURALIZING BULBS Leslie Finical Halleck tells us which spring blooming bulbs to plant that we can enjoy for years to come.



SAT, NOV 8
BIRDHOUSE CONTEST
Join us for our 4th Annual Birdhouse contest. Get creative and have some fun! Entry form at www.nhg.com on the events page. Sponsored by Audubon Dallas. Great Prizes!

1st Prize: \$100 North Haven Gardens Gift Card
2nd Prize: \$75 North Haven Gardens Gift Card
3rd Prize: \$50 North Haven Gardens Gift Card

1:30PM • **BIRDING IN THE DFW AREA** by Linda Ford, President, Audubon Dallas Find out where the best areas of town are to spot beautiful birds in their natural habitat.

SAT, NOV 15 • FALL HARVEST PIE DAY
PIE CONTEST Just in time for the holidays! Bake your favorite pie then enter it to win in our second "Fall Harvest Pie Contest". Check www.nhg.com for details and registration form. Entries accepted between 9am-noon. Contest winners will be announced at 2:30pm following our program in the conference room. Great Prizes!

Guest Judge: Larry Levine, owner of Strong's Tavern!

1st Prize: \$100 North Haven Gardens Gift Card, plus a \$50 Gift Card to **Sevy's Restaurant**
2nd Prize: \$75 North Haven Gardens Gift Card
3rd Prize: \$50 North Haven Gardens Gift Card

1:30PM • **GROWING FRUIT TREES IN NORTH TEXAS**
by Christine Hensley, NHG Staff, TCNP

FRI, NOV 28 • 11 AM
The Best Christmas Trees and Fresh Greens in town have arrived and are ready to be shipped!

DECEMBER 2008

SAT & SUN, DEC 6 & 7
HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Join us for Christmas tree shopping, hot cider and cookies all weekend. Santa might even sell you your Christmas tree!
Pine Cone Specials
Sat & Sun! Search for specials tied to pinecones hidden throughout the store. You could win 5%-30% off your entire purchase!

SAT & SUN • 10AM - 5PM
ARTS & CRAFTS SALE
Looking for beautiful hand crafted gifts? Our popular Holiday Arts and Crafts Event will be going on all weekend. Select hand made jewelry, paintings, glass work, knitting work and much more, by local artists.

SAT, NOV 29 & SAT, DEC 13 • 1:30PM
NEIL SPERRY makes a special appearance to sell his wonderful handmade pens benefitting the Serenity High. While in-store for these dates, Neil does not answer plant questions.

NEW!

NHG Vegetable Display Gardens

We think everyone should be planting veggies and herbs! Homegrown tastes best and growing your own means you always know where your food is coming from. Plus, having edibles available in your garden means you'll save money on all your favorite recipes! To help educate and inspire you, we've created a whole new area in the garden center devoted to showing you how to grow culinary delights and all their companion plants. Be sure to visit the display garden this winter and you'll see fresh salad greens, carrots, broccoli, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, a variety of herbs, seasonal color and more. Whether you are new to veggie gardening or looking for new ideas, a browse through our display gardens offer the best information for a successful garden.



Live Floral Garden Gifts

Looking for a special gift for a favorite gardener? Allow one of our creative staff members put together a themed custom Garden Gift Basket. Fill it with everything from herbs and seasonal color to garden accessories, gloves, books and hats. Top it off with an NHG Gift Card in any amount. We even deliver in the Dallas area.

Also be sure to visit us this holiday season for some of the best, most unique gifts with a garden twist. Favorites include soy-based herbal candles, poinsettias of the most elegant varieties and a session with our in-store Garden Coach.



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. Plus, from December 4th - 20th, we are open until 7pm Thurs - Sat to make tree shopping easier.

EcoFriendly Christmas

This year, decorate a live Christmas tree in your home, then plant it in your garden when the season is over.



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, 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.

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Christmas Trees, Wreaths, 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 green 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 are 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.*

Decorate Your Home Naturally

By Kay Nelson, NHG Garden Coach, TCNP

Bring your garden indoors for the holidays! Tree trimmings, fresh flowers, herbs and other garden delights create a welcome environment for family and guests. Cut holly limbs with red berries, magnolia leaves, boxwood branches and ivy from your landscape and add to floral arrangements, wreaths and swags for a natural, modern feel. Select poinsettias from our greenhouse in a variety of natural colors along with ivy topiaries and white orchids. Cyclamen make great houseplants for cool rooms in brightly colored containers. Force paperwhites and amaryllis for splashes of unique color. To welcome guests, be sure to plant rosemary in pots at the door with pansies, violas and ivy for a completely holiday feel. Bring pots of herbs and color indoors during gatherings and be sure to put them back outdoors afterwards for long lasting color and aroma. Of course, no Christmas is complete without fresh Christmas trees and greens. Their scents, texture and beauty will encourage long lasting memories for years to come!

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. 1ST** check calendar or www.nhg.com for details.



Amazing Amaryllis Make Unique Gifts

By Leslie Finical Halleck, MHS

Looking for a gift this year that's a cut above traditional? Check out our selection of exotic Amaryllis bulbs. We have stunning new varieties available that are sure to impress this holiday season. One of my favorites, 'Chico' sports striking ivory, green and burgundy blooms that resemble a spider lily. 'Sumatra', a South American hybrid, has slender petals in shades of coral. For sophisticated white blooms, try 'Amputo', which produces clusters of small Easter lily-like flowers. These beauties are not only unusual but also easy to grow. Pair an exotic amaryllis bulb with a colorful glazed cachepot or vase, decorative rock or moss and a card, and you have the perfect gift for any gardener, hostess, teacher or you!

Fabulous Winter Color

By Don Miller, NHG Bedding Buyer

We are very fortunate to live in North Central Texas with its mild winter temperatures. This gives us the opportunity to grow many colorful plants through the cooler winter months. Pansies and violas are our most reliable winter bloomers. These beauties bring you a continuous show all winter in a rainbow of bright colors. Many people still prefer the large flowered pansies, but with the smaller flowered varieties you get more flowers and they hold up better in the rain. This group would include the Radiance, Nature and Ultima series. There has been a recent trend to plant violas in the pansy beds. They tend to tolerate light shade and pack in many more flowers. Pick one of the two trailing varieties such as 'Purple Rain' (purple) and 'Frosty Rain' (light bluish color) to add to containers and window boxes. Be sure to plant ornamental Kale and Cabbage along with your pansies and violas! The taller varieties are 'Red Bor', 'Peacock Red' and 'Peacock White', these get 18" to 30" tall. One of the brightest short reds (they are more purple than red) is 'Chidori Red'. Other winter favorites include Iceland poppies, primrose, snapdragons and shade-loving cyclamen. All your winter color will benefit with a feeding of NHG Organic Pansy Food or NHG Organic Bedding Food. Happy planting!



NEW AT NHG

Garden Girl, Patti Moreno, offers organic cotton and hemp tee shirts, organic seeds and instructional DVDs filled with useful and helpful ways to live more in harmony with the natural world even if you live in an Urban Environment. She promotes an organic, eco friendly lifestyle that will encourage you to eat more organic foods, save money by growing your own organic produce, and bring up the net worth of your most valuable asset, your home. **Garden Girl products arrive in-store this November!**

URBAN SUSTAINABLE LIVING
with Patti Moreno,
The Garden Girl

Now is the Time



NOVEMBER

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. **Attend Bulb Day November 1st.**

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 and hyacinth by the end of the month. Continue planting daffodils. 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 Bone Meal.

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.

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Growing Fruit Trees

By Alison Swann

More and more folks come into our nursery wanting to grow their own food. Planting even one fruit tree is a small investment that can yield years of delicious fruit for eating and baking. There are many types and varieties of fruit trees that do well in our area. Apple, pear, peach, apricot, plum, persimmon, jujube and fig trees may be planted now. Apple and Asian pear trees should be planted in pairs for adequate cross-pollination for ample fruit production. Peach trees are available in standard and dwarf varieties. 'Celeste', 'Texas Everbearing' and 'Brown Turkey' are excellent fig tree choices. Many of your favorite apples, including 'Red' and 'Golden Delicious', 'Gala', 'Holland', 'Fuji' and 'Granny Smith', are all well suited to our area. Preparing the soil organically is easy and, along with organic methods of pest prevention and fertilization, ensures that you know what is in the fruit you and your family enjoy. Begin by digging a hole that is two times wider than your tree's container and just a little deeper. Plant the tree slightly higher than it was in the container. Drench the root ball with root stimulator before filling the hole with the remaining soil. Our first-year care guide will help you give your new tree the care it needs to adapt to your landscape and thrive. *Don't miss FALL HARVEST PIE CONTEST NOVEMBER 15th! For contest rules and details, visit www.nhg.com/events.htm.*

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, you are ready to go organic and need some sound advice. 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 at the garden center 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. *In-store only.*



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 9:00am

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

972-881-9428

Meets the fourth Saturday at 10:30am

IKEBANA CREATIONS

Meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday most months
from 12:30pm-3:30pm

Call Sue Smith 972-424-8516 for schedule

IRIS SOCIETY

Meets the third Sunday at 3pm

NORTH TEXAS ORCHID SOCIETY

Meets the first Sunday at 1:30

SOUTHWESTERN FERN SOCIETY

214-691-4364

Meets the second Sunday at 3pm

