

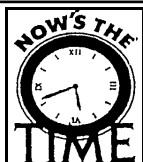
# Every *Blooming* Thing



Celebrating  
**51**  
Years of Service

September-October 2002

North Haven Gardens Newsletter



## September

Plant cool weather color — petunias, alyssum, dianthus, cyclamen, primrose, flowering kale.

Select and purchase spring-blooming bulbs. The best selections are available now: paperwhites, tulips, hyacinths, and specialty bulbs. We will store bulb purchases of \$100 or more in our cooler until planting time (mid- to late December when soil temperatures are 50° or colder).

The fall is a great time to plant (and transplant) trees and shrubs. Consider adding some natives.

Fertilize lawns, trees, and shrubs at the beginning of September. Between mid-September and October 15, apply corn gluten meal as a weed pre-emergent to *grass areas only*; use 20 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft; water after applying. *Keep it out of the gardens.* (If you apply the corn gluten, you don't need to fertilize the lawn also.)

Plant leafy green vegetables such as Swiss chard, spinach, lettuce. Also plant onions, broccoli, cabbage and kale.

## October

Plant cool weather plants such as mums, pansies, snapdragons, dusty miller, and fragrant stock.

Sow native seeds for spring bloom.

Pick pumpkins for Jack-o-lantern carving and mini-pumpkins and gourds for fall decorating.

Compost those falling leaves! Mulch flower beds in preparation for winter.

Purchase frost cloth to be prepared for unexpected cold weather.

Feed the birds! Safflower seeds are great; squirrels don't like them!

## Kick Off the Fall Season with Herb Days and Our 7th Annual Tea Off



Start locating your favorite dessert and tea recipes and get ready to reap the rewards of your herb garden! It's time for kitchen capers with herbs again. Prepare your favorite herbal tea (1 gallon of it) and/or herbal dessert and enter our annual competition on **Saturday, October 5th**. All entries must be received between 9 a.m. and 12 noon on Saturday. They will be judged by some of the most discriminating herb fanciers in the Metroplex. The winners will be announced and prizes awarded on Saturday in the retail store at 2 p.m.



The First Place 'Tea Winner' receives a pitcher and a \$50 NHG gift certificate. The First Place 'Herbal Dessert Winner' receives a platter and a \$50 NHG gift certificate. Second Place Winners (both categories) will each receive a \$25 NHG gift certificate.

Herb Society of America member Kay Nelson will present "*Preserving the Flavors of the Garden*," including great ideas for using herbs and preserving the harvest of your gardens. Heritage Herb Club member and Master Gardener Carrie Dubberley will present the timely "*Herbs in Your Water Garden*."

Members from the local herb societies will be in the store to answer your herb questions from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on October 5 and 6. Mark your calendar! Enter the competitions! Sample herbal tea and learn more about herbs from the experts! [See our Calendar of Events on Page 2]



## The Amazing Versatility of Containers *by Judy Fender*

Containers are great for those who don't have room for large gardens, but they can also be used as accents on patios and in the garden as well. You can create a container garden quickly, putting a lot of interest and color into a small forgotten space. Just about any plant can be planted in a container. If you have an exotic plant, it can be moved inside for winter when the temperatures are threatening. Bonsai collections are grown in containers. Hanging basket containers allow for plants to be hung where they wouldn't normally be 'found' — in the air! Annuals, perennials, and vines all can find homes in containers. Plants can be changed each season if containers are host to annuals. Create a container filled with fall chrysanthemum blooms to brighten up your patio or entryway.

Consider layering bulbs in a ceramic container for continued [forced] winter or spring bloom that changes every few weeks. Daffodils, tulips, crocus, and hyacinths make outstanding displays in containers both outside and inside. Fall is the time to create!

Use discarded items like old porcelain tubs or pans as container accents in a garden, filled with colorful plants to attract subtle attention. Drill holes in the bottom of pots and pans for drainage purposes; then, fill them with herbs and arrange them near the back door so they are easily accessible from the kitchen. (Chives, garlic, parsley, rosemary and thyme are the most adaptable to inside sunny winter windowsills.)

Outside, consider miniature roses in pots to enhance a sunny patio table or step. Inside, consider planting begonias or violets in attractive ceramic containers with saucers.

Remember, when making your plant selections to choose plants that will "play well" together in the same container! Keep the thirsty ones together and the drought tolerant ones away from them! Fertilize monthly and don't over water, but keep them happy!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday, September 7 — 9 a.m.**  
until sold out!  
**Iris Society's Annual Fall Iris Sale!**



**Thursday Evening, September 12**  
**Water Garden Party!** from 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.  
hosted by the Koi & Water Garden Club of North Texas  
Meet the experts during informal mini-lectures.  
It's all about ponds, fish, plants, construction!  
Add a water feature to your garden.  
Bring your questions! Refreshments.  
September 21-22nd Pond Tour Guide Book on sale here!

**Saturday, September 14 - 1:30 p.m.**  
**"Fall Color" Jane Bartosiewicz, Master Gardener**  
presented by the First Men's Garden Club of Dallas

**Sunday, September 22 — 1:30 p.m.**  
**"Feng Shui Basics" Laurel Schellinger**

**Saturday, September 28 — 10:00 a.m.**  
**"Growing Saffron in Texas"**  
with Glen Robinson, "The Saffron Man"  
presented by the Herb Society of America

**Saturday, October 5 — 9 a.m. until sold out!**  
**Daylily Growers of Dallas' Annual Fall Sale**

**October 5 and 6 — Fall Herb Days**  
**and 6th Annual Tea Off Competition**  
(see article on Page 1 on contests)

**Saturday, October 5 — 1:30 p.m.**  
**"Preserving Flavors of the Garden"**  
by Kay Nelson, Herb Society of America

**Sunday, October 6 — 1:30 p.m.**  
**"Herbs in the Water Garden"**  
by Carrie Dubberley, Heritage Herb Club

**Saturday, October 12 — 1:30 p.m.**  
**"Tree Selection & Care" - Tom Wilten**  
presented by the First Men's Garden Club of Dallas

**Bulb Weekend!! New Selections Arriving Daily!**

**Saturday, October 19 - 1:30 p.m.**  
**"Colorful Fall Bulbs" (Q&A following)**

**Dutch Bulb Expert — Cornelius Noordermeer**

**"Wednesday at Noon" continues with ...**  
**Wednesday at Noon - September 18**  
**"Containers in the Garden" - Judy Fender**  
Delight in new ideas for containers, and  
leave with a wealth of ideas for your own!

**Wednesday at Noon - October 16**  
**"Colorful Cottage Gardens & Ideas" - Judy Fender**  
Relax while touring (via slides) delightful cottage-  
type gardens and view garden accents and ideas.  
Come wearing your own decorated "garden hat" and  
add to the fun of the October afternoon. [see article]

Reservations are Required; Luncheon Charge  
Limited Seating; Registration Form in store or on our  
website: [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com)

**Check our Website for More Info on Events!**

## Water Garden Activities by Debbie Jackson

Mosquitoes are a reason for concern recently. Koi, goldfish, and gumbusia (mosquito fish) love to eat mosquito larvae (and any other insects) that might land in a water garden. For those without fish ponds, Mosquito Dunks will prevent mosquito populations from thriving in water containers. Mosquito dunks are organic and target just the mosquito's larval stage. Each dunk treats up to 100 sq. ft. of water surface (where the larvae live). The dunks do not harm birds or fish, and they have a very long "shelf life," according to the manufacturer; so keep plenty on hand for water areas outside.

Dragonflies — nature's helicopters — are great hunters, grabbing mosquitoes and flies from the air. The dragonfly's 2-year larval stage is spent in the pond where they also feed on mosquito larvae.

Join us for our Thursday evening *Water Garden Party* and learn more about water gardening as a hobby — *Thursday, September 12, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.*

## Smother Those Pests with Ultra-Fine by Carolyn Oldham

If you are looking for a safe and effective pesticide, try *Sun Spray Ultra-Fine Pesticidal Oil*. This lightweight oil can be used throughout the growing season in a wide variety of applications. Most importantly, it is not a chemical poison but rather kills pests by smothering the insects and their eggs. No insect is known to have built up any resistance to this suffocation action.

Ultra-Fine works on lots of difficult pests such as aphids, spider mites, scale, mealy bugs, whiteflies, leafhoppers, and lacebugs. It is safe to use on shrubs, flowers, vegetables and trees.

In addition, Ultra-Fine is university-tested and approved as a control for blackspot and powdery mildew. The Cornell University formula is as follows:

- 2 Tablespoons of Ultra-Fine
- 1 rounded Tablespoon of baking soda  
(or use 1 rounded Tablespoon of potassium bicarbonate)
- 1 gallon of water

Spray in the cooler part of the day (below 85°F.), keep mixture agitated and spray leaves, stems, and trunks for complete coverage. Spray every 2 weeks, though once-a-month will probably prove adequate. Optional ingredients such as fish emulsion/seaweed (1 tablespoon) or Superthrive (5-7 drops) may be added as a nutritional boost.

Ultra-Fine offers the conscientious gardener one product for both insect and disease control.

## "Wednesday at Noon"

Once a month, we invite you to join us on Wednesday at Noon (12 noon to 2 p.m.) for luncheon and a lecture. Come be inspired to do something special for your garden during an enjoyable time where you can ask questions and maybe take home some new ideas to try in your garden!

In September, we will explore 'Container Gardening'. And, in October, we invite our Wednesday at Noon guests to wear a decorated hat to our luncheon and 'Cottage Gardens & Ideas' lecture. If at all possible, please decorate some kind of hat with a garden or Halloween theme — add flowers, paint or decorate it in a floral theme, whatever you want to do — and wear it when you attend the luncheon. We will have a fun afternoon!

You can stop by to register for these unique lecture classes and/or visit our website ([www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com)) for details and how to register by mail. A reservation is required, as seating will be limited, and there is a charge which includes lunch (that must be paid in advance) to ensure your place. Come get away from your busy schedule and enjoy a moment "in the garden" with new ideas.

## Fall 2002 Customer Survey

Zip Code? \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us about your last visit.

When was it? [approx. date] \_\_\_\_\_

Were you greeted with a smile?	Yes	No
Was help available when you wanted it?	Yes	No
Did the nursery appear clean and orderly?	Yes	No
Did you use a shopping cart?	Yes	No
Was it easy to locate a shopping cart?	Yes	No
Was it easy to find what you wanted?	Yes	No
Was the checkout efficient and courteous?	Yes	No
Did you enjoy your shopping experience?	Yes	No
Comments regarding any of above: _____		
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What was the purpose of your visit?

- ☐ To plan a garden project  
☐ To buy for a garden project  
☐ To make a specific purchase  
☐ To shop for something special  
☐ To learn what is available without buying that day

Did you accomplish your goal? Yes or No

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please tell us what you enjoy most about North Haven Gardens, or give us your comments or suggestions \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for taking time to complete this survey. If you feel comfortable allowing us to use your comments in our promotional literature, please check the consent box below. If you would prefer that your comments remain confidential, simply leave the box blank. Either way, thank you again for providing honest feedback to help us know how we are doing and how we can improve.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to allow North Haven Gardens to use my statements and my name, only, for promotional purposes of their choice. I understand the nature and purpose of this statement, and I understand no additional compensation is expected or promised. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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### ***Bulbs! Glorious Bulbs! Buy, Now! Regret-not, Later!***

Fresh Dutch flower bulbs start arriving in September and October! Choose from colorful tulips, daffodils, ranunculus, crocus, hyacinth, and more! We chill our tulip and hyacinth bulbs to insure their spectacular performance in our warm climate. Shop early for the best selection. Also, we will store your bulb purchase of \$100 or more in our cooler until planting time (mid- to late December when soil temperatures are 50° or colder). Prepare now for an incredible spring burst of color in YOUR garden!



## Highlights Inside

Thurs. Night Water Garden Party!

Fall Herb Days! Great Lectures!

7th Annual Tea Off Competition

First Men's Garden Club  
Seminar Series concludes with  
"Fall Color" and  
"Tree Selection & Care"

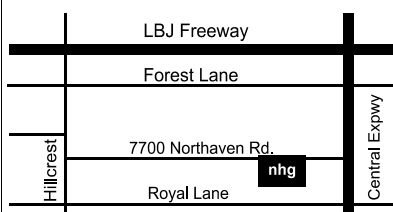
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Come meet Cornelius!

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"Container Gardening"  
"Cottage Gardens and Ideas"

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## GARDEN SOCIETY/CLUB MEETINGS AT NORTH HAVEN GARDENS

Call the club to confirm the meeting —  
in event of a schedule/meeting change.

**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.



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in the Dallas Morning News'  
Living / House & Garden  
section for lectures,  
events, and sales.

Contact our Floral Designers at  
214-691-6751 for your floral needs.

## The Gardener's Gift Corner by Betty Hargrave

The kids are back in school, and fall is in the air! Now is a great time to choose a special gift to reward yourself; and it's never too early to start your holiday gift shopping either!

Are you ready for the late season visitations of migrating hummingbirds? The "Par-a-Sol" feeders are perfect as garden accents in dazzling colors and designs.



Thinking about adding a touch of whimsy to your garden? New herb and garden signs have arrived, many guaranteed to put a smile on the face of those who discover them tucked into your garden. Clever garden sayings that we all can relate to, such as "Gardens grow by trowel and error," are among the many witticisms from which to choose. Or perhaps you might be drawn to the delightful new garden stakes — hummingbirds, butterflies, and perky pink flamingos — that perch on 30- and 32-inch stakes. Add the sound of music to your garden with a Woodstock wind chime, tuned to lovely lyrical tones that will enrich your garden experience on a breezy day.

"Windsperations" can brighten any garden with whirling colors. New designs arrive daily to include single and double magic wheels, windmills, a rooster weathervane, puffy fish, and other whimsical and interesting spirals.

The olive branch represents 'peace' for this Great Country, and it is used on many new things this season. Our new ceramic containers feature olive branches. We have door mats with olive branch designs to welcome your visitors and family into your home.

A ceramic container designed with fruit, flowers, and birds in soft antique tones would be a treasured gift by any one receiving it. Our blue-and-white ceramic containers are ever changing; so come browse them frequently. Need a gift in a hurry? Select a beautiful vase, bowls, or cache pot and let us fill it with flowers or a plant for you.

Autumn leaves — and we have oak leaves on wall plaques and small patio planters. To add a bit of whimsy and interest, consider the hanging bird baths, bird houses, and bird feeders with the oak leaf designs also. Unique pedestals include those that look like stumps, covered with autumn leaves, among the many we carry.



A gift basket filled with spring-blooming bulbs, a trowel for planting, bright-colored mud gloves, and a pair of garden clogs will delight any gardener at any time! Our Floral Designers [call them at 214-691-6751] can always create a special arrangement for that someone special. And, gift certificates given with a freedom of choice are also welcome gifts. Hope to see you soon!