

### Every Blooming Thing

March - April 2018







### Rise & Shine!

Spring is here

### The Early Bird gets the Tomato!

Have you ever grown huge tomato plants that bloom, but produce little, if any fruit? Transplants need to be planted earlier (as in late February-early March) than some gardeners realize in order to establish and set fruit while temperatures are still enjoyable. Since many vegetables have a strict schedule to ensure a bountiful harvest, our job is to keep you informed about what to plant and when, so you find success. This delicious favorite can be a bit of a challenge to grow in DFW, so forgive yourself if you've ever struggled to grow the juicy heirlooms of your dreams.

### Perennial Wisdom

Plants are breaking dormancy at this time of year, and after spending the winter evaluating the landscape, we're all eager to get some

new additions in the ground. You'll be wise to include more perennials and Texas natives, which are key to your water-wise landscape and come back stronger each year.

### The Unveiling

A long-time tradition dating back to the 1950s is our Rose Weekend, when we unveil our annual collection of roses. Since this is the only time of year we carry this many varieties, enthusiasts show up early to take advantage. Rose geeks like us get excited about the voluptuous blooms bred by Englishman David Austin and the Hybrid teas. Low maintenance gardeners gravitate toward the prolific antique and shrub types as well as the Pioneer series introduced by the Texas-based Antique Rose Emporium.

### **Find Clarity**

With all this going on, you may feel like there is so much to do, you don't know where to start. A meeting with our Garden Coach will bring clarity to your ideas and help you prioritize your projects. Our garden advisors try their best to help everyone with questions during this exciting time and we answer lots of questions on Facebook and Instagram, as well. Be sure to sign up for our email newsletter and keep an eye on the events and programs page on NHG.com so you can boost your selfconfidence in one of our classes. We're here to lend our expertise to help you harness your springtime excitement and create the landscape and garden you've always wanted.

# Unique Treasures 8 Stylish Finds to enhance and personalize your outdoor spaces.

Colorful teardrop bird feeders, interesting cachepots and containers, hand blown glass ornaments, plant themed placemats and outdoor mats made from recycled fibers.













## Spicy Flowers & Extraordinary Foliage

These awesome Cannas provide us with beautiful, colorful foliage to hold our interest long before and after their flowers. From the deep purple 'Wyoming' to scarlet-striped 'Phaison' and creamy, variegated 'Stuttgart,' you will enjoy remarkable foliar interest in addition to the spicy-hued floral display for which they're widely loved. Packaged tubers arrive mid-March along with other summer bloomers. Bonus: they're tremendously easy to grow! *Images courtesy Van Bloem Gardens*®





### Visit NHG.com for details and registration

### **Bonsai Exhibition**

Fine specimens from private collections Saturday March 3, 9am-5pm, and Sunday March 4, 10am-4pm Free



Dot - A - Rock Workshop

\$35 All supplies included

with artist Sally Wilkins

Sunday, March 4,

2-4pm

Greater Dallas Organic Garden Club with Jeff Raska from Texas AgriLife Extension, Saturday, March 10, 1-2pm Free

### **Backyard Birding**

Garden Masters, Inc. with Janet D. Smith Wednesday, March 7, llam-12:30pm Free



### **Beneficial Garden Insects**

with Texas Discovery Gardens' staff Entomologist **John Watts** Saturday, March 10, 10:30-11:30am **Free** 

### Tomatoes with A&M

### Pastels Workshop with Wine: Roses and More

\$65 All supplies included with artist Dee Mayes, Sunday, March 11, 2-4pm



### **Nature Journaling** Workshop

\$65 + basic supplies with artist Walt Davis Saturday, March 17, 10am-5pm



### **Just Enough Latin** to Go Plant Shopping

with Texas Master Naturalist Carol Clark Sunday, March 18, 2-3pm Free



### Gardening in the Shade

with Education and Outreach Coordinator Rusty E. Allen Saturday, March 24, 10:30-12pm Free

### **Workshop: Air Plants** and Succulents

\$39 All supplies included Saturday, March 24, 3-4:30pm



### Painting Workshop: Manet's White Lilacs and Roses

\$70 supplies included with artist Melanie Brannan Sunday, March 25, 2-4pm



### **Tomatoes**

with Education and Outreach Coordinator Rusty E. Allen Saturday, March 31, 10-11:30am Free

### Intro to Herb Gardening in North Texas

\$15 materials included with NHG's Rusty E. Allen Saturday, April 7, 1-3pm



### **Workshop: Herb Pots** for Beginners

\$20 supplies included with NHG's Rusty E. Allen, Saturday, April 7, 3:30-5pm



### Pottery Workshop: A Little Sun for Your Garden

\$65. All supplies included with artist Rebecca Boatman Sunday, April 8, 2-4pm



### Herbal High Tea in The Gallery at NHG

\$39 Enjoy fine tea and treats surrounded by art. Sunday, April 8, 2-4pm



### Vermicomposting: **Composting with Earthworms**

with Heather Rinaldi of Texas Worm Ranch Saturday, April 14, 10-11:30am Free



### Intro to Warm Season **Vegetable Gardening**

\$15 All materials included with NHG's Rusty E. Allen Saturday, April 14, 1-3pm



### The Texas Tried and True: **Proven Perennials for Spring**

with NHG's Rusty E. Allen Saturday, April 21, 1-2:30pm Free



### **Plants for Pollinators**

with NHG's Garden Advisor Dana Wilson Saturday, April 21, 3-4:30pm Free



### Watercolor Workshop: Bluebonnets and Bluebirds

\$60 plus basic supplies with artist Marian Hirsch Sunday, April 22, 1:30-4pm





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Our 2018 collection becomes available Saturday, March 3rd at 8am

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## Local **Artist**Barbara J. Mason

If you visited our gallery in the past, you may recall the crisp elegance of the strikingly realistic florals by Barbara Mason. Her extraordinary attention to detail and rich use of color draw the viewer in and invite you to explore the vibrant sense of depth in each of her subjects.

Barbara is an international award-winning watercolor artist and signature pastel artist. A graduate of the North Texas Business Council for Art - Leadership Art Institute and owner of Dragonfly Studio Creations, she has earned numerous honorable mention awards along with prestigious art show acceptances throughout her 20-year career.

When describing the inspiration behind her work, she shares: "When painting, I express the abstract and intricate details of each landscape, floral, portrait or still life subject that inspires me. I combine the hyper-realism with vibrant color and abstract forms to put a modern twist on the traditional classic images. I strive to capture the contrast of light and shadows, color, poise, uniqueness and the texture of each subject. Nothing compares to painting a subject in its natural environment, capturing the magic and serenity of nature's full morning light, or the sultry charm that is hidden in the shadows. With each layer of meticulous detail and elegantly painted strokes, my intent is to capture the viewer's curiosity and imagination as the painting comes alive on the paper. Each painting is a visual documentation of my journey as an artist." *Image: Gerber Daisies, 44x36 pastel.* 

Meet Barbara and view her magnificent work in person at the reception

### Petals and Patterns

Friday, March 16th from 5-7pm.
Opening receptions are free, casual, and open to all