

Every Blooming Thing

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2006

Veggie Seeds get a Jump on Spring! *Leslie Finical Halleck*

Now is the time to start planning your spring and summer vegetable garden. If you plan on growing your vegetables from seed, you can start your seedlings indoors during January and February to get a jump-start on the growing season.

Seed starter kits make excellent containers for starting your vegetable seeds. They come with the correct size container, growing media and a cover to aid germination. Keep your seeds covered until the first sign of seeding emergence. Most seeds do not require light to

germinate, but seedlings need full exposure to light as soon as they emerge. Place your starter kits in a room where air temperature is about 70°F to 75°F during the day and night temperature of at least 60° to 65°. Soil temperature is also important for proper seed germination. Cool soil slows down germination. Warm the soil to about 75°F using a seed-heating pad until seedlings have emerged above the soil surface.

Seedlings should be transplanted out into the garden after danger of frost has

passed. In our area, that is usually about the middle of March. Depending on the crop you are growing, you can count back from the middle of March to know when you should start your seeds.

NORTH HAVEN GARDENS has a large selection of vegetable seeds to choose from, including organic and heirloom varieties. We also carry seed starter kits, heating pads and all the things you need to get your vegetable garden growing! Visit www.NHG.com for a complete list of North Central Texas vegetable planting dates.



CROP	WEEKS NEEDED TO GROW TRANSPLANTS
Cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower	5 to 7
Lettuce	4 to 6
Onions	8 to 10
Tomatoes	5 to 6
Peppers	7 to 8
Eggplant	7 to 8
Cucumber, squash, muskmelon and watermelon	2 to 3

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JAN 14TH • 11 AM – 4 PM
“BOTANICAL ART: PAINTING FOR THE COMPLETE BEGINNER”
with NHG Artist-In-Residence Cynthia Padilla. To register call 214-363-5316 or visit www.NHG.com for a registration form. Space is limited. \$50

JAN 29TH • 11 AM – 4 PM
“GARDENING 101”
by NHG Staff. To register call 214-363-5316 or visit www.NHG.com for a registration form. \$30 with a Grow Card. Includes lunch and all classroom material.

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~ **JANUARY 2005** ~
All events are scheduled to begin at 1:30PM unless otherwise noted.

JAN 14TH
“COMPOSTING”
by Kim Andrews, Sponsored by the First Men’s Garden Club of Dallas

JAN 21ST & 22ND • 10 AM – 3 PM
ORGANIC WEEKEND
Meet the Organic Gardening Clubs and Vendors. Have all your questions about organic gardening answered! Visit www.NHG.com for a weekend schedule.

JAN 21ST
“WINTER ROSE CARE”
by Bob McLaughlin of NHG

JAN 28TH • 10:30AM
“HERB OF THE YEAR”
by Marian Buchanan, Sponsored by the Herb Society of America

FEB 12TH • 3 PM – 4 PM
“AFTERNOON ROSE TEA”
A special presentation by La Duni Latin Café. Includes a miniature potted rose bush. Space is limited. Advance registration is \$35 per person. Present a Tea-for-two to someone you love for \$60.

FEB 19TH • 10 AM – 5 PM
GREENHOUSE OPEN HOUSE
Meet the local garden societies in our newly remodeled greenhouse and have your plant questions answered.

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FEB 11TH
“PROPER ROSE PRUNING”
by Bob McLaughlin

FEB 18TH
“VEGETABLE GARDENING”
by John Hunt Sponsored by the First Men’s Garden Club of Dallas



WEDNESDAY AT NOON WITH JUDY FENDER

WED JAN 18TH • NOON TO 2 PM
GARDEN WHIMSY

WED FEB 15TH • NOON TO 2 PM
ROSE GARDEN INSPIRATION
Advance registration and lunch selection required. Form available online and in store. Phone registration accepted with credit card.



Organic Vegetable Garden Basics

Christine Hensley & Chuck Goecke

Spring is coming! If you have thoughts of garden fresh vegetables picked at the peak of freshness, you can achieve good results by following some basic rules. The most important step in gardening success is to start with healthy soil. Healthy soil drains well, yet holds adequate moisture. Nutrients are available to the plants roots, and the soil is alive with microorganisms and worms. Raising the soil level will improve drainage. This can be achieved by tilling about 3- inches of expanded shale and 3-inches of compost into the top foot of soil. Expanded shale is a very porous rock-like material highly recommended by Texas A & M. Compost is organic matter in various stages of decay that greatly enriches and adds life to the soil. Even hard, sticky clay soil enriched in this manner, will grow most plants very well. Incorporate a good slow-release fertilizer when building the bed, and then add more throughout the growing season for the plants needs. Next, make sure that your vegetable garden is situated in a place that gets at least 6 hours of direct sunlight. Almost all vegetables need high light conditions in order to flower and produce. With a little preparation and a lot of love, your vegetable garden will flourish for years to come. *Stop by NORTH HAVEN GARDENS for a complete line of organic soil amendment products.*

Protect Your Loved Ones

N-Sulate™ is a medium weight, permeable, UV treated fabric designed to protect flowering annuals, bedding plants and vegetables from freezing temperatures. This fabric installs easily and is reusable.

N-Sulate™ can lengthen your harvest period and extend your flowering season. *Available at NORTH HAVEN GARDENS. Be prepared for sudden temperature changes—speak to a Garden Advisor about the best ways to keep your garden healthy through winter.*



Winter Container Gardens Kay Nelson

We all love the look that container gardens bring to our landscape. Consider the container as an architectural element. Coordinate the look with the style and color of the surroundings, picking up subtle color variations from the different plants. Remember the proven formula of “something tall and spiky, something round and full and something cascading”. Now is still a great time to plant winter containers. Use nutrient rich potting soil such as Vital Earth or Top Notch; mix with expanded shale for better drainage. Top dress with hardwood mulch to hold moisture and protect the roots from extreme temperatures. The larger the container, the better the drainage, moisture retention and cold hardiness. There still may be an occasional need to wrap the container and plantings with cloth to protect against extreme dips in temperature.

TALL AND SPIKY

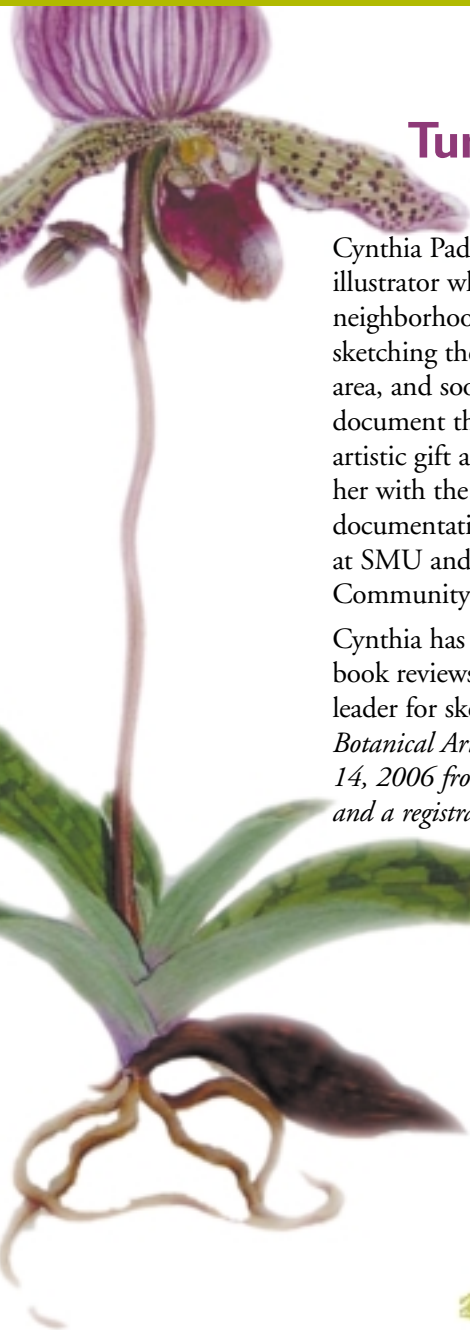
- Camellia
- Hollies
- Miniature Evergreens
- Upright Rosemary
- Giant Liriope

ROUND AND FULL

- Cyclamen
- Pansy & Viola
- Snapdragon
- Ornamental Cabbage and Kale
- Primrose
- Parsley

CASCADING

- Trailing Rosemary
- Ivy
- Thyme
- Violas



Cynthia Padilla Turns Nature Into Art

Artist-in-Residence

Cynthia Padilla started her career as a botanical illustrator while doing volunteer work at a neighborhood nature center. She spent weekends sketching the butterflies and plants that inhabited the area, and soon, the center's staff began to call on her to document their collection of plants and insects. Her artistic gift allowed her to recreate the nature around her with the exacting standards required for research documentation. She now teaches botanical illustration at SMU and also for the schools in the Dallas County Community College system.

Cynthia has become a very sought-after artist, writing book reviews, teaching workshops, and serving as a leader for sketching tours. *Join Cynthia at NHG for Botanical Art: Painting for the Complete Beginner January 14, 2006 from 11-3. Go to www.NHG.com for details and a registration form. \$50 due at time of registration.*



Planting Trees in Winter Bob McLaughlin

Winter is a good time to plant in Dallas because our winters are generally mild. When planting your new tree, make sure the planting hole is three times as wide as the root ball, but no deeper, to avoid settling. The additional width of the hole you dig permits greater root aeration. No soil amendments are recommended, but the original soil to be used as backfill should be well broken up. After half the backfill has been added, add root stimulator and water well. Fill the

remainder of the hole with soil until it is level with the top of the root ball. Firm the soil with your hands, but do not pack it down with your feet as this can suffocate roots. The only fertilizer needed for the first year is root stimulator once a month. Add two-inches of bark mulch after planting to insulate the roots and conserve moisture.

Visit NORTH HAVEN GARDENS for a wonderful selection of trees year-round.

Now is the Time...



JANUARY

1. Plant pre-chilled tulips and hyacinths into the garden early in the month. Plant daffodils until mid-month.
2. Force Paperwhites indoors
3. Transplant existing trees and shrubs while they are dormant.
4. Add mid-winter color with pansies, viola and cyclamen.
5. Start seeds of broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, peppers and eggplant indoors mid-to later part of the month.
6. Start preparing vegetable garden with organic matter.

FEBRUARY

1. Start seeds of broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, peppers, tomatoes, eggplant, cucumber, squash, muskmelon, watermelon, herb and flower seeds indoors. Direct sow seeds of English and edible pod peas and lettuce outdoors.
2. Plant potatoes and onion sets. Plant transplants of broccoli, cabbage, carrots, chard, spinach, lettuce, asparagus crowns, grape vines and berry shrubs.
3. Protect tender color, perennials, flowering shrubs and young vegetable seedlings with N-Sulate™ frost cloth during severe cold spells. Water is critical immediately prior to hard freezes to lessen cold injury.
4. Prepare beds for spring planting by working in compost or other organic materials.
5. Add late-winter color with pansies, viola, cyclamen, Iceland poppies, primrose, diascia, nemesia, calendula and alyssum.
6. Fertilize pansies and other winter color annuals. Cut back on fertilizing indoor plants.
7. Prune rose bushes (not the climbers) mid-February. Don't forget to attend our winter rose lectures in January and February and our Rose Weekend in March!
8. Plant bare root and container grown roses, shrubs, trees, groundcovers and vines.

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NHG BOOK REVIEW

Home Landscaping for Texas

Authors Roger Holmes and Greg Grant

This useful and informative book uses stellar landscape designers and consulting groups to help you plan out your lawn and garden space and gives suggestions for over 20 landscape designs. The book is filled with easy-to-follow illustrations to help guide you from design to installation. Whether you are looking to cover a blank wall, give color to a shady corner or wanting to build a retaining wall, this book is a must-have for gardeners wanting to make impressive changes in their yard.

Make sure to visit our Book Nook here at NORTH HAVEN GARDENS for a wide selection of great gardening and plant books.



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SOCIETY MEETINGS

at NORTH HAVEN GARDENS

- BEGONIA SOCIETY**
214-363-6715 ext 340
Meets the third Thursday at 7:00 PM
- BONSAI SOCIETY**
214-357-3048
Meets first Thursday at 6:30 PM
- BROMELIAD SOCIETY**
972-699-4013
Meets the fourth Saturday at 3:00 PM
- DAFFODIL SOCIETY**
214-526-5379
Meets the fourth Thursday at Noon
- DAYLILY GROWERS OF DALLAS**
972-279-2019
Meet the third Saturday at 10:00 AM
- FIRST MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF DALLAS**
972-530-3691
Meet the third Tuesday at 7:00 PM
- IRIS SOCIETY**
972-517-7219
Meets the third Sunday 3:00 – 5:00 PM
- NORTH TEXAS WATER GARDEN SOCIETY**
972-994-1140
Meets the second Tuesday at 7:00 PM
- SOUTHWEST FERN SOCIETY**
214-544-7288
Meets the second Sunday at 3:00 PM

