

NORTH HAVEN Gardens

Every Blooming Thing

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WINTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ALL EVENTS AND LECTURES ARE COMPLIMENTARY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

~ JANUARY 2007 ~

SAT, JAN 13

11 am · **TERRARIUMS** by Leslie Finical Halleck of NHG. Learn to create and maintain beautiful gardens under glass.

1:30pm · **PROPOGATION** by Elbert Seale, First Men's Garden Club of Dallas

SUN, JAN 14

1 PM · **ROSE GARDEN WORKSHOP** by Claude Graves, Turner Hasty & Bob McLaughlin. Learn about different rose varieties and how to prep the garden for successful roses.

SAT, JAN 20

1 PM · **GROW ROSES IN THE DALLAS AREA** by Bob McLaughlin, NHG Rosarian

2 PM · **MODERN ROSES** by John Allen & Mike Becker of the Dallas Rose Society

GO ORGANIC!

SAT, JAN 27 · ALL DAY EVENT

10:30AM · **COLLECTING RAINWATER FOR THE GARDEN** by the Herb Society of America

1 PM · **COMPOSTING** by Dallas County Master Gardeners

2 PM · **STARTING YOUR ORGANIC GARDEN** by the Dallas Organic Garden Club

SUN, JAN 28 · **GARDENING 101**

11 AM-4PM · by NHG Staff
Learn Texas gardening basics! To register call 214-363-5316 or visit www.NHG.com for a registration form. \$45 & includes lunch and all classroom material. \$35 for Grow Card Members.

ROSE WEEKEND MARCH 3 & 4 · ALL WEEKEND EVENT!

Visit our website as the day approaches for added programs and information. All of our rose plants will be available for purchase!

WANT TO JOIN OUR e-MAILING LIST?

Visit www.nhg.com/GCmembers.htm to sign up for monthly garden tips, gift reminders, plant information, event reminders and more via e-mail. We promise never to sell or provide our customer information to a second party. Plus, you can sign up for our Gift Reminder. Never forget a birthday or special occasion again!

~ FEBRUARY 2007 ~

SAT, FEB 3

1 PM · **STARTING SEED BALLS!** by Jane Bartosiewicz, Dallas County Master Gardeners
The easy way to get your seeds going!

SAT, FEB 10

1:30PM · **ATTRACTING BIRDS TO YOUR GARDEN** by Dan Coletti, First Men's Garden Club of Dallas

SUN, FEB 11

1:30PM · **PLANT PRETTY PERENNIALS** by Marcia Borders, Dallas County Master Gardener

MEET THE GARDEN CLUBS!

SUN, FEB 18 · 10AM - 5PM

Why should you become a garden club member? Garden clubs are great resources for knowledge, experience and cultivating new friendships. They offer opportunities to see excellent speakers, take part in plant exchanges and learning new information about your favorite plants. Plus, you will always have people around to share your passion of plants!

SAT, FEB 24

10:30AM · **HERB OF THE YEAR: LEMON BALM** by Mary Doebebeling, of the Herb Society of America



Early Spring Color

~Don Miller

Can't wait for spring? Get a head start by planting early spring color into vibrant containers or directly into your garden.

Ranunculus: A striking flower for full sun! Large, showy blooms come in a rainbow of bright colors.

Diascia: Delicate, trailing plant that thrives in cool weather. Clusters of trumpet shaped flowers come in shades of pink, coral and orange.

Nemesia: Very fragrant, trailing, blue, white or pink flowers. 'Blue Bird' is our favorite variety!

Bacopa: Trailing plant with small white, blue or pink flowers. Great for baskets.

Sweet Alyssum: White, pink or purple flowers that add delightful fragrance and color.

Always complement your cool-season color with fresh greenery. Miniature English Ivies and Asparagus Fern enjoy the cool nights of pre-spring. Herbs also add wonderful texture and color. Curled Parsley, Bronze Fennel, and Cilantro are a few of my favorites. All these plants love the cool weather but it is always wise to protect the tender growth with frost cloth for the occasional freeze. Shop NORTH HAVEN GARDENS January and February for even more gorgeous color.



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Spring Rose Pruning and Care ~Bob McLaughlin

To rejuvenate existing roses for next spring, prune the repeat blooming roses around the third week of February. Valentine's day is a good reminder. If you have once-blooming roses, prune them after they have bloomed in spring. Pruning will rejuvenate your plants and make them more vigorous. Try to cut the cane 1/2" thick of an inch above an outward facing bud. This makes the rose grow to the outside and opens the center of the bush giving better air circulation to the inside thus helping the plant's resistance to disease/fungus problems.

Winter rose care isn't very hard in Texas. To get you through a mild winter, add three inches of mulch around the base of the rose. If the temperature drops below 20 degrees you might cover it with frost cloth. Roses are pretty cold hardy.

Sanitation is important. Be sure to rake up all the old fallen leaves so they won't harbor insect eggs and fungal spores. A spray with dormant oil or Ultra-Fine spray will take care of many incipient insect and disease problems. *Check out the calendar for a series of rose programs offered January and February. Don't forget **ROSE WEEKEND, MARCH 3RD & 4TH.***



Great Garden Tools ~Chuck Goeke

High quality tools are a joy to use! They are safer and make gardening much easier. Here are some favorites that my garden and I can't live without.

The **HULA HOE** one of the best weeders you'll ever find. It is both light-weight and effective at cutting weeds off below the ground with minimal soil disturbance, which can activate other weeds.

FELCO PRUNERS A good pruner is a lifetime investment! Felco handles are solid-forged metal alloy with a replaceable hardened cutting blade. A rubber cushion and shock absorber in the handle provide smooth cutting and a soft closing. Plus, they come in a number of sizes to fit all hands and jobs.

HAND MATTOCK This is the best planting tool! It makes short work out of hard clay soil and nasty roots. Wear a good pair of gloves to avoid blisters.

SOIL AUGER/BULB PLANTER is perfect paired with a good electric drill for bulb planting, deep aeration and tree fertilization.

SPADING FORK is the ultimate heavy digging tool and will tackle lots of jobs. Tilling, shoveling mulch, splitting perennials and aerating are just some of the jobs a good spading fork can handle. NORTH HAVEN GARDENS makes beautiful stainless steel spades that will never rust and last many years.

Stop by North Haven Gardens for more of our favorite tools.



Our Favorite Organic Products

January 27th, don't miss our all day event **GO ORGANIC!** We'll help you get your organic garden going.

- **MAXICROP LIQUID SEAWEED** – Excellent mild fertilizer, good for foliar spray as well as soil applications, use as organic root stimulator
- **TEXAS TEE** – All-purpose outdoor fertilizer, pelletized for use in a spreader. Great on lawns, trees, shrubs, vegetable gardens and flowerbeds!
- **MOUND DRENCH** – Organic Fire Ant Treatment – orange oil, molasses and humate concentrate. Dilute according to package directions and pour directly onto mounds. Kills 'em quick, and it smells nice.
- **LADYBUGS** – 1500 come refrigerated in a plastic container, water lightly and release them in the evening. Ladybugs and their larvae will prey on aphids and spider mites.
- **LAWN AND GARDEN SPRAY (BIOGANIC)** – A combination of thyme, clove and sesame oil that kills insects by smothering so they never build up a resistance. The aroma also repels other chewing insects.
- **FOX URINE** – Just what it sounds like! This is a predator scent deterrent for those cute furry creatures that like to eat your plants.



- **NHG HERB FOOD** – A balanced food specifically designed to promote healthy growth in your herb and vegetable garden.





Roses for 2007 ~Leslie Finical Halleck

Don't miss our annual **ROSE WEEKEND, MARCH 3RD & 4TH**, when we debut all our rose plants for your selection. Meet the local rose societies and vendors who can answer all your in-depth rose questions. In addition to our great selection of quality rose varieties we will also present new varieties. Make sure to check out the new 'Rainbow Knockout', 'Moondance' and 'Strike it Rich'. Each is a new introduction and has won the coveted All-America Rose Selections (AARS) award. Also, don't miss out on a limited offering of the new 'Pope John Paul' Rose and the Jackson and Perkins Rose of the Year 'Sheer Magic'. We will have a large selection of all the EarthKind™ rose varieties as well as many others to choose from. Shop Rose Weekend for the best variety of roses of the year! *NORTH HAVEN GARDENS has everything you need for planting, growing and maintaining beautiful roses.*

Preparing Beds for Spring

~Debbie Jackson

Healthy soil is the foundation of a successful garden! Winter is a great time to prepare your beds for the spring planting season. You may want to consider using organic compost when developing your new or existing beds. With a new bed, apply a 3-inch layer to the entire bed surface. Then work the compost into the soil to a 6 to 8-inch depth. For existing beds, apply a 1-inch layer to the entire area, then work into the soil and water the beds thoroughly. When working with heavy clay soil, we also recommend applying expanded shale. Expanded shale is porous lightweight particles that absorbs water and releases it slowly back into the surrounding soil. It also helps to loosen and aerate our compacted clay soil. With a new bed, apply a 3-inch layer to the entire bed surface. Then apply your compost. Once again you will need to work the whole area to a 6 to 8-inch depth. Once you've planted your beds, be sure to top-dress with a 2- to 3-inch layer of mulch. Mulch will help insulate plant roots and conserve moisture. *Bring your garden measurements when you shop to be sure you take home the right amount of bed prep products.*



Now is the Time...



JANUARY

Plant pre-chilled tulips and hyacinths into the garden no later than the 1st week of January. Plant daffodils until mid-month.

Force **Paperwhites** indoors

Transplant existing trees and shrubs while their root systems are dormant. Apply root stimulator.

Add **mid-winter color**: pansies, viola and cyclamen. Great in containers and beds.

Start seeds of broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, peppers and eggplant indoors mid-to later part of the month. Check out our seed starting kits.

Prepare vegetable gardens with organic matter.

FEBRUARY

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.

Plant potatoes and onion sets. Plant transplants of broccoli, cabbage, carrots, chard, spinach, lettuce, asparagus crowns, grape vines and berry shrubs.

Protect tender color, perennials, flowering shrubs and young vegetable seedlings with frost cloth during severe cold spells. Water is critical immediately prior to hard freezes to lessen cold injury.

Prepare beds for spring planting by working in compost or other organic materials.

Add **late-winter color** with pansies, viola, cyclamen, Iceland poppies, primrose, diascia, nemesia, calendula and alyssum. Blooms through spring.

Fertilize pansies and other winter color annuals. Cut back on fertilizing indoor plants.

Prune rose bushes (not the climbers) after the last freeze (about mid-February). Don't forget to attend our winter rose lectures in January and February and our Rose Weekend in March!

Plant bare root and container grown roses, shrubs, trees, groundcovers and vines.

Visit our website for more tips and information www.nhg.com



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



Cutleaf Sumac 'Tiger Eye'



Elderberry 'Black Lace'

New Variety Spotlight

~Leslie Finical Halleck

Each year, many new plant varieties trickle out into the garden market place. Some of these varieties work great in our area, while others leave something to be desired.

Here at NORTH HAVEN GARDENS, we're always keeping our eye out for potential winners. There are several varieties of shrubs that are newly available in our area that will make showy additions to the garden. Cutleaf Sumac 'Tiger Eye' produces striking chartreuse foliage in spring and summer, followed by bright orange and red in the fall. Elderberry 'Black Lace' produces the deepest of deep purple foliage combined with pale pink blooms. Keep an eye out for Buddleia 'Silver Anniversary' which sports silver foliage and dark purple blooms. If you haven't already, make sure to try both new hydrangeas 'Endless Summer' and 'Blushing Bride'. There are many new perennials and herbs making their debut this year. Salvia 'Mystic Blue Spires' and Echinacea 'Harvest Moon' are two that merit attention. For the herb or ornamental garden, look for Nepeta 'Nimbus', which has large blue flowers. Keep in mind that new varieties can take several years before they are widely available at garden centers; new plants that are available during their appropriate season are snapped up quickly. *Had trouble in the past getting your hands on new varieties? My advice: Start working on your "want list" now and visit us often this spring!*

SOCIETY MEETINGS

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 3:00 PM

BONSAI SOCIETY
 214-357-3048
 Call for meeting time.

BROMELIAD SOCIETY
 972-699-4013
 Meets the fourth Saturday at 3:00 PM

DAFFODIL SOCIETY OF DALLAS
 Dorothy Sable 214-750-0447
 Call for meeting time.

DALLAS ROSE SOCIETY
 972-394-6077
 Call for meeting time.

DAYLILY GROWERS OF DALLAS
 972-669-0291
 Meet the third Saturday at 10:00 AM

FIRST MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF DALLAS
 972-424-0724
 Call for meeting time.

IRIS SOCIETY
 972-517-7219
 Meets the third Sunday 1:00 – 3:00 PM

NORTH TEXAS WATER GARDEN SOCIETY
 972-386-7787
 Call for meeting time.

SOUTHWEST FERN SOCIETY
 214-544-7288
 Meets the second Sunday at 3:00 PM