

NORTH HAVEN Gardens

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Elegant Orchids ~Mark Black, TCNP

Orchids! One of the worlds most beautiful and sought after plants grown worldwide. Orchids are available in every color imaginable, and the shapes and sizes of the flowers are almost as diverse. While most people shy away from purchasing an orchid simply because they think something that beautiful must be extremely hard to take care of. However, orchids are often as simple as African violets or philodendrons to grow. They require light, water, proper temperature range, humidity, and proper nutrition. *Phalaenopsis* and *Dendrobium* orchids are the most easily grown varieties for the novice orchid grower. Proper placement in the home is one of the most important aspects to re-blooming orchids. Place them in a window that gets a lot of light, but not where they get hot noon or afternoon sun. Placing your plant on a tray of rocks with water and an occasional misting can increase the humidity. Watering your plant, by soaking in water every 5 to 7 days is usually sufficient. To prevent rotting of the roots, make sure that the plant dries between watering. Using a mild fertilizer such as Hasta Gro every time you water works extremely well for most plants, fertilize every other watering during the winter. A household temperature between 60 and 80 degrees is recommended. The next time you're at NORTH HAVEN GARDENS, drop by the tropical greenhouse and check out our wonderful selection of orchids. **DON'T MISS OUR GREENHOUSE PLANT TOUR SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH AT 1:30PM!**

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
Meets the fourth Saturday at 10am

IKEBANA CREATIONS
Call Sue Smith 972-424-8516
Meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday
from 12:30pm-3:30pm

IRIS SOCIETY
Meets the third Sunday at 3pm

SOUTHWESTERN FERN SOCIETY
214-691-4364
Meets the second Sunday at 3pm

GREATER NORTH TEXAS ORCHID SOCIETY
214-691-4364
Meets the first Sunday at 3pm

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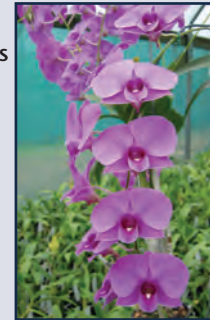
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WINTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ALL EVENTS AND LECTURES ARE COMPLIMENTARY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

~ JANUARY 2008 ~

SUN, JAN 6
1:30PM · ORCHID GENUS
NUFINICIA BY TOM
MULHOLLAM Sponsored
by Greater North Texas
Orchid Society



SAT, JAN 12
1:30PM · GARDEN
PROGRAM Sponsored
by The First Men's
Garden Club

SAT, JAN 19
11 AM · DAYLILIES IN THE GARDEN
by Daylily Growers of Dallas
1:30PM · ORCHID DELIRIUM by Manuel Aybar

SUN, JAN 20
1:30PM · GREENHOUSE TOUR by NHG Staff
Leave the cold outside and take a walking tour
through our greenhouse with one of our Garden
Advisors. Learn about a wide variety of indoor
plants. Tropicals, Succulents, African Violets,
Orchids, and many more!

SAT, JAN 26
10:30AM · WINTER BIRDS OF TEXAS by Carolyn
Oldham Sponsored by Herb Society of America
1:30PM · BED AND SOIL PREPARATION presented
by John Hunt, Dallas County Master Gardener

SUN, JAN 27
11 AM-4PM · GARDENING 101 Learn all you need
to know about Texas gardening! To register call
214-363-5316 or visit for a registration form.
\$45 includes lunch and all classroom materials.
\$35 for Grow Card members. Sign up early. Fills
quickly.



ROSE WEEKEND
MARCH 1 & 2 - ALL WEEKEND EVENT!
Visit our website as the day approaches for
programs and information. All of our rose
plants will be available for purchase starting
March 1st!

~ FEBRUARY 2008 ~

WINTER FAIR · 10AM - 4PM
SAT & SUN, FEB 2 & 3
Join us for our first Winter Fair. Area Garden Clubs
and Society's will be on hand to give you lots of
great information about their organizations and
how you can join. Enjoy food demonstrations and
tastings, pet adoptions, music, product demos,
giveaways and in-store plant specials.

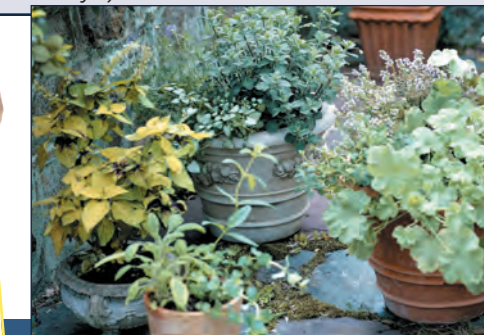
SUN, FEB 3
1:30PM · GREEN CATTLEYS by Patsy Boersma
sponsored by Greater North Texas Orchid Society

SAT, FEB 9
10:30AM · ALL ABOUT ROSES sponsored by the
First Men's Garden Club of Dallas

SUN, FEB 10
10:30AM · ORGANIC ROSE PROGRAM presented by
Susan Gregory

ORGANIC WEEKEND
SAT, FEB 16
11 AM · DAYLILIES IN THE GARDEN by the Daylily
Growers of Dallas
1:30PM · COMPOSTING presented by Marcia
Borders, Dallas County Master Gardeners
3PM · ORGANIC GARDENING 101 presented by
Nancy Payne, Dallas County Master Gardener
SUN, FEB 17
1:30PM · A TASTE OF ORGANIC HERBS: GROWING
& CREATING FROM YOUR KITCHEN presented by
Barbara Gollman, Dallas County Master Gardener
and Author of *Phytopia Cookbook*
3PM · RAINWATER HARVESTING by Pam Daniel Ellis,
County Master Gardeners President

SAT, FEB 23
10:30AM · HERB OF THE YEAR Sponsored by Herb
Society of America



Early Spring Color

~Christine Hensley, TCNP

It is always heartwarming to see those bright spots of color on chilly, overcast days. Starting the show are the pansies, violas, and Iceland poppies. These will bloom throughout spring in all but the coldest weather. Linaria provides excellent cold weather color and can be used to trail out of containers. Cyclamen and primrose are the best for adding a bright spot of color to those shady spots in your garden. Snapdragons and dianthus will hold their green foliage in the coldest temperatures, and as soon as temperatures warm slightly they will begin to bloom. As we begin to transition in to the warmer season, lobelia, nasturtiums, English daisies, bacopa, and diascia begin will bloom and will provide color throughout the spring. Dusty miller leaves add striking silvery contrast, and herbs such as fennel, parsley, dill, rosemary, lavender, and thyme provide a variety of foliage to contrast and blend with the blooming plants in your beds or containers.



'Pope John Paul II'

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Roses for 2008

Don't miss our annual **ROSE WEEKEND, MARCH 1ST & 2ND**, when we debut all our rose plants for your selection. You'll meet the local rose societies and vendors who can answer all your in-depth rose questions. In addition to our great selection of tried-and-true rose varieties we also like to 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 II' 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. Rose Weekend is the best time to shop for the widest selection of varieties, so make sure to mark your calendar! *NORTH HAVEN GARDENS has everything you need for planting, growing and maintaining beautiful roses.*



'Sheer Magic'



'Moondance'

Going Organic ~Nancy Payne, DCMG

GOING ORGANIC IS ALL ABOUT SOIL!

Restoring soil boosts the health of your plants, limits your exposure to toxic chemicals, and increases the nutrient value in your vegetables. A teaspoon of healthy soil can contain millions of micro-organisms. These micro-organisms act like micro-shredders feeding plants by decomposing organic matter, processing nutrients and enhancing soil structure. Unfortunately, strong pesticides and herbicides damage the delicate balance these microorganisms need to live. If you want to go organic in your garden, focus on improving your soil. Mix organic compost into your soil using one of my favorites: **Back To Earth Composted Cotton Burr Compost**, made from cotton not defoliated with herbicides. Or, make your own compost from kitchen scraps and garden clippings! Begin using organic fertilizers, like our organic **NHG fertilizers** or **Texas Tee**, which will not burn plants or kill microorganisms as often happens with the salts in chemical fertilizers. Over time, your soil, and thus your plants, will become healthy the organic way! **DON'T MISS ORGANIC WEEKEND FEBRUARY 16 & 17 FOR LOTS OF FREE PROGRAMS AND INFORMATION!**



Preparing Beds for Spring ~Kato Dixon, TCNP

The first part of the New Year is an excellent time to start prepping your spring beds. Adding compost, organic matter and fertilizer gives us a fighting chance by providing nutrition, aeration and improved drainage. Someone asked me why we carry so many different composts and I replied, "Why are there so many breakfast cereals?" Because everyone has their favorite! We carry cotton burr compost, organic compost w/ cow manure and humus-enriched compost that are all great products. We carry coarse compost for improving aeration and drainage and fine-screened compost for top-dressing your depleted lawns and existing beds. For new beds, 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, clean out any old material then top-dress with 1" of organic compost and work it in using a garden fork. After building beds you'll notice they shrink over time and you may need to add additional compost or a top-dressing of mulch.



Cool Tools ~Leslie Finical Halleck, M.S.

As with any task, the right tool can make a big difference in the garden. Ever tried pruning with a pair of dull pruners before? Well, you won't get far. A pair of high quality Felco pruners will ensure that your pruning is done quick and easy and they'll last a lifetime. One of my favorite new tools is the serrated multi-purpose planting tool from Green Thumb and Fiskars. This handy tool can be used as a planter, weeder or cutting tool, as it has both a serrated and fine blade edges. It's ergonomic, has a stainless steel blade and best of all, it will definitely make you feel like the Rambo of your back yard! It's a must have. If you don't own a garden fork, then you'll likely find tasks such as lifting and transplanting perennials and bulbs, or adding compost to the garden a bit more difficult. Our NHG stainless steel garden fork will help make these tasks a breeze. One of my other favorites is the Bond "Culti-Hoe". This handy tool has a lightweight wooden handle with a non-slip rubber grip. It's small, but works hard. You can cultivate soil, break through clay, plant bulbs and chop roots. One side is a cultivator and the other a cutting hoe. Make sure to get the right tool for the right job...your garden will thank you for it!

Spring Rose Pruning ~Brandon Sorenson

A good date to keep in mind for pruning your roses for spring is February 14th, Valentine's Day. Before you start clipping, make sure you have the right tools and supplies available. A pair of clean and sharp bypass pruners, rose gauntlet gloves, and rubbing alcohol. The first question you need to ask is, "Which kind of rose is this?" For Hybrid Teas, English roses, Floribundas and Grandifloras, it's generally good form when pruning to take the stalks down to about 18-inches. Antiques and climbers usually just need a good sprucing up; anything smaller than pencil thickness can go, everything else as far as pruning goes will merely be for shaping purposes. If you've kept up with the pruning of your roses through the year, the center of the plant above the root ball should be open and clear, with a nice goblet shape to assist in form and ventilation. To cut down on transmission of diseases, simply dip your pruners in alcohol between cuts. **DON'T MISS ROSE WEEKEND MARCH 1ST & 2ND.** *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 and attend lots of free programs on roses. In addition to our great selection of quality rose varieties we will also present new varieties for 2008.*

Veggie Seeds Get A Jump on Spring!

~Leslie Finical Halleck, M.S.

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 NHG.com for a complete list of North Central Texas vegetable planting dates.*

Now is the Time...



JANUARY

Plant pre-chilled tulips and hyacinths into the garden early in the month. Plant daffodils until mid-month.

Force Paperwhites indoors.

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

Add mid-winter color: pansies, viola and cyclamen.

Start seeds of broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, peppers and eggplant indoors mid-to later part of the month.

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.

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

