

NORTH HAVEN Gardens

Every Blooming Thing

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NHG SCHOOL OF GARDENING

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Events and programs outlined or placed in a green box are presented by NHG staff!

~ JANUARY 2011 ~

10% Off Greenhouse Plants! Ready to replace your holiday poinsettias with wonderfully fresh houseplants? Get **10% off a houseplant** for every Poinsettia you bring in that was purchased on your Grow Card. Bring in 2 poinsettias, get 10% off 2 houseplants, etc. Jan. 1-31 only. Not to be used with any other discount.

SUN, JAN 9
3PM • **Evergreen Ferns**
by the Southwest Fern Society.



MON, JAN 10
10AM • **Rare and Heirloom Flower Bulbs**
by Chris Weisinger, Southern Bulb Company.
By the Dallas North Garden Forum.

WED, JAN 12
NOON • **Daffodil Seedlings & Hybrids** by the Daffodil Society.



THURS, JAN 13 **LEARN AT LUNCH**
12:30PM - 4PM • **Vegetable Gardening 101**
by Leslie Finical Halleck. A comprehensive class on growing vegetables in N. Texas. Register early! \$20 Grow Card members/\$25 non-members.

SAT, JAN 15, 22, & 29
10AM • **Winter Vegetable Planting Demos**
Check online for what we'll be planting. January is the time to select and purchase potatoes, asparagus, horseradish, rhubarb, onion sets and more.

SAT, JAN 15
11AM - 2PM • **Backyard Chicken Sale** by Bageniece Farms. Purchase healthy juvenile hens. Inclement weather cancellation at nhg.com

SUN, JAN 16
1PM • **Seed Starting Now: Flowers & Edibles** by Kato Crow, TCNP, NHG Staff. Start seeds of early spring blooms, tomatoes and more in January.

WED, JAN 19 **LEARN AT LUNCH**
NOON - 1PM • **Just Tomatoes** by Leslie Finical Halleck. Start tomato seeds and prep beds for spring tomatoes now. Learn all you need to know for a delicious and fruitful harvest!



SAT, JAN 22
10:30AM • **Herb of the Year: Horseradish** by Diane Poston, Herb Society of America. Learn to grow, harvest and cook with horseradish! Don't miss the planting demo at 10am.

SAT, JAN 29
10:30AM - NOON & 1PM - 2:30PM • **Making Compost** by A.L. Nickerson, Master Composter. By the City of Dallas. Dallas residents receive a free composting bin.

SUN, JAN 30
11AM - 4PM • **Texas Gardening 101** A great class for those new to the area, beginner or experienced gardeners looking for a refresher. \$65 / \$60 for Grow Card members. Includes our new book **Easy Gardens for North Texas** (Retail value \$29.99), lunch, class handouts on soil amendments, planting, maintenance and more all in an easy to use binder. **Application in-store, over the phone or at www.nhg.com**

~ FEBRUARY 2011 ~

SAT, FEB 5
9AM • **Repotting Bonsai** Bonsai Society.

SAT, FEB 5
1PM • **Roses: Pruning, Planting, Bed Prep & More!** by Brandon Sorenson, TCNP, NHG Rosarian. Fresh roses arrive during **Spring Rose Festival, March 5-6.**

SUN, FEB 13
10AM - 4:30PM • **Landscape Design 101** by Bram Franklin, Landscape Designer. Basic concept design, site development, drainage, hardscape and more. Bring pictures of your landscape, plot plan, pencils and ruler. Lunch included. \$75 Grow Card members/\$80 non-members. *Call to sign up early! Class fills quickly.*

SUN, FEB 13
3PM • **Sprucing Up Ferns for Spring** by the Southwest Fern Society

MON, FEB 14
10AM • **Cacti & Succulents** by the Dallas North Garden Forum.



Rose plants, orchids, African violets and NHG Gift Cards are perfect **Valentine's Day** gifts!

WED, FEB 16 **LEARN AT LUNCH**
NOON - 1PM • **What Vegetables Should You Plant Now?** by Christine Hensley, NHG Staff, TCNP. We'll help you grow a great harvest!

FRI, FEB 18 **LEARN AT LUNCH**
NOON - 1PM • **Keeping Backyard Chickens** by Leslie Finical Halleck. Eggs, compost and entertainment are just a few of the reasons you should keep your own backyard flock. Simple how-to's to starting your own!



SAT, FEB 19
11AM - 2PM • **Backyard Chicken Sale** by Bageniece Farms. Purchase healthy juvenile hens.

SAT, FEB 19
11AM - 12:30PM • **Spring Vegetable Gardening** by Christine Hensley, TCNP, NHG Staff. Plan your spring edible garden NOW. Discuss essentials for a healthy harvest. Soil health, veggies to plant now, maintenance, pest control & more. *\$5 donation suggested to benefit the gardens at the **Stonewall Jackson Elementary School.***



SUN, FEB 20
1PM • **Build the Best Soil: Healthy Soil, Healthy Plants** by Kato Crow, TCNP, NHG Staff. Learn how and why you should amend all existing beds with organic compost, expanded shale, top soil, lava sand, green sand, bat guano and more!

SAT, FEB 26
10AM • **Propagation Made Easy** by Sandy Holmes-Schwidler. Sandy instructs you how to propagate plants at home. Learn the proper place to cut, and how to begin healthy roots.

1PM • **Refresh Your Landscape** by Kay Nelson, TCNP, NHG Garden Coach. Now is the time to trim back plants, add fresh compost to beds, compost wilting plants, and add early spring color.

SUN, FEB 27
1PM • **Organic Pest Control** by Kato Crow, NHG Staff, TCNP. Got pests? We've got an organic solution. Kato covers a variety of eco-friendly disease and pest control solutions.

MARCH, 5 - 6 • **SPRING ROSE FESTIVAL**
Details to come at www.nhg.com. This is a great weekend to choose from the best selection of roses! 2011 Rose list at www.nhg.com.



Customer Spotlight: Joel Bailey

Joel Bailey is an NHG customer growing vegetables, raising chickens and goats, making compost and creating a sustainable, eco-friendly urban oasis in his own backyard. Many of his vegetable transplants, seeds and soils come from NHG. He is a regular at many of our free programs including "Growing Vegetables" and "Fruit Trees for the Edible Garden". He also asks lots of questions of NHG staff. We think he's an inspiration and we hope you do, too. For the full conversation, visit www.nhg.com/joelbailey.com

NHG: How did you decide to start your backyard eco-friendly, sustainable projects?

I wanted to become more self-reliant and know where my food comes from and what's been done to it. In doing so, I have also saved money and become a better steward of the environment. Self-reliance, sustainable growing methods and being environmentally responsible all compliment each other.

NHG: What kinds of eco-friendly or sustainable projects do you have going on in your backyard right now?

The main players in our backyard ecosystem are growing veggies, chickens, ducks and Nigerian dwarf dairy goats. We collect rainwater for the animal's drinking water and plant irrigation. We compost kitchen scraps, leaves, hay, newspaper and the animal's manure.

NHG: How many chickens do you have and what is your main purpose for having them?

We currently have six chickens and two ducks. Our main purpose is for egg production and the secondary purpose is for valuable fertilizer.

NHG: Any advice you have for a newbie sustainable backyard farmer?

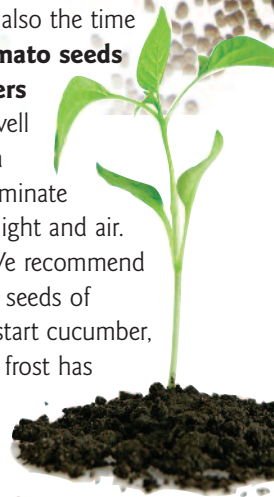
I suggest doing a little bit of research and then starting modestly - but the most important thing is to just start. Before two years ago, I never gardened - much less raised goats and chickens. I read some on the internet, looked at a few books and took some classes at NHG - almost all free. The feeling of walking into our house from our backyard with handfuls of fresh, delicious produce gives me great joy and satisfaction. I love our mini-urban farm!



Start Your Seeds NOW!

by Kato Crow, TCNP, NHG Staff

January is the time to start seeds of cool season veggies like broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower indoors to transplant in February. This is also the time of year we start our seeds for our spring and summer garden. **Tomato seeds** need 8 to 10 weeks to grow before transplanting in March, **peppers** and **eggplant** need around 6 to 8 weeks. Seed starter kits work well with cool season seeds and our **Germination Station** includes a **heat mat** to boost warm season seeds. In order for a seed to germinate it must receive the proper combination of moisture, temperature, light and air. Seedlings will need supplemental light as soon as they emerge. We recommend (and use!) the **Jumpstart Light Kit**. Late in February, direct sow seeds of lettuce, mustard, leafy greens and peas into the garden. Indoors, start cucumber, squash, muskmelon and watermelon to transplant after danger of frost has passed. Don't forget your **NHG Organic Veggie Food** as it's formulated for North Texas.



Bring the Garden Coach Home: You asked for it! We've got it!

Are you a beginning gardener who needs some help getting started? Perhaps you have a new home and need help addressing existing problem areas, or just want a fresh garden makeover. An at-home visit with our Garden Coach will help take your gardening skills to the next level. Our Garden Coach, a Texas Certified Nursery Professional, will visit you on-site at your home by appointment in select Dallas areas. Your Garden Coach will help you identify areas in your landscape ready for improvement, suggest the proper plants and maintenance information. **Garden Coach At-Home Consultation: \$125 first hour, \$50 for each subsequent 30-min blocks. Price includes travel time. More details online at www.nhg.com/gardencoach.htm**

Early Spring Color

by Liz Del Turco, NHG Staff

Happy new year! As we head into the coldest part of the year, we can warm ourselves with bright spots of colorful flowers while looking forward to the coming spring. This is the time of year when **ornamental kale**, **pansies**, and **Iceland poppies** really shine. In the shade, **cyclamen** and **primroses** brighten the view. The first of the **Paperwhite Narcissus**, **Crocus**, and early spring bulbs are beginning to emerge. **Hellebores**, **Mahonia**, and **Forsythia** display their lovely flowers in late winter. If you're looking for a way to add a little green to the view, consider adding cool season herbs such as **Dill**, **Parsley**, **Fennel**, and **Chervil**. In addition to being wonderful herbs to cook with, their fernlike foliage is a delightful foil for your winter annuals. Mulch existing planter areas and fertilize monthly with **NHG Organic Pansy Food** or **NHG Organic Bedding Food**. This is also the time to look forward and plan for spring. Prepare new beds by adding plenty of expanded shale and compost. Spring is just around the corner! Come visit us through January and February for beautiful winter color.



NOW is the TIME...



JANUARY

- **Finish planting pre-chilled tulips and hyacinths** into the garden early in the month. Plant daffodils through February. Force **Paperwhites** indoors
- **Plant** onion sets and slips.
- **Transplant** existing trees and shrubs while their root systems are dormant.
- **Plant** camellias and fruit trees.
- Add **mid-winter color**: pansies, violas and cyclamen.
- **Start seeds** of tomatoes, 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, carrots, muskmelon, watermelon, herb and flower seeds indoors. Direct sow seeds of English and edible pod peas and lettuce outdoors.
- **Plant** delphinium, foxglove, diascia, alyssum, transitional color and more!
- **Plant potatoes and asparagus.** Plant transplants of broccoli, cabbage, chard, spinach, lettuce, grape vines and berry shrubs. Now is also a great time to plant fruit trees.
- **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

Greenhouse Plants: Clean the Air. Beautify Your Home.

by Lynn Rawe, NHG Staff, M.S.

Did you know that many plants help purify the air and remove toxins? A two-year scientific research study was completed by NASA, proving that some plants help clean the air as well as provide oxygen. Some of the most common indoor plants can remove gases caused by certain building material such as fabrics, carpeting or plastic coated wall paper. An 1800 square foot area can be cleaned of toxins with 15-18, eight-inch plants or 4-5, three-foot plants. Choose healthy plants. Water and fertilize according to the individual plants needs. Use some of these plants to improve the air and add beauty to your home or office. Bring in your spent Poinsettias you purchased on your NHG Grow Card to receive 10% off all Greenhouse selections in January.

- *Aglaonema modestum* Chinese evergreen
- *Spathiphyllum* Peace Lily
- *Draceana marginata* Red Edged Dracaena
- *Draceana deremensis* 'Janet Craig'
- *Draceana deremensis* 'Warneckii'
- Philodendron
- *Epipremnum aureum* Golden Pothos
- *Ficus benjamina* Weeping Fig
- *Sansevieria scandens* Snake Plant or Mother-n-Law's Tongue
- *Chamaedorea sefritzii* Bamboo Palm



Peace Lily

Why North Haven Gardens Roses?

by Brandon Sorenson, TCNP, NHG Rosarian

When trying to find the perfect rose/s for your garden, it's easy to understand how a person could become overwhelmed with the choices available. That's why you come to North Haven Gardens! As a proponent of the "Green" movement, we carry all of the **Earthkind™ roses**, too. We are also one of the area's only locations to have hardy and **beautiful David Austin English roses**, as well as one of Dallas' largest collection of **Antique Roses**. Also in stock will be the two **All American Rose Selection 2011 winners 'Walking on Sunshine' and 'Dick Clark'**.

If you desire brand-new, premier Hybrid Teas, Floribunda, Grandiflora, Climbing and Miniature roses, we are your store! On top of all this, our friendly, knowledgeable staff are passionate about roses, and ready to help you find the perfect rose for your garden! The best time to learn about and select roses?

Other timely rose tips suggestions: Mulch at least 2" in your rose beds; add Epsom salts in Feb.; prune roses in February around Valentine's Day and attend our **FREE Rose Class February 5th at 1pm** to learn about proper pruning and the best rose-care tips!



'Walking on Sunshine'
All American Selection
2011 Floribunda

MARCH, 5 - 6 SPRING ROSE FESTIVAL

Join us for one of the best rose-shopping weekends of the year! We offer extra special pricing on rose products, free programs, early shopping hours and more all weekend long. The best part? You'll have the opportunity to shop our largest selection of roses - more than 200 varieties.



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NORTH HAVEN Gardens Market Garden

North Haven Gardens Organic Market Garden – Fresh & Organic Year Round!

You asked, we delivered! We know that you want organic, local, fresh produce, so we're growing it in on site here at NHG. Each season, we'll be offering you the best local fruits and vegetables from our own backyard. When you can't grow it yourself, you can get it at NORTH HAVEN GARDENS. In January and February, look for broccoli, salad greens, Swiss chard, cabbage, Brussels sprouts and more! *Find more info on our Edibles page at www.nhg.com.*

It's Vegetable Planting Time!

by Christine Hensley, NHG Staff, TCNP, B.S.

The holidays are over, it's cold, rainy and maybe even snowy outside; that means it's time to plant **potatoes, asparagus, onion sets, horseradish, and rhubarb**. All these crops need to develop a good root system while it's cold to get them off to a good start. You can start harvesting baby potatoes 2-3 weeks after the plants start flowering in late spring or early summer. Full size potatoes will be ready at the end of summer. 'Kennebec', 'Red La Soda', and 'Yukon Gold' will be available. At the end of February look for quart pots of specialty potatoes 'Caribe', 'Red Pontiac', 'All Blue', and 'Cranberry Red'. Horseradish can be harvested in the fall. Asparagus and rhubarb have delicious, edible stems! Asparagus lovers need to be patient, you can take a small harvest a year after planting the crowns, but you'll need to wait at least 2 years for a full harvest. Rhubarb is harvested in summer and can be collected the first summer after planting the roots. *Check our **Edibles page on www.nhg.com for directions on how and when to plant. You'll also find a link on how to prepare fresh horseradish. We'll have **planting demos January 15th, 22nd & 29th. Check the Events page on www.nhg.com for details.*****

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.

Alpha African Violet Society

Meets 2nd Saturday at 11am

Begonia Society

Meets the fourth Sunday at 3pm

Bonsai Society

More info at www.bonsaisocietyofdallas.com

Meets the first Saturday at 9am

Bromeliad Society

More info at www.dfwbromeliads.com

Meets Saturday, every other month, 3pm

Daylily Growers of Dallas

More info at www.dallasdaylilies.com

Meets the third Saturday at 10am

Herb Society of America

Meets the fourth Saturday at 10am

Texas Daffodil Society

More info www.texasdaffodilsociety.org

Meets the second Tuesday October-February

Iris Society

Meets the third Sunday at 3pm

Greater North Texas Orchid Society

More info at www.gntos.org

Meets the first Sunday at 3pm

Dallas Organic Garden Club

More info at www.dogc.org

Meets the fourth Sunday at 3pm

Dallas Backyard Poultry Meetup Group

www.meetup.com/dallasbackyardpoultry

Meetings vary. Check website.

