

NORTH HAVEN Gardens

Every Blooming Thing

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NHG SCHOOL OF GARDENING

All NHG programs are complimentary and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Programs presented in a green box are presented by the expert staff of North Haven Gardens. Visit our Events Page at www.nhg.com for added programs.

NEW! Sustainable & Heat Hardy Series

This year, we are proud to bring you our **NEW Sustainable & Heat Hardy Series** of programs featuring NHG and local experts discussing how you can garden with less water and follow your city's water guidelines. By planting the right plants, learning to water and set your irrigation system properly, you will be using your resources efficiently and save money. Look for programs beginning in January and taking you all the way through the heat of summer. **We'll offer both full programs and 20 minute Pop Ups so you can pick the programs right for you.** Series will include design workshops, consultations, and more. See the Events page at www.nhg.com for times & dates.

JANUARY & FEBRUARY NHG Edible Demo Pop Up Classes

For inclement weather date changes, visit www.nhg.com

SAT, JAN 21 • 1PM	Winter Veggie Preview: Getting ready to plant
SAT, JAN 28 • 1:30PM	Planting Onions
SAT, FEB 4 • 1PM	Planting Asparagus
SAT, FEB 11 • 1PM	Planting Rhubarb & Horseradish
SAT, FEB 18 • 1PM	Planting Citrus
SAT, FEB 18 • 1:30PM	Planting Potatoes
SAT, FEB 25 • 1PM	Winter Veggie Overview: Asparagus, Potatoes, Onions and more

JANUARY 2012

SAT, JAN 7
9AM - NOON - Part 1 & 1PM - 4PM - Part 2
Dallas Bonsai Society Presents: Harold Sasaki Lecture & Demo Lecture and demo on a conifer. To remain for Part 2, cost is \$65, cash/check. Includes a bonsai plant.

SAT, JAN 14
11AM • **Sustainable & Heat Hardy Series: Water Right Workshop** by Leslie Finical Halleck, MS. Learn how to follow the City of Dallas Water Guidelines while still growing a bountiful and healthy landscape.
1 - 2PM • **Start Spring Vegetable Seeds** by Kato Crow, TCNP. Sponsored by Slow Food Dallas.

2:30 - 3:30PM • **Grow Spring Vegetables** by Leslie Finical Halleck, MS



WED, JAN 18
11 - 11:45AM • **Sustainable & Heat Hardy Series: Water Right Workshop** by Leslie Finical Halleck, MS.

NOON - 1:30PM • **Terrific Tomatoes** by Leslie Finical Halleck, MS. Novice and experienced tomato growers will benefit from this program. Timing, soil, pests and more covered.

SAT, JAN 21
NOON - 2PM • **Backyard Chicken Sale/Q&A** (check the website for weather cancellations or time changes)



SAT, JAN 28
10:30AM • **Earth-Kind Gardens** by the Herb Society of America

1PM • **POP UP Class: Proper Watering**
Follow the City of Dallas Water Guidelines while maintaining a gorgeous garden. Part of our **Sustainable & Heat Hardy Series**.

SUN, JAN 29
11AM - 4PM • **Texas Gardening 101** Great class for those new to the area, beginner or experienced gardeners looking for a refresher course. \$65/\$60 for Grow Card Members. Price includes the 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 2012

SAT, FEB 4
9AM - NOON • **Bonsai Study Series** Guests can observe a bonsai shaping complimentary. Bring in up to 2 Bonsai plants for consultation for \$20. By the Dallas Bonsai Society.

THURS, FEB 9
1PM - 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. Call 214-363-5316 to register by phone or come in the store. **Inclement weather date change is Feb. 15th.** We kindly request no children under age 12 attend this program. All children 12 and older will be subject to the class fee.

SAT, FEB 11
10AM - 4:30PM • **Landscape Design 101** by Bram Franklin, Landscape Designer. Join us for this **full day class to design your dream landscape**. Bram covers basic concept design, site development, drainage, hard-scape and more. Bring pictures of your landscape, a plot plan, pencils and a ruler. Lunch included. \$80 per person. *Call to sign up early! Limited space, class fills quickly.*

SAT, FEB 18
10AM - 10:45AM • **Sustainable & Heat Hardy Series: Water Right Workshop** by Leslie Finical Halleck, MS.

NOON - 2PM • **Backyard Chicken Sale/Q&A** (check the website for weather cancellations or time changes)

SAT, FEB 25
8:30AM - 12:30PM • **45min Design Consultations by Roundtree Landscaping** \$60. Limited space! Call today to reserve your appointment. Visit www.nhg.com - Events page for details.

1:30PM • **Sustainable & Heat Hardy Series: Drought Without Doubt** by Johnette Taylor, Roundtree Landscaping. You can keep your garden green and still save on your water bill when you plant the proper plants and water the right way.

10:30AM • **Herb of the Year: Rose Hips** by the Herb Society of America.





Scintillating Citrus

By Robin Carlton, NHG Garden Advisor

Winter is a great time for starting your own citrus trees. Citrus plants offer delicious fruit, plus fragrant blooms! We have **Meyer Lemons, Mexican Limes, oranges, grapefruits** and more available now. Select a pot 3"-4" larger than the nursery pot, with drainage holes. Citrus prefer loose, well-drained, slightly acidic soil. We like to use **NHG Organic Potting Soil**. To ensure good drainage, elevate the container on **pot feet** or a **plant caddy**, which improves water flow and helps you to move the plant as needed. Fertilize with **Espoma Citrus Tone** in February, once more after initial blooming has stopped, and a third time in October. April through October place your plant outdoors in a sunny location. Bring indoors October through April. Move outside when the weather begins to consistently warm. A bright southern exposure is ideal, but you may also use a **Grow Light** to supplement. We have a large selection of grow lights in-stock now. Through selective pruning, your citrus tree can be maintained at most any size you prefer.

New Favorites for Your Garden

- Our new, easy-to-use **Tiller Cultivator** is excellent for breaking up compacted or heavy soils. Also makes easier work mixing in compost, amendments, and fertilizer.
- Make weeding existing beds and lawn areas easy with our 39-inch **Rocket Weeder**. Allows weeding without bending or crouching! Works well for larger weeds, dandelions, and weeds with a large taproot.
- Put nature to work for you with beneficial insects! Release **Mason Bees** into your garden in early spring, just in time to pollinate spring-blooming fruit trees. You'll need to offer a home for your bees. We have **Dormant Bees & Bee Houses** in-stock to protect your important guests and give them a safe place to lay their eggs. Ladybugs and praying mantis in stock, too.
- Short on space but still want your herbs and veggies? You need a **Master Gardener Garden Table** with the square foot gardening grid. Pick it up today, or let us assemble and deliver it to you.



Start Your Seeds NOW!

by Kato Crow, TCNP, NHG Garden Advisor

Now is the time to start your spring vegetable garden! Indoors, start seeds of cool season veggies like broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower as well as warm season crops such as tomatoes, peppers, cucumber and eggplant. In order for a seed to germinate it must receive the proper combination of moisture, temperature, light and air. Seedlings will need full exposure to light as soon as they emerge. Tomato seeds need 8 to 10 weeks to grow before transplanting in March; peppers and eggplant need around 7 to 8 weeks; and broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower and other cole crops need 5 to 6 weeks. Seed starter kits work well with cool season seeds and our **Germination Station** includes a heat mat to boost warm season seeds. In February, direct sow seeds of lettuce, mustard, leafy greens, carrots and peas into the garden. Don't forget your **NHG Organic Veggie Food** as it's formulated for North Texas. **FREE Class: "Start Veggie Seeds" Jan 14th at 1pm.**



NEW! Woolley Pockets

by Carolyn Kennedy, NHG Garden Advisor

Interested in an easy new way to garden vertically inside or outside your home? Attractive, practical and recycled, **Woolly Pockets** make it simple to decorate with living plants on a wall. Made from 100% recycled plastic bottles in the USA, they are breathable felt envelopes with internal moisture control and sturdy grommets that make planting, caring for and hanging a breeze. A durable moisture barrier ensures that your walls stay dry. Simply fill with **NHG Premium Organic Potting Soil**, select your favorite plants, then carefully nestle the roots of each plant into the pocket, adding soil around the roots as necessary. Water the back panel with a long spout watering can. Indoors: depending on the light in your space, choose plants such as trailing pothos ivy, dark leafed philodendron, ferns or begonias. Outdoors: Try a mixture of fresh herbs, small vegetable plants such as lettuce, or seasonal flowers. *Ask a Garden adviser to help you make appropriate choices for your own custom Woolley Pocket!*



Blooming Trees

by Laura Fick, BS, NHG Assistant Manager

Add early spring color to your garden by incorporating blooming trees. There are many flowering trees to choose from that are just waiting to burst open when spring arrives. Some of our favorite spring blooming trees are magnolias, redbuds, cherry trees and plums. **Magnolias** such as 'Ann', 'Jane', 'Royal Star', and Saucer magnolias are deciduous trees that grow between 10' to 20' tall. They produce flowers in shades of white, pink or purple. **Redbuds** are native to Texas and produce delicate white or purple flowers along bare branches. They prefer partial shade, and bear leaves in many different colors, depending on the variety. With double pink flowers, **'Kwanzan' Cherry** is one of the showiest of all of the blooming trees. In addition to the flowers, spring leaves are a deep bronze color, turning to green, and then a delightful golden color in fall. **Purple-leaf Plum** and **Mexican Plum** are also spectacular bloomers. Both produce fragrant white to pink flowers. Visit **NORTH HAVEN GARDENS** to find these trees and other flowering shrubs, vines, and bedding plants.





Hellebore sp. (Lenten Rose)

Cool Season Perennials

by Sandi Schwedler-Holmes, NHG Garden Advisor

Here in North Texas, we are very fortunate that we can plant, and enjoy, many wonderful plants through winter. Thought you couldn't plant and enjoy your garden in winter? We are here to show you that you can! Here are a few of our favorites in-stock January and February.

Heuchura sp. (Coral Bells): Low-growing, mounding perennial with incredible, intense foliage color in shade. Heuchera is known for its wonderful textures and colors. In spring, it shoots up spikes of delicate blooms. Exciting varieties in stock: 'Crimson Curls', 'Blackberry Crisp', 'Electric Lime' and more!

Hellebore sp. (Lenten Rose): One of the earliest bloomers in the garden! This evergreen perennial will take quite a bit of shade, but performs best in morning sun, afternoon shade. Many varieties sport upright blooms. Come see the stunning 'Golden Lotus', 'Harlequin Gem' and 'Rose Quartz' varieties.

Farfugium sp. (Crested Leopard Plant): Downy covered, deep green, curly leaves on these 2'x2' plants add an interesting twist to your garden. Grows spikey, yellow blooms in spring. Very drought tolerant once established.

Pruning Roses for Spring

Valentine's Day is a good time to prune your roses. The right tools will make the project easier and faster! A pair of clean, sharp bypass (**Felco Pruners** are our favorite) or regular pruners, rose gauntlet gloves, isopropyl alcohol. For Hybrid Teas, English roses, Floribundas and Grandifloras, take the stalks down to about 18". Antiques and climbers just need a good sprucing up; anything smaller than pencil thickness can be pruned off. As you are making your cuts, use your isopropyl alcohol, kept by your side in a small bowl to dip your pruners into. Before each cut, dip your pruners in the alcohol. Around the 18" mark, look for leaf buds, or leaflets that face toward the outside of the plant, clip just above that at a forty-five degree angle to start good growing habits for your rose. Remove any leaves that the rose has discarded on the ground, and clip off/pull off any leaves that have black spot on them. Dispose of all stems and leaves. It's best not to put diseased rose cuttings in the compost. Finally, add at least 2" of mulch and a nice sprinkling of **NHG Organic Rose Food and Magnesium Sulfate** help in getting minerals to the rose for strength and immunity. *Need more rose help? Don't miss one of our FREE rose programs through the season.*



MARCH, 3RD - 4TH 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.

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 through January.
- **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 early - mid January indoors. Broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, peppers and eggplant mid - late January indoors.
- **Prepare vegetable gardens** with organic matter.
- **Install** new raised vegetable and herb beds.

FEBRUARY

- **Start seeds** of broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, peppers, tomatoes, eggplant, 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, asparagus, horseradish and rhubarb.** 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.
- **Install** new raised vegetable and herb beds.

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Cool Season Vegetables to Plant Now

by Rusty Allen, NHG Garden Advisor

Did you know you can plant edibles in January and February? Onions, Asparagus, Horseradish, Potatoes, Rhubarb and a variety of herbs can be planted now through February. All do best in well draining, amended soils.

Onions & Leeks: Arrive in the garden center early January. Varieties in stock include Onions '1015Y', 'Red Candy Apple', 'Southern Belle Red', 'White Bermuda' and Leek 'Lancelot'. All do well in short winter days here in North Texas. Plant about 2" into the ground and water minimally. Plant in January. Harvest in early summer.

Asparagus: NHG has 2 year roots in stock, meaning your Asparagus will only need another 2 years to produce. Try 'Purple Passion', 'Jersey Night' and 'Martha Washington' for great production. Plant in February.

Potatoes: White-fleshed 'Kennebeck' or 'Pontiac'. Also, try the popular 'Yukon Gold'. Plant in February. Harvest in late spring to early summer. Visit the *Edibles* page at www.nhg.com for potato planting details.

Rhubarb: With a little extra care and some afternoon shade, rhubarb performs very well in North Texas, and does excellent in pots! Rhubarb 'Canada Red' and 'Victoria' available in February. Harvest in summer.

Horseradish: Fresh horseradish is the best! Plant this lovely, leafy plant in February. Plant a root about 2" down, harvest in early fall, grind with a little vinegar and water and enjoy the heat! After harvesting, replant the crown and harvest again the next year. In-stock, 'Maliner Kren'.

After planting, feed with NHG Organic Herb & Veggie food for a healthy harvest. Visit the Edibles www.nhg.com for more information, or come in and see a Garden Advisor. Don't miss our FREE POP UP Veggie Planting Demos January and February. See the calendar for times and dates.

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.

1st African Violet Society of Dallas
Meets 3rd Thursday at 10:30am, Sept - May

Alpha African Violet Society
Meets 2nd Saturday at 11am

Begonia Society
214-363-6715 ext 340
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 Wednesday 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.

