

NORTH HAVEN Gardens

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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.

~ JANUARY 2013 ~

FRI, JAN 4 • Garden Happy Hour
4PM - 7PM Enjoy complimentary wine, beer, refreshments and light appetizers while shopping for indoor plants, cool season color and speaking to staff about planning for your spring garden.

SAT, JAN 5
9AM - NOON • **Guest Artist: Hurley Johnson, Timeless Trees** Learn about the subtropical podocarpus. He will demonstrate on a large tree which will be raffled off. Bonsai Society of Dallas.

THUR, JAN 10
NOON - 12:30PM • **POP UP Class: Selecting Plants for winter Color** by TNT Floral Judges

SAT, JAN 12
11AM • **Help! My African Violet Needs a Doctor!** Bring in your African Violets and the society will answer all your questions. By the Alpha African Violet Society.

1PM • **Starting Spring Seeds: Veggies & Flowers** by Sandi Schwedler-Holmes, NHG Buyer

THUR, JAN 17
10AM • **Terrarium & Dish Gardens Part I** by the First African Violet Society

SAT, JAN 19
11AM - 1PM • **Backyard Chicken Sale/Q&A** by Dan Probst, Bageniece Farms. (Check www.nhg.com for weather-related cancellation)



1PM • **POP UP Class: Winter Veggie Garden Preview: Get Ready to Plant!**

SAT, JAN 26
10:30AM • **3 Themed Gardens** by the Herb Society of America. 3 lovely theme gardens to plan now. We will discuss Cottage Gardens, Moon Gardens and Bee Gardens.

3PM • **The Genera Dyckia, Hectia, & Other Terrestrial Bromeliads** Learn about these easy to care for house plants from the Bromeliad Society.



SUN, JAN 27 • Texas Gardening 101
11AM - 4PM 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 book **Easy Gardens for North Texas** (Retail value \$29.99), lunch, handouts on soil amendments, planting, maintenance and more in an easy to use binder. **Application in-store, over the phone or at www.nhg.com**

~ FEBRUARY 2013 ~

FRI, FEB 1 • Garden Happy Hour
4PM - 7PM Enjoy complimentary wine, beer, refreshments and light appetizers while shopping Valentine's Day gifts, seed potatoes, onions, asparagus and other vegetables to plant in winter.

SAT, FEB 2
9AM - NOON • **Bonsai Study Group** Proper bonsai repotting and root pruning. Bring your tree for help repotting. Observation is free. \$15 for repotting assistance, plus cost of soil.
1PM • **POP UP Class: Create a Terrarium**
2PM • **POP UP Class: Onions & Asparagus**
2:30PM • **POP UP Class: Plant Potatoes**

SUN FEB 3
1 - 2PM • **Spring Vegetable Gardens**

SAT FEB 9
1 - 2PM • **Prune Roses & Prep to Plant More!** by Carolyn Kennedy, NHG Garden Advisor
1PM • **POP UP Class: Rhubarb & Horseradish**

SUN, FEB 17
1 - 2PM • **Plant Tomatoes** by Rusty Allen, NHG Garden Advisor

THUR, FEB 21
10AM • **Terrarium & Dish Gardens Part 2** by the First African Violet Society

SAT, FEB 23
8:30AM - 12:30PM • **Design Consultations by Roundtree Landscaping** \$60. Limited space! Call today to reserve your 45 min. appointment. Visit www.nhg.com - Events page for details.

10:30AM • **Herbal Vinegars** by the Herb Society of America

SUN, FEB 24
1 - 2PM • **Spring Garden COLOR!** Explore color options you might not have thought to try by Kay Nelson, NHG Garden Coach



Vertical Wall Planters: GroVert Living Walls

by Cynthia Koogler, NHG Container Specialist

Vertical Gardening is a unique way to maximize space indoors. Each GroVert kit has its own self-watering tray to make maintenance a breeze.

DIRECTIONS

- Choose a site for your **GroVert Living Wall Planter**. Be sure to match the light source to the type of plants you want to add.
- Fill the "pockets" of the GroVert with **NHG Organic Potting Soil**.
- Add plants, then water with a water-soluble fertilizer, such as Hastagro, and let the plants sit for two days so they can settle in properly.
- Now attach the 10-cell GroVert planter to the frame and hang.
- To water, pour water into the irrigation tray until it is completely full. This will water the plants vertically and any excess will drain in the collection tray.

If you are looking to create your own custom system, we also have all the individual parts of the GroVert system to help you create your masterpiece. Or, we can create one for you!



3 Cool Products We Love!

• Desktop Plant Light

Plant Light has a flexible neck and a stable base. It comes with a natural light spectrum bulb to encourage healthy growth in plants. Height adjusts between 15" and 26.5". Perfect for low-light rooms, offices, and cubicles.

• Weed Dragon Garden Torch

"Weed flaming" is great for nontoxic weed control in home gardens. Weed Dragon uses the searing heat of a propane burner to quickly "boil" the water in the cells of the plant, causing cell walls to burst. Flaming is highly effective on young, annual weeds and stubborn weeds in concrete. Also great to de-ice your steps, walkways, and driveway.



• Gutter Wand

This water-driven cleanup wand attaches to a standard garden hose and provides powerful sweeping action to blast debris from your rain gutters, curbs, sidewalks or driveway. With a telescoping wand that extends from 41.5in. to 68.5in., you can reach the tough spots easily and quickly.



Sanseveria

Love Your Roses on Valentine's Day!

By Carolyn Kennedy, NHG Garden Advisor

Because rose plants are dormant and typically leafless in early to mid February this is the best time to do a hard pruning. If we are having an unusually warm winter, you can prune in early February. Start by removing any dead, diseased or damaged branches. Cut out twigs that are smaller than a pencil in favor of thick healthy canes. Look for branches that are rubbing together and remove the one growing toward the center of the plant. Your goal is to create air circulation through the center of the plant. Roses respond well to yearly pruning and clean-up. Don't be daunted by this manageable task. Each spring they'll reward you with beautiful blooms.



Make the job easy with a good set of pruners!

GOOD • FISKARS Work well for light use.

BETTER • CORONA Durable steel cuts larger branches easily and stays sharp much longer.

BEST • FELCO Highest quality for heavy use and a with a replaceable blade, you'll use this excellent tool for a lifetime.



Time to Bring the Garden Indoors!

by Kay Nelson, NHG Garden Coach

Has the cool weather got you longing for the garden? Bring the garden indoors!

Bright sunny spots: Ficus or Palm tree; assorted cacti and succulents.

Moderate and lower light levels: Dracaena, Pleomeles, ZZ plants, Philodendrons, Aglonemas and a personal favorite, Sanseveria.

Color Pop! Bromeliads and Orchids are long lasting. African Violets and Kalanchoes cheer up any room. Ferns add texture and softness to plant displays.

INDOOR PLANT MAINTENANCE

- Feed with Osmocote, African Violet food and Orchid food.
- Keep the leaves clean and free of dust. Soil Menders Plant Wash is easy to use and usually takes care of most pests.
- Use a turkey baster to syphon excess water from saucers or take smaller plants to the sink for a bath and a drink.
- Use saucers with Trivets, Cork Mats or Pot Feet to protect surfaces.

Be bold! Plant a container with multiple plants just like you would do in an outdoor container. Come in this month and we can either help you create your own. Or, our Plant Container Specialist will create one specifically for you! Did you purchase a poinsettia from NHG this past holiday? Bring it back in-store for **10% off a houseplant**. One discounted plant per poinsettia returned. Details at <http://nhg.com/growcard.htm>



Dracaena



Kalanchoe



Scabiosa

Favorite Cool Season Plants

by Rusty Allen, NHQ Garden Advisor

It's easy to forget our perennials this time of year. Favorites to plant now through February include:

- **Helleborus (Lenten Rose):** Tough evergreen that blooms in the cooler months. Great in shady areas.
- **Rosemary:** Trailing or upright. Blue flowers attract bees. Fragrant and delicious. Evergreen.
- **Peonies:** Fantastic blooms in spring! Plant in part shade. Arrives mid-February. Feed with organic Espoma Holly-tone.
- **Ferns:** Lovely planted along-side Peonies. My favorites are Japanese Holly Fern and Autumn fern.
- **Heuchera:** Part shade. Mounding foliage known for its bright colors of chartreuse, red, black, pink and purple. Spikes of blooms in early spring. Great as a border!
- **Dianthus:** Pretty in rock gardens and sunny borders. Many colors.
- **Creeping Phlox:** Low growing companion with mounds of bright blooms.
- **Iberis (candytuft):** White whorls of blooms that handles shadier spots. Evergreen.
- **Scabiosa:** They bloom for months and months with little care. Drought tolerant. Butterflies love it!

Around Valentine's Day, cut back frost-damaged perennials. Feed with Espoma Holly-tone for acid-loving plants and **NHG 3-2-3 Organic Fertilizer** as a general fertilizer. Always apply Nature's Guide Root Simulator to freshly planted perennials. *Come see all our arrivals through winter. We'll list favorites at www.nhg.com/thisjustin.htm.*



Peony



Fern



Phlox



Iberis

Start Seeds Now For Spring Success

by Robin Carlton, NHQ Contract Sales Manager

Starting seeds indoors now means you'll have healthy transplants to set out in spring. With a proper start, you will have beautiful veggies, color, and herbs ready to transplant into the garden in about 6 to 8 weeks. You will need either a seed starting kit or some biodegradable pots, seed-starting soil, and a supplemental light. For best results, add a seedling heat mat. When your seedlings have their second and third sets of leaves, you can feed them a little HastaGro. Now is the time to plant seeds for all your favorite veggies like tomatoes, lettuce, and cilantro! This is also an excellent time to start nasturtium, hollyhocks, bachelor buttons, and other classic garden blooms. Have you ever come in looking for a hard-to-find herb transplant such as lovage, cumin, or chervil? Don't fret! Now is the time to start them indoors.

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.

Visit www.nhg.com for more tips and info.



Seed Tomatoes mid-January.

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Eat the Best Veggies from Your Own Backyard!

by Chris Pyles, NHG Garden Advisor

We can grow lots of delicious vegetables beginning this month! Be sure all your veggie beds are prepared with lots of compost. And, don't forget to fertilize with **NHG Organic Veggie Food**.

Potatoes: Potatoes arrive in January, but are planted in February. Cut seed potatoes into pieces. Dust with sulphur then let cure for a few days. Plant in a soil and pine straw mixture. As the plants grow, mound the soil/straw mixture up the stem so there is always 4"-6" or so peeking out the top. Potatoes will form in the mounded soil/straw. Dirt pots also work well and make harvest-time easy. When the flowers are blooming, potatoes are growing! Harvest mid-late summer. More potato-growing information at www.nhg.com/pdf/PotatoPlanting.pdf

Onion/Leeks: Onion slips (small plants with no bulb) should be planted in January when they arrive in-store. Form a small hole (a pencil works great) and place the onion slip about 1"-2" into the ground. Fertilize well to encourage top growth; growth now means more bulb later. Harvest when the tops start to yellow and fall over in late summer.

Asparagus: Plant in late January through February. Asparagus like to be planted in their own space. A 4'x4' raised bed is the perfect amount of space. Feed with a quality fertilizer such as **NHG Organic 7-2-2** to help get them off to a great start.

Rhubarb: Though Rhubarb prefers the cooler climates, with a little extra attention, they'll thrive in here in North Texas. Feed this perennial edible through the growing season and harvest in mid-late summer. Consider planting in a container with a bit of afternoon shade through summer. You'll have a gorgeous plant that is also edible! Plant in February.

Horseradish: There is nothing better than fresh, HOT horseradish! Be sure you give this easy-to-grow perennial a try. Plant in February, harvest in late summer through early fall. Dig up the roots, then replant the crown of the horseradish to enjoy more fresh roots next year. Horseradish plants can grow large, so be sure to give it plenty of space in the garden.

For all the details on growing these and other edibles year-round, visit us in-store or attend one of our POP UP Classes. Classes offered each month of the year.

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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.

