



*Delicious, savory onions are as easy as 1, 2, 3.*

## Ready, Set, Grow!

### Garden-To-Table Success Begins Now

The chilly days of January and February may not seem conducive to gardening, but those in the know understand how important these months really are. Beneficial microbes in your garden's soil remain active, and properly cared for, give you a huge jump start in spring. Treat your soils to applications of an organic soil stimulator, such as Medina, and nurture your soil-building allies with horticultural molasses to get them going. You'll be rewarded with healthier, more active soils when you plant.

As patrons of NHG know, we work hard to keep gardeners on time to help ensure gardening success. An all-time favorite crop, tomatoes, makes its debut now—if

you're starting from seed, you'll need to get them started in January. Come mid-February, our first round of transplants will begin arriving for the earliest plantings. Remember, the best spring tomato harvests come from transplants that go in the ground early, before April!

Edible gardeners will find a variety of onion slips in stock through January, during planting time for our area. We're excited to feature 'Texas Legend' for the first time: a sweet, yellow variety that was bred to have higher concentrations of healthy compounds than its parent variety, the 1015Y Texas Supersweet. Italian 'Cippolini' varieties will be in stock, too, while supplies last—so get in to NHG early in the month

to grab your favorites.

Look forward to rhubarb, asparagus and horseradish varieties arriving after mid-January for planting through February. These flavorful, rewarding crops take your edible garden to the next level! Also through February, replenish your leafy greens and cole crops with both transplants and by seeding directly outdoors in the garden. For a detailed list, refer to our spring planting dates at NHG.com. January and February are such great months to get your garden ready for growing! We'll be hosting a variety of classes, workshops and 'POP' Up lectures to help ensure your garden-to-table success. Join us!



**Tomatoes this way!**



# Artist Brings 'Serenity' to NHG

By Sandi Schwedler, TCNP, Senior Buyer



*Artist Melanie Montgomery Brannan in her studio.*

As we look forward to our second year in the gallery at NHG, we'd like to introduce one of our local Dallas artists who will be showing with us this January & February: with her easy style, red hair, freckles and blue jeans, you'd think Melanie Montgomery Brannan had been a Texan all her life. She was raised in Shreveport, Louisiana, and earned a degree in graphic design and advertising from Louisiana Tech before relocating to Texas.

She worked in advertising for many years, serving the needs of Neiman Marcus and other well-known clients. While she loved the work, her art—and teaching other artists—quickly became her primary passion. She's been painting full time since 2009 and regularly conducts painting classes at schools, private homes and even in her own backyard studio.

Melanie believes she gains as much, if not more, from her students as they do in her classes, and we're happy to say we're working to get her to NHG to teach some classes later in the year.

Melanie's painting style is constantly evolving. Currently, she's working on the 'Serenity' series—richly colorful, abstract works whose forms echo the landscapes that

inspired them. One can observe these works for hours and see and feel many different things: the landscapes can range from places reminiscent of the Grand Canyon to a surreal, pink Provence.

In addition to her large works, we're featuring her 'Mel's Littles' pieces: roughly 2"x 3", these tiny original works are colorful and inspired. Join us during receptions planned for Friday, January 15th and again on Friday, February 12th to view Melanie's works in person!



*Clockwise from left: 'Red Sapphire,' 'Golden Lotus' and 'Berry Swirl.'*



## Hellebore Heaven

**A fresh collection of spring blooming Hellebores arrives at the end of January.**



Visit [NHG.com](http://NHG.com) for calendar event details



# January-February 2016 Events

**Fertilize** fruit trees when spring buds appear.



## Winter Snapshot

**Start** seeds of tomatoes, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, and more indoors mid-January.



**Build** raised beds for vegetables or have us do it for you.



**Learn** at our gardening educational programs.



**Plant** Onion slips through January. Plant potatoes in February.



← Scan the code or call 214-363-5316 to reserve your space for this workshop!

## Vertical Gardens Air Plants Workshop

Whether you're thinking in or out of the box, you'll enjoy the chance to make something unique with tillandsias.

**Saturday, January 16  
2-3:30pm**

Registration fee of \$50 includes all materials for your take-home piece and hands-on instruction. Limited to 25 attendees.

**Please register by  
Thursday, January 14**

## Workshops with Wine Series Succulent Living Wreaths

with Cynthia Koogler of Flower Child Plants.



**Saturday, February 6  
3-5:30pm**

Create a floral quality living wreath made of sculptural succulents in this hands-on workshop!

\$125 includes all your materials and supplies. Enjoy wine and light appetizers for a perfect afternoon of fun for yourself or for a group of friends!

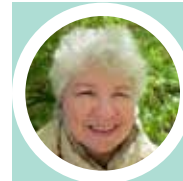
Limited to 25 attendees.

**Scan to register** →  
by Thursday, February 4  
or call 214-363-5316



## Texas Veggie Gardening Greater Dallas Organic Garden Club

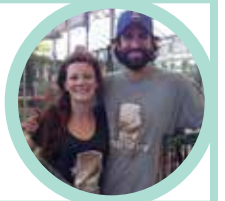
**Sunday, January 24, 3-5pm**  
Biology, Ecology, Botany and gardening teacher Dr. Larry Legg, a Denton County Master Gardener, has maintained a garden all his adult life experimenting with various heirloom plants and gardening techniques. He explains his methods and encourages north Texas gardeners to consider the fall/winter vegetable garden. Free.



**Garden Coach  
Make an  
appointment  
today!  
214.363.5316**

## Urban Chicken Ranching

John & Emily Ramos will be at NHG on the 4th Saturday of each month for pullet sales from 3-4pm & classes from 4-5pm.  
**Upcoming dates:** Saturday, January 23 & Saturday, February 27. Pullets subject to availability.



# NORTH HAVEN Gardens



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at our  
**Gallery  
Receptions**  
January 15 &  
February 12, 2016  
5-7pm

Connect with us!



## Tomatoes in Winter?

What's the mistake  
most beginning  
gardeners make  
when growing  
tomatoes in DFW?

### Starting too late!

If you plan to start from seed, you should begin in January. Transplants go in the ground late February to mid-March in order to get them established and bushy before the optimum temperature time frame for fruit set, which is typically in April through early May.



**January**



**February**