

Every *Blooming* Thing

July - August 2004

North Haven Gardens Newsletter



Plant: Tomatoes early in July for fall production. Heat loving annuals such as **firebush, lantanas, purslane, portulaca** and **esperanza**. Plant beans, squash, cucumbers in early August; broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower about mid-August. Plant wildflower seeds in late August to allow for germination and growth prior to winter.

Fertilize: Feed your lawn every 8-10 weeks through the summer months. Feed container plants and hanging baskets regularly with a water soluble fertilizer such as **Carl Pool BR-61** or **Miracle Gro plant food**. Fertilize your roses monthly using rose specific fertilizers such as **Carl Pool Rose food** or **Nutri-Star Rose food**.

Water: Learn your city's water regulations. Water deeply when you water your lawn. Water container plants as needed; use **'Soil Moist'** to retain water in the soil for container plants. And mulch, mulch, mulch your planting beds to retain moisture.

Pest control: Use BT for caterpillars. Use **Sunspray** or release ladybugs to help control aphids. Spray horticultural oil or orange oil for spider mites, lace bugs, thrips, and scale.

Disease control: Control black spot, powdery mildew and other fungal diseases on roses and crepe myrtles using **Neem oil, Funginex** or **potassium bicarbonate**.

The Beauty of Water Gardens

By Chuck Goecke

Want something that adds both tranquility and pizzazz to your landscape, with the added bonus of Wildlife enhancement?

Water garden features are a lot less investment and effort than you might guess. Fountains or other moving water features are helpful but not necessary to have clear water.

What's needed is well-aged water that has lots of plantings and life in it. The cause of

unpleasant water, planktonic and filamentous green algae are in water that's very new, with too many nutrients, and too much sun. Small

filtering microscopic animals that attach to the sides and detritus on the bottom help clean the water. These

critters establish quickly when adding lots of plants; submerged, floating, and emerging bog and water lilies, which fill the water garden with life and take up the excess nutrients and light. Then to keep the water nice and clear, do not be too fastidious about cleaning it. The "gunk" at the bottom actually cleans the water. Use chlorine remover every



time you add tap water to protect these filtering organisms. North Haven has lots of choice

Repel Insects by Attracting Birds

One of the best ways to repel insects is to attract an army of birds to eat them! One chickadee can eat 10,000 insects a season. In fact, all birds eat insects at one time or another — even a hummingbird's diet is 10 percent insects. Bribe the birds into your yard with birdseed, and they will consume lots of insect pests while there.

At North Haven Gardens we have a lot of different Bird Houses, Feeders, Bird Baths and Bird Seed to keep your yard full of Birds all summer long. We have Hanging Suet baskets and suet cakes, Bird Feeders that attract small Songbirds, Hummingbird Feeders and several types of birdseeds like; crimson clover seed, sunflower seed

and wild bird blend.

In our Book Nook we have a nice selection of bird books. *Hummingbird Garden* is a guide to attracting and identifying Hummingbird visitors. *The*

Birds of Texas is a wonderful book that makes finding and identifying birds easy for the beginner and helps identify the nearly 600 bird species that live in Texas. We can't go without mentioning *The*

Bird Garden, which is a great guide to attract birds to your yard throughout the year.

Stop by North Haven Gardens to get everything you need to start your insect repelling season today.



Calendar of Events

Lectures and Meetings are in our Conference Room

July 4th Sale

July 2nd - 8th

1/4th off regular price of in-stock items. Trees & Shrubs, Herbs, Annuals, Perennials, Roses and House Plants. See store for details.

Sat July 10 - 1:30pm free lecture

Ornamental Grasses, by Chuck Goecke
Create the botanical garden look in your yard with the textural elements that grasses bring to the landscape.

Sat July 17 - 1:30pm free lecture

Native Plants & Water Conservation, by Charlene Rowell Heard Museum, Presented by First Men's Garden Club. Native Texas plants that are both beautiful and water conservative.

Sat July 24 - 1:30pm free lecture

Texas Smartscape, by Leslie Calderon, Environment & Development Planner, NCTCOG (North Central Texas Council of Governments)

Sat July 31 - 9am-12noon Iris Sale

Iris Society of Dallas

Sat August 7 - 1:30pm free lecture

Plants That Attract Hummingbirds and Butterflies by Chuck Goecke
Bring these garden jewels into your landscape with these easy care perennials and shrubs.

Sat August 14 - 1:30pm free lecture

Water Gardens, by Jody Spence Creative Water Gardens Presented By First Men's Garden Club
Care and maintenance of your garden pond. How to keep your water lilies, lotus and bog plants blooming and vigorous.

Sat August 21 - 1:30pm free lecture

Fragrance In Your Garden With Herbs
by Bob McLaughlin - North Haven Rosarian -
Add fragrance to the relaxation of your garden using herbs.

Sat August 28 - 10:00am free lecture

Tinctures 101, by Bill Meyers, Presented
By Herb Society of America,
Dallas Chapter

Cool off with Cut Flowers

By Caryn Maqueira

Well, bring some color inside this summer, come by and order yourself or a friend a beautiful flower arrangement from North Haven Gardens Floral Department. We can make you an arrangement with stargazer lilies, stock, freesia, tuberose and our large selection of cut roses that will add a lovely fragrance to your room. For your summer pool parties we can make a tropical arrangement with Ginger, Bird of Paradise and Anthrium for that Hawaiian Flair. We also have a huge variety of vases to choose from for any type of party or when you just need to brighten your day. You can also bring some of your own garden flowers inside to enhance your décor; you might try Purple Cone Flowers, Black Eyed Susan, Roses, Lamb's Ear, Lavender or Rosemary. All of these flowers are perennials that you can plant in your garden and they will give you years of enjoyment. Next time you visit our garden center a sales person will be glad to assist you in your gardening needs.

Plant Natives now for Spectacular Fall Color

By Matt Kolodzie

Yep, it sure is hot! As we start looking forward to cooler weather in the fall, we can look forward to a time in our gardens when plants look fresher and start a new round of color. Although we are not blessed with the Aspens of the Rockies, or the Sugar Maples of New England, we have several native perennials that provide abundant fall color for North Texas. **Texas Aster** gives a show-stopping lavender bloom, and each plant will be almost covered with of daisy-like blooms for several weeks.

Copper Canyon Daisy, has fragrant foliage, grows to 3-4 feet tall and wide, and is also a good butterfly plant. Blooms are an intense golden yellow.

Mexican Mint Marigold

has a naturally mounding habit to about 2 feet tall, and gets covered with bright yellow blooms. The leaves smell and taste like licorice, and can be used as a substitute for French Tarragon in cooking.

Liatris, or Gayfeather, is a tough little plant that has whorls of purple blooms along a 2-foot tall stem. This plant is long lived, and gets better each year, producing more stalks as it ages. In addition to these fall blooming perennials, we can get dependable red and orange fall color from Prairie

Flameleaf Sumac, an ornamental tree that can grow in full sun or as an understory plant. Planting these drought tolerant, sun-loving natives now will provide you with beautiful color as we start our second season of gardening. Visit North

Haven soon to see these and many other fall-blooming natives.



SOCIETY MEETINGS

Begonia Society

214-363-5316

Meet the third Thursday 7:00 PM

Daylily Growers of Dallas

972-684-4760

Meet the third Saturday 10:00 AM

Southwestern Fern Society

972-241-6480

Meet the second Thursday 7:30 PM

Organic Garden Club

214-350-3427

Meet the fourth Thursday 7:00 PM

Feng Shui Guild

214-880-0851

Meet the second Sunday 3:00 to 5:00pm

First Men's Garden Club of Dallas

Meet the third Tuesday at 7:00pm

Bromeliad Society

Meet the fourth Saturday 1:00 pm

Shady Characters for Containers

By Tamara Pickard

Wait, wait.....don't tell me, caladiums and impatiens in your shady containers again? Say it isn't so! Get some great new ideas for sizzling summer color in North Haven's Tropical greenhouse. The hot plants this summer for the tropical look in containers are anthuriums and crotons.

Anthuriums, or flamingo flowers, have colorful spath-like flowers in shades of red, pink, orange and purple. They mix very well with ferns, caladiums and impatiens.

Crotons are colorful foliage plants in hues of red, orange, yellow and green. Mix them with a **lemon lollipop** (for summer hummers) and some ivy

and you have an unusual container that last well into the fall. Also, remember the easy care philodendrons for interesting foliage. Such varieties as '**Xanadu**', with its deeply lobed leaves and '**Moonlight**', a new lime green variety, will add sizzle to your shady spot. So remember, the sky's the limit when it comes to creating colorful containers. Stop in our greenhouse today to add some new shady characters to your garden!

Tough, Heat Loving Perennials

By Bob McLaughlin

Water bills keep going up for your landscape plus, there is the specter of summer water rationing. One of the answers to a beautiful landscape as well as saving water is drought tolerant perennials. We can still have nice gardens, full of flowering plants and not be tempted to sneak out in the middle of the night to water them. Below are ten great perennials for your consideration:

Anisacanthus - Flame Acanthus - 3' tall, blooms all summer with orange to pumpkin yellow bloom.... hummingbirds love it.

Buddleia - Butterfly Bush - 3'-5' tall, butterflies swarm to it. Colors are purple, pink, white and violet.

Salvia greggii - Autumn Sage - 2'-3' tall, bloom spring to fall, red, white, coral or pink flowers.

Asclepias tuberosa - Butterfly Weed - 1'-2' tall, orange color, early summer bloomer, a butterfly magnet.

Scutellaria suffrutescens - Skullcap - grows to 8-10in tall. The

evergreen foliage becomes covered with small pink snapdragon-like flowers from spring into fall in sun or part shade.



Pavonia lasiopetala - Rock Rose - is a nice plant for either sun or part shade. It grows to the height of 3ft. Rock Rose

has lovely pink flowers all summer.

Pavonia brazilienses - Brazilian Rock Rose - loves the sun growing to 4ft. It has pretty light pink flowers with a maroon center.

Wedelia hispida - Zexmenia - is long blooming starting in early May. Its yellow daisy flowers brighten sunny or shady areas.

Lantana camara - grows to be 4ft tall. Its clusters of pink and yellow flowers attract both butterflies and hummingbirds to the garden.

Salvia leucantha - Mexican Bush Sage - grows to be 3ft tall. It has purple flowers in the fall.

Visit www.nhg.com for our complete perennial list. You will find these and many other summer tough perennials available throughout the spring and summer at North Haven Gardens.

NORTH HAVEN Gardens

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Dallas, TX 75230
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www.nhg.com

Wednesday at Noon Luncheon

Wednesday July 21

Birdhouses and other Fun Accents
in the Garden
by Judy Fender
Cost is \$15.00 with Grow Card \$10.00

Wednesday August 18

Monarch and Butterfly Gardens
by Judy Fender
Cost \$15.00 with Grow Card \$10.00

Reserve your place today for this popular
North Haven event. Reservations accepted
in the store or by phone.

ANNUAL JULY 4TH SALE

Savings Throughout the Store

1/4th off the regular price
on all Trees, Shrubs, Herbs, Annuals,
Perennials, Roses and Tropical Houseplants

Discount off regular price of any in-stock items. Not good
with any other discounts.

Water Wisely This Summer

By Marcus Rodriguez

Summer is here, and by remembering a few watering tips you can keep your landscape looking its best.

The first thing to remember is you should water early in the morning when evaporation rates are at their lowest, never during the heat of the day. Water deeply when the soil is dry and a good drenching once or twice a week is better than daily light sprinklings.

Don't forget that newly planted flowers, trees and shrubs have different watering needs than established plants. A Soaker Hose applied at the base of shrubs slowly releases water to the soil and roots rather than the leaves. Gator Bags can be used to water newly planted trees during the hot and dry summer months. These bags hold up to 20 gallons

of water, are secured to the tree, and then release the water slowly to the root ball over the course of 15-20 hours. Schultz Moisture Plus Potting Soil is specially formulated with Moisture Plus Watering Crystals that store over 200 times its weight in water and slowly releases it to the plant as needed. Finally, applying a two-inch layer of mulch around shrubs, trees, annuals and even in containers will help to keep the soil cooler, and prevent moisture loss from the soil.

Knowing how and when to water during the summer months is the most important thing you can do for your landscape.

Don't forget to check for lawn and landscape watering restrictions in your city.