

NORTH HAVEN Gardens

Every Blooming Thing

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Wonderful Hardy Water Lilies



Ready to try something new this summer? Start a patio water garden! In the heat of summer, water lilies will bloom beautifully in a container on your patio. Hardy lilies come in a variety of colors, from pale yellow to bright pink, with glossy-green, rounded leaves that

offer lots of shade to the creatures that live beneath them in ponds and bogs. Start with a colorful pot at least 18-inches deep and wide enough to allow the water lily to spread out. Fill the bottom of the pot with several inches of heavy garden soil mixed with a bit of sand and fertilizer, and fill with water.

Treat the water with a dechlorinator prior to adding plants. Or, let the water sit for a few days before adding your lilies. Plant the lily by simply placing the potted lily into the water

and covering with one inch of gravel to prevent particles from the soil floating in the water. Place in a sunny area and enjoy! *Shop our beautiful selection of hardy and tropical water lilies through summer.*

Summer Safety

Summer can still be a rewarding time to work in the garden when you stay healthy and prepared. Most important, drink plenty of water. The experts say that if you wait until you are thirsty, you are waiting too long. Be sure to apply a good bit of sunblock and wear a hat. If you start feeling light-headed, stop working and move to the shade to cool down. Try getting out early in the morning when temperatures are at their coolest. Lots of gardening can get done before 11am when the sun starts rising higher. *NORTH HAVEN GARDENS has a lovely selection of hats to keep you cool this summer.*



Dallas MANDATORY Watering Guidelines



June 1 to Sept. 30, watering of lawns or landscapes with an irrigation system or sprinkler is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Watering with a hand-held hose or a soaker hose is permitted at any time. Don't allow your sprinkler system to water driveways, sidewalks and streets. Do not water or irrigate lawns or landscapes during any form of precipitation. Rain/freeze sensors are now required on all irrigation systems installed on or after Jan. 1, 2002. As of January 1, 2005 all irrigation systems must be equipped with rain sensing devices and freeze gauges. Violations of these outdoor watering guidelines can now result in fines of \$250 to \$2,000 per incident. For water conservation information, call 214-670-3155.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COMPLIMENTARY LECTURES IN ~ JULY 2006 ~

SAT, JULY 8 · 10AM
WATER GARDEN DEMONSTRATION
North Texas Water Garden Society will instruct you how to set up an easy water lily garden in your landscape using small containers.

SAT, JULY 15 · 1:30PM
BEAUTIFUL XERISCAPES
by Dan Coletti, sponsored by the First Men's Garden Club of Dallas

TUES, JULY 18 · 7PM
FALL GARDENING
by Dallas County Master Gardeners, sponsored by the First Men's Garden Club of Dallas

WILDFLOWER WEEKEND Get ready for Wildflowers!

SAT, JULY 29 · 10AM
GARDENING WITH NATIVE WILDFLOWERS *by Dallas County Master Gardeners.*

Botanical Illustration series focusing on wildflowers, natives & grasses. *By Cynthia Padilla. Advance Registration \$55*

SAT, JULY 29 · 11AM-3PM
BOTANICAL ILLUSTRATION: PEN & INK DRAWING TECHNIQUES

SAT, JULY 30 · 11AM-3PM
BOTANICAL ILLUSTRATION: WATERCOLOR TECHNIQUES

COMPLIMENTARY LECTURES IN ~ AUGUST 2006 ~

SAT, AUGUST 12 · 9AM to NOON
IRIS SALE *Sponsored by the Iris Society of Dallas*

TUES, AUGUST 15 · 7PM
GARDENING FOR ENJOYMENT AND BEAUTY WITH HEALTH & SAFETY IN MIND
by Lionel Schultz, sponsored by the First Men's Garden Club of Dallas

SAT, AUGUST 19 · 1:30PM
COMPOSTING
by Mike Norten, sponsored by the First Men's Garden Club of Dallas

SUN, AUGUST 20 · 1:30PM
WATER WISE GARDENING
by Dallas County Master Gardeners. First of four in the "Conservation Series"

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NHG STAFFER'S SAY...

Here at North Haven Gardens, we are very proud of our knowledgeable and friendly staff. Many of them are degreed Horticulturists, Certified Nursery Professionals, Master Gardeners or just plain ol' plant experts with a lifetime of experience! Wherever they go, as soon as people know that they work at North Haven Gardens, the questions begin. Here are some of the best tips our Garden Advisors like to plant in people's heads.

"When preparing vegetable beds, I like to add 1 bag of Hu-more Plant & Soil Food for every 4 bags organic compost. This gets new vegetable transplants off to a great start!"

~ Leslie Finical Halleck, General Manager

"For proper watering... one to one and a half inches of water a week. Less frequent, deep waterings are best."

~ Christine Hensley, Store Manager

"When maintaining roses, pinch back the tips of stems to encourage more lateral shoots."

~ Bob McLaughlin, Rose Expert

"Go Organic! The longer you do it, the easier it gets. Get your garden back in natural balance."

~ Kay Nelson, Herb Expert

"Never leave bare dirt; make sure to topdress all of your plantings with mulch each season."

~ Chuck Goecke, Native Plant Expert

"Prevent weeds in your lawn by applying corn gluten meal in February and October for natural weed control." ~ Joe Steele, Hardgoods Buyer

"Always check plant soil before watering. Plants can wilt in the summer heat even with moist soil." ~ Don Miller, Begonia Expert

"For shrubs and trees—the 1st year they sleep. The 2nd year they creep. The 3rd year they leap."

~ Kato Dixon, Sales Team Leader

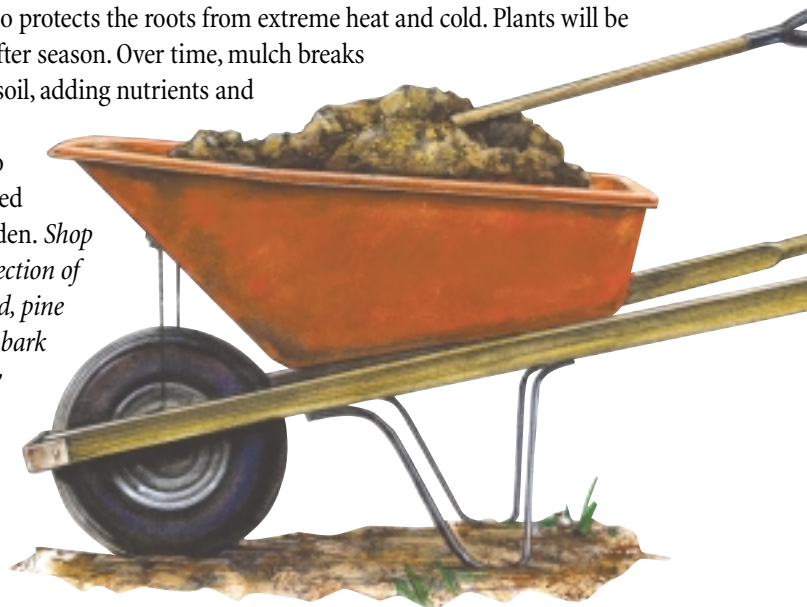


Spring Blooming Bulbs Arrive Soon!

Starting in September, spring blooming bulbs will begin to arrive. This is an exciting time at North Haven Gardens and many of our customers start planning their spring gardens now! We will have dozens of varieties of Daffodils, Tulips, Hyacinth and many other specialty bulbs. Plus, we are the only Garden Center in town that will store and pre-chill your bulbs for you! When you purchase \$100 worth of bulbs, we'll store them for you at just the right temperature for just the right time. We'll call you at the beginning of December to let you know when it's time to pick up your bulbs. Or, we can offer you the best advice on how to chill them at home until planting time. The most beautiful blooms come from healthy bulbs, which need to be stored and planted properly for the best success. When exactly is the right time to plant? When the soil temperature drops below 50°F. The basic guidelines are: Don't plant your tulips and hyacinth before Thanksgiving and get them in the ground by the end of December. Daffodils, however, can be planted anytime after October 1st and through mid-January. *Be sure to shop early for the best selection of spring blooming bulbs in town! Popular varieties sell quickly. Also keep an eye on our events page online and the fall newsletter for programs and information on Proper Bulb Planting and Beautiful Color Combination Ideas.*

Mulch Reminder

Mulch, mulch, mulch! Always remember to re-apply mulch each season. Especially in the summer! Mulch retains moisture, meaning you will water less and reduce your water bill. It also protects the roots from extreme heat and cold. Plants will be saved season after season. Over time, mulch breaks down into the soil, adding nutrients and enriching the soil. Mulch also creates a finished look in the garden. *Shop NHG's large selection of cedar, hardwood, pine straw and pine bark mulch for every season in the garden.*





Heat Loving Perennial Color!

July and August in Texas means the heat is upon us. But, that doesn't mean we can't enjoy our garden as if it were spring! Plant these heat-loving perennials for their color, strength and water-friendly habits. To get even more mileage from your summer garden perennials, you'll want to follow a good fertilization program. Fish Emulsion or Seaweed are great foliar feeds. Top-dressing with a slow release fertilizer two or three times per year will keep your flowering plants looking their best. "Deadheading" is another technique you can use to extend the blooming period. By removing spent flowers before they go to seed, you can encourage the plant to produce more new blooms.

PLANT NAME	HEIGHT	BLOOM TIME	COLOR	EXTRA FACTS
Flame Acanthus <i>Anisacanthus quadrifidus</i>	3'	Through Summer	Orange red	Attracts hummingbirds
Butterfly Bush <i>Buddleia sp.</i>	3'-5'	Summer	Purple, pink, white or violet flowers	Butterflies love it!
Autumn Sage <i>Salvia greggii</i>	2'-3'	Spring to Fall	Red, white, coral or pink flowers	Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies
<i>Gaura lindheimeri</i>	2'-4'	Through Summer	Pink-white	Butterflies
Sedum Varieties	3"-2'	Spring/Summer	Yellow, pink or white	Wonderful groundcover, many varieties
Blackeyed Susan <i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i> 'Goldsturm'	2'-3'	Summer/Fall	Yellow	Plant with ornamental grasses
<i>Ruellia brittoniana</i> 'Katie's Dwarf'	12"	Summer/Fall	Blue	Great for borders
Summer Phlox <i>Phlox paniculata</i>	2'-3'	Summer	Pink or white	'John Fannick' is a nice, hardy pink variety
Mexican Bush Sage <i>Salvia leucantha</i>	3'-4'	Late Summer & Fall	Purple	Attracts butterflies
Veronica 'Sunny Border Blue'	15"-24"	Spring/Summer	Blue	Beautiful flowers
Turk's Cap <i>Malvaviscus drummondii</i>	3'-4' or taller in shade	Summer	Red or white	Attracts hummingbirds & butterflies

Now is the Time...



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Plant: Tomatoes early in July for fall production and plant pumpkins and gourds for fall harvest. Plant peppers about mid-July for fall production.

Fertilize: Feed container plants and roses regularly and watch for insect and disease problems. We carry a full line of rose care products, including organics.

Water: Learn your city's water regulations. Water deeply when you water your lawn. See **page 1** for more tips. Water container plants as needed.

Pest control: Use BT for caterpillars, blast aphids with water, and release ladybugs.

Disease control: Spray Neem oil or potassium bicarbonate or horticultural oil for control of black spot, powdery mildew and other fungal diseases.

Attend NHG **Native Wildflower** lecture to prepare for planting in August.

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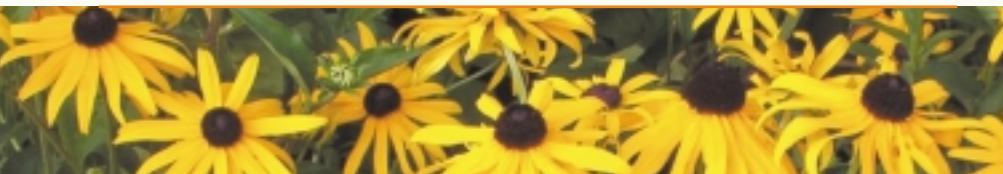
Plant: Fall-flowering bulbs, fall annuals (marigolds, zinnias, celosias) and perennials (Mexican bush sage, fall asters). Plant wildflower seeds late in the month to allow for germination and growth prior to winter. Plant beans and squash early in the month; cucumbers, broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower about mid-month. Plant leafy crops late in August.

Roses: Lightly prune and feed roses to encourage fall blooms.

Pests: Spray horticultural oil or orange oil for spider mites, lace bugs, thrips, and scale.

Mulch, mulch, mulch to keep in moisture and protect against harsh, hot temperatures this summer.

Visit our website for more tips and information www.nhg.com





Summer Tropical Beauties

Ready for a fresh new look this summer? Try a bit of the tropics! Tropical plants come in an array of hot colors and textures to make any area of your garden look cool. Add one of the beautiful and unique fountains we have in stock at NHG to your tropical garden and you will have just created a little oasis in your own backyard! Tropical plants can be grown in pots and planters almost anywhere, providing they get at least 6 hours of sun daily. Fertilize them weekly using Hibiscus Food, BR-61, Miracle Gro or Miracid, Maxicrop or Hasta Gro, and keep evenly moist.

NAME	HEIGHT	DESCRIPTION	FERTILIZER	CONTAINER, GROUND, BOTH
Mandevilla	6' - 8'	White to pink blooms Climbing vine	★	B
Dipladenia	3' - 5'	Pink to red bushy vine	★	B
Passion Vine	8' - 12'	Blue to purple vine Butterflies	★	G
Hibiscus	2' - 4'	Many colors	▲ Special Fertilizer	B
Esperanza	3' - 5'	Yellow blooms Heat loving	★	B
Canna Lillies	2' - 6'	Many flower colors and foliage types. Big lush striped leaves.	★	B
Ixora	2' - 3'	Glossy compact leaves with Orange or yellow flowers	▲	C
Plumeria	3' - 10'	Many colors, fragrant	▲	C
Ginger Varieties	6" - 8" or 4' - 5'	Lavender, white	▲	B

▲ Texas Tee, NHG 21-7-14, Sustane, Hibiscus Food, Osmocote Indoor Outdoor or Fish Emulsion

★ Pro Select 20-20-20, Hasta Gro, BR-61, NutriStar Color Star 19-13-6

*Does your club need a meeting space?
NHG has a wonderful lecture room!
Call 214-363-6715 ext: 326 for details.*

BEGONIA SOCIETY
214-363-6715 ext 340
Meets the fourth Sunday at 3:00 PM

BONSAI SOCIETY
214-357-3048
Meets first Thursday at 6:30 PM

BROMELIAD SOCIETY
972-699-4013
Meets the fourth Saturday at 3:00 PM

DAFFODIL SOCIETY
214-526-5379
Meets the fourth Thursday at Noon

DALLAS ROSE SOCIETY
972-394-6077
Meets the fourth Friday at 6:30 PM

DAYLILY GROWERS OF DALLAS
972-669-0291
Meet the third Saturday at 10:00 AM

FIRST MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF DALLAS
972-424-0724
Meet the third Tuesday at 7:00 PM

IRIS SOCIETY
972-517-7219
Meets the third Sunday 3:00 – 5:00 PM

NORTH TEXAS WATER GARDEN SOCIETY
972-386-7787
Meets the second Tuesday at 7:00 PM

SOUTHWEST FERN SOCIETY
214-544-7288
Meets the second Sunday at 3:00 PM