

NORTH HAVEN Gardens

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NHG SCHOOL OF GARDENING

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Events and programs outlined or placed in a green box are presented by NHG staff!

~ JULY 2010 ~

JULY 1-7 • JULY 4TH 25% OFF SALE
25% off all the best plant material in town!
 All annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, herbs, groundcover and greenhouse plants. *In stock material only.*

SAT, JULY 2
9AM-NOON • Summer Bonsai Care
 by Dave Schleser, Dallas Bonsai Society. Demo of pruning, styling and wiring on a twisted pomegranate and trident maple. Plus, pest protection and fertilization programs for Bonsai.

SAT, JULY 9
10AM • Hummingbirds in Your Garden
 by Carolyn Oldham, Landscape Designer, Bird Lover. What kinds of hummingbirds can you expect to see in your garden when you plant the proper shrubs and perennials? Join us and find out!

10:30-11AM • African Violets with Variegated Leaves
 by Sylvia Leeds, Alpha African Violet Society.

IPM • Summer Perennials by Rusty Allen, NHG Staff. Now is a great time to plant heat tolerant perennials that will thrive through summer and beyond. Rusty covers what's in stock now that will work well in your summer garden.



SAT, JULY 16 • PESTO PARTY & CONTEST!
 Bring your best, most creative pesto to win prizes! Summer is the time for basil, and basil means PESTO!

Special Guest Judge: **Chad Houser of Parigi Restaurant** (www.parigidallas.com), will be here to pick the winner and offer a gift certificate to his amazing local restaurant. **Details and an entry form at www.nhg.com.**

IPM • Growing Basil & Making Pesto!
 by Kay Nelson NHG Garden Coach, TCNP. Winners announced at the start of the program.

SAT, JULY 23
10:30AM • Herbs & Flowers to Attract Bees by Alicia Adams, Honey Bee Queen & the Herb Society of America.



~ AUGUST 2010 ~

SAT, AUG 6
9AM - NOON • Make Your Own Bonsai Pot
 All designs will be fired and ready for pick-up at our August meeting. \$10 for non-members. All materials provided. Sponsored by the Bonsai Society.

9AM - NOON (or until sold out) • Iris Sale
 All proceeds benefit the Iris Society of Dallas.

11AM • Cole Crops by Seed by Kato Crow, TCNP, NHG Staff. Now is the time to start broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower and more by seed! Don't miss your window of opportunity.

SAT, AUG 13
10:30AM • Underwater Design by Bill Foster, Alpha African Violet Society.

SAT, AUG 27
10AM - 4:30PM • Landscape Design 101 by Bram Franklin, Landscape Designer. Join us for this **full day class to design your dream landscape**. Did you know fall is the best time to plant? And now is the time to plan! Bram goes over 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.*

10:30AM • Herbal Pet Care by Arlene Hamilton, Herb Society of America

SUN, AUG 28
IPM • Fall Vegetable Garden by Kato Crow, TCNP, NHG Staff. Broccoli, cilantro, dill, cauliflower, salad greens and more thrive in the cooler fall weather. Find out how to grow a great fall harvest in this class for both beginners and experienced veggie gardeners alike!



2010 PESTO CONTEST

1st Prize Winner: Gloria Gilpin

Gloria won a \$100 NHG Gift Card!

MARGARITA PESTO

- ¼ C Pignolas
- 2 C fresh basil leaves, packed
- ¼ tsp Kosher Salt
- 1 Tbsp Tequila
- 1 Tbsp Triple Sec
- ½ tsp lime zest
- 1 tsp fresh lime juice
- 1/8 tsp white pepper
- ½ tsp sugar
- ¾ C extra virgin olive oil
- 3 oz parmigiano Reggiano



In a food processor, blend pignolas; add basil, lime zest, lime juice, salt, pepper, tequila and triple sec. Process 15 seconds. While processor is running, drizzle 1-cup olive oil through the top. Stop and check consistency. Add more oil, if desired. Add cheese and process until desired consistency (I go for about 30 seconds). To store, cover with a thin coat of olive oil. Cover with plastic wrap so that wrap touches top of pesto.

Ugly Garden Contest 2011

Is your lawn scorched? Are your garden beds a jungle? Have you just given up? Enter our **first annual Ugly Garden Contest**. Take up to 10 pictures of your front or back garden, print them out and bring to NORTH HAVEN GARDENS by 5pm, August 26th. We'll choose 5 finalists and visit their homes to assess how bad their landscape really is. Winner (or loser) announced Friday, September 2nd. *You must be in our NHG Delivery zone to qualify. Details online at www.nhg.com/uglygardens.htm*

All Finalists win a FREE in-store session with our NHG Garden Coach.

1st prize winner will win...

- 2 spots to our September 11th Gardening 101 Class
- \$500 Gift Certificate to NORTH HAVEN GARDENS
- 2 FREE In store, 45 min sessions with Kay Nelson, NHG Garden Coach
- You'll be featured on our Facebook Page and on our website



Salvia greggii - in stock now!

Happy Hummingbirds

by Sandi Holmes-Schwedler, NHQ Staff, TCNP
Hummingbirds require not only food but shelter and water if they are going to be happy and healthy within our gardens. Canopy and understory trees provide shelter; insects and nectar provide the food. The main source of energy for these birds is nectar from plants. Some excellent (and gorgeous) hummingbird attractants are **Desert Willow, Penstemon, Flame Acanthus, Salvia, Turk's Cap, & Buddleia**. Hummingbirds look for plants that have a trumpet shape, are brightly colored and produce nectar.

Feeders, which provide supplemental 'nectar', should be cleaned at least every six days in the cooler periods and as frequently as every day during the extreme heat of July and August. This prevents the syrup from spoiling. Birdbaths are often too deep so some enthusiasts use water misters or drippers to provide these tiny creatures with the moisture they need. *NORTH HAVEN GARDENS has a wide variety of hummingbird feeders for your garden.*



Purslane - in stock now!

JULY 1 - 7 • JULY 4TH OFF SALE
Don't miss our annual 4th of July Sale to get 25% OFF all plants in the store!

Greenhouse plants, seasonal color, trees, shrubs, groundcover, perennials, herbs and more! *In-stock plant material only. No special orders.*

Scrumptious Strawberries!

by Christine Hensley, NHQ Staff, TCNP

Strawberries are perennial plants that will survive in your garden year after year. Over time, they'll grow and spread. They are evergreen and have pretty white or pink flowers that bloom in spring and summer. There are 2 types of strawberries, **June-bearing** and **everbearing**. The everbearing sets fewer fruit over a longer period of time, while the June-bearing sets all of its' fruit once a year for one heavy harvest. While the everbearing bloom they are also setting fruit, so they're very pretty and can be used in containers and flowerbeds. Plant strawberries now for to enjoy for summers to come! *Visit NHQ through summer for more veggies, fruit & herbs to plant through the season.*

FROM THE NHQ ORGANIC MARKET GARDEN

Facebook Friend us to keep updated on all the delicious edibles available in store from our organic garden.

Peppers	Tomatoes	Eggplant	Zucchini	Tomatillos	Melons
Cucumber	Rosemary	Basil	Okra	Squash	Black-eyed Peas



Summer Care for Chickens

by Christine Hensley, NHQ Staff, TCNP



KEEP YOUR CHICKENS HAPPY THIS SUMMER WITH THESE TIPS!

- Make sure your chicken coop and run have afternoon shade, you can locate your coop under shade trees, awnings or use shade cloth on the outside of the pen.
- Provide good air circulation; you can use a fan if you can place it so the chickens can't get too close to it. Replace solid doors with screen doors; if possible replace wall panels with hardware cloth.
- Put ice in the waterers, and provide an additional waterer in the blazing heat.
- Add electrolytes to the water.
- Feed them watermelon as a treat to keep them hydrated!



Summer Vegetable Garden Tips

by Christine Hensley, NHQ Staff, TCNP

Water Needs

- Water consistently – check water needs often, don't let plants stress from too much or too little water. Don't over water just because it's hot.
- Mulch – to hold in moisture, reduce soil temperatures, and control weeds
- Water in the morning when possible to reduce opportunities for fungal invasions.

Pests & Diseases to Watch Out For

- Caterpillars – treat with Bt (Thuricide or Dipel) or Spinosad
- Chewing insects – treat with Spinosad, Garlic Pepper Tea, or insecticidal soap
 - Aphids & Spider Mites – treat with Liquid Seaweed, insecticidal soap, or a hard blast of water to blast them off the plant
 - Fungus/Blight – treat with Copper Fungicide or Potassium Bicarbonate





NOW is the TIME...



Savvy Summer Watering

by Rusty E. Allen, NHQ Staff

Summer has arrived! To keep plants thriving through the heat, proper watering is key. Water in early morning, deeply and infrequently. 1 to 1.5-inches of water per week is usually adequate for lawns, trees, shrubs and the garden. For new plantings, it's best to not rely on an irrigation system alone. Supplement with hand-watering. Soils high in organic matter hold water better. **Compost** and **Green Sand** encourage water retention. To keep summer containers from drying quickly through the hottest days, mix **Coir - KoKo Pro** into your potting soil. Apply at least 1" of mulch to the top of all garden and container plants to keep roots cool and soil moist. Now is also a great time to invest in a non-taxable **Rain Barrel** so you'll be prepared for fall rains!

JULY

- Plant: Tomatoes early to mid-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: Water deeply when you water your and established plants. Water container plants as needed; use Soil Moist to retain water in the soil for container plants.
- 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.

SPOTLIGHT Favorite Organic Products

Plant Wash is a favorite for weekly preventive maintenance for fungal issues like powdery mildew. Be sure to hit the undersides of the leaves to discourage aphids and spider mites.

Liquid Seaweed is an excellent foliar feed for all your blooming plants and veggies. Applied weekly to both the tops and undersides of leaves, it also works well to repel spider mites.

Sluggo is an organic and pet-friendly control for slugs and snails. Protect your delicious hostas, begonias, and soft-leaved plants. Works best if applied after rains.

Mosquito Bits are your best friend now that the warm weather is here. An excellent control on mosquito larvae while safe for pets and people, it can be sprinkled in the wet areas of the yard where water collects or soils are damp.



AUGUST

- 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.
- Pests: Spray horticultural oil for spider mites, lace bugs, thrips, and scale.
- Mulch, mulch, mulch to keep in moisture and protect against harsh, hot temperatures this summer.



Water Lilies and Lotus Flowers

by Kato Crow, NHQ Staff, TCNP

Does your landscape feature a small pond or water feature? If so, you must add lotus flowers! The Lotus symbolizes purity, beauty, majesty, grace, fertility, wealth, richness, knowledge and serenity. They have wonderfully showy blooms, are usually fragrant and have pretty leaves that float on the surface. Plant in 12" to 36" of water depth. The sacred **Lotus flower** sends up long stems to which their leaves are attached. The beautiful Lotus flower opens in the morning. In the afternoon, petals fall and are replaced by a flat-topped seedpod. Like all other plants, Lotus flowers thrive best when fed properly. Feed monthly from April - October with **aquatic plant food tablets**. Aquatic plants need a continuous supply of essential nutrients and iron, which the tablets contain. Cut off any yellow foliage as the plants shed old growth. *Don't have a water feature? Come in to NHQ this summer and we'll show you how to create your own from a pretty glazed pot!*

DALLAS MANDATORY WATERING GUIDELINES

March 1 to Oct. 31, 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.

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Bees Must Bee Part of the Garden

by Robin Carlton, NHG Staff

Over the last several years, you may have heard a lot about Colony Collapse Disorder (the mysterious deaths of bee colonies occurring all over the world.) While research on the cause of CCD has yielded many contributing factors, it has shown that there are simple ways the home gardener can promote healthy bees without becoming a beekeeper. Reducing the use of synthetic pesticides will decrease the risk of harmful exposure and death to bees and other beneficial insects. If you need a treatment for pests or fungus, we offer products that are more bee-friendly such as **Safer Soap** and **Serenade**. Plant flowering annuals and perennials whose nectar and pollen will attract foraging bees. Some to try are **pentas, lavender, lantana, bee balm, and scabiosa**. Plant a vegetable garden, which provides bees with an organic source of pollen, while providing your family with fresh food. *For more information on organic pesticides and fungicides, plants bees love, or planting a vegetable garden, come speak to a Garden Advisor in-store today! NORTH HAVEN GARDENS keeps two beehives on-site to pollinate our NHG Organic Market Garden.*



Mulch, Mulch, Mulch!

A good 2"-3" of mulch is a must in the garden this summer! Mulch keeps soil moist, roots cool, reduces weeds and, as an added bonus, breaks down as a natural compost into the soil. NORTH HAVEN GARDENS carries a variety of fine mulches both in bagged or bulk.

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.

Alpha African Violet Society

Meets 2nd Saturday at 11am

Begonia Society

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 Tuesday 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 Backyard Poultry Meetup Group

www.meetup.com/dallasbackyardpoultry

Meetings vary. Check website.

