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~ JULY 2013 ~

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

FRI, JULY 5
4-7PM • **Garden Happy Hour** Enjoy shopping in a relaxed environment with complimentary wine, beer, and light appetizers.

5PM • **POP UP Class: Fall Tomatoes**
by Rusty Allen, NHG Garden Advisor, TCNP

SAT, JULY 6
10AM • **POP UP Class: Fall Tomatoes**
by Rusty Allen, NHG Garden Advisor, TCNP

SAT, JULY 13
10AM • **Texas Tough Perennials** by Rusty Allen, NHG Garden Advisor, TCNP
11AM • **POP UP Class: Living with Water Restrictions** by NHG Staff

SAT, JULY 20
10AM • **POP UP Class: Shade Gardens**
10AM-1PM • **Backyard Chicken Sale / Q&A**
by Dan Probst, Bageniece Farms. Visit www.nhg.com for any scheduling changes due to heat.

SAT, JULY 27
10:30AM • **Using Your Herb Harvest**
by Herb Society of America
2:30PM • **POP UP Class: Tillandsias**
3PM • **Bromeliad Society Meeting**

~ AUGUST 2013 ~

SAT, AUG 3
11AM-12PM • **Fall Veggies from Seed**
by NHG staff.

SAT, AUG 10
10AM • **African Violet Society Meeting**
10AM • **POP UP Class: Fall Veggies By Seed**
by Rusty Allen, NHG Garden Advisor, TCNP

SAT, AUG 17
10AM-1PM • **Backyard Chicken Sale / Q&A**
by Dan Probst, Bageniece Farms. Visit www.nhg.com for any scheduling changes due to heat.

10AM • **Canary Sale with Lone Star Canary** Purchase interesting breeds and learn canary care!



SAT, AUG 24
10AM • **Refreshing Herbal Beverages**
by Herb Society of America
10AM • **POP UP Class: Fall Vegetable Gardens** Plant broccoli, cabbage, kohlrabi, cauliflower, salad greens and more.

SAT, AUG 31
1-2PM • **Fall Vegetable Gardens**
Plant broccoli, cabbage, kohlrabi, cauliflower, salad greens and more by NHG staff.

Favorite Organic Products

Espoma Bio-Tone - With mycorrhizae root fungi included, Bio-Tone not only provides a natural fertilizer for your plants, but it stimulates a fungal network to extend the root mass for more vigorous plants, with increased drought and disease resistance and the ability take up more nutrients and water.



Liquid Seaweed with Iron

Is a unique combination of pure seaweed extract with readily available iron and is an excellent foliar feed for all your blooming plants and veggies. Apply weekly directly onto foliage to repel spider mites or as a root drench to prevent yellowing of leaves. Also helpful for shrubs and for acid loving plants like azaleas.



Molasses feeds soil microbes! Apply it to your lawn or garden beds. Not only does it stimulate microbial activity with a variety of trace elements, it also helps deter ants. Available in dry or liquid.



Coco Fiber - Mixed in with your regular potting soil or garden soil, coconut fiber naturally improves water retention in containers which makes watering easier and protects plants from stress.



Mosquito Bits are the best preventative method against mosquitoes. An excellent control for mosquito larvae while safe for pets and people, it can be sprinkled in the wet areas of the yard where water collects or soil is moist.



Root Stimulator is the most important assistant in establishing shrubs, trees and perennials. By pushing the roots to fork and spread, it accelerates a stronger, deeper root system.



Texas Tough Perennial: *Echinacea purpurea*



Bromeliad 'Nidularium'

Bringing the Garden Indoors

by Kay Nelson, TCNP Garden Coach

As the weather turns warmer and we spend more time inside to escape the heat of the day, we can enjoy the color and greenery of our favorite houseplants. **Rhapis Palms, Dracaena, Spathiphyllum, Chinese Evergreen** and **Sanseveria** are beautiful, easy care plants that tolerate moderate to low light. **Orchids** and **bromeliads** provide long lasting color. **Ponytail palms** are hardy, long lived options for moderate to high light along with **Ficus** and **Dracaena marginata**. An added bonus is the plants ability to purify the air.

These easy care plants should be watered as needed. Ferns require consistent moisture while most others like to dry slightly between waterings. Do not let any of the plants sit in water. Use saucers to catch drips and trivets or mats under pots to protect floors and furniture. Fertilize sparingly and keep plants away from air ducts to increase humidity. Cover soil with your choice of decorative moss or rock and enjoy your indoor plants for years to come.

Create a Fairy garden or Mini Garden

These tiny little worlds could include miniature garden furniture, shiny pebbles, little statues, or even dinosaurs or other small toys. Tiny plants available for terrariums and mini gardens include ferns pilea, palms and African violets.



Terrariums are a great way to bring a microcosm of plants into a small space. Bright indirect light is required and watering will depend on your plant selections. Succulents like a drier climate as opposed to ferns and miniature palms which would require a more humid moist soil. Water gently with a small spray bottle. Do not over water as the water cannot drain in a typical terrarium. If you have a covering for your container, remove the lid to reduce condensation. No need to fertilize, just use a good quality potting soil such as NHG potting soil. Layer rocks under soil if you wish with a coffee filter to keep soil and rock separate.

Get your creation ready for our **Fairy Garden/Mini Garden Contest on October 19th!**

Proper Hydration Makes All The Difference!

by Sandi Holmes-Schwedler, TCNP, NHQ Hard Goods Buyer

Since many areas are under watering restrictions, there are additional things you should do to help your lawn and landscape endure the summer heat.

- **Apply ¼” of Lava Sand and Compost** to your lawn to increase water retention
- **Water deeply, and less often.** An established landscape needs 1” – 1.5” of water weekly (in one application) to give the roots a deep drink. Don't know your sprinkler output? Place a tuna can around your shrubs and in your lawn and run your sprinkler until you have a full inch of water.
- **Regardless of watering restrictions,** most cities still allow you to use soaker hoses, drip irrigation and hand-held watering tools to give newly planted items supplemental water during the hot summer. NHG has great selection of high quality watering tools.
- **Use Tree Gator Bags** on your newly planted trees and shrubs, once a week, to slowly deliver 15-25 gallons of water directly to the root zone. Do not rely on your sprinkler system to give sufficient water to new plantings.
- **Choose drought-tolerant plants!** Not all native or adapted plants look like cactus! You'll be pleasantly surprised to know you can have flowers all summer with most native Texas plants and water them far less than non-adapted plants.
- **Mulch, Mulch, Mulch!** Apply 2” of mulch around your plants and on any bare soil in your garden. This lowers the temperature of soil and slows the rate of water evaporation in the soil.

Come in and talk to a Garden Advisor! We'll show you how to make your landscape **THRIVE** during summer, not just **SURVIVE!**

Fall Tomatoes

by NHQ Staff

Did you know that there are two times a year we can plant tomatoes in DFW? You might be aware that early March is the planting time for summer production, but many folks don't realize we have a another chance to plant in early July for fall harvest!

Grow tomatoes in your garden beds and in containers. Start by providing 6 or more hours of direct sunlight, well-drained soil amended with organic compost, and consistent (but not constant!) moisture.

Try our **NHG Organic Herb & Veggie Food** for regular fertilization and use **Hasta-Gro** for an occasional boost if you are not consistent.

Vigorous, healthy plants are the best defense against pests, but you can also resort to several organic treatments such as **Bt** for chewing worms and horticultural soaps or liquid seaweed for whitefly and mites. **Liquid seaweed** is an excellent organic liquid feed and foliar spray as well. It greens plants up and repels spider mites.

In late June, NHG will have a good selection of both heirloom tomatoes, which have great flavors and unusual colors, and hybrid tomatoes, which have improved disease resistance and hardiness. We recommend a diversified tomato portfolio to get the best of both types.





Abelia 'Twist of Lime'

Too Much or Not Enough

by Carolyn Hestand Kennedy, Marketing Manager

Just about every home has a western exposure that typically sits in shade in the morning, but must endure a blast of summer sun during the hottest part of the afternoon. It's too much sun for shade plants, but not enough for sun lovers. How many of us have lost plants in this tricky location? We recommend keeping this area simple. Instead of trial and error, use this list of tolerant options as a guide for these difficult areas.

ANNUALS

- Bronze Leaf Begonia
- Pentas
- Dianthus
- Dusty Miller

PERENNIALS

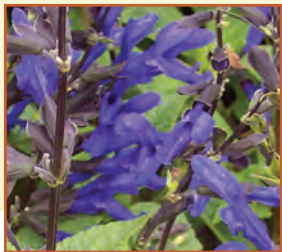
- Germander
- Catmint
- Giant or Variegated Liriope
- Ruellia
- Daylilies
- Zebra Grass

LARGER SHRUBS

- Abelia
- Wax Myrtle
- Elaeagnus
- Yaupon and Other Hollies
- Boxwood
- Nandina

TEXAS NATIVES

- Turks Cap
- Skullcap
- Salvia Greggii
- Salvia 'Black and Blue'
- Viguera Skeleton Key
- Texas Mountain Laurel



Salvia 'Black and Blue'



Variegated Liriope



Texas Mountain Laurel

Caring for Chickens In Summer

Our summer heat can have a detrimental effect on our fine feathered friends. Use these tips to keep your chickens healthy and happy this summer.

- Make sure your chicken coop and run have shade. Locate your coop under shade trees, awnings or use shade cloth on the outside of the pen. Birds can withstand extreme temperatures if they are shielded from the sun.
- Keep water refilled and fresh. You can add electrolytes to the water in summer.
- Employ misters in shady areas which will lower the humidity.
- Provide good air circulation. Prop open coop doors. Consider replacing solid doors with screen doors. Replace wall panels with hardware cloth. You can use a fan, but place it so the chickens can't get too close to it.
- Feed them fruit, especially melons as a treat for additional hydration.
- Prepare a dust bath in a shady area. This not only helps keep them cool but also aids in controlling parasites. Sand and sifted wood ash can also be added.



NOW is the TIME...



JULY

- Plant: Tomatoes early to mid-July for fall production and plant pumpkins and gourds for fall harvest. Plant peppers mid-July for fall production.
- Fertilize: Feed garden beds, container plants and roses regularly.
- Water: Water deeply when you water your established plants. Water container plants as needed; use Soil Moist or Coconut Coir fiber to retain water in the soil for container plants.
- Pest control: Use Thuricide for caterpillars, blast aphids with water, and release ladybugs. NHG carries a full line of insect control products, including organics.
- Disease control: Spray potassium bicarbonate for control of black spot, powdery mildew and other fungal diseases.

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. Seed beans, cucumbers and squash early in the month; seed broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower indoors about mid-month. Plant leafy crops late in August.
- Pests: Apply a foliar application of Liquid Seaweed for spider mites. Use Spinosad for chewing or sucking insects.
- Mulch, mulch, mulch to keep in moisture and protect against harsh, hot temperatures this summer.
- Prune roses back by 10%-30% and fertilize with NHG Rose Food for a fall flush of blooms.

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, drip irrigation 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 or visit: <http://savedallaswater.com/>.

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Texas Tough Perennials

by Sandi Holmes-Schwedler, TCNP, NHG Hard Goods Buyer

Many gardeners find it a challenge to keep plants thriving and blooming in 100+ degree weather. However, there are a number of perennials that do survive beautifully in the late summer months and well into the fall. These plants are either Texas natives or plants that are drought-tolerant and well adapted to our North Texas climate. If you have a sunny garden, you can't beat the resilience and color varieties that you'll get from **Autumn Sage** (*Salvia greggii*) in reds, pinks, purples and white; **Fall Aster** (*Aster oblongifolius*); **Sedum 'Autumn Joy'**, **Pink Skullcap** (*Scutellaria suffrutescens*); **Gaura** (*Gaura Lindheimeri*); **Mexican mint marigold** (*Tagetes lucida*); **Hardy Lantana** (*Lantana camara*); **Zexmania**, and don't forget **Flame Acanthus** (*Anisacanthus wrightii*) with its red-orange tubular flowers that attract lots of hummingbirds. If it's shade you have, **Turks Cap** (*Malvaisiscus arboreus 'drummondii'*), **Southern Wood Ferns** (*Thelypteris normalis*), and **American Beautyberry** (*Callicarpa Americana*) offer vivid color and texture throughout the hot summer months and early fall. Stop by NHG and speak to a garden advisor on the best plants for your summer space.



Zexmenia



Scutellaria Suffrutescens



Turk's Cap
'Malvaisiscus drummondii'

Mulch, Mulch, Mulch!

At NHG we repeat the need for this basic necessity again and again. This is one of the most economical techniques for a water wise landscape. A 2-3 inch layer of shredded hardwood, cedar or pine straw retains moisture in the soil, reduces weeds as well as promotes and protects microbial activity. As mulch decomposes, the finer particles of organic matter improve our heavy clay soil. NHG carries a variety of quality bagged mulches. Need a larger quantity of mulch or soil? Ask about our bulk delivery service.



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

Bonsai Society
More info at www.bonsaisocietyofdallas.com
Meets the first Saturday at 9am

Daylily Growers of Dallas
More info at www.dallasdaylilies.com
Meets the third Saturday at 11am

Herb Society of America
Meets the fourth Saturday at 10:30am

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

