

NORTH HAVEN Gardens

Every Blooming Thing

MARCH • APRIL • 2006



'Tahitian Sunset'

Roses for 2006 Leslie Finical Halleck

Don't miss our ANNUAL ROSE WEEKEND, MARCH 4TH & 5TH, when we debut all our rose plants for your selection. You'll get to meet the local rose societies and vendors who can answer all your in-depth rose questions. In addition to our great selection of tried and true rose varieties we also like to present new varieties. Make sure to check out the new Floribunda 'Julia Child' and Hybrid tea 'Tahitian Sunset'. Both are brand new introductions and have won the coveted All-America Rose Selections (AAS) award for

2006. 'Julia Child' has an old-fashioned flare, producing fragrant buttery-gold blooms. 'Tahitian Sunset' produces large orange-yellow buds that open fully to a peachy apricot-pink with yellow highlights. We will have all 11 EarthKind™ rose varieties as well as 300 other varieties to choose from. Be sure to mark your calendars to attend Rose Weekend to shop the widest selection of varieties! NORTH HAVEN GARDENS has everything you need for planting, growing and maintaining beautiful roses.

MARCH 11 11AM – 3PM
"BOTANICAL ART: PAINTING FOR THE COMPLETE BEGINNER"
 with NHG Artist-In-Residence Cynthia Padilla. To register call 214-363-5316 or visit www.nhg.com for a registration form and supply list. Space is limited. Class fills quickly. \$55

COMPLIMENTARY LECTURES IN ~ MARCH 2006 ~

ROSE WEEKEND · MAR 4 & 5
 Meet area Rose Society members and pick up educational information about the best roses to grow in this area while shopping our new selections for 2006.

SAT, MAR 4
 Meet the rose vendors and societies and view presentations about new rose varieties for 2006.

SUN, MAR 5
 Meet the societies to have all your rose questions answered.

ROSE PROPOGATION · 1:30PM
 by Norma Babbit of the Dallas County Master Gardeners

Visit www.NHG.com for details and a full schedule of lectures to be given all weekend.



SPRING WELCOME WEEKEND · MAR 18 & 19
 FREE landscape consultations from 11 am-2pm Sat. and Sun. First come, first served for 15-minute free garden consultations with ValleyCrest Landscaping experts! Bring photos, plot plans, drawings or ideas that you want incorporated into your landscape.

SAT, MAR 18 · 10:00AM
 "DAYLILY REVIEW"
 by Curt Hanson of Crintonic Gardens sponsored by the Daylily Growers. Daylily auction to follow.

SAT, MAR 18 · 1:30PM and
 SUN, MAR 19 · 3:00PM
 "HOW TO GROW TOMATOES"
 by Tom Wilten, Expert tomato grower. Sponsored by the First Men's Garden Club of Dallas.

SAT, MAR 18 · 3:00PM
 "SHADE GARDENING"
 by Dean Brown of the Dallas County Master Gardeners

SUN, MAR 19 · 1:30PM
 "BARKITECTURE – DOG FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING"
 by Judy Nation & Nancy Wilten of the Dallas County Master Gardeners.

BEGONIA DAY · MARCH 25
 Learn all you need to know about the unique and gorgeous Begonia!
 Meet the Begonia Society from 10am-4pm
 "USING FANCY BEGONIAS IN THE LANDSCAPE" · 1:30PM by Don Miller of NHG and the Begonia Society

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COMPLIMENTARY LECTURES IN ~ APRIL 2006 ~

SAT, APR 15 · 1:30PM
 "HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR LAWN"
 by John Moderi and Greg Clopton, sponsored by the First Men's Garden Club of Dallas.

SAT, APR 22 · 9:00AM–12:00PM
 "DAYLILY SALE"
 Enjoy the chance to buy daylilies of all colors and sizes!

HERB WEEKEND – APRIL 22 & 23
 Meet the herb societies and have all of your herb questions answered. Visit www.NHG.com often for added lectures and demos.

SAT, APR 22 · 10:30AM
 "OIL & VINEGAR & MEDITERRANEAN APPETIZERS"
 by Lara & Wim Schalkenof, owners of Oil & Vinegar in the Dallas Galleria.

WEDNESDAY AT NOON WITH JUDY FENDER

WED, MAR 8 · NOON
 "ATTRACTING WILDLIFE: BIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES"

WED, APR 19 · NOON
 "LANDSCAPING WITH HERBS"

Advance registration and lunch selection required. Form available online and in store. Phone registration accepted with credit card.



SPRING GARDEN PROJECTS Let NORTH HAVEN GARDENS Help!

- 1. Create a list of garden projects you need to accomplish:** Break your projects up into 1-day jobs. This will allow you to do your shopping one day and complete your project the next. There is nothing better than a finished project!
- 2. Do your Homework:** Pick up one of our handy NHG garden planners here at the nursery. Take it home and make all the necessary measurements and basic sketches for your project. Make sure to pay attention to your sun and shade exposure and make notes on your planner. Bring your planner with you when you shop.
- 3. Then bring your questions to us!** Our knowledgeable staff can help provide ideas and solutions for your garden. Like most garden centers, we're pretty busy on the weekends. If you need to spend extra time with one of our garden advisors, we recommend you shop mid-week. Our store hours will be extended to 6 pm (March – June) so you can stop by after work.
- 4. Let us do the planting:** When you purchase a tree or shrub from us, we do offer a standard planting service. Prices vary based on the size of the plant. Included in our planting service are delivery, planting of the new tree or shrub, an application of root stimulator and top-dressing of mulch. *Construction of new beds, amending of existing beds or removal of existing plant material is not provided in our standard planting service.*
- 5. Beat the crowds:** Looking for a gift for your favorite gardener, but want to shop from the comfort of your home? You can now purchase NORTH HAVEN GARDENS gift cards, as well as featured live plant gifts, from our online store at www.NHG.com.



Our Greenhouse is Fresh! Don Miller

Take a stroll through our newly remodeled Greenhouse! The front wall has been replaced with end-to-end windows, allowing a beautiful view of the brightly colored house plants, tropicals, ferns, bromeliads and orchids inside. Adding these plants to your indoor living areas improve the environment and your spirit. We have a wonderful selection of Lady Palms and Rhaps Palms that will add an Asian ambiance to any interior. These dark green palms are easy to care for and tolerate low light. Next, browse our new selection of exotic blooming orchids that will add drama to any room they grace. We are also known to have the largest Begonia selection in the Southwest. Their unique flowers and dazzling foliage will add a touch of class wherever they are placed. Our youngest customers will have fun learning all about the fascinating insect-eating plants such as Venus Fly Traps, Pitcher plants and Sundews. *For a unique shopping experience, take a stroll through the NORTH HAVEN GARDENS Greenhouse!*

Your Organic Garden Christine Hensley

BENEFICIAL NEMATODES DO SO MUCH

Beneficial nematodes are microscopic worms that live in the soil and parasitize insects in their larval form. These insects include fleas, flies, fire ants and grubs. Beneficial nematodes will not hurt earthworms, people or pets.

MULCH HAS MANY BENEFITS

Use organic mulch on top of your soil to help hold in moisture, reduce soil temperatures in summer and retain soil warmth in winter. It also suppresses weed growth and provides a finished look to your beds. Mulches include cedar, cypress, hardwood and pine bark.

TEXAS TEE IS TEE-RIFIC

Texas Tee is a balanced fertilizer for lawns made from organic matter that stimulates the growth of beneficial microorganisms in the soil. Healthy soil grows healthy grass. And, a healthy, well-fed and well-watered lawn will be resistant to pests, diseases and weeds.

CORN GLUTEN MEAL: NATURAL WEED CONTROL

Corn Gluten Meal is a by-product of the corn milling industry. It is a bright yellow powder or pellet that is applied in late winter and again in late summer to stop weed seeds from growing. It does not affect perennial plants, but it will affect all seeds. Apply corn gluten meal to lawns and flowerbeds where seeds will not be planted.

NORTH HAVEN GARDENS has everything you need to start and maintain your organic garden!



Spring Herbs

Kato Dixon



The time to plant your tender herbs is when the danger of frost is past. A few of my favorites are basil, cilantro and dill. Add basil to your next pot of soup, green salad or add a unique twist by topping off a grilled cheese sandwich with a few leaves. Harvesting may begin when the plants have only 4-6 pairs of leaves. Plant three or more varieties for a continuous supply. Genovese and sweet basil are two of my favorites. Dill adds zip to pasta, salads, eggs and fish. When cooking with dill, add it at the end for maximum flavor. Plant an extra dill plant for the swallowtails and they will love it! Cilantro is an excellent cool weather herb. Mix it in both veggie and fruit salsas for southwest flare. Top any salad or soup with freshly harvested cilantro for a bit of a kick. For all of your herbs, blood meal or cottonseed meal is an excellent nitrogen fertilizer and will increase leaf production and slow bolting. Bon appetite! *NORTH HAVEN GARDENS has a huge selection of herbs and everything you need for a successful herb garden. Stop by NORTH HAVEN GARDENS APRIL 22 & 23 for our bi-annual HERB WEEKEND. Attend lectures, meet the herb societies and have all of your herb questions answered. Visit www.NHG.com for details.*

Spring Lawn Care

Chuck Goecke

A few easy and inexpensive spring lawn care tips can save you time, labor and consternation. Early spring is the prime time to spread pre-emergents, which will create a barrier to many summer weeds such as crab grass and spurge. Corn Gluten meal is a safe, effective, easy to apply pre-emergent and also doubles as an organic nitrogen lawn feed. Spread pre-emergents as soon as weather warms up. Mid-spring is the best time to begin fertilizing both St. Augustine and Bermuda grass. *NORTH HAVEN GARDENS* carries a large selection of organic lawn fertilizers and several cost effective synthetic ones. Generally, organic fertilizers are applied at 10 – 20 lbs per 1000 sq. ft. and synthetics are applied at 4 to 8 lbs per 1000 sq. ft. All organics and the better synthetics fertilizers contain a high percentage of slow release nitrogen. Fertilize again in about 2 months. *Still unsure about the best ways to produce a beautiful lawn? Visit NORTH HAVEN GARDENS and speak with a Garden Advisor for more tips and advice.*

Bodacious Blooms for Spring

Judy Fender

Flowering trees welcome springtime with a big, bold color statement. Dogwoods, flowering fruit trees and the redbud, among others, burst forth in delightful blooms and assorted colors and shapes. Japanese flowering dogwood trees (*Cornus kousa*) usually have white, star-shaped blooms. The red berries that develop later in the season are great for attracting wild birds. In Texas, the dogwood is an 'understory tree' needing protection from hot summer afternoon sun. The native Eastern Redbud (*Cercis Canadensis*) has varieties with either pink or white blooms in early spring. These trees will tolerate some shade. Flowering crab apples are colorful and have flowers of white, pink, red and purple, depending

on the variety. Also, their edible fruit attracts birds. Fruitless purple-leaf plums and flowering cherry trees delight us with delectably delicate pink or white fragrant flowers on bare branches. Be sure to allow for mature growth of larger trees and water well for the first year. Adding mulch to the topsoil will help protect roots from temperature extremes as well as maintain moisture. Use a root stimulator for 6 months to boost root development. Celebrate **Arbor Day April 28th** by planting a few trees!

NORTH HAVEN GARDENS has a large selection of flowering trees and shrubs including flowering quince, forsythia, spirea, weigela, and saucer magnolias.

Now is the Time...



MARCH

Select rose bushes the weekend of March 3rd & 4th during NHG's Rose Weekend. Ask the local rose societies and vendors for the best advice and newest varieties.

Plant ornamental trees, shrubs, roses, perennials, herbs, cool-season vegetables and annuals like geraniums, petunias, snapdragons and alyssum. Plant begonias now for best results.

Plant tomatoes, peppers and tender herbs after the last frost.

Fertilize now if you didn't do it in February. Use root stimulator on all new plantings.

Repot and fertilize water garden plants with tablet fertilizers made for that use.

Prune fruit trees before bud break. Wait to prune spring-flowering shrubs and vines after flowering.

Purchase caladium bulbs for the best selection. Plant in May. Store them in a cool dry location until planting time.

Cutback groundcover early in the month to remove winter damage.

Spray for pests on fruit trees. Use BT for caterpillars, or release Green Lacewings and Trichogramma wasps to control aphids, mites, thrips, and caterpillars. Treat fire ant mounds with bait early in the morning or later in the afternoon when ants begin to forage.

Fertilize lawn. NHG 21-7-14 or Texas Tee are both great fertilizers.

APRIL

Plant warm season annuals and vegetables; summer and fall flowering perennials. Repot houseplants.

Fertilize summer flowering shrubs.

Order custom created Spring Flowering Gift Baskets from the NHG floral department to give as Easter Gifts.

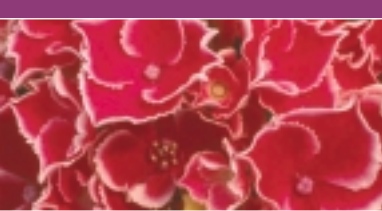
Spray for fruit tree pests and black spot on roses.

Watch for aphids on new growth. Spray with insecticidal soap or release Ladybugs.

Use slug & snail bait or set out beer traps, if needed.

Release beneficial nematodes to control ticks, fleas, chiggers, and fire ants.

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



Heavenly Hydrangeas *Don Miller*

Many new varieties of Hydrangeas have been introduced this year to add color and elegance to a partially shaded area in your garden. 'Endless Summer', with mop head type flower clusters, can develop throughout the summer. New buds are formed when you cut off an old inflorescence. It's gorgeous blooms are pink in alkaline soil and blue in acid soil. Another outstanding new variety is 'Big Smile'. Like most Hydrangeas, the color varies with the acidity of the soil, pink in alkaline and blue in acid soil. But, 'Big Smile' offers a bonus – the foliage turns a beautiful burgundy in the fall! 'Halo' Hydrangeas are also new this year. The flowers are picotee, which means the edge of the petal is a lighter color than the rest of the petal. There are several varieties to choose from. 'Angel Song' is pink in alkaline or deep blue in acid soil and has mop head flowers and white edges. 'Angel Smile' blooms red in alkaline to maroon in acid soil with mop head flowers that show a jagged white edge. The last of the varieties is 'Angel Eyes', which has large, light pink mop head flowers and darker pink centers. Most soils in our area are alkaline but you can change the color of your flowers by treating them with aluminum sulfate. *Add beauty and color to your garden by planting one of these amazing hydrangea varieties offered at NORTH HAVEN GARDENS.*

Feed the Birds *Cody Hoya*

Now is an excellent time to consider ways to improve your landscape as a food source for native birds. When planning your garden, consider the existing trees, shrubs and plantings: have you included species that fruit throughout the year? Have you provided a variety of foods, from berries and seeds to leaves and flowers, as well? If you find that there's room for improvement, consider some of these possibilities: Yaupon holly, or *Ilex vomitoria*, is an excellent cool-season fruiting native that provides an abundance of food for wildlife and a great hedge or screen for you. *Buddleia* and *Asclepias*, commonly called Butterfly Bush and Butterfly Weed respectively, are beautiful, smaller shrubs, which are excellent sources of food, both foliar and in flower. If you're not looking to plant anything new just yet, consider adding a feeder to your landscape. Available in a wide array of colors, sizes and designs, you'll find the perfect compliment to your garden, and provide a valuable resource for our native wildlife. *Stop by NORTH HAVEN GARDENS and ask a Garden Advisor for recommendations; the possibilities are endless!*

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.*

BEGONIA SOCIETY
214-363-6715 ext 340
Meets the third Thursday at 7:00 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
972-530-3691
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