

Every Blooming Thing

MARCH • APRIL • 2007

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ALL NHG PROGRAMS ARE COMPLIMENTARY AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. VISIT OUR EVENTS PAGE AT WWW.NHG.COM FOR ADDED PROGRAMS THROUGH MARCH & APRIL.

~ MARCH 2007 ~

MARCH 3 & 4 • ROSE WEEKEND

Shop this weekend for the best selection of more than 300 rose varieties including AARS Winners 'Rainbow Knockout', 'Moondance' and 'Strike it Rich'. Also shop all varieties of EarthKind™ Roses and much more!

SAT, MARCH 3

10AM • "EARTHKIND™ ROSES & EARTHKIND™ SOIL" by Dr. George of Texas A&M

1PM • "HYBRID TEA ROSES" by Dr. John Allen, Master Consulting Rosarian, Dallas Rose Societies

SUN, MARCH 4

1PM • AMENDING SOIL FOR SUCCESSFUL ROSES by Mike Becker, Dallas & Collin County Rose Societies

2:30PM • "HYBRID TEA ROSES" by Dr. John Allen, Master Consulting Rosarian, Dallas Rose Societies

THURS-SAT, MARCH 8 -10

AFRICAN VIOLET SHOW & SALE

MARCH 17 & 18 • SPRING WEEKEND

SAT, MARCH 17

11AM • DAYLILIES by Daylily Growers of Dallas

1PM • VEGETABLE GARDENING IN NORTH TEXAS by Dick Coupe, Dallas County Master Gardener, Certified Master Naturalist

SUN, MARCH 18

1:30PM • LANDSCAPING WITH NATIVES by Carol Feldman, Native Plant Society of Dallas

SAT & SUN

11AM-2PM • COMPLIMENTARY LANDSCAPE CONSULTATIONS by local landscape designers. First come, first served. Sign up early! Bring in garden plans for expert advice on plant selections.

~ APRIL 2007 ~

SAT, APRIL 7

1:30PM • CRITTERS IN THE GARDEN by Bonnie Bradshaw, Master Naturalist and owner of www.911Wildlife.com.

SAT, APRIL 21 • DAYLILY SALE 9AM-NOON

11:00AM • DAYLILIES IN THE GARDEN by Daylily Growers of Dallas



APRIL 28 & 29 • SPRING HERB WEEKEND

Select from the largest selection of herbs in town! Plus, meet the local herb societies, learn the best herb tips and shop herb specials.

SAT, APRIL 28

10:30AM • FAIRY GARDENS by Mary Nell Jackson of the Herb Society of America

1:30PM • HERBS IN THE WATER WISE GARDEN by Marian Buchanan, Dallas County Master Gardener and Herb Society of America

Check www.nhg.com for additional programs on Sunday.



'Strike it Rich'

ROSES IN 2007

Don't miss our annual ROSE WEEKEND, MARCH 3RD & 4TH, when we debut all our rose plants for your selection. Meet the rose societies and vendors to answer all your in-depth rose questions. In addition to our great selection of tried-and-true rose varieties we will also present new varieties such as AARS Winners 'Rainbow Knockout', 'Moondance' and 'Strike it Rich'. We will also have a large selection of all the EarthKind™ roses. Check out our new NHG Organic Rose Food for beautiful blooms!

NORTH HAVEN GARDENS has all you need for planting, growing and maintaining beautiful roses.



You Can't Have a Veggie Without an Herb ~Kay Nelson

I never plant vegetables without planting herbs. Not only do they add zing to my summer vegetable recipes, they keep pests off my plants. Here are a list of some of my favorites. Stop by anytime to ask about other companion plants that will keep your garden healthy!

Tomatoes – Plant **Basil** to deter tomato hornworms.

Cucumbers – Plant **Nasturtiums** to control cucumber beetle.

Eggplants – Plant **Catnip** to repel flea beetles.

Cabbage – Plant **Thyme** to control imported cabbageworms.

Carrots – Plant **Onion & Chives** to control rust flies and some nematodes.

General – Herbs such as **Dill, Onion, Garlic & Fennel** attract beneficial nematodes that control fleas, ants and grubs in the garden. Don't forget to release Ladybugs, too!

We have a huge selection of herbs and everything you need for a successful, and pest-free, herb garden. Stop by NORTH HAVEN GARDENS April 28 & 29 for **SPRING HERB WEEKEND**. Attend lectures, meet the herb societies and have all of your herb questions answered. Visit www.NHG.com for details.

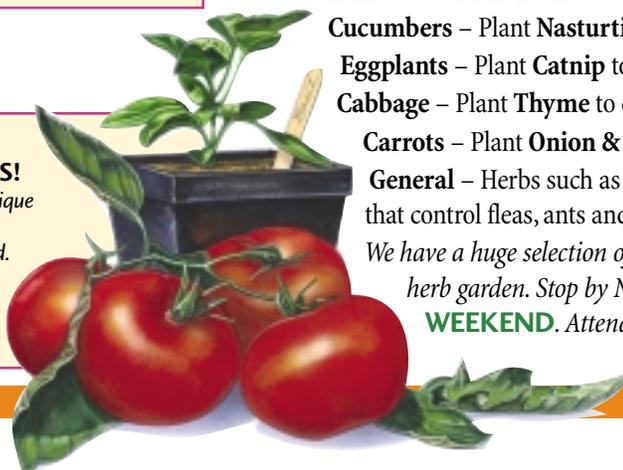


SAT, MARCH 24

CELEBRATE BEGONIAS!

Join us to celebrate these unique and wonderful plants! Shop Begonia Specials all weekend.

1:30PM • BEAUTIFUL BEGONIAS by Don Miller, NHG Begonia Expert



North Haven Gardens



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 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.

Visit us this spring to see all our great changes! Including, more registers for easy checkout and a Gift & Lifestyle area!



'Lemon Daddy'

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.*

2007 Perennial of the Year Nepeta 'Walker's Low' Catmint ~Brandon Sorenson



Introducing 2007 Perennial of the Year, Nepeta 'Walker's Low'! This sun-loving catmint has lovely green foliage, intense lavender-blue flowers that bloom spring through fall, and a mounding growth habit that can reach 36" tall and wide. It has been found to be very drought tolerant and deer, rabbit and squirrel resistant. Plus, it's virtually disease-free! For the best success, 'Walker's Low' will benefit from late afternoon shade in our hot Texas sun. Plant alongside Autumn Sage, Dianthus 'Firewitch' and Coreopsis 'Moonbeam' for a dynamic spring garden!

Hydrangea 'Lemon Daddy' ~Don Miller

For an eye-stopping focal point in the shade garden try the exciting new 'Lemon Daddy' Hydrangea. This gorgeous, 4ft shrub has striking chartreuse-yellow leaves all through the growing season. The flower color varies with the acidity of the soil. Most of the Dallas area has alkaline soil, causing pink flowers. In acid soil, flowers turn blue. Change the flowers from pink to blue by the addition of aluminum sulfate to the soil several months before the spring blooming season. *Shop our large variety of Hydrangeas this spring including 'Blushing Bride', 'Endless Summer', 'Nikko Blue' and many others!*



Delightful Fairy Gardens ~Judy Fender

Invite pixies into your home by creating a magical, miniature Fairy Garden! Mossy paths and fabulous ferns along with tiny blooming violets can create a magical kingdom in which your wee visitors can cavort. Make paths using small pebbles and include small structures (benches, fences) for them to enjoy – a marble glued to a golf tee makes an excellent gazing ball. Fairies love shiny things so they can see their reflections, so be sure to include mirrors and shiny objects. Larger stones are perfect places for faeries to sun themselves, while shells make wonderful ponds and tiny birdbaths. Your fairy garden is only limited by your imagination...so, let your creativity begin! Attend **"Fairy Gardens"** by Mary Nell Jackson of the Herb Society of America April 28 at 10:30am.



Bloom Ahead!

Fall tulip, daffodil, hyacinth and other specialty bulbs we planted in winter are blooming now! Don't forget to start thinking about your plans for next years spring bulb garden today! *Spring-blooming bulbs arrive mid-September and popular varieties go quick.*

African Violets: Color in the Home ~Don Miller

Why are African Violets so popular? Because there are so many colors and varieties to choose from! There are many of shades of pink, purple and red flowers, and various colors of foliage. Flowers vary from star shaped to bell shaped. They are also so easy to grow. All they need is bright light and average household temperatures. They will even bloom under a bright lamp! Do avoid strong sun and water with room temperature water. For even easier care, add florescent light carts and a wick and water reservoir. Our favorite new variety? 'Southern Belle'! **Don't miss the AFRICAN VIOLET SHOW & SALE MARCH 8 - 10.**



Thai Caladiums! Gorgeous New Varieties

This is an exciting new collection of Caladiums bred and developed in Thailand. The new colors are in shades of reds, pinks, and purples with some featuring large mottleings of white in the leaves.

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 spring and summer flowering shrubs.
- Order custom created Spring Flowering Gift Baskets from the NHG live 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.
- Fertilize now if you didn't do it in February. Use root stimulator on all new plantings.

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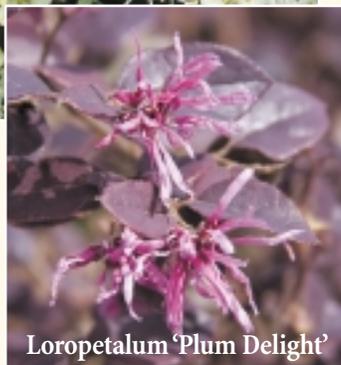


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North Haven Gardens Gift Cards make the perfect gift! Order online or in-store.



Viburnum 'Spring Bouquet'



Loropetalum 'Plum Delight'

Big Spring Bloomers ~Kato Dixon

March and April bring some of my favorite flowering trees and shrubs! Some of my favorite bloomers I look forward to each year are beautiful varieties of Loropetalum, Viburnum and Indian Hawthorn.

Loropetalum 'Plum Delight' *Evergreen Shrub. Shade.*

Graceful, arching branches bloom with delicate, hot pink flowers in spring dress up shady areas of the garden. This variety can reach 6-8 feet tall and wide. A new, smaller variety called 'Purple Diamond' peaks at 3-4 feet and is equally wonderful.

Viburnum 'Spring Bouquet' *Evergreen Shrub. Shade.* These 4-6 foot beauties are covered in tiny clusters of white flowers. The flowers on **Viburnum 'Snowball'** bloom with large white clusters that look like delicate snowballs!

Indian Hawthorn 'Bay Breeze' *Evergreen Shrub. Sun.* Glossy leaves have a bronze cast and are slightly curled. This variety grows to a compact 18-24 inches, making it a perfect addition to small, sunny gardens!

Mexican Plum Tree *Deciduous tree. 25'* Fragrant, snowy white blooms emerge on contrasting, dark toned bark in early spring. Tart, dark reddish fruit ripens in late fall. This wonderful native is drought tolerant after it is established.

Some favorite reasons to plant more trees... they produce oxygen, offer protection to wildlife, shade our homes and some give us delicious fruit! Plant a tree as a gift to your neighbors and children for **ARBOR DAY APRIL 28TH**.

SOCIETY

MEETINGS

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 PM

BONSAI SOCIETY
 214-357-3048
 Meets the first Saturday at 9AM beginning in April.

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

DAFFODIL SOCIETY OF DALLAS
 Dorothy Sable 214-750-0447
 Call for meeting time and place.

DALLAS ROSE SOCIETY
 972-394-6077
 Meets the 4th Friday at 6PM.

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

FIRST MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF DALLAS
 972-424-0724
 Meets the 3rd Tuesday at 7PM.

IRIS SOCIETY
 972-517-7219
 Meets the third Sunday 1 - 3 PM

NORTH TEXAS WATER GARDEN SOCIETY
 972-386-7787
 Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 7PM through March.

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