

# Every Blooming Thing

MARCH • APRIL • 2008

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### ~ MARCH 2008 ~

#### ROSE WEEKEND

SAT - SUN, MARCH 1 & 2

Shop this weekend for the best selection of more than 300 rose varieties including AARS Winners and all varieties of EarthKind™ Roses and much more! Plus, speak with the local Rose Societies and vendors about the best information for rose garden success.

SAT, MARCH 1

10:30AM · PRUNING 101 by Bob McLaughlin, Consulting Rosarian

1:30PM · GROWING HYBRID TEAS FOR THE DALLAS AREA by Dr. John Allen, Master Consulting Rosarian  
3PM · CLIMBERS, RAMBLERS, ANTIQUE AND SHRUB ROSES FOR THE DALLAS AREA by Claude Graves, Master Consulting Rosarian

SUN, MARCH 2

1:30PM · ROSE GARDEN BED PREP by Turner Hasty, Consulting Rosarian  
3PM · PRUNING 101 by Bob McLaughlin, Consulting Rosarian

THURS - SAT, MARCH 8 - 10

9AM - 5PM · AFRICAN VIOLET SHOW AND SALE

#### SPRING WEEKEND

SAT - SUN, MARCH 15 & 16

SAT, MARCH 15

11AM - 12:30PM · DAYLILY SHOW WORKSHOP learn to be a Daylily Show judge! \$5

1:30PM · VEGETABLE GARDENING IN NORTH TEXAS by Dick Coupe, Dallas County Master Gardener  
3PM · TONS OF TOMATOES! by Tom Wilten, DCMG

SUN, MARCH 16

1:30PM · TONS OF TOMATOES! by Tom Wilten, Dallas County Master Gardener  
3PM · IRIS PHOTOGRAPHY CLINIC by the Iris Society of Dallas

SAT & SUN, 11AM-2PM · COMPLIMENTARY

LANDSCAPE CONSULTATIONS by local landscape designers. First come, first served. Sign up early! Bring in plans and photos for expert advice on plant selections.

SAT, MARCH 29

#### 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



### ~ APRIL 2008 ~

SAT, APRIL 5

1:30PM · CRITTERS IN THE GARDEN by Bonnie Bradshaw of [www.911.wildlife.com](http://www.911.wildlife.com)



SUN, APRIL 6

1:30PM · ORCHID PROGRAM by the Greater North Texas Orchid Society

SAT, APRIL 12

1:30PM · SPRING GARDENING by First Men's Garden Club of Dallas

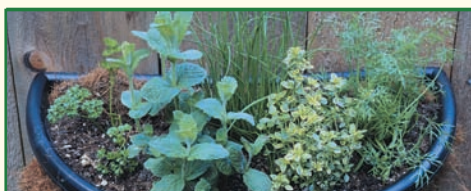


SAT, APRIL 19

9AM - NOON · DAYLILY SALE by Daylily Growers of Dallas

SAT, APRIL 19

1:30PM · THE BEST OF TEXAS: NATIVE PLANTS AND RESPONSIBLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT by Dave & Christy Ilfrey of Native Dave – Nature-focused and sustainable design and consultation services. Water issues as well as habitat destruction is addressed and solutions are offered for developing beautiful landscapes without wasting resources.



#### HERB WEEKEND • SAT - SUN, APRIL 26 & 27

Select from an amazing variety of herbs on special all weekend! Plus, get the best herb garden advice from the experts. Visit [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com) for event details.

SAT, APRIL 26

10:30AM · ALL ABOUT GARDEN SAFETY presented by Lennard Nadalo, MD, Herb Society of America  
1:30PM · HERB OF THE YEAR 2008 - CALENDULA by Gail Sutherland, Heritage Herb Club

SUN, APRIL 27

1:30PM · HERB GARDENING 101 Brioux Turner, Learn the tricks to a great herb garden from the experts at Blue Label Herbs.

3PM · WILD ABOUT HERBS by Marian Buchanan, Dallas County Master Gardener

## 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.
- 5. Visit with our Garden Coach:** Are you new to gardening or just looking to enhance your current landscape? Our Garden Coach, a Texas Certified Nursery Professional, will help identify areas in your landscape ready for improvement, suggest the proper plants for your needs and provide maintenance information. Then, they'll take you through the garden center to show you the plants you're interested in so you can make educated choices. *Session fees and details at [www.NHG.com](http://www.NHG.com).*





# North Haven Gardens



'Mardi Gras'



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## Spring Lawn Care

~Chuck Goecke, TCNP

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 great 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 3 – 6 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.

## ROSES IN 2008

### How and When to Plant Roses ~Mickie Chenault

We all love roses and early spring is the time to prepare for new roses and successfully maintaining existing ones. Roses, ideally, require at least six hours of sun, morning sun is best, and rich, well-drained soil. If your soil is heavy clay, be sure to water well after planting and mulch around the root area to a depth of 2 to 3 inches to conserve moisture and help control weeds. Once your roses are planted, good cultural practices are essential to keep your plants healthy and trouble-free. Roses need about two inches of water a week. Remember to water deeply; frequent light water applications will result in shallow root systems, which create a greater susceptibility to drought damage. Drip irrigation or soaker hoses water deeply and minimize evaporative loss. If possible, water early in the morning and try not to wet the foliage as this may encourage fungal diseases. To promote healthy, vigorous growth throughout the season, and plenty of blooms, fertilize your roses every month from March until the end of August with **NHG Organic Rose Food**. If you do notice any problems, be sure to talk with our experts about possible solutions. We'll be glad to help! **JOIN US MARCH 1ST & 2ND for ROSE WEEKEND.** Local Rose Society members will be here to help you with all your rose questions and selections. There will be hundreds of varieties to select from including, EarthKind™ Roses and AARS 2008 Winners 'Mardi Gras' and 'Dream Come True'. You can also print a copy of our 2008 Rose list off our website at [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com). Don't miss this spectacular Rose event!

## Spring Blooming Trees, Shrubs & Vines ~Christine Hensley, TNCP

Our annual display of spring flowering plants is spectacular here in North Texas. Bulbs, annual flowers and early blooming perennials all play a part, but the greatest impact in your spring garden will be spring blooming trees, shrubs, and vines. Some of my favorites trees include dogwood, redbud ornamental peaches and cherries, and Mexican plum. Small magnolias such as 'Royal Star', 'Jane', 'Ann', 'Elizabeth' and saucer magnolia are all spectacular candidates for spring color. Blooming shrubs include forsythia, camellia, bridal wreath spiraea, Texas mountain laurel, Eve's necklace, Texas and Mexican buckeye and of course, roses. Many of the viburnums, including 'David', 'Chindo' and 'Spring Bouquet' also bloom in spring. The sweet olive shrub has very small spring flowers with an enchanting apricot fragrance. Wisteria, Carolina jessamine, crossvine, Lady Bank's Rose, clematis and Confederate jasmine are blooming vines that add color and fragrance to gardens with limited space. They can also be used to cover walls, arbors and fences. *Stop by NORTH HAVEN GARDENS to find these and other flowering trees, shrubs & vines ready for your garden!*





## Spring Color Favorites ~Kato Dixon, TNCP

Spring color wipes away the grays of winter and lifts my spirit every year! Azaleas and dogwoods burst into color along with showy, cheerful yellow forsythia. Plum, peach and pear tree blooms are particular favorites as these blasts of color stand out from blocks away. The showy Loropetalum 'Plum Delight' gets a huge crop of pink flowers that look like the fringe on a flapper's dress, lending to its nickname fringe flower. For some immediate gratification in pots and beds, tuck in lots of geraniums, English daisies and osteospermum. Also, a nice collection of lobelia, diascia and nemesia compliment alyssum and snapdragons to give great contrast and an explosion of spring color. Some annuals cannot bear our summer extremes and warm nights so plant them right away when the weather is more hospitable. Your reward will be a show of color favorites for you and your neighbors to enjoy!

## Terrific Tomatoes! ~Leslie Finical Halleck, MS

Now is the time to think about tomatoes! It's best to plant tomatoes as early as possible. I usually ride the line of our last average frost date, which is March 17th, but it varies from year to year. If we get a late frost, you can cover your plants with frost cloth. There are a few key practices necessary to growing good tomatoes. Consistent, thorough watering is a must. Allowing plants to dry too often between watering will result in poor fruit production and potentially cracked fruit. A planting mix rich in organic compost as well as regular fertilization is necessary. Try our **NHG Organic Herb & Veggie Food**. If you hope to have any fruit, a minimum of 6 hours of direct sunlight is needed. You'll usually have to fend off a few pests and diseases with tomatoes, especially if you prefer the heirloom varieties. Vigorous healthy plants are the best defense, but you can also resort to several organic treatments such as Bt for chewing worms and horticultural soaps or liquid seaweed for whiteflies and mites, just to name a couple. Fungal diseases can also be a problem, so try to keep irrigation water off of the foliage and apply it only to the soil level. Tomato plants usually produce until the strongest heat of the summer, at which point they may stop producing. You can then plant a second crop of tomatoes in July for fall production.



*NORTH HAVEN GARDENS has a large selection of popular and hard-to-find tomato varieties. Plus, find all the necessary accessories needed for terrific tomatoes!*

## Now is the Time



### MARCH

**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.

**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.

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

**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 and snail bait or set out beer traps, if needed. Release beneficial nematodes to control ticks, fleas, chiggers, and fire ants.

**Fertilize** spring color and vegetables. Use root stimulator on all new plantings.

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## Herbs as Companion Plants *~Kay Nelson, TNCP*

Companion planting is very popular with organic gardeners. The idea is to group together species that benefit each other by preventing disease and insect infestation without the use of chemicals. In general, herbs and other aromatic plants like tomatoes, marigolds and onions are helpful in warding off insects and an important part of integrated pest management. Certain colors, such as the orange of nasturium flowers, are thought to repel flying insects. Although these practices have not been scientifically proven, many gardeners use companion plants to combine beauty and purpose to their garden. Try it and see if it works for you! Here are just a few herbs used to repel pests and diseases:

**BASIL** – Enhances the growth of tomatoes and peppers. Repels thrips, flies and mosquitoes.

**CHIVES** – Companion to carrots. Improves the growth and flavor of carrots and tomatoes. Deters Japanese beetles, blackspot on roses, scab on apples, and mildew on cucurbits.

**DILL** – Improves the growth of lettuce, cabbage and onions. Do not plant near carrots.

**GARLIC** – Plant near roses and raspberries. Deters Japanese beetles and aphids.

**LAVENDER** – Repels fleas and moths. Prolific flowering lavender nourishes many nectar feeding and beneficial insects.

**MARIGOLDS** – Plant throughout the garden as they discourage nematodes and other insects.

**MINTS** (esp. Spearmint & Peppermint) – Companion to cabbages and tomatoes. Deters aphids, flea beetle, ants, rodents, and many types of cabbage pests.

**PARSLEY** – Enhances the growth of roses and increases the fragrance of roses when planted around their base. Repels asparagus beetles.

**ROSEMARY** – Companion to cabbage, bean, carrots, and sage. Deters cabbage moth, bean beetles and carrot fly.

**THYME** – Improves the growth of tomatoes, potatoes and eggplant. Repels whiteflies and cabbage worms.

You can find these herbs and many more at *NORTH HAVEN GARDENS*. Plant your companion garden today!

## SOCIETY

MEETINGS  
at NORTH HAVEN GARDENS

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**BEGONIA SOCIETY**  
214-363-6715 ext 340  
Meets the fourth Sunday at 3pm

**BONSAI SOCIETY**  
972-754-9883  
Meets the first Saturday at 9:00am

**DAYLILY GROWERS OF DALLAS**  
972-669-0291  
Meets the third Saturday at 10am

**FIRST MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF DALLAS**  
972-424-0724  
Meets the third Tuesday at 7pm

**HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA**  
Meets the fourth Saturday at 10am

**IKEBANA CREATIONS**  
Call Sue Smith 972-424-8516  
Meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday  
from 12:30pm-3:30pm

**IRIS SOCIETY**  
Meets the third Sunday at 3pm

**SOUTHWESTERN FERN SOCIETY**  
214-691-4364  
Meets the second Sunday at 3pm

**GREATER NORTH TEXAS ORCHID SOCIETY**  
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