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NHG SCHOOL OF GARDENING

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~ MARCH 2011 ~

SAT & SUN, MAR 5 & 6

SPRING ROSE FESTIVAL Don't miss out on the BIGGEST Rose selection in town! **Open Early!** Be one of the first 50 people to shop each day between **7-9am, Saturday & 8-10am, Sunday**, and choose a **FREE** bag of **Vital Earth Organic Ready Rose Mix** or a **rose plant** with purchase. Receive the best advice from the NHG experts and your Rose Societies. Plus, select from the best varieties of roses including AARS 2011 winners, Pioneer Roses and EarthKind® Roses.

SATURDAY PROGRAMS

1PM • **Organic Rose Gardens** by Carolyn Hayward, Master Consulting Rosarian
2PM • **EarthKind® Roses** by Cindy Graham, President Collin County Rose Society

SUNDAY PROGRAMS

1PM • **Pioneer Roses** by Mike Shoup, Rosarian, Antique Rose Emporium. Learn more about these antique roses excellent for our area.

SAT, MAR 5

9AM-NOON • **Finding the Bonsai Within**
A systematic application of design principles.
By the Dallas Bonsai Society.

SUN, MAR 6

3PM • **Growing Orchids at the Royal Botanic Gardens** by Krum Sotirov. Sponsored by the Greater North Texas Orchid Society.

FRI & SAT, MAR 11-12 • 10AM-5PM

AFRICAN VIOLET SHOW & SALE

View the Show: Fri & Sat 10am-5pm
Shop the Sale: Fri & Sat 10am-5pm

SUN, MAR 13

1PM • **Beautiful Spring Lawns** by Lynn Rawe, NHG Hardgoods Buyer.

3PM • **Dividing Hardy Ferns** by Southwest Fern Society. Got shade? Plant ferns!

MON, MAR 14

10AM • **Critters in the Garden: Remove unwanted guests humanely & organically** by Bonnie Bradshaw, Wildlife 911. Sponsored by Dallas North Garden Forum.

LEARN AT LUNCH with Leslie Finical Halleck

WED, MAR 16 • NOON - 1PM

• **Raising Backyard Chickens**

WED, MAR 23 • NOON - 1PM

• **Organic Pest Control**

SAT & SUN, MAR 19 & 20

SPRING ORGANIC CELEBRATION A weekend of FREE education and inspiring ideas to keep your family & environment safe. Plus, get your **urban backyard farm** going and thriving! Details on our Mini Urban Market & what we'll be offering from our on-site NHG Organic Market Garden at www.nhg.com.

SATURDAY PROGRAMS

10-11AM • **Veggies to Plant Now** by Leslie Finical Halleck

11AM-2PM • **Backyard Chicken Sale**

11AM-2PM • **Organics A-Z** Meet the people behind Nature's Guide & Vital Earth to learn about the benefits of organic pest control, fertilizers & more.

1PM • **Drought Tolerant Perennials** John Currie, Landscape Architect

SUNDAY PROGRAMS

10AM-NOON • **Vermicomposting** by the Texas Worm Ranch

1PM • **Bees & Pollination** by Janet Rowe, Bee Charmer

2:30-4:30PM • **Vanishing of the Bees** FREE screening on the importance of bees and why we need to save them.



SAT, MAR 26

1PM • **Bold Succulent Container Gardens** Cody Hoya & Robbie Richards, Terrain Horticultural.

1-4PM • **Pet Photos benefitting Chihuahua Rescue** Bring your pets! Photos \$10.

~ APRIL 2011 ~

SAT & SUN, APRIL 2 & 3 • **SPRING HERB JUBILEE & SALAD DRESSING CONTEST!**

All 4" herbs are only \$1.99!

SATURDAY PROGRAMS

Herb Salad Dressing Contest!

Enter your best recipe and a sample by noon to win amazing prizes! Details at www.nhg.com.

CONTEST PRIZES

1st: \$100 NHG gift card & Snappy Salad gift card

2nd: \$75 NHG gift card & Snappy Salad gift card

3rd: \$50 NHG gift card & Snappy Salad gift card

11AM • **Herbs 101** by Beth DiGoia, Herb Society of America (HSA). Learn herb basics.

1PM • **Enhance Your Life & Your Garden with Herbs** by Mary Nell Jackson, HSA. Select, grow, harvest & use your favorite herbs.

SUNDAY PROGRAMS

1PM • **Soil Health** by Lynn Rawe, NHG Staff. Successful edibles with healthy soil.

NOON-2PM • **Vermicomposting** Texas Worm Ranch talks about the benefits of worm composting and sells top quality worms!

SAT, APR 9

11AM-2PM • **Tuberous Rooted and Scaly Rhizome Plants** by Jerry Quicksall, Alpha African Violet Society

SAT - SUN, APR 9-10 • 2PM-5PM

DALLAS FLOWER SHOW by the Dallas North Garden Forum. View award-winning flowers and inspiring creations by local garden clubs.

SAT, APR 16

9AM-NOON (or until sold out!) • **Daylily Sale** Benefitting the Daylily Growers of Dallas



SUN, APR 17

DALLAS IRIS SHOW by the Dallas Iris Society. Be inspired by these amazing, hardy, drought tolerant blooms! Then choose from a great selection in stock at NHG.

FRI, APRIL 22

FREE EARTH DAY PROGRAM

NOON-1:30PM • **Bountiful Backyard Gardens** by Leslie Finical Halleck. Truly make a difference on the health of your planet and your family! Leslie tells you how growing vegetables, composting, raising chickens and other garden and home related projects can reduce your impact on the environment.

SAT, APR 23

10:30AM • **Plants for FREE: Propagate Herbs** by Beth DiGoia, Herb Society of America.



SAT - SUN, APR 23-24

EASTER EGG SAVINGS! Search the garden center for colorful eggs worth up to **30% OFF your entire purchase that day**. Details at www.nhg.com. **Open Easter Sunday!**

SAT, APR 30

10AM-1PM • **Adopt A Pup: Animal Rescue of Texas**





Welcome Spring with Flowering Shrubs!

by Patricia Brodeur, NHG Assistant Manager

Pioneer Roses: Great for North Texas

by Christine Hensley, Nursery Coord., TCNP

Texas Pioneer Roses are tough beautiful garden roses. These roses are crosses between very disease resistant roses and large flowered roses, and are named for historically significant Texas people and places. The resulting **new class of roses** is tough and resilient. They come in a broad range of colors and present exciting new possibilities for landscape roses in our North Texas gardens. We will have many varieties to choose from. The following are some of my favorites. **'F. J. Lindheimer'** has peach-colored, fragrant flowers on a 3-4' shrub.



'Star of the Republic'



'Thomas Affleck'



'Forever Irene'

'Stephen F. Austin' is a 4-6 foot shrub with soft yellow flowers that fade to cream as they mature. **'Mae Dean'** bears fragrant, showy, very double, bright pink roses on upright stems. **'Rockwall Sesquicentennial'** is a compact shrub with fragrant double blooms of soft pink. We will have these and many more roses available during our Spring Rose Festival. *Come see all our varieties during **Spring Rose Festival March 5th-6th**. We'll have in-store specials, FREE gifts & education, early hours and more!*



'Loropetalum'

Looking for signs of spring? There are a number of flowering shrubs that have been storing their energy throughout the cooler months just waiting for the first signs of spring to burst into color. The first are **Flowering Quince** in shades of red, coral and white and **Forsythia** with vibrant yellow flowers clinging to the slender branches of the shrub before their leaves have a chance to emerge. I always know that spring is really here when my **Spireas** **'Bridal Wreath'** and **'Reeves Double'** start to bloom with cascades of white flowers covering their gracefully arching branches. **Loropetalum** with magenta fringe-like flowers, **Viburnums** with their large clusters of snowy white flowers and **Indian Hawthorne** with either pink or white flowers will all help you shed the grays of winter and welcome spring. A discussion of spring flowering shrubs would not be complete without mentioning the ever popular **Rose** (for sun) and **Azalea** (for shade). With their long bloom times and abundance of colors to choose from, it's no wonder roses and azaleas are favorites. *NHG has a large selection of shrubs waiting for you to come and take them home. You will not be disappointed next year when they help you welcome spring after another long winter.*

NHG VEGETABLE DEMO GARDEN

Planting this March & April

- Black-eyed Peas
- Corn
- Cucumbers
- Green / Lima Beans
- Melons
- Okra
- Peppers
- Squash / Pumpkins
- Sweet Potatoes
- Tomatoes

Currently Growing

- Asparagus
- Cardoon
- Horseradish
- Parsley
- Rhubarb
- Strawberries
- Swiss Chard

Harvesting

- AsparagusApr-May
- BeetsFeb-May
- BroccoliFeb-May
- Cabbage.....Feb-May
- Cardoon.....May-July
- CarrotsFeb-Jun
- CauliflowerFeb-Apr
- Chinese Cabbage ...Feb-Apr
- CollardsFeb-May
- HorseradishAug-Sept
- KaleFeb-May
- Kohlrabi.....Feb-May
- LettuceFeb-Apr
- OnionsFeb-Jun
- Parsleyyear-round
- PeasFeb-April
- Potatoes.....May-Jun
- Radish.....Feb-Apr
- Rhubarb.....May-Jun
- SpinachJan-Mar
- StrawberriesMay-July; Fall
- Swiss Chard.....year-round





'Firebird'

HOT NOW! Echinacea

by Leslie Finical Halleck, NHG GM, M.S.

Echinacea purpurea, better known as purple coneflower, is a long-time staple in the Texas Garden. All Echinacea prefer full sun and excellent drainage. Provide consistent moderate moisture in summer months, especially during their first year in the ground. *Here are a few of our favorites we're bringing in with YOU in mind!*

'Hot Papaya' Double orange coneflowers. Showy blooms appear in early summer, producing highly fragrant, spicy red-orange flowers.

'Firebird' Sports dark red cones and creamy red petals on large, sturdy blooms.

'Pink Poodle' Bright pink pom poms of blooms rise above sturdy green stems. Very unique!

'Mama Mia' The flowers on this plant evolve from red to orange to coral to pink. Blooms late-spring into summer.

'Tomato Soup' The brightest red coneflower so far. Blooms are large! Up to 3.5" with good lasting power.

'Even Cheesier' Pair with 'Tomato Soup'! Large bright yellow blooms are a standout.

'Secret Desire' Blooms are multi-colored with shades of coral, soft orange and pink.

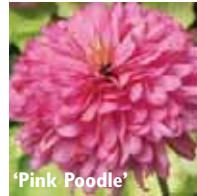
'Summer Sky' Huge 5" flowers combine both a light orange and rose color. The long lasting flowers are held on dark stems that are very stout and very fragrant. Great cut flower.

There are so many beautiful coneflowers to try in your garden, More in stock through spring such as 'Hot Lava', 'Green Eyes', 'Secret Romance', 'Green Jewel', 'Flame Thrower', 'Harvest Moon' and the list goes on.

Spotlight on Spring Color

by Liz Del Turco, NHG Asst. Plant Buyer

The days are getting longer, the nights are getting shorter, and spring flowers have arrived at NORTH HAVEN GARDENS. Now is the time to turn up the heat in your containers and perennial borders. Combine the hot pinks and corals of **Geranium 'Maverick'** with the vivid blooms of **Diascia** and **Calibrachoa**. Pair the cool blues of **Delphinium** with **Lobelia 'Techno Heat'**, **Ageratum**, and scented **Sweet Alyssum**. Herbs and veggies make wonderful foliage companions for spring color. **Sage**, **Thyme**, and **Mint** add interest to your containers, while the architectural foliage of **Cardoons** and **Artichokes** compliment any border. For those of you blessed with shade, now is the time to establish **Begonias** for summer-long color. Complete the color spectrum with the bright colors of **Impatiens**. All flowers appreciate well-prepared, amended soil, so work in that **compost** and **expanded shale!** Fertilize when planting and once each month with **NHG Organic Bedding Food** to keep your color luxuriant and fresh.



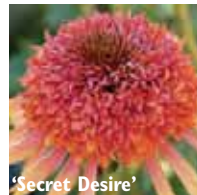
'Pink Poodle'



'Tomato Soup'



'Mama Mia'



'Secret Desire'

NOW is the TIME...



MARCH

- Select rose bushes the weekend of **MARCH 5th & 6th** 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 and 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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Treating Spring Pests the Organic Way

by Kato Crow, NHG Garden Advisor, TCNP

Now is the time to watch for aphids, slugs, caterpillars and other pests. For more info, check out our **Organic A-Z handout** available on the **Garden Solutions page at www.nhg.com**. Not sure what pest you have? Bring us a leaf sample or close-up photo for diagnosis. Most stressed plants can make a full recovery if the problem is diagnosed early.

MONTHLY

Sluggo: kills snails and slugs around vegetables, hostas, ornamentals and lawns. Its pet-safe granule remains effective after rain or sprinkling.

Green Light Yard Safe Cedar Granules: repel mosquitoes, ants, chiggers, fleas and other pests. I scatter it around my garden paths, entryways and all the areas we gather in our yard.

Release **Ladybugs**, **Green lacewings** and **trichogamma wasps** every month through fall. Set out **Praying Mantis** eggs when the weather warms in late March.

EVERY 2 WEEKS

I start using **Mosquito Bits** in our birdbath, down spouts, French drain and moist areas of our yard. This kills mosquitoes before they can mature. Also, I use preventative applications of:

- **Spinosad** Can be used on ornamental and edible crops as a broad spectrum treatment.
- **Thuricide** Use to kill caterpillars where needed.
- **Neem Oil** Use on roses and ornamentals to control insects, mites and fungus.

Increase your preventative spraying to once a week when the soil temperatures reach 70 degrees or above (around Mother's Day).

WEEKLY

Spray **mosquito repellent** around the yard every week. Use a **Skeeter Screen** diffuser on outdoor tables for extra defense.

Insecticidal soap: bring along during your plant inspections for safely controlling soft-bodied insects like thrips, whiteflies, mealy bugs, aphids and spider mites.



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.

