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NHG SCHOOL OF GARDENING

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Events and programs outlined or placed in a green box are presented by NHG staff!

~ MARCH 2012 ~

FRI, MAR 2

4-7PM • **Garden Happy Hour** The first Friday of each month join us for Happy Hour in the garden center. We'll stay open an hour later so you can enjoy shopping in a relaxing environment with wine, beer and light appetizers.

SAT & SUN, MAR 3 & 4

SPRING ROSE FESTIVAL We are opening **Saturday at 7am** and **Sunday at 8am** so you can select your favorite roses early. Be one of the **first 50 people** in the store each day to receive either a **FREE bag of Vital Earth Rose Soil or Nature's Guide Root Stimulator at check out**. One per household, please. With purchase

SATURDAY PROGRAMS

11AM • **POP UP Rose Companion Plants**
1PM • **Rose Gardens 101**

SUNDAY PROGRAMS

1PM • **Roses: The Ultimate Garden Plant** by Mike Shoup of the Antique Rose Emporium. Mike will answer all your rose questions and offer the best advice you'll need to take the guess-work out of caring for your roses.

SAT, MAR 3

9-11AM • **Bonsai Tools - Tips and Techniques for Tool Care**

11AM-Noon • **Bonsai 101** Interested in Bonsai but not sure where to start? Learn a brief history and begin to talk about the basics of bonsai care. Presented by the Dallas Bonsai Society.

SUN, MAR 4

2:30PM • **Orchids 101** Learn the basics on watering, feeding and grooming your orchids in this 30 min. pop up style class in the Greenhouse. By the North Texas Orchid Society.

FRI, MAR 9

NOON-1:30PM • **Terrific Tomatoes** by Leslie Finical Halleck, MS. Novice and experienced tomato growers will benefit from this program. Timing, soil, pests and more covered.

SAT, MAR 10

11AM • **POP UP Class: Peonies** We have the best & largest selection of these dazzling plants!
1PM • **POP UP Class: Growing Tomatoes**

SAT, MAR 17

10AM • **Drip Irrigations** by the Daylily Growers of Dallas

10AM • **Backyard Chickens 101** by Dan Probst of Bageniece Farms

11am-2pm • **Backyard Chicken Sale / Q&A** by Dan Probst of Bageniece Farms

11am • **Drought Without Doubt** Johnette Taylor, Roundtree Landscaping. You can keep your garden green and still save on your water bill when you plant the proper plants and water the right way.

1pm • **Spring Vegetable Gardens** by Christine Hensley, BS, NHG Green Goods Buyer.



SAT & SUN, MAR 24 & 25

SPRING FESTIVAL

SATURDAY PROGRAMS

1PM • **Drought Tolerant Perennials:** Take a tour of our favorites by John Currie, Landscape Architect

2PM • **Setting & Maintaining Your Irrigation System Properly** by Berit Hutson

SUNDAY PROGRAMS

1PM • **Pop Up Class: Tour of Herbs**

1:30PM • **POP UP Class: Butterfly & Hummingbird Plants**

~ APRIL 2012 ~

FRI, APR 6

4-7PM • **Garden Happy Hour** Join us the 1st Friday of each month! Complimentary wine, beer and light appetizers.



SAT - SUN, APR 7-8

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 7

9AM-NOON • **Bonsai Society**

SUN, APR 8

2:30PM • **Orchids 101** Learn the basics on watering, feeding and grooming your orchids in this 30 min. pop up style class in the Greenhouse. By the North Texas Orchid Society.

SUN, APR 14 • 1PM-4PM

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



SAT, APR 21

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

10AM • **Learn to Properly Plant Daylilies**

10AM-2PM • **Chihuahua Rescue** Don't miss out on giving a home to a furry friend.

SAT, APR 21

EDIBLE FESTIVAL Celebrate all things edible. Purchase the best organic vegetable and herb transplants, pick out your chickens for your backyard flock, learn to preserve your harvest, attract bees, and grow vegetables throughout the year from our expert staff!

10AM • **Hatching & Incubating Chickens** by Dan Probst, Bageniece Farms

11AM • **Preserve Your Harvest: Canning & Pickling Made Easy**

11AM-2PM • **Backyard Chicken Sale / Q&A** by Dan Probst of Bageniece Farms

1PM • **Edible Ornamentals** by Leslie Finical Halleck

2:30PM • **Bees in the Garden:** Attracting and protecting them in your landscape by Janet Rowe, Bee Charmer

SAT, APR 28

8:30AM-1:30PM • **45min Design Consultations by Roundtree Landscaping** \$60. Limited space! Call today to reserve your appointment. You will leave with a landscape drawing. Visit www.nhg.com. Events page for details.

SAT & SUN, MAY 5 & 6

HERB WEEKEND All 4" Herbs are only \$1.99 all weekend! Plus, stay tuned for Herb Pop Up programs and special pricing.

PRE-ORDER YOUR SPRING BLOOMING BULBS TODAY!

Noticing the tulips and daffodils planted in winter are blooming now? Now is the time to plan for next year's garden! Bulbs arrive mid-September and popular varieties go quick. Pre-order today to be sure you get exactly what you want. Visit the Garden Solutions page at www.nhg.com for details or ask at the Service Desk.



Drought Tolerant Shrubs to Get You Through Summer

by Rusty Allen, NHG Garden Advisor

This past summer's record heat caused many of us to lose some important shrubs. Foundation shrubs are integral to our landscapes and help prevent foundation repairs. Planting shrubs with low water requirements now will mean less long-term care. The shrubs we are recommending are all drought tolerant once established, and take full sun to a bit of shade. *Be sure to visit us this spring to see all our wonderful heat hardy shrubs.*

Nandina & Abelia: there's a reason they're old standbys (or retro, as we like to call them) – they are tough! Plus, there are now many new varieties to choose from such as **Nandina 'Blush'** and **Abelia 'Twist of Lime'**.

Althea (Rose of Sharon) bloom heavy through late spring and early summer and come in a variety of colors.

Barberry: We are excited about all the new varieties now available! They come in a variety of sizes, but all will offer incredible toughness and gorgeous foliage color. Check out 'Orange Rocket', 'Tiny Gold' and more.

Dwarf Pomegranate Offers golden fall color and large, ornamental fruit.

Crape Myrtle: A north Texas favorite for beautiful blooms and fall color, they come in a variety of colors, sizes and shapes.

Looking for something a bit different? Plant ornamental grasses! **Pennisetum 'Hameln'**, **Dwarf Pampas Grass** and **Muhlenbergia capillaris (Pink or Gulf Muhly)** are a few favorites.

Yucca, Salvia greggii, and the popular **Red Yucca** are all excellent, sculptural, drought tolerant plants.

Texas Sage 'Desperado': This silvery foliaged shrub has purple flowers were some of our favorites through last summer's heat.

Texas Mountain Laurel, my favorite, has sweet grape-scented flowers and evergreen leaves.



Crape Myrtle

Heat Tolerant Perennials

by Sandi Holmes-Schwedler, TCNP, NHG Garden Advisor

There are so many varieties of heat and drought tolerant plants for sun or shade. Many will even attract butterflies and hummingbirds with their beautiful flowers and lovely scents. Here are a few of my favorites but come into the nursery to find many more.



'Hummingbird Mint'

SUN

- **Achillea sp. (Yarrow)** Fern-like leaves with domed flowers that come in an array of colors such as terra cotta, spicy red, pale pink and white
- **Agastache sp. (Hummingbird mint or Hyssop)** Colors range from orange and hot pink to true blue or white. Blooms all summer. Very attractive to many species of insects and hummingbirds.
- **Melampodium sp. (Blackfoot daisy)** Low-growing, bushy, native perennial. Lovely as a border plant, or spilling over the edge of a planter box. Blooms white, daisy-like flowers from May to November.
- **Rudbeckia sp. (Blackeyed Susan)** Comes in shades of yellow and orange to russet, bronze and mahogany tones. The flowers are daisy-like and can be single, semi-double or fully double.
- **Penstemon tenuis (Brazos or Gulf coast Penstemon)** Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies. Shiny evergreen leaves and 18" stalks with tubular blue-purple flowers from May to November.

SHADE

- **Malvaviscus (Turk's cap)** Red, white or pink flowers. It's a hummingbird favorite. Will also take part sun.
- **Rivinia humilis (Pigeonberry)** I have this sweet little plant on the east side of my house. Perennial herb about 1 foot tall that grows beneath trees and shrubs. Pink flowers and red berries. Good source of food for birds.
- **Salvia roemeriana (Cedar Sage)** It's scalloped leaves and intense crimson blooms are as eye-catching in pots as they are tucked into any shade/part shade garden.

Spring Vegetable Gardens

by Robin Carlton, NHG Garden Advisor

Spring is the time to plant your favorite home grown veggies. Right now, we're planting **tomatoes, bell and hot peppers, honeydew melons, zucchini, yellow crookneck squash, eggplant** and more. For the best start, plant our transplants into your prepared beds or containers, and water in well. Be sure to apply **NHG Organic Herb Food** at planting, and reapply as directed throughout the growing season. Bi-weekly applications of **Hasta Gro** liquid fertilizer will increase production, and help repel garden pests. Be on the lookout for signs of aphids, cucumber beetles, squash bugs, and caterpillars on your veggie plants. *Be sure to read the organic pest control article on page 4 of this newsletter!*





'Bowl of Beauty'

A Peony in Bloom... Makes Everyone Swoon!

by Carolyn Kennedy, NHG Garden Advisor

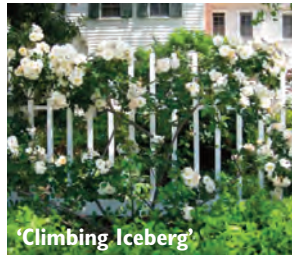
Large billowing flowers open in spring time in a range of pinks, coral-peach tones, deep reds and creamy whites. Many have a lovely, bright yellow center. Stunning and long-lived specimen plants in the garden, the blooms are excellent for cutting. Distinctive foliage is another desirable attribute of peonies after the flowers have finished. Peonies are available at NHG in early spring and can be successfully planted while mostly dormant with new shoots emerging. Before planting, soil should be amended with compost or composted cow manure. Fertilize regularly with **organic Espoma Holly-tone®** to balance soil pH. **Wire peony rings** provide support to the heavy flowers. To thrive in the extremes of Texas, an ideal location is an eastern exposure, which provides a good amount of morning sun as well as shade from the afternoon heat. *Peonies are limited in quantity so be sure to come in and choose your favorite colors early.*



'Easy Does It'



'Mister Lincoln'



'Climbing Iceberg'

6 Roses You Need to Plant this Spring

by Robin Carlton, NHG Garden Advisor

Roses are a wonderful addition to any garden! There are many drought tolerant, disease tolerant that will perform exceptionally well here in North Texas. We have more than 200 varieties in stock beginning with **Spring Rose Festival March 3rd-4th**. Here are a handful of staff favorites to get you started:

'Julia Child' bountiful sunny yellow blooms spring and fall, and the delicious fruit and licorice fragrance. Floribunda.

'Easy Does It' visually striking with ruffled blooms spring and fall that begin peachy orange, fading into shades of apricot, mauve, and copper. Floribunda.

'Mister Lincoln' is truly one of the most outstanding hybrid teas. Blooms of velvety red will fill your home with a strong, classic rose aroma. Blooms spring and fall. Remarkably disease resistant.

'Home Run' Blooms throughout the growing season, and the bright yellow stamens attract pollinators. 'Pink Home Run' also available. Shrub Rose.

'Climbing Iceberg' Grace a trellis, arbor or fence with these abundant, white blooms. Has a mild honey fragrance. Climbing Floribunda.

'Drift Series' Great for smaller gardens or in pots. this is a tough group of ground cover roses. Choose apricot, coral, peach, red, white, or pink. Blooms spring through mid-summer and repeats in fall.

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 NEW NHG Organic 7-2-2 are both great fertilizers. Check out our new menu of NHG Organic Lawn & Garden Foods in-store now!

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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Organic Critter Control!

by Kato Crow, TCNP, NHG Garden Advisor

Now is the time to get ahead of the pests in our gardens that devour our plants, dig in our beds and chew holes in our leaves.

- **Bt (Bacillus thurengiensis)** apply weekly to eradicate caterpillars on edible plants.
- **Treat fire ant mounds** with bait early in the morning or late in the afternoon when ants begin to forage. We also offer a liquid mound drench that kills on contact. Great for getting rid of ants in your potted plants.
- **Sluggo** Eliminates snails and slugs. Use granules monthly. Safe to use around pets and wildlife. Growing hostas? Sluggo is a must!
- **Green Lacewings** and **Trichogramma wasps** control aphids, mites, thrips and caterpillars.
- **Ladybugs** have a huge appetite for aphids and are a lovely addition to our gardens.
- **Beneficial Nematodes** control ticks, fleas, fire ants and chiggers.
- We have an organic orchard spray for fruit tree pests and **organic Rose Defense** for spider mites, aphids, black spot and powdery mildew on roses.
- **Spinosad** is an effective chewing insect killer. Apply to fruiting vegetables, leafy and tuberous vegetables, stone fruits, citrus trees and lawns.
- Add **Mosquito Dunks or Bits** monthly to rain barrels, French drains, bird baths and anywhere you have standing water. Apply **Mosquito Beater** weekly to kill mosquitoes on contact. Or, **Cedarcide** or ready-to-use spray to repel them. Finally, I begin a monthly scattering of **Yardsafe Cedar-coated Granules** over my walkways, seating areas, porches and hammock area. This repels fleas, ticks, chiggers, flies and those pesky mosquitos!

NEW! NHG GARDEN DOLLARS

This spring we debut our new **NHG GARDEN DOLLARS** program for Grow Card Customers!

NHG Garden Dollars and NHG December Dollars will take the place of our previous reward certificate program. We hope this rewards program will be easier for you to use and more fun!

Details at www.nhg.com/growcard.htm



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

Begonia Society
214-363-6715 ext 340
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 Wednesday 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 Organic Garden Club
More info at www.dogc.org
Meets the fourth Sunday at 3pm

Dallas Backyard Poultry Meetup Group
www.meetup.com/dallasbackyardpoultry
Meetings vary. Check website.