

NORTH HAVEN Gardens

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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 1

4-7PM • **Garden Happy Hour** Enjoy complimentary wine, beer, refreshments and light appetizers while shopping for spring veggies, color, fruit trees and more.

5:30PM • **POP UP Class: Perennial Tour**

6PM • **POP UP Class: Tomato Tour**

SAT & SUN, MAR 2 & 3
SPRING ROSE FESTIVAL

Open 7am SAT, 8am SUN! First 50 people* in the store each day receive either a FREE bag of Vital Earth Rose Soil or Nature's Guide Root Stimulator w/ purchase. *Only 1 per household, please. Coupon must be used the day it's received.

SATURDAY PROGRAMS

10AM • **POP UP Class: Roses 1,2,3** Learn the basics of planting, fertilizing and pruning.

1PM • **Antique Roses: Fabulous Garden Blooms**
Meet **Mike Shoupe of Antique Rose Emporium.**

He'll sign his book, answer your toughest rose questions, and discuss how hardy roses are for North Texas.

SUNDAY PROGRAMS

10AM • **POP UP Class: Rose Garden Tour**

1PM • **POP UP Class: Roses 1,2,3**



SUN, MAR 10

3PM • **Propagation of Ferns** by Spores and Transplantation of Prothallia by the Southwest Fern Society.

SAT, MAR 16 • **ECO FAIR**

10AM-2PM • **Eco Vendors** Meet local companies that can help you create a more sustainable home!

10AM • **Hatching Backyard Hens** by Dan Probst, Bageniece Farms



11AM-2PM • **Backyard Hen Sale / Q&A**

SAT, MAR 16

11AM • **Salute to the Scented Garden** by the Daylily Growers of Dallas

THU, MAR 21

10AM • **Building Hanging Baskets** by the First African Violet Society. Purchase supplies from NHG to build your own or bring them from home!



FRI - SAT, MAR 22-23

AFRICAN VIOLET SHOW & SALE

10AM-5PM • A unique opportunity to support your local garden club and choose rare and hard-to-find varieties.

SAT, MAR 30

8:30AM-12:30PM • **45min Design Consultations by Roundtree Landscaping** \$60. Limited space! Call today to reserve your appointment. Details at www.nhg.com - Events page.

SAT, MAR 9

1PM-4PM • **Texas Tough Perennials Workshop by Leslie Finical Halleck, Halleck Horticultural.** Want to get the most bang for your gardening buck by choosing the right perennials the first time? Let Leslie teach you about her favorite Texas Tough perennials, proper selection, placement and best care practices. Butterfly and bee plants will also be highlighted. **\$20 Register at North Haven Gardens.** Learn more about Leslie at www.lesliehalleck.com



~ APRIL 2012 ~

FRI, APR 5

4-7PM • **Garden Happy Hour** Enjoy complimentary wine, beer, refreshments and light appetizers while you shop. Meet a few creative cooks from Edible DFW's new cookbook! Books will be available for purchase and signing. Join us for the release of **Brooklyn Brewery's** seasonal brew! Meet the brewers and taste their newest flavor.



SAT - SUN, APR 6-7

EDIBLE FESTIVAL! Celebrate all things edible from your garden with **6" Herbs & Veggies for only \$3.99!** reg. 6.99

SATURDAY PROGRAMS

9AM-NOON OR SOLD OUT! • **Daylily Sale** Benefitting the Daylily Growers of Dallas

11AM • **POP UP Class: Herb Tour**

12:30-4:30PM • **Urban Backyard Farming Workshop by Leslie Finical Halleck, Halleck Horticultural.** Always wanted to turn your city yard into a food producing machine? In this workshop, you'll get an introduction to growing backyard veggies and what you should plant right now, urban chickens and bees, composting, and even rainwater harvesting. Only \$30 for a lifetime of knowledge! **Register at North Haven Gardens.** Learn more about Leslie at www.lesliehalleck.com

SUNDAY PROGRAMS

1PM • **Herbs 101** Herbs are easy to grow year round! Cathi Gartin, the Cultivated Gardener, offers expert tips on how she grows great herbs available at NHG!

SAT, APR 13

1PM • **POP UP Class: Spring Color Tour**
1:30PM • **POP UP Class: Color Containers**

SUN, APR 14

3PM • **The Benefits of Beneficial Insects in Your Garden** by John Watts, Entomologist, Texas Discovery Gardens, presented by the Southwest Fern Society.



SAT, APR 20

8:30AM-12:30PM • **45min Design Consultations by Roundtree Landscaping** \$60. Limited space! Call today to reserve your appointment. Details at www.nhg.com - Events page.

SAT, APR 27

10AM • **Wildlife Gardens** by the Herb Society of America. What plants attract bees, butterflies and birds? The HSA will tell you!



Attract Butterflies with Ease

by Carolyn Hestand Kennedy, NHG Garden Advisor

What is more delightful than the sight of a butterfly visiting plants and flowers you grew just for them? Transform your garden into a powerful lure for these beautiful creatures by adding lovely, nectar providing shrubs like Abelia and Butterfly Bush, drought tolerant perennials such as Bee Balm, Salvia and Coneflower, and annuals like Zinnia, Pentas, and Lantana. Don't forget about host plants! Swallowtail caterpillars love to munch on herbs such as Dill, Parsley, Fennel and Rue. Monarchs need Milkweeds to prepare for metamorphosis and the Gulf Fritillary larvae devour Passion Vine.

Learn which plants are nectar or host plants <http://nhg.com/pdf/ButterflyList.pdf> or speak to one of our Garden Advisors. Maximize plant growth by applying **NHG Organic Bedding Food** or Medina Hasta-Gro monthly. Add trace nutrients, encourage earthworms and improve your soil by using Vital Earth Compost, Liquid Seaweed and dried molasses on a regular basis as well.



Cherokee Purple



Heard the buzz about the brand new **'Mighty 'Mato'** grafted tomatoes and veggies? They offer better resistance to soil born diseases, better heat tolerance, and an improved harvest. Plus, they are available in many hybrid and heirloom forms: 'Sun Sugar', 'Brandywine', 'Beefsteak', 'Green Zebra', eggplants, peppers, and more!

FRUIT TREES

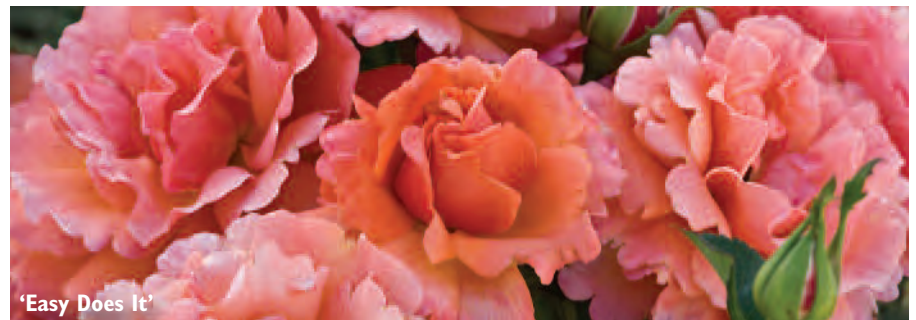
Don't forget to plant your backyard orchard! Apple, pear, fig, cherry and other flavors available. Ask about our fruit tree varieties to fit your smaller landscapes!



Ravishing Roses

by Robin Carlton, Contract Sales Manager and Assistant Buyer

Have you ever longed to grow roses but felt they would require too much maintenance? Think again! There's a huge selection of easy-care cultivars that require little more than regular fertilization, and a quick pruning each year in February and August. Once established, roses are extremely drought tolerant plants, needing watering just once per week through most of the year, twice per week in the heat of summer. Many bloom in both spring and fall, are vibrantly colored and fragrant. Our stock is carefully chosen from the best varieties for our unique climate, so choose with confidence. You'll want to get your rose gloves, your **NHG Organic Rose Food**, and a nice pair of pruners when you purchase your plants. Feed them once a month March through October. Good choices for first time rose growers are 'Mr. Lincoln' (red Hybrid Tea), 'Belinda's Dream' (soft pink, Earthkind™), 'Don Juan' (red Climber), 'Scentimental' (red and white striped Floribunda), 'Fragrant Cloud' (orange Hybrid Tea), and 'King's Ransom' (yellow Hybrid Tea). Plant with **Vital Earth Ready Rose Mix**, then water in with Nature's Guide Root Stimulator. Topdress with shredded hardwood or cedar mulch. Attend one of our **POP UP Classes during SPRING ROSE FESTIVAL MARCH 2nd-3rd** on growing roses with ease.



'Easy Does It'

Healthy Soil Grows Healthy Plants

by Chris Pyle, NHG Garden Advisor

To grow healthy roots and vigorous plants, rich organic soil full of microbial activity and flush with nutrients is a must! Here in North Texas we have heavy, clay soil that needs amending prior to planting. By amending the soil, you'll improve drainage, increase microbial activity, and create looser soil that is easier to plant in. A simple blend of compost, **Soil Menders Garden Soil Builder**, expanded shale, and composted manure will greatly improve the health of your existing soil. Add lava sand and greensand to further improve moisture control and provide micro-nutrients. Green sand also increases nutrient content of the soil. Once you've added your soil, be sure to mix well with a garden fork if in a raised bed, or turn in to the top 6"-12" of an existing landscape bed. Speak with a NHG Garden Advisor about exact ratios you'll need for new or existing beds.

Don't forget to topdress with mulch, even if you do not intend to plant right away. This will prevent weeds from returning to claim your patch of ground. Pine straw makes an excellent mulch or pathway material for veggies and acid-loving plants. Cedar and hardwood mulches are great for all landscape plantings, including vegetable gardens.



NOW is the TIME...



MARCH

- Select rose bushes the weekend of **MARCH 2nd & 3rd** 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.



Redbud 'Cercis'

FAVORITE Native & Adapted Plants for Spring

by Rusty Allen, NHG Garden Advisor, Native Plant Expert

Redbud *Cercis canadensis* Early-blooming pink Redbuds are the perfect small tree for sun to part sun areas.

Blackfoot Daisy *Melampodium leucanthemum*

Tough, full sun, long lasting blooms, and sweet, honey scent.

Four-nerve Daisy *Hymenoxys acaulis* 1' yellow flowering mound, with great blooms in spring and fall. Requires excellent drainage.

Phlox *Phlox divaricata* Low-growing plant perfect for morning sun rock gardens. Prefers moist soil.

Winecup *Callirhoe involucrata* Mounding, low-growing, magenta blooms through early spring. Prefers good drainage, and can take a drought.

Sundrops *Calylophus drummondii* Great in full sun, bright yellow primrose-like blooms. Wonderful in the rock garden.

Oxalis *Oxalis spp.* Tried and true! Enjoy fresh, new color variations. Low plants for part shade borders and woodland gardens. Also good in containers.

Spring Obedient Plant *Physostegia virginiana* For sunnier, moist areas, accepts poor drainage, attracts bees, and is even a lovely cut flower.

Gulfcoast Penstemon *Penstemon tenuis*

A great early bloomer with pinky-lavender bell shaped blooms for moist shade areas.

Autumn Sage *Salvia greggii* Variety of colors, attracts butterflies, very tolerant of many types of soils- especially dry ones! Fall blooming.

Some more atypical natives that I always love to see in the landscape include:

Spider Lily *Hymenocallis liriosme* Texas tough! Fragrant, up to 2' high, it will take tougher areas that are damp. Pair with Penstemon.

Spiderworts *Tradescantia app.* Unusual flowers on grassy plants in white and other colors. Great for a naturalized area.



Winecup



Gulfcoast Penstemon



Oxalis



Physostegia



Blackfoot Daisy

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Snazzy Spring Color!

by Kay Nelson, NHG Garden Coach, TCNP

Spring color has arrived! Shade or sun, we have great choices for containers and the landscape.

First, start off with great soil. Either see our suggestions for amending your beds, or add our premium **NHG Organic Potting Soil** to containers. Once you've planted, feed all your seasonal color regularly with **NHG Organic Bedding Food**. Here are some of my favorite color suggestions I offer all my Garden Coach Clients.

Color in Shade: Perennials such as Ferns, Columbine, Hellebores and Hederas are excellent companions to Coleus, Green Leaf Begonias, and Impatiens.

Color in Sun: Ornamental Chard, Coleus, Celosia, Stock, Calendula, Marigold, Zinnias, Larkspur and Lantana. The most fun part is visiting North Haven Gardens to choose your favorite colors. Match color themes to your home, your favorite palette, or be inspired by a favorite place in the world.

Shade Combo: Try Aspidistra with Variegated Hederas and white Impatiens or Green Leaf Begonias. If the shade is bright enough add fragrant Sweet Alyssum.

Sun Combos: Try Swiss Chard 'Bright Lights' with Golden Lemon Thyme, Nasturtiums, and Calendula. Or, fill colorful containers with English Daisy, Petunias and Sweet Alyssum.

When amending beds, remember that adding plenty of organic compost can solve many soil issues, be it drainage, compaction, pH or lack of fertility. If you are uncertain as to what type of soil your plant likes, speak to a NHG Garden Advisor.



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

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