



'Happy Go Lucky' rose. Photo courtesy of Weeks Roses.

## The Season for 'New'

By Cody Hoya, NHG General Manager

Spring is a time of renewal for both the gardener and the garden. This season, we're excited to announce these debuts at NHG:

✂ Texas A&M's introduction of new peach tree varieties specially developed for Texas; we're excited to carry 'White Zest One', 'Flat Delight Two', and 'Royal Zest Three.'

✂ **EcoScraps®** compost, a brand new product produced by visionary folks dedicated to reducing and reusing wasted grocery store produce.

✂ Brand new selections of the exciting **Mighty 'Mato** grafted tomato brand, including heirloom varieties like 'Paul Robeson' and 'Pineapple.'



Be on the lookout for new peach varieties!

The buds and blooms bursting forth after the cold of winter are welcome reminders that this is the season of growth and change; the season in which we get outside, get our hands dirty, and make an impact in our lives.



## NOW is the TIME

- ✂ Select rose bushes from the huge selection of varieties we offer at our annual Rose Festival. We open at 7am on Saturday, March 1st!
- ✂ Transplants of tomatoes should be planted by March 15th for best success.
- ✂ Direct seed lettuces, carrots and radishes. Transplants of peppers, eggplant and tender herbs can be planted after the last average frost. Refer to our 12-month vegetable planting guide for more info.
- ✂ Plant fruit trees, ornamental trees, shrubs, roses, perennials, herbs and annual color such as geraniums, petunias, snapdragons, diascia and alyssum.
- ✂ Use a root stimulator or liquid seaweed on all new plantings every month for the first year.
- ✂ Fertilize your lawn after warm-season grasses are growing and have been mowed 2-3 times. NHG 7-2-2 and 3-2-3 are both great organic fertilizers.
- ✂ Use slug & snail bait or set out beer traps to control these pests.
- ✂ Release beneficial nematodes to control ticks, fleas, chiggers, and fire ants.

# Beneficial Insects in the Garden

By Robyn Morris, TCNP, Garden Advisor

This year, instead of reaching for chemical insecticides, make some beneficial insects your garden allies. NHG offers several beneficial insect species that you can recruit to help you control garden pests: ladybugs, beneficial nematodes, trichogramma wasps, and praying mantises.

**Ladybugs** in both the larval and adult forms are voracious eaters of aphids and other soft-bodied insects like mites and mealy bugs. Both adults and larvae can consume up to 50 aphids each day and up to 5000 during their lifetime! Release your ladybugs late in the evening; they will be thirsty from their long nap and will appreciate a drink of water when they “wake up.”

**Beneficial nematodes** are one of the most common organisms on the planet, and are among my favorites because of the wide range

of pests that they help control—especially fleas and grub worms. To apply nematodes to your garden, you will need a hose-end sprayer or a watering can (even a bucket will do). Simply mix the nematodes with water and apply them to your lawn and garden areas.

**Trichogramma wasps** are among the tiniest insects on the planet—and they don’t sting! Their prey includes bagworms, cutworms, cabbage loopers, webworms, tomato hornworms and squash borers, which they use as a host for their eggs and larvae. They are typically sold in the form of eggs attached to a card that you simply attach to trees or any solid surface with a string, needle, or paperclip.

**Praying Mantises** possess a ravenous appetite for almost anything that happens by them. The nymphs and adults are voracious eaters and consume aphids, beetles, leafhoppers, lizards, and many other insects (even lizards and snakes) that are in the area. A praying mantis will patiently stalk its prey for hours before ambushing its victim by impaling it with its spiny legs. Praying mantises come in egg cases that you can insert into the fork of a tree or hang low to the ground with string. Attract beneficial insects to your garden by planting dill, mint, marigolds, sunflowers, fennel, and asters. It’s important to provide plants that bloom at different times so that food is always available.



**Plant Tomatoes in early March for best success. New arrivals weekly!**



Coretta Scott King rose. Photo courtesy of Weeks Roses.

## Rose Festival

**March 1st-2nd**

**Open Early!**

**Saturday 7am & Sunday 8am**

**Over 200 rose varieties available!**

**Starting Saturday, the first 100 guests to purchase a rose receive one free quart-size bottle of Nature’s Guide organic root stimulator. Limit one per purchase.**

Scan here to visit [NHG.com](http://NHG.com) for calendar event details



# March – April 2014 Calendar

## March 2014

### Saturday, March 1st:

7am Rose Festival begins!  
9am: Dave Shanklin from Star Roses & Plants - rose lecture + Q&A  
9am-Noon: Bonsai Society of Dallas  
10am: POP UP Class: Rose Success!  
11-11:30am: POP UP Class: Terrific Tomatoes!



1pm: Mike Shoup of the Antique Rose Emporium - rose lecture & book signing.  
2pm: POP UP Class: Heather Rinaldi of TX Worm Ranch - worm castings



### Sunday, March 2nd:

10am: POP UP Class: Rose Success!  
2:30pm Orchids 101 - GNTOS  
3pm: Greater North Texas Orchid Society meeting.  
3pm: POP UP Class: Terrific Tomatoes!

### Friday, March 7th:

5-7pm: Spring Garden Happy Hour! Enjoy a complimentary beverage and select light hors d'oeuvres while you shop our wide selection of roses, edibles, fruit trees and herbs.  
5pm: POP UP Class: Rose Success!  
5:30pm-6pm: POP UP Class: Terrific Tomatoes!



6pm: POP UP Demo: Edible/Ornamental Container Gardens

### Saturday, March 8th:

10am: Alpha African Violet Society: Terrariums and Dish Gardens.  
11-11:30am: POP UP Class: Terrific Tomatoes!

### Sunday, March 9th:

11-11:30am: POP UP Class: Terrific Tomatoes!  
2pm: POP UP Class: Raised Veggie Beds

### Saturday, March 15th:

10am: Daylily Growers of Dallas  
11am-sold out: Backyard Chicken Sale  
1pm Chris Wiesinger a.k.a. The Bulb Hunter and founder



of The Southern Bulb Company shares his adventures and signs his book.

3pm: POP UP Class: Sun Perennials!  
3:30: POP UP Class: Shade Perennials!

### Sunday, March 16th:

10am: POP UP Class: Rose Success!  
3pm: Iris Society of Dallas  
3pm: POP UP Class: Sun Perennials!  
3:30: POP UP Class: Shade Perennials!



### Thursday, March 20th:

First Day of Spring! Celebrate the start of the season with lemonade and cookies while you shop. Special deals throughout the day!

### March 20-22

10am-4pm: African Violet Society of Dallas Show & Sale

### Saturday, March 22nd:

8:30am-12:30pm: Design Consultations by Roundtree Landscaping \$60. Limited space! Call 214-363-5316 to reserve your 45-minute appt. Details at [nhg.com](http://nhg.com)

10am: POP UP Class: Sun Perennials!  
10:30: POP UP Class: Shade Perennials!  
2pm: POP UP Demo: Spring Color Containers!



### Sunday, March 23rd:

2pm: POP UP Class: Spring Color Containers!  
1pm: POP UP Demo: Direct-Seed Veggies

3-5pm Begonia Society Meeting

### Saturday, March 29th:

10:30am: POP UP Class: Grow Peppers!  
1pm: POP UP Demo: Direct-Seed Veggies:



### Sunday, March 30th:

2pm: POP UP Class: Grow Peppers!

## April 2014

### Friday, April 4th:

5:30pm-7pm: Herb Fest Happy Hour! Enjoy a complimentary beverage and select light hors d'oeuvres while you shop our wide selection of roses, edibles, fruit trees and herbs.  
6pm: Edible Flowers by Mary Nell Jackson



5:30pm: POP UP Class: Host Plant Herbs

### Saturday, April 5th:

Herb Fest! Celebrate all things herbal!  
9am-Noon: Bonsai Society of Dallas  
10am: POP UP Class: Evergreen herbs  
11am: POP UP Class: Herbal Folklore  
1-2pm Vermicomposting with Heather Rinaldi of Texas Worm Ranch  
3pm: POP UP Class: Designing with Herbs in Ornamental Containers



### Sunday, April 6th:

Herb Fest! Celebrate all things herbal!  
1pm: Susan's Soaps & More -- using herbal oils in homemade body products.

2:30pm: Orchids 101

3pm: Greater North Texas Orchid Society meeting

3pm: POP UP Class: Designing with Herbs in Ornamental Containers



### Saturday, April 19th:

10am: POP UP Demo: Direct-Seed Veggies  
2pm: POP UP Class: Grow Peppers!  
3pm: POP UP Class: Sun Perennials!  
3:30: POP UP Class: Shade Perennials!

### Sunday, April 20th:

11am: POP UP Demo: Succulent Container Design  
1pm: POP UP Tour: Spring Color!  
2pm: POP UP Tour: Texas Native Shrubs and Perennials

### Saturday, April 26th:

8:30am-12:30pm: Design Consultations by Roundtree Landscaping \$60. Limited space! Call 214-363-5316 to reserve your 45-minute appt. Details at [nhg.com](http://nhg.com)

9am-12pm: Herb Society of America  
10:30am: POP UP Class: Host Plant Herbs  
1pm: POP UP Demo: Succulent Container Design

### Sunday, April 27th:

10:30am: POP UP Class: Butterfly Vines!  
1pm: POP UP Tour: Texas Native Shrubs and Perennials



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**April 5th & 6th**  
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versatility of  
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## Presenting Anna's Promise

By Brandon Sorenson, TCNP Garden Advisor and NHG Rosarian



The big announcement for our March 1st Rose Festival this year is **Anna's Promise™**, a brand new rose inspired by the character from Downton Abbey® and an in-store exclusive at North Haven Gardens! Anna's Promise™ is a gorgeous bi-color grandiflora that blooms pink with a bronze reverse and offers a sweet fragrance.

Also in the grandifloras, **'Coretta Scott King'** (see photo inside) sports a creamy white bloom with coral accents, while **Happy Go Lucky™** and **Sunshine Daydream™** join the roster for great yellow blooms. **Hotel California™**, a hybrid tea selection, is a warm, sunny yellow, and **Mercury Rising™**, a sport of Gemini™, gives us a bi-color white and blushing red. For shrub roses, the Look-A-Likes® series presents **Look-A-Likes® Hydrangealicious** and **Look-A-Likes® Phloxy Baby**, two small landscape roses that are sure to make neighbors take notice! The Thrive!® series promises repeat blooms and great disease resistance; this year we feature **Thrive!®** and **Thrive!® Lemon**, blooming bright red and yellow, respectively. In the climbers, **Morning Magic™** blooms a shell-pink while giving you excellent disease resistance. Finally, don't forget to look into our new miniature roses with the introduction of **All A'Twitter™**, and **You're the One.™**

With these fantastic offerings, the 2014 NHG Rose Festival will be a weekend to remember!

## DOWNTON ABBEY.



*Anna's Promise™ rose.*

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### 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.  
**Meetings vary. Check NHG.com**

**Alpha African Violet Society**  
Meets the second Saturday at 11am  
**Bonsai Society**

Meets the first Saturday at 9am  
[www.bonsaisocietyofdallas.com](http://www.bonsaisocietyofdallas.com)

**Bromeliad Society**  
Meets the fourth Saturday,  
every other month at 3pm  
[www.dfwbromeliads.com](http://www.dfwbromeliads.com)

**Daylily Growers of Dallas**  
Meets the third Saturday at 11am

**Herb Society of America**  
Meets the fourth Saturday at 10am  
[www.northtexashsa.org](http://www.northtexashsa.org)

**Texas Daffodil Society**  
Meetings vary. Check [nhg.com](http://nhg.com)  
[www.texasdaffodilsociety.org](http://www.texasdaffodilsociety.org)

**Iris Society**  
Meets the third Sunday at 3pm  
**Greater North Texas Orchid Society**  
Meets the first Sunday at 3pm  
[www.gntos.org](http://www.gntos.org)

