



Early blooming Asiatic lilies like double 'Aphrodite' make wonderful, long lasting cut flowers. Photos courtesy Stuijbergen Bulb Export, Inc.

Luxurious Blooms for the Summer Garden

By Sandi Holmes-Schwedler, TCNP, NHG Senior Buyer



Most of us envision tulips and daffodils when we think of bulbs—plant in winter to bloom in spring. This spring, though, NHG will present a dazzling selection of summer-

blooming bulbs and tubers that can be planted right away! Classics like canna and calla lilies will arrive in many colors with thrilling blooms and beautiful foliage for beds or containers. We'll have modern twists on old favorites like the double Asiatic lily 'Aphrodite' pictured above. My favorite addition to our selection this year is tubers of *Phlox paniculata*, or **standing perennial phlox**. You'll have six varieties to choose from that will entice bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your garden this summer and for years to come. If you're like me, you'll be hard pressed to stick to one variety!

See our events calendar for classes on how to choose and plant these treasures, then wait for the warmer weather to reveal their beauty!



Gorgeous perennial *Phlox paniculata* 'Sandringham.'

NOW is the TIME

- ✂ Select rose bushes from the huge selection of varieties we offer at our annual Rose Weekend, Saturday, March 7th.
- ✂ 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. Sign up for our email newsletter for reminders.
- ✂ Plant fruit trees, shrubs, roses, perennials, herbs and colorful annuals like geraniums and snapdragons.
- ✂ Apply root stimulator to 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.
- ✂ Release beneficial nematodes to control ticks, fleas, chiggers, and fire ants.



Must-Have English Roses from David Austin®

By Cody Hoya, NHG General Manager



'Lady Emma Hamilton'

English roses evoke a sense of romance and old-world charm. Bred through crosses of antique and modern rose varieties to achieve graceful characteristics and fragrance, they're among the most beautiful roses you can grow. We've increased our selection of varieties that we're growing on for our annual Rose Weekend, this year scheduled to open Saturday, March 7th. Each of the 20 varieties of English roses we're offering has been selected for success in our area, and most of them have been through landscape trials here. Highlights include: **'Princess Alexandra of Kent'** is a David Austin® recommended variety named for the cousin of Queen Elizabeth II. It is a vigorous repeat bloomer that grows to about 3' x 3'. With a sumptuous pink color and rich tea rose fragrance, it's a favorite pick this year.



Above: 'Princess Alexandra of Kent.' Banner: 'Munstead Wood.' Images courtesy of David Austin® Roses.

An unusual color for an English rose, **'Lady Emma Hamilton'** is another recommended variety that displays a nearly tangerine orange hue as it opens. It forms an upright, bushy shrub to 3' x 4' and boasts a fruity, citrusy fragrance with notes of pear and grape. It's a strong repeat bloomer that is sure to sell out quickly. David Austin® English roses are a unique addition to any garden and wonderful in any rose collection. With these and the other

varieties we have for 2015, along with our 200+ varieties of other rose types, the stage is set for a beautiful—and fragrant—rose weekend. Join us!

See these and other David Austin® roses growing locally at



'Celebration' Caladium

Celebrate New Caladiums

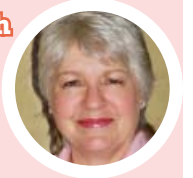
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Any shade gardener knows that it can be hard to find a colorful shade solution that will last for months without having to rely on blooming plants. Caladiums can offer a wide range of color, height and leaf size and are happy in deep shade to dappled sun. They are a go-to solution for garden borders and make fantastic container plants, too.

We at NHG bring our caladium bulbs (tubers) in early—well ahead of planting time—to give you the best selection from the growers, but highly recommend that you wait until approximately Mother's Day (mid-May) to plant them, as they love warmer soil temperatures. While some are described as "sun tolerant," we find that they can still scorch if left in full

summer sun. They will continue to look their best into the month of August if given a little reprieve from the hottest part of the day. Among the classic caladiums varieties that we bring in each year, we always try to keep our selection fresh and bring you something new. Three picks for 2015 include fancy leaf additions **'Celebration'** and **'Party Punch'** and strap leaf variety **'Scarlet Flame.'** Be sure to visit us early to grab your favorites!

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Rose Weekend March 7-8th Open Early!

Saturday 8am & Sunday 9am

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Time for Tomatoes

By Rusty E. Allen, TCNP, NHG Education & Outreach Coordinator



Tomatoes continue to top the list as our most popular home-grown vegetable. Whether you choose hybrid or heirloom varieties, NHG will provide a great selection of tomatoes

in every color, size, flavor profile, and growth habit—so you'll want to be here soon to choose your plants for the season. The tried and true 'Celebrity' will of course be here along with other classic favorites. But what if you have additional room and are seeking something interesting to try?

Regularly requested each year is a great paste tomato and we'll deliver with the classic Italian 'San Marzano.' Another favorite is 'Golden Mama'—with its yellow color and copious harvests of sweet yellow fruit, it creates quite a striking sauce! We'll have it in larger quart size pots to give it an extra head start in your garden. New this year is another quart size option, 'Summer Girl.' With larger, earlier and bigger fruits than 'Early Girl,' this tomato is one to look for this spring.

Darkly mysterious purple tomatoes are consistently favored by NHG gardeners and new this year will be 'Rosella Purple Dwarf' with a flavor profile similar to 'Black Cherokee' on a compact, dwarf plant. 'Black

Brandywine,' 'Black Prince' and 'Black Cherry' are other favorites sporting the healthy dark pigmentation you've heard so much about, and a rich, wine-like flavor you're sure to enjoy. Grafted tomatoes are another option for home gardeners looking to try something different. These tomatoes promise the sturdiest rootstock grafted with an heirloom or hybrid tomato variety for the best fruit production. We'll offer several grafted tomato varieties that are not available any other way.

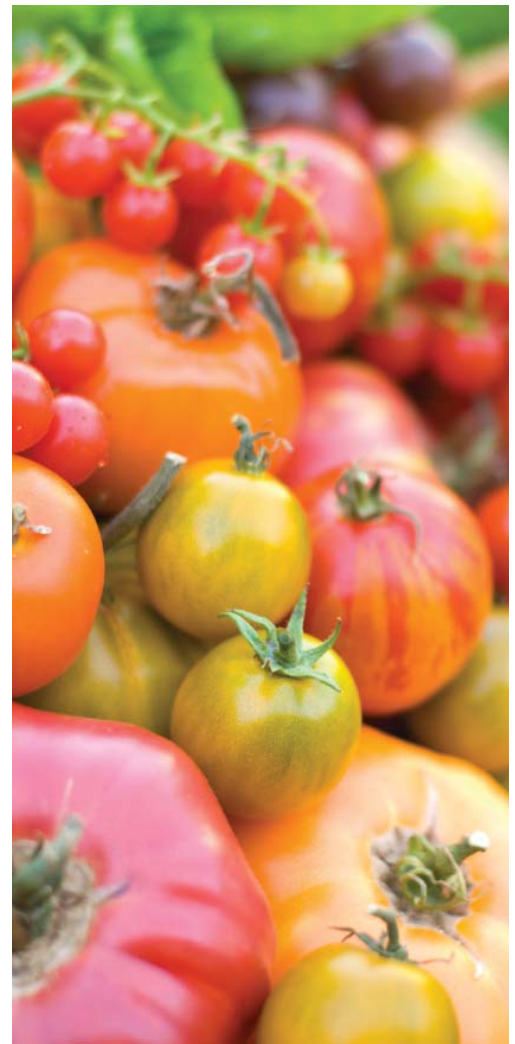
With all the varieties to choose from, you're bound to have tomato questions. I've got a series of **free one-hour tomato classes** to showcase the varieties available each week and get your cultural questions and more answered for you. See you there!

Success with Tomatoes!



Sunday, March 8th,
and Saturday,
March 14th, 1-2pm

**A FREE full hour devoted
to everyone's favorite:
the tomato!**



'Boscobel' Image courtesy of David Austin® Roses



Scan here to visit NHG.com for calendar event details



March – April 2015 Events



Rose Weekend

March 7-8

Our 2015 Rose selection becomes available!

NHG opens early
at 8am Saturday & 9am Sunday

Saturday, March 7, 12-1pm

Growing Roses

with Christine Hensley of Lambert Landscapes.

Select, grow and enjoy healthy roses.

Saturday, March 7, 10-10:30am

POP UP Demo: Rose Pruning

Techniques and tips for pruning all types of roses.

Saturday, March 7, 1:30-2:30pm

Mike Shoup of The Antique Rose Emporium

The beauty and benefits of antique & Texas Pioneer Roses.

**Saturday, March 7,
& Sunday, March 8, 1-1:30pm**

POP UP Demo: Rose Planting

Give your roses a successful start with this hands-on demonstration.

Saturday, April 4, 1-2pm

What's going on with the Monarchs?



Discussing milkweeds and perennials will be our special guest speaker Dale Clark of the Dallas Lepidopterist Society.

Herb Fest Open House

Friday, April 10th, 5-7pm

Join us for garden education,
tours & fun!



Chickens @ NHG

John and Emily Ramos of Urban Chicken Ranching

Providing pullet sales
& chicken education



Saturday, March 14, 10am

Pullet Sale

Saturday, April 4, 3pm

Spring Chickens

Starting spring with a new flock? Join us for this Q&A with tips on cultivating egg-layers. Pullet sale following.

Saturday, April 25, 3pm

Spring Chickens

Class with pullet sale following.

Garden Clubs

March 13-15, 9am-5pm

Bonsai Society of Dallas' Annual Bonsai Exhibition

A showcase of private collection
bonsai specimens.



Friday, March 13, 4:30-6pm

Gallery Reception

Featuring works by ceramic artist
Rick Van Dyke.

Sunday, March 22, 3pm

Greater Dallas Organic Garden Club

Randy Johnson of the Dallas Zoo on
organic pest management.

Thursday, March 26-28, 9am-5pm

Metro Dallas African Violet Show & Sale

Saturday, March 28, 9:30am-12:30pm

Herb Society of America

Culinary Creations with Herbs.



Edible Gardening

Sunday, March 8, 1-2pm

Success with Tomatoes!

Plant tomatoes now? YES.

In DFW, it's important to beat the heat and get tomato transplants in the ground early so they can fully develop and set fruit before hot weather arrives. Join us for a complete primer on growing tomatoes in north Texas.

Saturday, March 14, 3-4pm

Attracting Bumblebees & Their Value to the Gardener

Jessica Beckham explains how to attract these excellent pollinators often neglected by gardeners

Sunday, March 15, 12-2:30 pm

Introduction to Home Vegetable Gardening



Want to grow healthy food in your own backyard? Dream of becoming an urban farmer?

Join us for this beginner level class focusing on all the basics for starting your home edible garden.

Each attendee will receive a \$10 NHG Gift Card with a certificate of completion. \$34.99 Register today! Call 214.363.5316

Saturday, March 21, 10-11am

Preparing Your Soil for Spring Planting

**Saturday, March 28, 3-4pm
& Saturday, April 25, 1-2pm**

Composting Basics

Saturday, April 11, 1:30-4pm

Introduction to Herb Gardening for North Texas

\$34.99 includes all materials.
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