

# Every Blooming Thing



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**51**  
Years of Service

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North Haven Gardens Newsletter



## May

**Plant:** Caladium bulbs and summer bedding plants such as periwinkles, lantana, marigolds, and purslane; St. Augustine and Bermuda from plugs or sod; perennials, herbs, warm-season vegetables.

Add compost and slow-release fertilizer to new planting beds.

**Fertilize:** Tomatoes, annual flowers and potted plants, and azaleas after blooming. Use root stimulator on all new plantings.

**Prune:** Spring-flowering shrubs and vines *after* they flower. Prune climbing roses *after* they bloom.

**Pest control:** Use BT for caterpillars, blast aphids with water and release ladybugs; use horticultural oil for thrips, scale, spider mites, and mealybugs.

**Disease control:** Spray Neem oil or potassium bicarbonate or horticultural oil for control of black spot, powdery mildew and other fungal diseases.

## June

**Plant:** Warm-season annuals such as Periwinkle, copper Plant and vegetables, fall-flowering perennials; re-pot houseplants.

**Fertilize:** Summer-flowering plants; potted plants.

**Pests:** Spray horticultural oil or orange oil for spider mites, lace bugs, thrips, and scale.

**Mulch, mulch, mulch** to keep in moisture and protect against harsh, hot temperatures this summer.

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More tips and information:  
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## Natives in My Garden *by Judy Fender, Master Gardener*

Native plants are great in the garden because once established, they require little maintenance. Most love poor soil and good drainage and absolutely thrive when ignored. Turn off the sprinklers, forget about fertilizing, and let them be themselves.

**Flame acanthus** (*Anisacanthus quadrifidus* var. *wrightii*) is an excellent choice to attract butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. Extremely drought-tolerant, this shrub's orange tubular blossoms continue all summer until frost. Deciduous in winter, the branches are light and attractive with shredding bark as the bush matures. Plant it in a patio pot and it will survive just fine with the sun beating on throughout the summer.

No garden would be complete without **Texas lantana** (*Lantana horrida*). This plant loves the sun and hot weather, and shows off with bright orange and yellow flowers all summer. It is easy to maintain, loves neglect, blooms profusely, and attracts butterflies.

**Desert Willow** (*Chilopsis linearis*) is a small ornamental, deciduous tree with showy pink-magenta trumpet-shaped flowers May through September. Plant it in full sun or part shade. Hummingbirds are attracted to the flowers.

The versatile **Salvia greggii** (Gregg Salvia, Autumn Sage, Cherry Sage) blooms prolifically in the spring and fall. Snip it back occasionally to keep it blooming continually. The leaves release their fragrance when brushed against. Hummingbirds and butterflies love this plant that can be used in perennial beds, as a small hedge, in pots, or berms. Unless winters are harsh, *Salvia greggii* will remain almost evergreen and can be planted in part shade or full sun with good drainage.

For shady areas, consider the **American beautyberry** (*Callicarpa americana*), a shrub with graceful arching branches, laden with stunning magenta berries that will attract birds to your yard in fall and winter.

Perhaps you might want to add a vine to a trellis or fence? **Coral honeysuckle** (*Lonicera sempervirens*) is everblooming and almost evergreen. It likes sun in the morning and a bit of shade in the afternoon, but if the roots are shaded, it will adapt to full sun. This vine climbs by twining and is quite well behaved, unlike other honeysuckles. Hummingbirds love the trumpet-like blooms, and birds will enjoy the berries in the fall and winter. After it's established, forget about watering.

## Add a Splash of Color to Your Summer Garden

Getting back to nature and conserving water are important to many people. Planting a variety of flowers adds interest to the garden. **Zinnias** will brighten the sunniest of gardens in the summer. They come in the cheeriest of colors — pink, yellow, red, orange, mauve, and gold — and butterflies just love them.

**Yarrow** is another attention seeker with its profusion of flowers held high above ferny green or gray foliage. 'Coronation Gold' is a shorter variety producing mustard-yellow showy flower heads that rise from gray-green foliage. It blooms throughout the summer months and is a low-maintenance, heat tolerant plant. Leave the flower heads for winter interest and the birds will eat the seeds.

Want Monarchs in your garden? Plant **Milkweed** (*Asclepias tuberosa*). When the fall butterfly migration passes through the Dallas area, you will have frequent Monarch visitors. Once established, do not disturb *Asclepias tuberosa*, as it grows from a taproot. Enjoy this maintenance free butterfly 'magnet' with its pretty yellow-orange flowers that stand high in the garden. Plant in full sun and ignore it once established. *North Haven Gardens carries all these selections and more! Pick up our 2002 Perennial List, Herb List, and Natives List.*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### STORE HOURS

Monday through Saturday — 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Sundays — 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
*Open Late on Thursdays until 8 p.m.*

### Come Join us for a Perennial Weekend!

Saturday, May 4 — 1:30 p.m.

*"Garden Color for Summer"*

Charlene Rowell, The Heard Museum

*presented by the First Men's Garden Club of Dallas*

Sunday, May 5 — 1:30 p.m.

*"Some Like It Hot" — Perennials for the Sun*

Jane Bartosciewicz, Master Gardener

Saturday, May 11 — 1:30 p.m.

*"Natives in the Landscape"*

Lynda Strain, NPSOT

Saturday, May 18 — 1:30 p.m.

*"Composting" - Mike Norton, Master Composter  
Garland's "Compost Guy"*

*presented by the First Men's Garden Club of Dallas*

### ORGANIC WEEKEND - June 1 and 2

Vendors, Displays, Clubs, Qs & As

Saturday, June 1 — 1:30 p.m.

*"Flying Jewels — Butterflies in My Garden"*

Dale Clark, Lepidopterist

Sunday, June 2 - 1:30 p.m.

*"Understanding Organics and  
Organic Products A to Z"*

Carolyn Oldham, NHG Organic Expert

### 'For the Birds' Weekend

Saturday, June 8 — 1:30 p.m.

*"Magnificent Birds of Prey" with Erich Neupert,  
Raptor Center Manager - The Heard Museum  
Come see live birds and learn about them!*

Sunday, June 9 — 1:30 p.m.

*"Hummingbirds in the Garden"*

Carolyn Oldham, Collin County Audubon Society

Saturday, June 15 — 1:30 p.m.

*"Daylilies" with Binion Amerson  
President, Daylily Growers of Dallas  
*presented by First Men's Garden Club of Dallas**

### Introducing our

**'WEDNESDAY at NOON' Luncheon & Lecture**

Wednesday, May 15 at noon

*"Creating Delightful Container Gardens"  
and*

Wednesday, June 19 at noon

*"Plant a Chair in Your Garden"*

**Reservations are Required; Luncheon Charge**

## "Wednesday at Noon"

Once a month, we invite you to join us on Wednesday at Noon for luncheon and a lecture. We will spend time showing you how to create something special for your garden and provide printed literature regarding the projects that we demonstrate. It will be an enjoyable time where you can ask questions and learn something new also!

Stop by to register for these unique lecture classes and/or visit our website ([www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com)) for details and how to register by mail. A reservation will be required, as seating will be limited, and there will be a charge for lunch (that must be paid in advance) to ensure your place.

## May is 'Rose Month'

The American Rose Society has designated May as "Rose Month" to celebrate the rose. Members of local rose societies will participate in community activities planned to educate gardeners and share knowledge about rose gardening.



Consider adding a new book to your personal garden library about roses this month. Reading about the history of some of the different roses is very interesting. For example, here is a bit of history about Grandifloras. In 1954, the first Grandiflora was categorized. A Hybrid Tea named "Charlotte Armstrong" was bred with the floribunda "Floradora." This cross-breeding created a Hybrid Tea with an ability to bear clusters and grow 6 to 8 feet or more. This particular new rose was the first in the new "Grandiflora" class – it's name? "Queen Elizabeth," of course!

Want to learn more? Consider adding any one of these wonderful books to your personal library: *"Roses in the Southern Garden," "The Ultimate Rose Book," "Quest for the Rose,"* or our local rosarian Field Roebuck's *"Foolproof Guide to Growing Roses."* We carry these and more titles!

Don't forget to pick up our new *2002 Rose List*. When you are thinking of adding a new rose to your garden, you will find it helpful.

## Herbs from Your Garden

Cooking with fresh ingredients gives a sense of satisfaction, especially when some of the ingredients come from your very own garden. Herbs have their own personality when added to food; they live up any dish, yet don't require a major production. For those of you who are novices to herbal cooking, here is a simple recipe that you can make using herbs you can find at North Haven Gardens and grow in your own garden.

### Herbal Cheese Spread

8-oz. package of cream cheese, softened  
1/4 cup margarine, softened  
1-1/2 tablespoons milk  
1/4 tsp. garlic powder  
3/4 tsp. chopped fresh savory (or 1/4 tsp. dried)  
1/2 tsp. chopped fresh oregano (or 1/8 tsp. dried)  
1/2 tsp. chopped fresh dill (or 1/8 tsp. dried)  
1/2 tsp. chopped fresh basil (or 1/8 tsp. dried)  
1/8 tsp. black pepper

1. Beat together cream cheese and margarine until fluffy. Add milk and mix well.
2. Stir in seasonings and herbs. Mix well.
3. Serve with crackers or on hot vegetables or hot pasta.

*'Freshen up' the family dog with herbs from your garden! It's easy! Collect lavender and rosemary leaves and make a tea by boiling the leaves. When the 'tea' is cool, dilute the mixture with a little water and rinse Fido with it. He will smell wonderful, and his coat will shine, shine, shine!*

# North Haven Gardens --

**20 % discount on any one product in the store or nursery — your choice** (cash and carry items only)

Consider checking out the statuary, trellises, benches, and fountains with coupon in hand! This is Great Spring Savings opportunity for adding that “larger item” to your garden. (Not covered by or included with discount coupon: Delivery fees on purchased items; Landscape trees and services, planting services, floral services.)

Expires 6-30-2002 Coupon good for single purchase only. Not good with any other offer, discount, or in-store sale.

## The Organic Garden

### May

- Fertilize annual flowers/potted plants with granular Buds ‘n’ Blooms, liquid Hastagro, or Garrett Juice.
- Release Trichogramma wasps for control of webworms, caterpillars.
- Control fleas, ticks and chiggers with beneficial nematodes and Gardenville Soil Conditioner.
- Control Aphids with strong water blasts and release of ladybugs.
- Control brown patch and other fungal diseases with Horticultural Corn Meal and Hu-More (alfalfa-based compost).
- Mulch all bare soil with Shredded Hardwood Bark or Cedar.

### June

- Fertilize lawn for second time with North Haven Organic, Texas Tee, or Greensense Poultry at 20 pounds per 1000 sq. feet.
- Correct iron deficiency with Texas Greensand and Bonide Chelated Liquid Iron.
- Foliar feed all plantings with Hastagro or Garrett Juice.
- Spray spider mites with Maxicrop Seaweed or Garrett Juice every 3 days for 9 days.
- Control blackspot on roses with Neem Oil, Potassium Bicarbonate, or Ultrafine Oil plus Baking Soda plus liquid soap.
- Control lacebugs on azaleas with Ultrafine Oil plus liquid soap.
- Spot spray weeds with BurnOut or 10% Vinegar.
- Water all planting areas deeply but infrequently during dry spells.

Reference: “The Organic Manual “ by Howard Garrett. Purchase your own copy at NHG today!

## There’s a Magic Fungus Among Us! by Carolyn Oldham

More than 99 percent of the plants on earth benefit from the presence of beneficial mycorrhizal fungi. These naturally occurring soil fungi inhabit the fine roots of plants, helping them absorb nutrients and water more efficiently. Because of this, mycorrhizae help plants to better tolerate drought, pH extremes, high soil temperatures, and soil-borne diseases.

We are pleased to offer four new products from “Plant Health Care,” which contain these beneficial organisms.

- **“Tree Saver Transplant”** – use to treat trees and shrubs at planting time with mycorrhizal fungi and bio-simulants.
- **“Healthy Start for Flowers”** – a 3-6-3 bio-fertilizer which improves flowering and strong root development.
- **“Healthy Start for Planting Projects”** – a 4-7-4 bio-fertilizer added at planting time to insure survival and strong root development.
- **“Plant Health Care for Stressed Plants and Lawns”** – a 3-0-20 bio-fertilizer that can be used on all trees, shrubs, perennials, and lawns which are in stress due to drought, chlorosis, or disease.

Yes, there are good fungus among us; and they can be successful in your garden. Give them a try.

## Once Upon a GROW CARD... a customer’s son

borrowed the keys to the family car. Unfortunately, he lost the keys “somewhere.” Oh, the dismay of the parent to know the house and car keys and everything else on the chain were lost. But the keys were found by someone at SMU; and seeing the ‘Grow Card’ tag attached to the chain, he contacted North Haven Gardens where the keys were quickly matched to their rightful owner ... and the son lived happily ever after!

Stop in today and register for your **Grow Card** and begin enjoying your own rewards.

## Need Help with Your Garden Selections?

Ask our helpful staff members what they suggest for the different areas of your garden. Pick up plant lists when you visit and/or check our website ([www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com)) to print lists of plants offered at North Haven Gardens.

May 18th is the *Garden Conservancy’s* premier “Open Days” tour of private Dallas gardens. Our Events Coordinator’s garden is one of the 7 gardens that will be open to the public on this date! Judy Fender, a Master Gardener, has donated her portion of the proceeds to the Master Gardener Association for their community service projects. Tour her gardens and see what she has done with plants from North Haven Gardens. Her yard was a *2001 Dallas Water Utility Xeriscape Winner* and is a wildlife and butterfly habitat with ponds and streams she built herself. The tour time is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 18th only. Purchase tickets (\$5 per garden) at any of the gardens on the tour. (Judy’s garden is located at 9019 Fringewood Drive, Dallas; Mapsco 38X.)

## Highlights Inside

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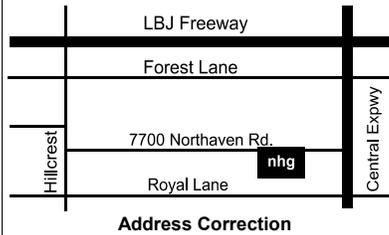
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## SOCIETY MEETINGS

AT NORTH HAVEN GARDENS

Call the club to confirm the meeting —  
in event of a schedule/meeting change.

**Begonia Society** 214-363-5316  
Meets the third Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

**Bonsai Society** 972-392-1430  
Meets the first Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

**Bromeliad Society**  
Alternate months, 4th Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

**Daffodil Society** 214-526-5379  
Meets the last Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

**Dallas Organic Garden Club**  
972-235-4001  
Call for May field trip information.

**Dallas Rose Society** 972-234-5184  
Meets the fourth Friday at 6:30 p.m.

**Daylily Growers of Dallas**  
972-684-4760 (No June meeting)  
Contact DGD for May field trip info.

**First Men's Garden Club of Dallas**  
972-907-9911  
Meets the third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

**Hosta Society** 214-363-6715 x333  
Call to confirm meeting date and time.

**Southwestern Fern Society**  
972-241-6480  
Meets the second Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

## The Gardener's Gift Corner by Betty Hargrave

Gift shopping will be so much more fun now that the warm weather of spring has finally arrived. North Haven Gardens is filled with beautiful gifts for all occasions.

Hand-blown gazing balls and watering balls for containers are quite the accent for the garden now! Once you see these incredibly beautiful glass balls, you will find it difficult to resist adding one to your own garden. The swirled colors are truly captivating.

Have you seen our new hummingbird feeders? We have a collection of beautiful blown-glass feeders in vibrant colors, shapes, and styles that will certainly attract the hummingbirds and add colorful accents to your garden. For the traditional birder, we have the more common styles also.

Stop and browse our newest exquisite selection of ceramics, inspired by European and Oriental designs. There are botanical themes with a crackle finish and lovely antique look. Our blue and white containers still are eye-catchers, and we have added many new styles and designs to this most popular group. Our floral embossed white-on-white containers will fit into any décor. There are so many designs and colors to choose from, you will have to come see for yourself!

We've added many containers that are quite unique for spring. There are elephants for that new jungle décor, beautiful flowers, and scrolls. If you are looking for just a touch of color, look for the collection of containers with dogwood blossoms, pansies, and violets.

Add a garden trellis to accent an area of your garden. We have several styles, sizes, and finishes from which to choose. Or perhaps you might want to add a metal bench or pedestal to the garden? Fountains in the garden are so relaxing. Stroll the nursery and see the variety we have to offer. There is something available to enchant everyone.

Garden whimsy in the form of fairies will certainly delight visitors to your garden. The delicate styling and features of our garden fairies will definitely attract attention. We have garden pedestals also for displaying fairies, other statues, and containers.

Add bright colors to your garden with a "Windspiration" magic wheel or whirligig. These fun reminders of simpler times are available in flower, snake, bunny, and spiral designs. We also have whirling wheels of various sizes that are fun, colorful garden art.

Small garden markers are 'in' again. Delight visitors with ceramic markers that say "I don't remember planting this" tucked into your garden somewhere. We also have specific herb markers as well as plain ones you can label yourself.

To add a touch of the garden to any wall in your home, consider adding one or two of the new garden plaques in their delicate colors and beautiful floral designs. They are exquisitely sculptured and hand painted. These will include floral and bird, woodland fern wall plaques. Wall vases are adorned with dragonflies, hummingbirds, flowers. The workmanship of these is very beautiful and delicate — a lovely accent to any wall and a wonderful gift for someone special.



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