

# Every Blooming

NORTH HAVEN  
Gardens

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### ~ MAY 2004 ~

SAT MAY 1ST & SUN MAY 2ND  
**WEEKEND**

PERENNIAL

SAT MAY 1ST • 1:30PM -2:30PM  
FREE LECTURE: *All About Perennials*, by Julie Ryan author, will be selling and signing her book after the lecture.

SAT MAY 8TH • 1:30PM

FREE LECTURE: *Caladiums and Elephant Ear Bulbs*, by Linda Horner, Hermosa Valley Gardens

SAT MAY 15TH • 1:30PM

FREE LECTURE: *Growing Herbs*, by Rosa Schachle, First Men's Garden Club

SAT MAY 22ND • 10:00AM

FREE LECTURE: *Tea Tasting*, by Dianna Latta, Herb Society of America

SAT MAY 22ND • 1:30PM

FREE LECTURE: *Butterfly Gardening*, by Mary Barnes, Master Naturalist

### ~ JUNE 2004 ~

SAT JUNE 5TH • 1:30PM

FREE LECTURE: *Basic Landscape Design*, by Bram Franklin, Landscape Designer

SAT JUNE 12TH & SUN JUNE 13TH  
**WEEKEND**

ORGANIC

SAT JUNE 12TH • 1:30PM

FREE LECTURE: *Using Designer Dirt*, by Mark Hill, First Men's Garden Club

SUN JUNE 13 • 1:30PM

FREE LECTURE: *Organic Product Knowledge*, by Karen Lozano

SAT JUNE 19TH • 1:30PM

FREE LECTURE: *Texas Natives*, by Gail Kahle, DCCC Richland Horticulture

## May Is Rose Month

Bob McLaughlin, Texas Certified Nurseryman

You should be enjoying your roses right now. Most of them are putting on a marvellous show. How do we keep them looking good for the rest of the season? A program of spraying is one effective approach.

The biggest problems in the spring when there are cool nights and warm, moist days are powdery mildew and blackspot. Spray every 7-10 days with a fungicide like Daconil or Fung-Away. It is best to alternate between the two to prevent a build up of fungal immunity. For an organic fungicide, try Green Light's Rose Defense, a Neem product.

Treat insects on an as-needed basis; however, treat thrips on a preventive basis. A systemic pesticide like Di-Syston granules or Fertilome's Systemic Insecticide Granules is carried throughout the plant's vascular system. This controls thrips feeding inside the rose's bloom. For the organic grower, Bio-Neem Insecticidal Soap is recommended.

*Remember, for great roses, Water! Water! Water!*

## Containers Made Simple

Here are a few simple keys to success with containers.

**PICKING THE RIGHT CONTAINER.** In Texas bigger is better. A big, deep pot will hold more water and have a cooler soil temperature. Be sure it has good drainage.

**PICKING THE RIGHT SOIL.** You need a soil that drains well, yet holds water and nutrients. A soil like Schultz Moisture Plus can also include a polymer that will help manage water.

### SELECTING PLANTS THAT GO WELL TOGETHER.

First select according to light and moisture needs. Here are a few design considerations but the main thing is to have fun.

**FORM** - Center plant, Filler plants in odd numbers (at least three), and Shoulder plants that hang over the edge of the container.

**BALANCE** - symmetric vs non-symmetric.

**TEXTURE** - coarse vs fine foliage & flowers. Be consistent.

**COLOR** - have a plan and use the color wheel.

- **Complementary** - opposite sides of color wheel.
- **Analogous** - adjacent colors on the color wheel.
- **Monochromatic** shades or tints for harmony.

Good maintenance is a must. Problems are generally water related. Mulching helps. Pinch plants that try to take over. Frequent watering will leach out fertilizer, so feed regularly with Color Star or Osmocote.





## Carolina Buckthorn – Without The Thorns

By Chuck Goecke, Texas Master Certified  
Nursery Professional

*Carolina buckthorn is a native, non-invasive and non-thorny. This large shrub/small multi-stemmed tree is very adaptable and highly ornamental. Medium sized graceful foliage produces red berries that later turn black. The berries are edible for jelly, but you'll have to fight the birds for them.*

*Acceptable soils are alkaline clay, acid sand and anything in between. Short-term wetness and poor drainage are ok, but it is also fairly drought resistant.*

*Use Carolina buckthorn as a understory specimen or wildlife border shrub in full sun to part shade. NORTH HAVEN has a large selection of this and other wonderful, easy care, and ecologically sound native and adapted trees and shrubs as well as a full line of soil amendments and organic fertilizers*

## Healthy Trees Start With Healthy Roots

By Debbie Jackson, Texas Master Certified Nursery Professional

Whether you are just planting a tree or have established trees already, their longevity depends on having healthy roots. Tree roots transfer water, oxygen and minerals from the soil to the rest of the tree. Roots allow the tree to grow tall and to withstand strong winds by acting as anchors.

We can avoid damaging the root system by limiting foot traffic and heavy equipment around the tree causing soil compaction. While flowerbeds are nice around a tree, we need to be careful not to raise the soil level under the drip line of the tree. The additional soil can reduce the tree roots availability to take up water and oxygen. We should limit the addition to less than 2 inches and keep the soil away from the trunk of the tree. If you are planting around a tree, it is better to plant perennials or groundcovers in small pots. We also need to avoid removing soil from around the tree as this exposes the roots damaging feeder roots and allowing the other roots to dry out.

We need to take proper care in watering. Too much water, roots drown and are unable to take up the needed oxygen. Too little water, roots are unable to develop properly. Trees prefer a long deep watering, this can be accomplished with a Ross Root Feeder. With our help, trees can provide shade and beauty for many years to come.



## Decorate with Statuary and Pottery

By Tamara Pickard

Decorate your garden with new statuary and pottery. Come to NORTH HAVEN and you will see the great selection we have to offer your garden. If you like French Country we have angels, bunnies, children and more to help you decorate with style. You may mix some colorful pottery with antique roses. Roses grow best in pottery if they have a lot of sun.

We also can help you in your oriental needs; we have concrete lanterns, statuary, and urns for your small patios. If you have a zero lot line, we can put together a garden of unusual pots with flowers or small trees.

NORTH HAVEN has a great selection of colorful and large selection of fountains and statuary to add style or character to your garden. On your next visit one of our professional sales associates will be glad to help you with your gardening and decorating needs.



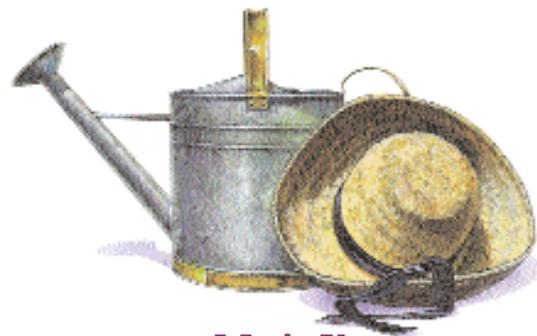
## Low Light, Low Water, NO PROBLEM!

By Tamara Pickard, Horticulturist

Looking for something to define that dark corner of your home that you can't forget about? Think it is impossible to find a plant that would thrive in those conditions? Well, think again. A ZZ plant may be the answer to your prayers. ZZ plants (*Zamioculcas zamiifolia*) flourish in very low light and with very little water. They are in the aroid family, along with philodendron and spathiphyllum, all producing a spath-like flower. It has very thick fleshy stalks and naturally glossy leaves which look freshly polished at all times. The stalks hold water, so let the plant dry out between waterings. ZZs will also grow in higher light, but will need water more often. These low maintenance plants are also resistant to disease, and insects seem to leave them alone. They grow slowly, so be patient with them. It suckers from the base, and will eventually fill up a pot. So for something out of the ordinary come in to NORTH HAVEN's tropical greenhouse to check out our ZZ plants. Your plant collection isn't complete without one.



## Now is the Time...



### M A Y

**Plant:** *Caladium* bulbs and summer bedding plants such as *lantana*, *marigolds*, *purslane* and *Zinnia*; 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 horticultural oil for control of black spot, powdery mildew and other fungal diseases.

### J U N E

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

**Fertilize:** Summer-flowering plants; potted plants, turf and ornamental plants with NHG 6-3-0.

**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.

Visit our website for more tips and information  
[www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com)

## Mother's Day & Father's Day Floral Arrangements!

If you are not able to be with your loved one, send a colorful arrangement to brighten their day. To get that individual touch and send a gift that reflects who you are; send one of the most wonderful gifts of all "A Floral Arrangement" that is customized!

Consider the person who you are send the gift to. For instance: What colors does he or she like? What kind of message do you want to convey? Do they have any favorite flowers? What are their hobbies?

**Expressive: *Personal enhancement and unconventional***

- exotic flowers, unusual combinations of shapes, colors and texture.

**Traditional: *Trustworthy, family oriented and classic***

- lush arrangements with a great variety of colors.

**Natural: *Casual, earthy and love the outdoors***

- green plants, meadow flowers with woody accents.

**Romantic: *Generous, spontaneous and extravagant***

- soft floral colors, light fragrances accented with lace or ribbon.

**Contemporary: *Trendsetters and enjoy living in the moment***

- vogue styles, monochromatic bouquets with large and vibrant colors.

**Call NORTH HAVEN GARDEN'S FLORIST today for that special gift!  
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### "In the Kitchen" with The Dallas County Master Gardeners

This book was produced by The Dallas County Master Gardener program. It is open to the public of all ages. The book is a wonderful collection of all types of recipes that you can make at home with your own fresh grown herbs.

**In the Kitchen** has several categories such as Appetizers & Beverages, Soups & Salads, Main Dishes and many others that you will suit your tastes.

Most of the recipes are very easy to make. In front of the book it has a list of herbs and what foods they best enhance. If you prefer another herb to the one that is recommended, this section can help you decide which herb you could use instead. Through out the book you will find helpful hints that will help you create your own wonderful dishes.

Near the end of the book you will find several helpful sections. Some of them are "The Most Common Cooking Terms", "Microwave Hints", "Calorie Counter", "Food Quantities" and "Equivalency Chart".

*You will find this book and many others in our "Book Nook" inside the NORTH HAVEN GARDENS retail store.*



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