

NORTH HAVEN Gardens

Every Blooming Thing

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Water Right

By Chuck Goeke

Properly watering your garden and lawn will save water, money and your plants. New plantings have different water needs than established plants. Established plants have deep, extensive root systems that will benefit from deep, infrequent watering. Try to water about 1"-1.5" per week in the growing season, preferably all in one day. The best time for sprinkler systems to water plants is between 5am and 10am. Supplemental

hand-watering or a drip system is recommended for watering new plants for their first summer. A sprinkler system alone may not provide enough moisture for new plantings. Later in fall, gradually begin deep, infrequent watering. When you have a mixture of established and new plants, use your sprinklers to water everything deeply and infrequently, and supplement by hand watering the new plants.

Be sure to attend Bram Franklin's lecture on Proper Watering Techniques May 13 at 1:30 at NORTH HAVEN GARDENS.



Summer Perennials

By Cody Hoya

Perennials and ornamental grasses can add important interest and structure to your beds, borders and containers. An excellent full-sun perennial for every garden is *Echinacea angustifolia* 'White Swan' or 'Magnus'. These heat-tolerant, hardy summer bloomers produce white or purple flowers great for cutting all through summer.

Another favorite is Yarrow, 'Moonshine,' for bright yellow, flat-topped flowers and lacy, grey-green foliage. Yarrow comes in several colors, blooms all summer, and the flowers are good for cutting and for drying. If you're a shade gardener, consider planting Royal Robe' violets (*Viola odorata*). These choice plants produce mounds of chartreuse foliage accented by deep violet, sweetly-scented flowers on delicate stems. It can also be a valuable groundcover. If you're interested in a fine specimen ornamental grass to compliment your plantings, consider Japanese Silver Grass 'Adagio' (*Miscanthus sinensis*). This dwarf Miscanthus makes a neat mound to two to three feet high and produces a multitude of blooms mid-summer. It is one of the best Miscanthus varieties for smaller gardens and thrives in full sun. Stop by NORTH HAVEN GARDENS for a variety of ideas to keep your summer garden colorful!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAT, MAY 6 & SUN, MAY 7

COLLIN COUNTY ROSE SOCIETY TOUR

Take a tour of some of the most beautiful Rose Gardens in town! Purchase advance tickets at NHG for \$10 each.

SAT, MAY 6 · 11AM - 4PM

BOTANICAL ART: COLORED PENCIL FOR THE COMPLETE BEGINNER

with NHG Artist-In-Residence Cynthia Padilla. To register call 214-363-5316 or visit www.nhg.com for a registration form and supply list. Space is limited. \$55

COMPLIMENTARY LECTURES IN ~ MAY 2006 ~

SUN, MAY 7 · 1:30PM

ATTRACTING BUTTERFLIES TO THE GARDEN by Dale Clark of the Lepidopterists Society One of our most popular lectures!

SAT, MAY 13 · 1:30PM

PROPER WATERING TECHNIQUES

by Bram Franklin of ValleyCrest Landscape

SAT, MAY 20 · 1:30PM

HOW TO GROW AND SHOW DAYLILIES IN NORTH TEXAS

by Binion Amerson, sponsored by the First Men's Garden Club of Dallas

SUN, MAY 21 · NOON

ADVENTURES WITH PLANTS

by Dr. Rehka Morris. Sponsored by the American Begonia Society

SUN MAY 28 · 11 AM - 4 PM

GARDENING 101

by NHG Staff To register call 214-363-5316 or visit www.NHG.com for a registration form. \$35 or \$30 with a Grow Card. Includes lunch and all classroom material.

LA DUNI MOTHER'S DAY TEA

SUN, MAY 7 · 2PM - 3PM, \$35 per person

Presented by La Duni Latin Cafe. Guests of the tea will receive special savings while shopping the nursery that day.

COMPLIMENTARY LECTURES IN ~ JUNE 2006 ~

CACTUS CORAL · JUNE 3 · 1:30PM

Meet the North Texas Cactus & Succulent Society, attend a lecture on cactus in the garden and shop the best display of cacti around! Visit www.nhg.com for details.

SAT, JUNE 17 · 1:30PM

AGAVES & YUCCAS: GARDENING WITH WOODY LILIES

by Peter Schaar, sponsored by the First Men's Garden Club of Dallas

ORGANIC DAY · JUNE 18

Meet the Organic experts and view demos and lectures.

GOING ORGANIC · 1:30PM

by John Krause of www.gardentalkradio.net An introduction to organic gardening and reasons why you should start now.

WEDNESDAY AT NOON WITH JUDY FENDER

WED, MAY 17 · NOON

DESIGNING FOR THE SHADE GARDEN

WED, JUNE 21 · NOON

WATER-WISE GARDENS

Advance registration and lunch selection required. Form available online and in store. Phone registration accepted with credit card.



New to NHG!

NORTH HAVEN GARDENS HERB FOOD



Looking for the perfect organic fertilizer for your Herbs and Vegetables? Well, look no further! We are proud to introduce our very own NORTH HAVEN GARDENS 4-6-5 Organic Herb Food. Derived from 100% organic materials, our granular NHG Herb Food is perfect for keeping all of your herbs growing strong. We've also added extra Calcium and Sulfur, so it's perfect for the vegetable garden too! NHG Herb Food is non-toxic and safe to use on all edible crops. Stop in today and pick up NHG Herb Food for a bountiful harvest!



Summer Vegetables

By Kato

It's a wonderful time of the year to plant summer vegetables! Squash, cantaloupe, okra and eggplant will thrive in ample sunshine. Keep planting sweet and hot peppers for tasty dishes. Southern peas can be planted through May and large pumpkins for fall can be planted mid to late June. One of my favorite summer veggies is Kohlrabi, from the German word meaning "cabbage turnip". The flavor is similar to a turnip but milder and sweeter if the vegetable is harvested before it becomes too old and tough. I eat it sliced like jicama, but it is also wonderful sautéed. Start your veggie garden by tilling the soil to a depth of 6"-14" prior to planting. Scatter NORTH HAVEN GARDENS Herb & Veggie food (see story left) at the rate of 2.5 lbs. to every 100 feet of row. Mix the fertilizer in thoroughly and set the plants. Once a month, sidedress your vegetable plants with additional fertilizer. Now is also a great time to side dress your existing tomatoes with blood meal for a great nitrogen boost. To keep roots cool in our Texas sun, don't forget plenty of mulch. *NORTH HAVEN GARDENS has a wonderful selection of vegetables year round and everything needed for a successful harvest.*

Make a Corner of Your Garden an Unexpected Oasis

By Nikki Crain

Every corner of your front or back garden can be a well-used, beautiful and relaxing part of your landscape. The shady spot in your back yard that gets ignored can, and should be, the most wonderful area for sipping tea or reading a book. How? It's easy! Pick a secluded area of your yard, place a lovely iron table and chair set next to a relaxing fountain, and surround with colorful pots filled with vibrant annuals such as Impatiens for shade or trailing petunias for sun. Brew up some herbal tea with herbs from the garden, and relax. For larger sunny areas, consider planting a shade tree and placing a sitting area next to it with a fountain and comfortable teak-wood chair covered in cushions. Entice visitors to walk every area of your garden by placing surprises among the greenery. Ceramic frogs, colorful containers, birdfeeders, trellises and statues add fun and excitement to every spot. *Need more inspiration? Browse our wonderful selection of books or speak to a NORTH HAVEN GARDENS Garden Advisor for tips and tricks to make any corner of your garden an unexpected oasis.*





Big Beautiful BUTTERFLIES!

By Judy Fender

It's easy to attract these flying jewels (*Lepidoptera*) to your garden! Entice Eastern Black Swallowtails to lay their eggs by planting parsley, dill and fennel; plant rue for Giant Swallowtails and milkweed for

Monarchs. Beautiful nectar plants will also attract butterflies while making your garden colorful and fragrant. Sun perennials such as *Salvia greggii*, *Veronica 'Sunny Border Blue'*, *Scabiosa*, *Achillea*, *Lantana camera*, *Loosestrife*, *Echinacea*, *Verbena*, *Coreopsis* and *Rudbeckia 'Goldsturm'* are perfect additions. Turk's Cap is great for shady areas. Add an abundance of scintillating annual blooms such as

Zinnia linearis, 'Profusion' zinnias, and Pentas. Consider passion vine for an abundance of Gulf Fritillaries. Avoid using pesticides on your butterfly plants. *NORTH HAVEN GARDENS* can offer expert advice of plant selections perfect for attracting wildlife to your garden. Don't miss Dale Clark's very popular talk on "Attracting Butterflies" May 7 at 1:30.



Organic Insect Control

By Christine Hensley

You have several choices when it comes to organically controlling fire ants and other pests in your lawn and garden. A new product we carry is SPINOSAD. It comes in both liquid and dry formulations such as GREEN LIGHT FIRE ANT CONTROL. The dry form is a bait that the ants will carry into the mound. The liquid form is sprayed directly on plants and will control a wide variety of chewing insects including beetles, thrips and spider mites. SPINOSAD also controls caterpillars, so be careful if you have a butterfly garden. Another effective organic product is NATURE'S GUIDE MOUND

DRENCH. This product is an orange oil, molasses, and humate mixture that kills ants when poured directly on the mound. Direct contact with the orange oil will kill the ants, while the molasses and humate enrich the soil and stimulate microbial activity, which the fire ants don't like.

Shop *NORTH HAVEN GARDENS* large selection of organic products for your lawn and garden.

Now is the Time...



M A Y

Leave lots of hints around the house about the Mother's Day gift you were hoping for—an NHG Gift Card or a seating at the La Duni Mother's Day Tea at NHG!

Plant: Caladium bulbs and summer bedding plants such as lantana, marigolds, purslane and zinnia; perennials, herbs, warm-season vegetables.

Fertilize: Tomatoes, annual flowers and potted plants, and azaleas after blooming. Use root stimulator on all new plantings. Add compost and slow-release fertilizer to new planting beds.

Prune: Spring-flowering shrubs, vines and climbing roses after they are finished flowering.

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

Disease Control: Spray Neem oil for control of black spot, powdery mildew and other fungal diseases.

J U N E

Let your family know you are wishing for high quality NHG Garden Tools for Father's Day!

Plant: Warm-season annuals such as periwinkle, copper plant, vegetables, tropicals, 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.

Visit our website for more tips and information www.nhg.com



Gifts for Gardening Parents

May and June are the months to celebrate our beloved mom and dad! This year give them gifts for their favorite activity—gardening! We have put together a list of some of the gifts we wouldn't mind receiving from our own children.

1. Unsure what to give? An **NHG Gift Card** in any denomination is always the most popular gift in town! *Order online, call the NHG store or stop by and we will mail it for you.*
2. **Blooming Garden Gift Baskets:** Whether your parent is a shade, sun or organic gardener, this popular gift is custom designed with your parent in mind. Fill their basket with herbs and organic products, unique sun annuals, lush shade perennials or a variety of seeds complimented by an ergonomic hand trowel to keep them comfortably gardening all season. *Call or stop by to place your order. Delivery offered in select Dallas areas for a small fee.*
3. **La Duni Mother's Day Tea:** Relax in our lush greenhouse with mom and enjoy a full afternoon tea service with a Latin twist, presented by La Duni Latin Cafe. After your tea, enjoy special savings while shopping the nursery that day. What a great Mother's day gift!
4. **High quality NHG Garden Tools:** Made of stainless steel, these well-made tools will last a lifetime. The right tools make gardening easier!
5. **Fountains and Iron Garden Furniture:** A whimsical table and chair set next to a bubbling fountain will relax your mom or dad, improving their health, mood and well being!
6. **Greenhouse Plants:** Shop our beautiful selection of Orchids and other tropical and indoor plants for a unique gift to spice up your parent's home.
7. **Garden Books:** No matter what your parents favorite garden topic is, we have a book to help them learn all about it! Add a book to a Blooming Basket and you will have created the perfect present!



*Does your club need a meeting space?
NHG has a wonderful lecture room!
Call 214-363-6715 ext: 326 for details.*

BEGONIA SOCIETY
214-363-6715 ext 340
Meets the fourth Sunday at 3:00 PM

BONSAI SOCIETY
214-357-3048
Meets first Thursday at 6:30 PM

BROMELIAD SOCIETY
972-699-4013
Meets the fourth Saturday at 3:00 PM

DAFFODIL SOCIETY
214-526-5379
Meets the fourth Thursday at Noon

DALLAS ROSE SOCIETY
972-394-6077
Meets the fourth Friday at 6:30 PM

DAYLILY GROWERS OF DALLAS
972-669-0291
Meet the third Saturday at 10:00 AM

FIRST MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF DALLAS
972-424-0724
Meet the third Tuesday at 7:00 PM

IRIS SOCIETY
972-517-7219
Meets the third Sunday 3:00 – 5:00 PM

NORTH TEXAS WATER GARDEN SOCIETY
972-386-7787
Meets the second Tuesday at 7:00 PM

SOUTHWEST FERN SOCIETY
214-544-7288
Meets the second Sunday at 3:00 PM