

# NORTH HAVEN Gardens

# Every Blooming Thing

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## Heat Loving Plants

By Brandon "Garden Guy" Sorenson

Summer is around the corner! Be prepared for our Texas heat with plants that thrive in our hot Texas sun. Want to add a tree to your landscape? Live oaks, red oaks and colorful crape myrtles are excellent additions. Do you have an empty arbor or trellis where you



want to add color? Plant vibrant, climbing mandevilla or clematis! Colorful plants such as Texas Sage and Texas Star Hibiscus are quite tough against our intense sun. For shady areas, Turk's Cap, Oak-Leaf Hydrangea, Astilbe and Columbine 'Texas Gold' are perfect additions. Replace some turf with groundcover and save some water! Creeping Thyme and Sedum are great for sunny spots. Vinca or Lamium work in shadier areas. Love roses? EarthKind™ roses

give you excellent heat and drought tolerance and bloom spring through fall. If seasonal color is what you're after, Bronze-Leaf Begonias, Purslane and Portulaca in sun, or Coleus and Torenia in the shade are some great choices!

Be sure to visit NORTH HAVEN GARDENS for some pre-summer garden planning.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ALL NHG PROGRAMS ARE COMPLIMENTARY AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. VISIT OUR EVENTS PAGE AT [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com) FOR ADDED PROGRAMS THROUGH MARCH & APRIL.

### ~ MAY 2007 ~

#### SAT, MAY 5 & SUN, MAY 6 • COLLIN COUNTY ROSE SOCIETY TOUR

Take a tour of some of the most beautiful rose gardens in town! Call 972-353-9525 for tickets.

SAT, MAY 5 • **MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS at THE GARDENS!** A wonderful opportunity to acquire unique gifts from NHG artists for Mother's Day or any day!

#### SUN, MAY 6 • LAVENDER SUNDAY

1:30PM • **ALL ABOUT LAVENDER** by Lavender Ridge Farms. Plus, stop by before and after to shop for home made products from their store! **A wonderful selection of Lavender will be available to plant at home!**

#### SAT, MAY 19

1:30PM • **BENEFITS OF BEES** by the Collin County Hobby Bee Keepers. Meet the Bees from 11 am-3pm.

#### SAT, MAY 19 • 1:30 & 3:30PM • AFTERNOON TEA IN THE GARDEN

A special presentation by La Petit Fours in our tropical greenhouse. Spend a lovely afternoon enjoying a traditional tea with friends and family. Advance registration. \$40 per person. Call 214-363-5316 to register. [www.pfcakes.com](http://www.pfcakes.com) to view the menu.

#### SUN, MAY 27 • GARDENING 101

Learn all you need to know about Texas gardening! To register call 214-363-5316 or visit [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com) for a registration form. \$45 & includes lunch and all classroom material. \$35 for Grow Card Members. Sign-up early! Fills quickly!

### ~ JUNE 2007 ~

SAT, JUNE 2 • **CELEBRATE CACTUS & SUCCULENTS** Shop a unique selection of cactus and succulents. Plus, visit with the Native Plant Society for expert advice!  
1:30PM • **AGAVES, YUCCAS, & SUCCULENTS IN THE GARDEN** by Peter Schaar.

#### SAT, JUNE 9 • GARDEN FERNS!

Meet members of the Southwest Fern Society to answer all your fern related questions!  
1:30PM • **GARDEN FERNS** by Kent Kratz, VP of Research & Dev, Casa Flora. Learn why Ferns are one of the best plants for shade!

#### SAT, JUNE 9 & SUN, JUNE 10 • FIRST MEN'S GARDEN CLUB PLANT SHOW

Browse unique, award-winning plants.

#### SUN, JUNE 10 • SALSA SUNDAY!

Wonderful prizes given for the best salsa recipes! Visit [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com) for details.

#### SAT, JUNE 16

1:30PM • **TRANSPLANTING ROSES** by Bob Maclaughlin. NHG Rosarian, Dallas Rose Society. Learn to move fully established roses safely for the easiest transition.

## Pretty Containers...

filled with seasonal color are a quick way to add fresh appeal to entry ways, porches and patios. Keep containers moist by mixing COIR into the soil. And, don't forget to feed with a good fertilizer such as Osmocote® Outdoor & Indoor Plant Food.

### CONTAINER RECIPE FOR SUN

Plant coleus and grasses at the back for height.

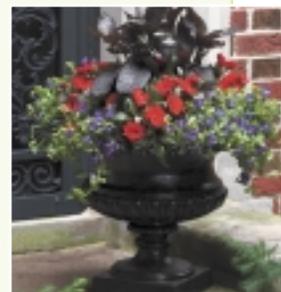
- 24" Round Container
- 1 Coleus—a lime or burgundy shade is perfect!
- 1 Dichondra 'Silver Falls'
- 1 Black Mondo Grass
- 1 Purple Fountain Grass
- 1 Creeping Plumbago



### CONTAINER RECIPE FOR SHADE

Plant the Alternanthera in center.

- 20" Round Container
- Alternanthera or Chocolate Plant
- 3 New Guinea Impatiens
- 2-3 Torenia



## CONSERVATION SERIES

by the Dallas County Master Gardeners

#### SUN, JUNE 3

1:30PM • **CONSERVATION: THE WATERWISE GARDEN** by Fern Hardin, Dallas County Master Gardener.

#### SAT, JUNE 23

1:30PM • **CONSERVATION: HERBS IN THE WATERWISE GARDEN** by Barbara Gollman, Dallas County Master Gardener.

#### SAT, JUNE 30

1:30PM • **CONSERVATION: TURF GRASS** by James Hatcher, Dallas County Master Gardener.

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## PROPER WATERING

By Christine "WaterWise" Hensley

Proper watering techniques will help ensure the long-term success of your landscape and allow it to develop a robust root system. Plant roots need 3 things—soil, water and air. When we water too often or too shallow, we encourage a poor root system. When watering plant material, think longer, deeper, and less often. For established landscapes, lawns and plants, 1 to 1.5 inches once per week is plenty of water. If at all possible, deeply water only one day of the week. This method will allow the soil to become thoroughly saturated with no dry spots and then allow the water to drain through providing necessary air to reach plants roots. Watering multiple times per week in short durations results in a shallow root system that is not able to tolerate our summer. The plants that have deep roots that penetrate well into the soil are the ones that will thrive throughout the years. *NORTH HAVEN GARDENS has the tools and products you need to keep your garden hydrated through summer. Some favorites include moisture meters, expanded shale and lots of mulch!*



## Summer Veggies

By Adelle "Very Veggie" Read

There are several popular varieties of vegetables that will mature during the heat of summer. In fact, these nutritious veggies prefer the heat! Okra, cucumbers, southern peas (coupes, black-eyes, and purple hull), melons and eggplants all do very well during Texas summers. Green beans, mustard greens and swiss chard can also be planted in May. Peppers add beauty as well as spice throughout the summer and continue all the way to frost. Plan for fall today! Plant pumpkins from now through June for a fall harvest! Side-dress your vegetable beds monthly with NHG Organic Herb and Veggie Food. You can't plant vegetables without the flavor of herbs! Many tasty herbs are also happy in our heat. Parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme are just a few of our favorite varieties. *Be sure to enter your best salsa recipe for our very first **SALSA SUNDAY EVENT, JUNE 10TH!** Prizes for the best salsa include NHG Gift Cards and products for your garden!!*

## The Fragrant Garden

By Kay "Herb Guru" Nelson

Your garden should be more than just a pretty place to look at, it should also encourage relaxation through scent! Some of our favorite fragrances in the garden come from herbs. Mint and thyme planted between stepping stones will release wonderful aromas when crushed under foot. Plant lemon marigold, lavender and rosemary next to walkways so passersby will brush against them to release their scents. Looking to plant beautiful color? Annuals such as Sweet Allysium are strong scented and beautiful. Shrubs and trees such as Texas Mountain Laurel, Viburnum 'Spring Bouquet' and roses create a wonderful foundation in the garden as well as add heavenly fragrance! The smell of honeysuckle in the air brings the first hint of summer. For a fresh scent to take you into winter, plant Sweet Autumn Clematis on a trellis by your front porch. *Stop by NORTH HAVEN GARDENS for more fragrant plants to add to your garden!*



## Great Groundcover: Stepables™

By Leslie "Buttercup" Finical Halleck

Looking for alternatives to turf? If you haven't yet, you need to check out Stepables™. Stepables™ are a group of groundcover type plants that tolerate foot traffic. So they are great if you're looking to fill in around patios, pathways, ponds, rock walls, herb gardens and more. There are quick growing or slow growing varieties, depending on what you need, as well as plants for sun and shade. A few of my favorite varieties include Isotoma Blue Star Creeper, Purple Mazus, Ajuga 'Chocolate Chip' and Sedum 'Blue Carpet'. There are many other varieties to choose from for all types of garden projects. These beauties also make great additions to containers, not to mention are perfect for miniature and railroad gardens. The distinct "foot-shaped" tag makes it easy to find these unique plants in the nursery. *Stop in today and ask our Garden Advisors about Stepables™!*



## Organic Insect Control

By Chuck "Bug Boy" Goeke

You have several choices when it comes to organically controlling fire ants and other pests in your lawn and garden. A good product we carry is **Spinosad**. It comes in both liquid and dry formulations such as **Green Light First 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.*



## My Favorite Succulents

By Leslie "Succulent Loving" Finical Halleck

Growing succulents is a rewarding gardening experience. Succulents are versatile, occurring naturally in a broad range of climates. They are offered in just about any size, shape or color you can imagine. Many succulents thrive in our heat and make great garden perennials. Dramatic and showy containers can be created using a variety of succulent plants. Some of my favorites include Sedum 'Sea Stars', which grows only about and 1.5" tall and sports tiny blue/gray leaves. Hens & Chicks, which form star shaped rosettes of foliage, are excellent in pots and as a garden border. Sedum 'John Creech' produces rosettes of foliage topped with pink blossoms. The list of perennial succulents is extensive, so be sure to stop by and check out our selection!



Here are a few more succulent favorites for the garden:

- Sedum 'Dragons Blood'
- Sedum 'Acre'
- Ghost Plant
- Sedum 'Blue Carpet'
- Aeonium



## Five Fabulous Ferns

By Judy "Fern Fabulous" Fender

Evergreen ferns can add texture and contrast to a shady bed. Japanese holly ferns grow almost shrub-like with fronds and to a size of 20"-24" tall and wide. Autumn ferns (20") show a red fall color on new fronds. Tassel ferns produce fuzzy, cinnamon-colored fiddle heads on glossy foliage. East Indian holly ferns, with their yellow "stripes" stand about 18" tall on slender stems. The Korean Rock fern has a mounding growth habit 10"-14" wide and adds charm to any shade border. Fern care is simple. They like most, well-drained soil with lots of organic compost and expanded shale for aeration and drainage. For a finished, woody look, mulch with pine bark. Perfect companion plants for ferns are yellow columbine, hellebores, Heuchera, violets, mazus and many other shade bloomers. For a punch of vibrant color, add Dragon-wing Begonias. *Need more ideas for your shade garden? Visit [www.nhg.com/products.htm](http://www.nhg.com/products.htm) for their Top 20 Perennials for Shade plant list.*

*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 colorful **garden accessories**.

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

**Fertilize:** Tomatoes, annual flowers, 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](http://www.nhg.com)*

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the perfect gift! Order online or in-store.



## 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 a variety of plants complemented by tools, books and garden accessories. *Call or stop by to place your order. Delivery offered in select Dallas areas for a small fee.*
3. **La Petit Fours Mother's Day Tea:** Relax in our lush greenhouse with mom and enjoy a full afternoon tea service, presented by La Petit Fours. After your tea, enjoy special savings while shopping the nursery that day. *What a great Mother's day gift! May 19th. Seatings at 1:30 & 3:00.*
4. **Visit Our New Lifestyle Area!** Beautiful accessories, delightful fragrances, and unique gifts for the home and the garden are just waiting to be found!
5. **High quality NHG Garden Tools:** Made of stainless steel, these well-made tools will last a lifetime. The right tools make gardening easier!
6. **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!
7. **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.



## 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.*

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

**BONSAI SOCIETY**  
214-357-3048  
Meets the first Saturday at 9AM

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

**DAFFODIL SOCIETY OF DALLAS**  
Dorothy Sable 214-750-0447  
Call for meeting time and place.

**DALLAS ROSE SOCIETY**  
972-394-6077  
Meets the 4th Friday at 6PM.

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

**FIRST MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF DALLAS**  
972-424-0724  
Meets the 3rd Tuesday at 7PM.

**IRIS SOCIETY**  
972-517-7219  
Call for meeting time and place.

**NORTH TEXAS WATER GARDEN SOCIETY**  
972-386-7787  
Call for meeting time and place.

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

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*All plant material 25% off! Trees, annuals, perennials and more!*