

Every Blooming Thing

MAY • JUNE • 2009

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All NHG programs are complimentary and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Visit our Events Page at www.nhg.com for added programs.

~ MAY 2009 ~

SAT, MAY 2

10AM-7PM • **Mothers Day Art Sale** Shop unique gifts from NHG artists for Mother's Day, birthdays, anniversaries or a special gift for yourself! Original jewelry, photography, paintings, knits, computer cozies and more!

4PM • **Save the Bees!** by Janet Rowe, the Bee Charmer. You'll also have an opportunity to purchase hand collected honey.

SAT, MAY 2 • 6PM-9PM

PLANT THE TOWN PINK

Join us for a garden gathering to promote breast cancer awareness benefitting **Dallas County Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure®**. A \$10 per person cash donation at the door will benefit **Komen Dallas**. NHG will also donate 5% of all sales from the event. You'll also get a raffle ticket to win some great door prizes. The first 50 people through the door will receive goodie bags filled with savings and products from NHG and other local businesses. Plus, you'll have the opportunity to purchase limited quantities of pink-themed plants, mixed containers and the Breast Cancer Rose 'Pink Promise'. Quantities are limited. Come have some fun and help us support a great cause! **More info on page 3.**

SUN, MAY 3

2:30PM • **General Orchid Care**

3PM • **Orchid Photography** by Gregg Allikas. Sponsored by the Greater North Texas Orchid Society.

SAT, MAY 9

1PM • **What Should I Do with These**

Herbs? 5 uncommon culinary herbs and how to use them in the kitchen. By Jordan Swim of *Food Creates Community*.

SAT, MAY 16 • **HAPPY 58th BIRTHDAY NORTH HAVEN GARDENS!**

Our birthday is May 15th, so we're treating our Saturday shoppers to some sweet deals and birthday cupcakes.

1:30PM • **Shade Gardens** by Dean Brown, Dallas County Master Gardener.

SUN, MAY 17

1PM • **Drought Tolerant Gardens** by Janet Smith, Dallas County Master Gardener.

SAT, MAY 23

10AM-1PM • **Adopt a Pup!**

From Animal Rescue of Texas.



1PM • **Planting for Butterflies** by Dale Clark, President, Lepidopterist Society.

SUN, MAY 31

11AM-4PM • **Gardening 101**

Learn all you need to know about Texas gardening! This is a great class for those new to the area, beginner gardeners or experienced gardeners looking for a refresher course. \$65/\$60 for Grow Card Members. Price includes lunch, the new book **"Easy Gardens for North Texas"** (Retail value \$29.99), class handouts on soil amendments, planting, maintenance and more all bound up in an easy to use binder. You'll also receive a free ticket to the Dallas Arboretum to inspire you! Sign up early! Class fills quickly. Details at www.nhg.com.

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SUN, JUN 7

2:30PM • **General Orchid Care**

3:00PM • **Weird Orchid Series** by Eric Michaels, Michaels Orchids. Sponsored by the Greater North Texas Orchid Society.

SAT, JUN 13

1:30PM • **Tons of Tomatoes** by Tom Wilten, Dallas County Master Gardener. Come early!

JUN 14 • **SALSA SUNDAY!** Think you're hot stuff in the kitchen? Use fresh veggies, herbs and even fruit to create your very best salsa then enter our annual Salsa Sunday contest! Win great prizes and bragging rights to the best salsa at NHG! **Visit www.nhg.com for rules, an entry form and a schedule of events.**

GREAT PRIZES!

1ST PRIZE: \$100 NHG Gift Card
2ND PRIZE: \$75 NHG Gift Card
3RD PRIZE: \$50 NHG Gift Card



GUEST JUDGE: Jeffrey Kowitz of **Taco Joint** on Peak St. They have some of the best tacos and salsa in town! www.thetacojoint.com



1:30PM • **Preserving Your Harvest through Canning & Pickling** Melitta Taylor, Master Gardener. Local canning expert and vegetable gardener, Melitta, offers a great beginner program on preserving tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and more.

SAT, JUN 20

1PM • **Summer Salads** by Jordan Swim of *Food Creates Community*.

SAT, JUN 27

10:30AM • **Lavender, Lavender, Lavender** Sponsored by the Herb Society of America. Become a member!

1:30PM • **Fall Vegetables** by Alison Swann, NHG Staff. Now is the time to plan for your fall veggie garden! Get a head-start on success!



Daylilies: Tough & Beautiful

by Don Miller, NHG Staff

One of our most requested blooms is the Daylily. Daylilies (*Hemerocallis*) are very easy and dependable perennials to grow. They like full sun or light shade and good drainage. It is best to mix plenty of compost and expanded shale with the existing soil before planting to ensure good drainage. Once established, they do not need very much water. They come in a variety of shades such as yellow, orange, red, and lavender. A water wise companion for your daylilies would be the hardy blue aster (*Aster oblongifolia*) which gets 3ft tall and is covered with blue flowers in the fall. If your looking for spring and summer color with your daylilies try the Black foot Daisy. It gets about 6" to 8" tall and has white, fragrant daisy-like flowers. These combined with other water thrifty plants will give you a beautiful low-maintenance garden.



Water Right This Summer

by Chuck Goecke, MTCNP

Properly watering your garden and lawn will save water, money and your plants. New plantings have different water needs than established plants. Established plants benefit from deep, infrequent watering. Water 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. New plants do best when water is applied directly to the soil around them more frequently. In very hot weather, newly planted 1 or 5 gallon plants may need water applied the same way you would water new plants every other or even every day. Hand watering or a drip system is recommended for watering new plants for their first summer. 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 in the intervening days.



What's Eating My Garden?

by Christine Hensley, TCNP

So, the veggie garden is all planted and growing. But, all of a sudden it looks good to every insect and disease, too! Here are some common things that could be troubling your garden and some solutions for them. Release ladybugs to treat aphids, mealybugs, and spider mites. Set out praying mantis egg cases. Praying mantids are voracious predators that eat anything they can catch! If you're noticing holes in your leaves, or whole shoots are missing, you've probably got caterpillars. Treat these with Bt (brand name **Thuricide**) or **Spinosad**, or gently remove them from your plants and give them to a butterfly gardener! Spinosad will also take care of a number of beetles, pill bugs and other pests that find your produce tasty. Powdery stuff on the leaves (light or dark) is mildew and can be easily treated with a spray application of potassium bicarbonate or wettable sulfur. Tomatoes will benefit from an application of **Soil Menders Plant Wash** to ward off late blight. Remember that a healthy plant is the best treatment for pests and diseases, so make sure that your veggie garden receive at least 6 hours of direct sunlight, and is fertilized and watered consistently. *Is a bug eating at your garden? Bring in an affected leaf and we'll set you up with the right solution to your problem.*

Attract Butterflies and Hummingbirds

by Alison Swann, NHG Staff

Whether your yard is shady, sunny or both, you can attract hummingbirds and butterflies! Part of the fun is being able to watch your guests eat the nectar from plants you've provided. Keep this in mind when planning your garden. Butterflies and hummingbirds are attracted to a range of perennials, annuals, trees, herbs and more. Some plants attract both, such as shade-loving Columbine. The red variety is especially attractive to hummingbirds. Sun-loving Bee Balm is another plant that attracts both. Hummingbirds are also very fond of salvias, pentas, summer phlox, canna lilies and honeysuckle. For butterflies, you'll want to plant "host" plants on which they will lay their eggs and nectar plants to feed them. Dill, fennel, violets and hibiscus are excellent host plants. Jasmine, passion flowers, lantanas and lavender make beautiful nectar plants. Rue is the host for the giant swallowtail, so, be sure to plant plenty for these gorgeous creatures. For a complete list of plants to attract butterflies and hummingbirds visit the plant list page at www.nhg.com/gardensolutions.htm. Or, come by NORTH HAVEN GARDENS and we'll help you put together a beautiful garden that will attract the winged friends you love!

New Eco Friendly Products

by Mickie Chenault, NHG Staff

My two new favorite eco-friendly products here at NORTH HAVEN GARDENS are the **Mason Bee Nests & Ladybug Houses**. You'll see more fruit and veggie production in the garden if you attract friendly **Mason Bees**. You can encourage them to come to your garden by putting out a Mason Bee Nest. Mason bees are one of the best pollinators that we can encourage to come to our gardens. If you provide them with clean, dry and safe nesting sites the bees will go forth and multiply. They will in turn provide you with better pollination of your fruits and veggies. **Ladybugs** are one of a gardener's best friends! If you provide a **Ladybug House** for the ladybugs in your garden they will have a safe haven to go to during periods of inactivity. After all, a busy ladybug and her brood can devour hundreds of soft bodied insects in a day, so she just might need a little rest every now and then. *NORTH HAVEN GARDENS has lots of great organic and eco-friendly products to make your garden, your home and your world a little safer!*



NOW is the TIME...

Summer Veggies

by Leslie Finical Halleck, M.S.

Summer is on the way, and there are plenty of vegetables that can go into the garden in May and June. Now is the perfect time to start Summer squash and zucchini by direct seeding them into the garden. You can also plant transplants of eggplant and direct seed okra and black-eyed peas. If you missed starting your Spring tomatoes from seed in January, you can start your Fall tomatoes from seed in May. Come June, you can direct seed cantaloupe and watermelon along with a second round of eggplant from seed. June is a good time to plant transplants of hot peppers, and starting late in the month you can plant transplants of Fall tomatoes. If you're just getting your veggie garden started, come check out our vegetable demonstration garden. We've built a variety of raised beds for you to view and we sell bulk soil you can have delivered to your home. We recommend our **Specialty Planting Mix** for vegetable beds. It has organic compost, high-quality topsoil, expanded shale, greensand and more all mixed in so it's ready to use. Our minimum delivery of 4 cubic yards will fill about five 4'x 4' raised beds, or three 4'x 6' beds. 4 cubic yards may sound like a lot of soil, but it's actually just enough for most raised bed or bed amending projects. You can also split the load between your planting mix and mulch.



2008 SALSA SUNDAY First Prize Winner:

Ann Rogers

Ann won a basket of herbs and a \$100 NHG Gift Card!

ROASTED CORN & BLACK BEAN SALSA

- 4-6 ears roasted corn
- 1 can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 chopped avocado
- 1 chopped red onion
- handful of cilantro
- red pepper
- jalepenos to taste
- chopped green onion
- garlic to taste
- black pepper and salt to taste
- lime juice
- 1 chopped tomato
- handful of mint
- soy sauce

Chop and combine all ingredients except avocado. Mix well. Add chopped avocado just before serving.



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- 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 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.

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- 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.

DALLAS MANDATORY WATERING GUIDELINES

April 1 to Oct. 1, watering of lawns/landscapes with an irrigation system or sprinkler is prohibited 10am-6pm. Watering with a hand-held hose or a soaker hose is permitted at any time. Don't allow your sprinkler system to water driveways, sidewalks and streets. Do not water or irrigate lawns/landscapes during any form of precipitation. Rain/freeze sensors are required on all irrigation systems installed on or after Jan. 1, 2002. As of Jan. 1, 2005 all irrigation systems must be equipped with rain sensing devices and freeze gauges. Violations of these guidelines can result in fines of \$250-\$2,000 per incident. For water conservation information, call 214-670-3155.

Plant the Town Pink! • MAY 2ND, 6PM-9PM

Help us raise money for breast cancer research and the **Dallas County Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure®** by joining us for a special after hours garden gathering! Come by NHG between 6pm and 9pm May 2nd to shop, enjoy the swanky sounds of Shibboleth, local wine from Times Ten Cellars, gourmet pizza by Cane Rosso, FREE 15 minute Garden Coach sessions, Mary Kay makeovers, local arts and crafts, gardening demos and more!

A \$10 per person cash donation at the door gets you access to the event and benefits **Komen Dallas**. NHG will also donate 5% of all sales from the event. Everyone attending the event will also get a raffle ticket to win some great door prizes. The first 50 people through the door will receive goodie bags filled with savings and products from NHG and other local businesses. Plus, you'll have the opportunity to purchase limited quantities of pink-themed plants, mixed containers and the Breast Cancer Rose 'Pink Promise'. Quantities are limited. Come have some fun and help us support a great cause!

Many thanks to our event partners Whole Foods, Times Ten Cellars, Cane Rosso, Snappy Salads, Mary Kay, Harvest Supply, Monrovia, Edible Dallas Magazine, Really Bad Kitty and Raw Food Dallas.



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Basil: Make a Fresh Pesto

by Kay Nelson, NHG Garden Coach, TCNP

When asked “what is your favorite herb?” basil is at the top of the list. It’s got the flavor, fragrance and beauty that make it a perfect herb for the spring and summer garden. *Ocimum basilicum* grows best in a full 6 hours of sun. Basil can wilt in our extreme heat of summer and would benefit from filtered afternoon shade. Like many herbs, basil prefers moist, well-drained, compost-rich soil and to be fed regularly with **NHG Organic Herb & Veggie Food**.

What is our favorite food to make with basil? Pesto of course! Pesto freezes well, so you can make extra batches to use over the winter. Thai basil adds a slight mint or licorice flavor to pesto. ‘Pesto Perpetuo’ is a compact, slow bolting basil with a pure, sweet flavor, excellent for pesto. Tomato, mozzarella and basil salad is another wonderful meal for summer. Plus, it’s the best way to use an abundance of your homegrown tomatoes! ‘Genovese’ is a tender, large basil with a wonderfully strong fragrance that looks beautiful with tomatoes and mozzarella. You can also use basil in baking. Add a handful of cinnamon basil to cookies or lemon basil to poundcake. Entertaining this summer? Crush lime basil into a glass with sugar then top off with ice, soda water and rum. No garden is complete without basil! **NORTH HAVEN GARDENS** has all the best varieties through summer.

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 3pm

Bonsai Society

972-754-9883

Meets the first Saturday at 9:00am

Daylily Growers of Dallas

972-669-0291

Meets the third Saturday at 10am

Greenbee Organic and Sustainable Club

214-363-6715 ext. 326

Meets first Saturday at 1pm

Herb Society of America

Meets the fourth Saturday at 10am

Ikebana Creations

Call Sue Smith 972-424-8516

Meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday
from 12:30pm-3:30pm

Iris Society

Meets the third Sunday at 3pm

Southwestern Fern Society

214-691-4364

Meets the second Sunday at 3pm

Greater North Texas Orchid Society

214-691-4364

Meets the first Sunday at 3pm

