

# NORTH HAVEN Gardens

# Every Blooming Thing

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## NHG SCHOOL OF GARDENING

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.

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Events and programs outlined or placed in a green box are presented by NHG staff!

### ~ MAY 2011 ~

**FRI, MAY 6 • NOON LEARN AT LUNCH**  
**Start Tomato Seeds for Fall Harvest** by Christine Hensley, TCNP, NHG Staff

**SAT, MAY 7**  
**9AM-NOON • Ask the Bonsai Society!** Join the Dallas Bonsai Society for an informal morning of Q&A. Great opportunity to find out what's needed to start a bonsai.

**10AM-3PM • Canary Rescue** Meet the rescuers, breeders and hobbyists to learn more about this lovely bird. Birds available for adoption.



**3PM • FREE Film: Vanishing of the Bees**  
Refreshments and a great film about the plight of the bees and how we can help.

**SUN, MAY 8**  
**3PM • Making Compost** by the Southwest Fern Society

**FRI, MAY 13 • NOON LEARN AT LUNCH**  
**Festive Tropicals for Patios, Decks & Pool-side** by Liz DelTurco, NHG Garden Advisor

**HAPPY 60TH BIRTHDAY NORTH HAVEN GARDENS!** **SAT, MAY 14 & SUN, MAY 15**  
FREE 15min Garden Consults, 15 min Garden Coach consultations all day, store specials, balloons for kids and cupcakes from 11am-1pm.

**SAT, MAY 14**  
**10:30AM • Soiless Soils** by the Alpha African Violet Society

**1PM • Bonsai 101: Getting Started** by Diane Lowe. Interested in Bonsai but not sure where to start? Don't miss this beginner class to get your own Bonsai plant growing.

**SUN, MAY 15**  
**1PM • Growing Scintillating Citrus!** by Christine Hensley, TCNP, NHG Staff

**FRI, MAY 20 • NOON LEARN AT LUNCH**  
**Raise Backyard Chickens** by Leslie Finical Halleck, NHG GM, MS

**SAT, MAY 21**  
**11AM • Evaluating Floral Characteristics of Daylilies** by the Daylily Growers of Dallas



**SAT, MAY 21**  
**1PM • Grow Veggies & Herbs in Containers for Small Spaces** by NHG Staff. Hosted by NHG & the Village Apartments

**SUN, MAY 22**  
**1PM • Grow Summer Vegetables** by Christine Hensley, TCNP, NHG Plant Buyer. Hosted by NHG & Slow Food Dallas



**SUN, MAY 28**  
**10:30AM • Plants, Herbs and Flowers of the Bible and Near East** by Lucia Bettler. Meet the Herb Society of America

### ~ JUNE 2011 ~

**SAT, JUN 4**  
**9AM • Bonsai Summer Care** Join the Dallas Bonsai Society by the Dallas Bonsai Society

**SAT, JUNE 4**  
**6:30PM-9PM**  
**PLANT THE TOWN PINK!**  
We're raising money for **Susan G. Komen for the Cure®** by having a garden gathering! Shop until 9pm on this special night. We'll be serving wine, local foods, & other treats. Visit with local businesses & artists, enjoy great music and more! \$10 Donation at the door to SGK to enter. *Goody bags to the first 50 people who arrive between 6pm-9pm. More event details, sponsors & partners at [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com).*



*Silver Jewelry by Lita Petrovic, Containers Creations by Terrain Horticultural, Neil Serry Magazine, D Home, Kessler Cookie Company, Celebration Market, On Butterflies Wings & more!*

**SUN, JUN 5**  
**1PM • Keeping the Garden Green: Proper Summer Watering** by NHG Staff



**JUN 18 • SALSA SATURDAY & TOMATO TASTING!** Prizes given for the best salsa recipes! Put those tomatoes and herbs you so tenderly cared for all season to good use! Use fresh veggies, herbs and even fruit to create your very best salsa! *Be creative! Do you make amazingly fresh tasting fruit salsa? This year, we have a category for fruit salsa! Visit [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com) for rules and an entry form.*

#### GREAT PRIZES!

**1ST PRIZE:** \$100 NHG Gift Card + Taco Joint GC  
**2ND PRIZE:** \$75 NHG Gift Card + Taco Joint GC  
**3RD PRIZE:** \$50 NHG Gift Card + Taco Joint GC

#### Judging by Taco Joint

[www.thetacojoint.com](http://www.thetacojoint.com)

**10AM - until gone! • Tomato Tasting** We've harvested a variety of heirloom and hybrid tomatoes from our NHG Organic Market Garden for you to taste. Plan your fall harvest today!

**NOON - 1PM • FREE Tacos by Taco Joint!**

**1PM • Fall Tomatoes & Peppers** by Christine Hensley, TCNP, Salsa winner announced!

**2PM • Canning & Pickling** by Christine Hensley, TCNP, NHG Staff.

**SAT, JUN 25**  
**3PM • The Terrestrial Bromeliads** by the Bromeliad Society



#### SUCCULENT CONTAINERS: Unique & Modern

Succulent container gardens by Cody Hoya & Robbie Richards of Terrain Horticultural. Their one-of-a-kind combinations of found objects, succulents and other unusual specimens create conversation pieces you won't find anywhere else. *In-store now for a limited time.*



### Organic Product Spotlight: Serenade Garden

provides protection against a broad spectrum of the most common fungal and bacterial garden diseases, yet is completely non-toxic to bees and beneficial insects. It is so safe you can confidently harvest and eat fruits and vegetables the very same day they are treated. There are no weather or timing restrictions limiting its application. Give it a try!



### MOTHER'S DAY GIFT IDEA!

Treat mom to a session with our **Garden Coach** at Mom's home or in-store. She'll get her own personal coach to go over ideas and inspiration of what to plant in her dream garden! Details online at [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com) and in-store.



### Fresh Garlic & Onions from Your Garden!

Did you plant Garlic bulbs in fall and Onion sets in late winter? May is the time to begin to harvest. Missed out on planting onions and garlic? Look for garlic bulbs in September and onion sets in January. You can plant onion seeds in fall.



## Festive Tropicals for Patios, Decks & Pool-side

by Liz DelTurco, NHG Staff

Create a backyard oasis by bringing the brilliant colors of the tropics to your landscape! Make a bold statement with large containers of Lily of the Nile, Bird of Paradise, Esperanza, and Hibiscus. Fill your hanging baskets with Bougainvillea, Russelia and Plumbago. Enjoy the sweetly scented blooms of Jasmines, Datura, and Spicy Jatropa. If you have shade, make your own jungle with Elephant Ears, tree ferns, and Persian Shield. All container plants will appreciate a fertile, well-drained soil like **NHG Organic Premium Potting Soil**. Tropical plants are heavy feeders, so fertilize monthly with **Espoma Palm-tone** for palms, ferns, and foliage plants. Use **NutriStar Bougainvillea Fertilizer** to keep all your tropical blooms colorful and healthy.



## Fabulous Foliage!

by Patricia Brodeur, NHG Asst. Manager

Wondering what to do with that spot under the shade tree where even St. Augustine grass won't grow? Plant Hostas! Hostas are lush, shade-loving perennials which come in a variety of sizes and color. We have a huge selection of Hostas including our newest favorite **Hosta 'Guacamole'** with its avocado green leaves and deep veins...this one's a beauty! **Hosta 'Albo Marginata'** has green leaves with white leaf margins and pale lavender blooms; **'Golden Tiara'** produces lavender blooms above pale green leaves with chartreuse margins; **'Medio Variegata'** has unique, twisted, lance-shaped leaves with creamy centers edged with light and dark green streaks; **'Patriot'** is a favorite with frosty blue-green leaves and lavender flowers; and undoubtedly the king of the Hosta garden has to be **'Royal Standard'** with its sweetly-scented, white blooms dancing above bright green leaves creating a mound up to 2ft high and 4ft wide. For small, shady spots and containers Hosta **'Mouse Ears'** is an excellent choice as it only grows to 8" high and up to 12". *Be sure to sprinkle Sluggo at the base of each plant to keep the snails at bay.*

### DALLAS MANDATORY WATERING GUIDELINES

April 1 to Oct. 31, 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.



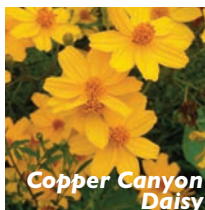
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## My Favorite Drought Tolerant Plants

by Rusty Allen, NHG Garden Advisor

My favorite summer plants are not only colorful, but are usually xeric (low water) and attract beneficial insects, butterflies and birds. Plus, they're often natives or adapted, so they're tough plants you only plant once. Some of my favorites include...

- **Anisacanthus**, a small shrub with red blooms that the hummingbirds love.
- **Red Yucca** has salmon-red blossoms held high above a soft, grassy form.
- **Copper Canyon Daisy** is a large, fragrant-leaved plant with bright yellow blossoms.
- **Zexmenia** is a super tough wildflower that seems to be always in bloom.
- **Damianita, Skullcap** and **Katie's Ruellia** provide low mounding color with lots of blooms through spring, summer and fall.



Copper Canyon Daisy



Red Yucca



Skullcap

Until these perennials get established, I like to just pop out what is fading from spring and add summer annuals such as **Zinnia** or **Purslane**. Both also attract bees. *Come visit us at the garden center to select from the largest variety of plants for sun and shade to help cure your summer doldrums and keep your water bills low.*

## Fall Tomatoes

Join us **May 6th at Noon** for **"Start Tomatoes by Seed for Fall Harvest"**.

Then come back for **Salsa Saturday & Tomato Tasting**

**June 18th!** Create your best salsa and enter to win prizes from NORTH HAVEN GARDENS and Taco Joint. We'll also have another mini-market and offer classes on **"Canning & Pickling"** and **"Planting Tomatoes for Fall Harvest"**. Throughout the day, you'll be able to taste a variety of tomatoes straight from our NHG Organic Market Garden. More details at [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com).



### 2010 SALSA CONTEST First Prize Winner: Jo Garcia

Jo won a \$100 Gift Card to North Haven Gardens + \$25 Taco Joint!

#### CHILE D'ARBOL

- 8 dried Chile de Arbol (qty depends on how hot you like it!)
- 1/16 of a fresh white onion
- Fresh garlic (1 raw clove is good)
- 10 Tomatillos (husked & boiled)
- 1/2 bunch of cilantro
- Tsp Salt or to taste
- Boil the chilies and tomatillos until soft. Transfer to a blender and add the other remaining ingredients. Blend together. Add limes at the end for extra flavor. Wonderful served over eggs or on tacos.



# NOW is the TIME...



## MAY

- Leave lots of hints around the house about **Mother's Day gifts** you are hoping for—an NHG Gift Card, EarthKind™ Roses, fountains & more.
- **Plant** caladium bulbs and summer bedding plants such as lantana, marigolds, purslane and zinnia; perennials, herbs, warm-season vegetables.
- Missed your spring planting of tomatoes? **Start seeds for Fall tomato harvest.** Plant transplants of eggplant, peppers and okra and direct seed black-eyed peas and okra.
- **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, Plant Wash and Serenade Garden for control of black spot, powdery mildew and other fungal diseases.

## JUNE

- **Father's Day** is around the corner! Make sure the kids know you want top quality tools and a gift card from North Haven Gardens!
- **Plant** warm-season annuals such as periwinkle, copper plant, vegetables, tropicals, fall-flowering perennials; re-pot houseplants.
- **Vegetables:** Begin harvesting tomatoes from spring planting. Keep tomato plants watered consistently to prevent cracking of the fruit. Harvest bush beans, peppers and summer herbs such as basil, oregano, sage and chives.
- **Fertilize** summer-flowering plants; potted plants.
- **Pests:** Spray horticultural oil or Spinosad for spider mites, lace bugs, thrips, and scale.
- **Mulch, mulch, mulch** to keep in moisture and protect against harsh, hot temperatures this summer.
- **Watering:** Use **Gator-Bags** to help keep newly planted trees and shrubs properly watered. Water established plants deeply and infrequently. Established lawns, shrubs and trees will need a deep watering about once per week. Do not rely on your sprinkler system to adequately water new plantings. Provide supplemental hand watering to new plants several times a week, as needed. Early morning, between 6am-8am is best. Watering in the evening encourages fungal diseases in your turf, ornamental and vegetable plantings.

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

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**NOT SURE WHAT TO GET THE  
GARDENER IN YOUR LIFE?**  
**NORTH HAVEN GARDENS Gift Cards**  
*make the perfect gift! Order online or in-store.*



## Organic Mosquito & Flea Control

by Kato Crow, TCNP, NHG Garden Advisor

Now is the time to focus on warm weather entertaining, not biting bugs. Start early to get the best results!

- **Beneficial Nematodes** are microscopic worms that attack soil-dwelling insects (like fleas and grubs) without harming plants. Simply mix with water and spray on lawn. Release at dusk and keep the soil moist to keep them thriving.
- An organic repellent for fleas and mosquitoes is a monthly application of **Yard Safe Cedar-coated Granules** anywhere you, or your pets, walk in the garden.
- Other pleasant scented repellents include **Skeeter Screen** reed diffusers and **Yard Safe Cedarcide** or **Citronella spray**.
- Use **mosquito dunks** monthly or **mosquito bits** every two weeks to kill mosquito larvae. This biological mosquito control can be used in water gardens, flower pots, French drains and bird baths but won't hurt the squirrels or birds.

*We have many more products for adult flea control both indoors and out. Visit us this month for more products and ideas on how to keep your family and pets bite-free.*

## Succulent Squash by Christine Hensley, NHG Staff, TCNP

We are so lucky that we live in North Texas! It means we can plant edibles 12 months a year. In May, we love to plant squash. What we call summer squash is harvested as immature fruit, and winter squash is harvested as mature fruit. Zucchini, yellow squash, and patty pan are all types of summer squash. Butternut, acorn, and spaghetti are all types of winter squash. Plant both types of squash in May because they need the warm temperatures of summer to produce fruit. Squash, like almost all vegetables, requires full sun, consistent moisture, and good drainage. The most common issue with squash is mildew, which can occur in cool humid weather and treated is with potassium bicarbonate. Squash vine borers and squash bugs, also common pests, can be treated with applications of spinosad. *Other yummy vegetable transplants available now include peppers, okra and eggplant. And don't forget! It's always a good time to plant herbs. Summer favorites include Basil, Mint (for Mojitos!), rosemary and lavender.*

## 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.

### **Alpha African Violet Society**

Meets 2nd Saturday at 11am

### **Begonia Society**

Meets the fourth Sunday at 3pm

### **Bonsai Society**

More info at [www.bonsaisocietyofdallas.com](http://www.bonsaisocietyofdallas.com)  
Meets the first Saturday at 9am

### **Bromeliad Society**

More info at [www.dfwbromeliads.com](http://www.dfwbromeliads.com)  
Meets Saturday, every other month, 3pm

### **Daylily Growers of Dallas**

More info at [www.dallasdaylilies.com](http://www.dallasdaylilies.com)  
Meets the third Saturday at 10am

### **Herb Society of America**

Meets the fourth Saturday at 10am

### **Texas Daffodil Society**

More info [www.texasdaffodilsociety.org](http://www.texasdaffodilsociety.org)  
Meets the second Tuesday October-February

### **Iris Society**

Meets the third Sunday at 3pm

### **Greater North Texas Orchid Society**

More info at [www.gntos.org](http://www.gntos.org)  
Meets the first Sunday at 3pm

### **Dallas Backyard Poultry Meetup Group**

[www.meetup.com/dallasbackyardpoultry](http://www.meetup.com/dallasbackyardpoultry)  
Meetings vary. Check website.

