

NORTH HAVEN Gardens

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NHG SCHOOL OF GARDENING

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

~ MAY 2012 ~

FRI, MAY 4

NOON-1PM • **Start Tomato Seeds for Fall Harvest** by Christine Hensley, NHG Plant Buyer

FRI, MAY 4

4PM-7PM • **Garden Happy Hour** Join us the first Friday of each month. We stay open an hour later so you can enjoy shopping in a relaxed environment with **complimentary Times Ten Cellars** wine, **Shiner beer**, and light appetizers.

SAT, MAY 5

9AM-NOON • **Bonsai Skills** Bonsai Society of Dallas. Regular meeting, plus four different skills workstations on various techniques used in the creation and maintenance of bonsai. FREE

SUN, MAY 6

2:30PM • **Orchids 101**
3PM • **Cattleyas, Phalaenopsis, & Galeanda Orchids** by John Stubbings, N. Tx. Orchid Society.



SAT & SUN, MAY 5 & 6
SPRING HERB FESTIVAL
All 4" Herbs are Only \$1.99!
Stock up on all your favorite flavors!

SATURDAY PROGRAMS

11AM • **Culinary Herbs** by Kay Nelson, TCNP, NHG Garden Coach. Create butters, dressings and flavored oils in the kitchen

1PM • **Learn to Make Compost** by Heather Rinaldi, Texas Worm Ranch.

2PM • **Texas Honeybee Guild** Don't miss this entertaining presentation on the beauty of bees! *Purchase local honey, too!*

SUNDAY PROGRAMS

1-1:45PM • **Herb Gardens 101** by Kay Nelson, TCNP. What does it take to start an herb garden? Kay helps keep it simple to grow and harvest herbs year round.

1:45-2:15PM • **POP UP Class: Tour of Herbs**
Meet in the large conference room.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NHG!

SAT, MAY 12 & SUN, MAY 13

We're 61 years young! Celebrate with **Trailer Cakes** cupcakes on Sat, plant specials all weekend, giveaways, and of course, the best plant advice from expert staff you've come to know and love!



SAT, MAY 12

1PM • **Start Vegetable Seeds Now!** by Christine Hensley, NHG Plant Buyer, BS. Growing successful seeds is all about the timing and the time is now! Tomatoes, okra, eggplant and more.

SAT, MAY 19

11AM • **Tool Care** by the Daylily Growers of Dallas

1PM • **Texas Superstars!** by Brent Pemberton, Professor, Texas AgriLife Research. Drought and heat tolerant plants that perform great in N.Texas.

2:30PM • **POP UP Class: Proper Watering Through Summer** by Kato Crow

SUN, MAY 27

11AM - 4PM • **Texas Gardening 101** Great class for those new to the area, beginner or experienced gardeners looking for a refresher course. \$65/\$60 for Grow Card Members. Price includes the new book **Easy Gardens for North Texas** (Retail value \$29.99), lunch, class handouts on soil amendments, planting, maintenance and more all in an easy to use binder. **Application in-store, over the phone or at www.nhg.com**

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SAT, JUN 2

1PM • **POP UP Class: Ornamental Grasses** by Sandi Holmes-Schwedler

2PM • **POP UP Class: Proper Watering Through Summer** by Carolyn Kennedy

SUN, JUN 3

3PM • **Native Terrestrial Orchids of Texas** by Dottie Woodsen, N. TX. Orchid Society

SAT, JUN 9

11:30AM • **POP UP Class: Texas Natives & Adapted Plants** by Rusty Allen

1PM • **Creating Contemporary Containers with Succulents** by Cody Hoya, Terrain Horticultural. Want to meet who creates our custom, in house succulent containers? Now is your chance to learn from one of the best. Plants, concept, and maintenance are discussed.



2PM • **POP UP Class: Summer Succulents**
After Cody's class, learn more about what's in stock to plant in your summer containers.

SUN, JUN 10

3PM • **Companion Plants for Ferns** by the Southwest Fern Society.

SAT, JUN 16

11AM • **POP UP Class: Proper Watering Through Summer** by Rusty Allen

SAT, JUN 23

10:30AM • **Herbal Bread & Spreads: Chutneys, butters, mustards, & more** by Becky Watts, Small Potatoes Catering. By the Herb Society of America.



TACO JOINT

JUN 23 • **SALSA SATURDAY!** Now is the time to plant for fall tomato harvest! Plus, enter your best salsa to win prizes from NHG, Taco Joint, and Artizone.

NOON • **Salsas MUST be entered at NHG. Judging begins at noon.**

1PM • **Fall Tomatoes & Hot Peppers**

Winners are announced! Then learn to grow your fall harvest of tomatoes and peppers.

2PM • **Canning & Pickling Made Easy** by Christine Hensley, NHG Plant Buyer. Christine talks about what you'll need to properly preserve your harvest, plus tips to do it right. Bromeliad Society.

UGLY GARDEN CONTEST 2012

Is your lawn scorched? Are your garden beds a jungle? Enter our **Ugly Garden Contest**. Take pictures of your front or back garden, print them out along with a reason why your garden is so ugly, and bring to NORTH HAVEN GARDENS by 5pm, August 24th. We'll choose 5 finalists and visit their homes to assess how bad their landscape really is. Winner (or loser) announced Fri, Sep. 7th. You must be in our NHG Delivery zone to qualify. See last years winner and more details at www.nhg.com/uglygardens.htm

All Finalists win a FREE in-store session with our NHG Garden Coach.

1st prize winner will win...

- 2 spots to our Sep. 11th Gardening 101 Class
- \$500 NHG Gift Cert.
- 2 FREE In-store, 45 min sessions with Kay Nelson, NHG Garden Coach
- You'll be featured on our Facebook Page and on our website
- Stay tuned for more prizes...





Vitex

Summer Shrubs & Small Trees

In our **March-April 2012 Newsletter** (you can see it at www.nhg.com), we told you about some of our favorite heat hardy perennials. Now let's talk about shrubs and small trees. Our September-October newsletter will feature drought hardy trees to plant in fall. Visit the store to see our entire selection of recommendations for your summer garden.

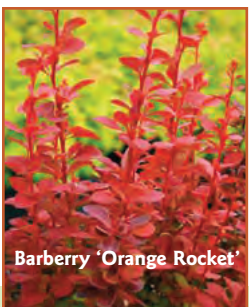
Vitex – This quick growing, small tree offers very pretty spikes of purple flowers through summer. Very drought tolerant. Full sun.

Barberry – 'Crimson Pygmy', 'Lime Glow', 'Orange Rocket', and 'Sun Joy Gold Pillar'. Varieties range from bright cherry red to electric lime green. Spectacular spring, summer and fall color. Full sun.

Rose 'Valentine' – Most of our roses in-stock thrive through the summer heat with many blooming again in fall. We love 'Valentine' because of its large, deep red blooms. Full sun.

Agave – Agaves, cactus and other succulents are beautiful mixed in with summer blooming perennials such as various Salvias, Blackfoot Daisy, Rudbeckia, Texas Primrose, and more. Full sun.

Pomegranate – Both dwarf and standard size plants. The dwarf variety, at 3'x3' produces a tart, but lovely fruit, while the tree variety produces large, edible fruits. Full sun.



Barberry 'Orange Rocket'



Rose 'Valentine'

Start Your Summer Herb Garden in 3 Easy Steps!

by Kay Nelson, NHG Garden Coach, TCNP

1. Select a site and make it ready! Herbs must have at least 6 hours of sun. Amend soil with **expanded shale** and **lava sand** to improve drainage; organic **compost** to stimulate microbial activity.

2. Select, plant and care for your favorite herbs. **Basil** is always on the top of the list. We offer a huge selection of wonderful varieties including Sweet, Genovese, Thai, Purple, and Lemon Basil. Every proper herb garden must have Chives, Parsley, Sage, Rosemary, and Thyme. Mexican Mint Marigold is an excellent substitute for tarragon in summer.

Herbs are happy in pots as well as in the ground. Our favorite soil for container gardens is **NHG Premium Organic Potting Soil**. Fertilize with **NHG Organic Herb and Veggie Food**. **Top dress with mulch to hold in moisture**. Growing Mediterranean herbs such as lavender, oregano, or sage? Expanded Shale is an excellent top dress to keep leaves dry. Those **Pesky Pests**. Apply liquid seaweed or fish emulsion. Release ladybugs and lacewings.

3. You've Done the Work, Now Reap the Rewards! Harvest your herbs when you need them. Make herbal vinegar, sachets, herb butter, salad dressings, pestos and more! Herbs are also wonderful added to summer bouquets.



Vinca



Zinnia



Coleus

Lift Your Spirits with Color!

by Carolyn Hestand Kennedy, NHG Garden Advisor

Colorful flowers lift your spirits and express a message to visitors that you care about your home. Brighten up your containers and flower beds with beautiful blooms that, with proper care, will flourish from summer through fall.

Sun Gardens: My favorites include the reliable **Vinca**, a.k.a. Periwinkle, in both upright and trailing forms. **Zinnias** provide sunny hues and prevail in summer temperatures. Less well known, but equally gorgeous and heat tolerant, **Angelonia** flower spikes add height to containers. Of course, **Alamanda**, **Esperanza**, **Hibiscus**, **Bougainvillea** and **Plumbago** are festive tropicals planted in the garden or in colorful pots on sunny patios and especially around the pool and water features.

Shade Gardens: Update the look of shade-loving favorites like green leafed **Begonias** and **Impatiens**, by combining them with interesting foliage plants such as **Persian Shield**, and **Coleus** for height and contrast. Consider using tropical house plants, often grown only indoors, as lush accents to the shaded patio through summer.

Thorough watering is imperative to your success this summer. 2"-3" of mulch will help retain water and cool soil temperatures. By adding amendments such as expanded shale and organic compost will prepare your garden to withstand extreme temperatures. Feed through the season with **NHG Organic Bedding Food**.



Ornamental Grasses for Summer & Beyond!

by Sandi Holmes-Schwedler, NHG Garden Advisor, TCNP

Ornamental grasses are the perfect landscape plants. They give you vertical structure, lovely water-like movement in your garden, and the subtle sound of rustling leaves. They are ecologically and resource friendly too since they require far less water (after becoming established), fertilizer, and maintenance than most other plants. Grasses that are native to North Texas are also perfect habitats for beneficial insects and provide birds with seeds, nesting materials and shelter. Most will bloom and turn lovely colors in the fall. Many grasses prefer full sun and very quick draining soil; amend with organic compost and expanded shale. Some of our favorites include:

Gulf Muhly (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*) In fall, this native stops traffic with its feathery, pink foliage! Best planted en masse. 1.5-3 ft. tall perennial grass with a large, airy, seed head up to half as long as the entire plant. Full Sun.

Inland Sea Oats (*Chasmanthium latifolium*) 2-4 ft., clump-forming, native perennial grass bearing large, oat-like flower spikes from slender, arching branches. The blue-green, bamboo-like leaves often turn a bright yellow-gold, especially in sunnier sites, in fall. This grass can handle more water than most and likes shade to part shade conditions.

Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*) A very ornamental bunchgrass with fine-textured foliage that forms very dense mounds 18-24 in. tall. Slender, blue-green stems, appearing in August, reach 3 ft. by September and become radiant mahogany-red with white seed tufts in the fall. Color remains nearly all winter. Full sun to part shade.

Look for these and other ornamental grasses at NORTH HAVEN GARDENS through summer. Join Sandi **June 2nd at 1pm for the POP UP Class: Ornamental Grasses at NHG.**

Fall Harvest Tomatoes

Join us **May 4th at Noon** for “**Start Tomatoes by Seed for Fall Harvest**”. Then come back for **Salsa Saturday June 23rd!** Create your best salsa and enter to win prizes from NORTH HAVEN GARDENS, Taco Joint and Artizone. We'll also offer classes on “**Canning & Pickling**” and “**Planting Tomatoes for Fall**”. Contest details and past winning recipes at www.nhg.com.

NEW! ONLY AT NHG!

Our **OMRI Listed Organic fertilizers** are made with recycled poultry litter. Great for veggie gardens, ornamentals, and lawns!

NHG 3-2-3 & NHG 7-2-2 available in a 30 lb bag.

NHG 7-2-2 also available in a 3.25 lb bucket.

Details at www.nhg.com/nhgfertilizers.htm



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, roses, garden inspired jewelry and home accessories, fountains and 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.

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Keep Your Garden Green: Water the Right Way

by Kato Crow, TCNP, NHG Staff

With the extreme heat and drought last year, would you believe the majority of stressed plants I saw were from over watering?!? And to that I tell you, "You can't make up for heat with water". Plants breathe in the top few inches of soil. When they are breathing they are kicking off new growth, developing fruit and flowers, or defending themselves against pests and diseases. Too dry? Plants shrivel up. Too wet? They won't get oxygen to their tips and so begin to droop. Our initial reaction to drooping is to give them more water. Allow your plants to dry out two inches between each watering and you won't have the overwatering problem. Use a **moisture meter**, a pencil, or your finger to the 2nd knuckle. If it comes up clean, it's time to water. If it's muddy, leave it alone. If you're not sure, wait a day.

Soil Moist Granules This polymer swells up like a sponge and when the soil is dry the stored water is released over an extended period of time. Use in containers or even right in the landscape! It's especially helpful with big leaf plants like cannas, elephant ears, and banana plants. Follow label instructions and don't over use it or your plant will pop out like a muffin!

Organic Lava Sand and **Green Sand** have natural moisture retention qualities.

KoKo Pro Coir Bricks This is one of NHG staff's favorites! These shredded coconut bricks work like magic to absorb and release water in our soil and containers.

Gator Bags keep newly planted trees and shrubs properly watered.

Provide supplemental hand watering to new plantings several times a week with water from your tax-free **Rain Barrels**. Do you have a sprinkler system? Water established plantings and turf deeply (1"-2") once a week 6am-8am, rather than watering shorter periods more frequently. **Mulch 2"-3"** to provide consistent moisture and protect your roots. Vegetable gardens will require more frequent watering because plants have shallow root systems. *Do you have more questions? Come in and speak with talk to a Garden Advisor if you have specific watering questions. Also look out for classes and pop ups on proper watering and drought tolerant plants 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.

1st African Violet Society of Dallas

Meets 3rd Thursday at 10:30am, Sept - May

Alpha African Violet Society

Meets 2nd Saturday at 11am

Bonsai Society

More info at www.bonsaisocietyofdallas.com
Meets the first Saturday at 9am

Daylily Growers of Dallas

More info at www.dallasdaylilies.com
Meets the third Saturday at 11am

Herb Society of America

Meets the fourth Saturday at 10:30am

Iris Society

Meets the third Sunday at 3pm

Greater North Texas Orchid Society

More info at www.gntos.org
Meets the first Sunday at 3pm



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