



*Perennials are a beautiful part of a water-wise landscape.*

## The Importance of Water Wisdom

By Cody Hoya, NHG General Manager



Water is, without a doubt, the most precious substance on earth. As we all continue to implement water-wise practices both inside our homes and out in our gardens, it's important to remember that these steps are necessary not just during times of drought, but as part of a positive, proactive effort to preserve this resource for the future.

The team at NHG is here to help you make the most of your water while continuing to achieve a beautiful and productive garden. Some of our favorite recommendations include:

**Go organic.** Organic soil amendments and fertilizers are a better long-term investment, as they actively support the health of beneficial microorganisms in the soil. Healthy soil stores water more efficiently, reduces runoff, and contributes to the long-term health of your plants.

**Select plants that do more work for you, for less:** native and well-adapted plants are better equipped to handle seasonal extremes in temperature and moisture, stand up better to local insect predators, and require less in the way of fertilizer and special care.

**Find strategic ways to reduce turf space,**



**especially where it's difficult to water efficiently:** narrow strips along paved areas that result in overspray by sprinkler systems can be attractively landscaped with drought-tolerant groundcovers and native grasses.

**Prevent and reduce runoff wherever possible, and use rain barrels to capture overflow from gutter downspouts.** While it's not likely to provide enough water to

irrigate your entire landscape, the supplemental water can be wonderful for heat-stressed container plantings during summer.

If you want to be proactive about water restrictions and efficient water use in your landscape, **come talk with an NHG Garden Advisor** for relevant tips and information. Also plan to join us later this month for **Water Wise Weekend**, when we'll have local experts on-hand to give you the latest information on water issues in north Texas. Until then, savor every drop!





# Caring for Your Summer Lawn

By Chris Pyle, NHG Garden Advisor

Summer is coming! These tips can help ensure your lawn is in the best condition possible before the heat sets in:

Always water more deeply but less frequently to encourage deep root growth. Well-rooted turf will be better prepared to handle heat stress, which is especially important for people dealing with water restrictions.

Soil activators like **Medina Plus** stimulate beneficial microbial activity which helps to loosen and enrich the soil so roots can penetrate deeper.

Core aeration can also be performed for particularly problematic areas.

Topdressing with **Vital Earth Compost** or **Turf Soil Builder** will promote health & vigor and reduce incidences of disease.

Plan to apply fertilizer



soon before the summer heat sets in. Apply according to package directions for your type of turf grass, and always lightly water the fertilizer in immediately after spreading. Watch for yellow or thinning patches as these are indicators of disease or insect damage. Don't start a treatment program until you have the problem positively identified; applying the wrong product can be both a waste of money and make the situation worse. Remember: different types of turf grass need different care; if you are uncertain as to what type of grass you have or how to care for it, see a Garden Advisor—we're always happy to help!

# Attract butterflies & hummingbirds

By Robyn Morris, TCNP, NHG Garden Advisor



Every gardener is delighted to see butterflies and hummingbirds visiting their garden! If you want to invite more of them to yours, adding their favorite plants is the best place to start. As with all beneficial species, it's best to choose plants that are native or well adapted to our area. For butterflies, it's important to consider both larval host plants (LHPs) and nectar plants. The larval host plant is the respective plant a species prefers to lay their eggs on; the nectar plants will provide a food source for them later in life. Nearly all species of butterflies prefer native plants for laying their eggs. Try Cedar Elm, *Ulmus crassifolia*, for the Question Mark butterfly, *Polygonia interrogationis*, and Passionvine, *Passiflora incarnata*, for Fritillaries *Euptoieta sp.*, *Agraulis sp.*, *Julias Dryas sp.* and

Zebra Longwings *Heliconius sp.* Milkweed species *Asclepias sp.* are the most famous LHPs for the Monarch butterfly, *Danaus plexipus*. Tip: our 'Sustain the Migration Mix' from Native American Seed is a great way to get a start on helping this much-loved species survive. For great nectar source plants, we love Coneflowers *Echinacea sp.*, Turk's Cap *Mahonia sp.*, and Lantana *Lantana sp.* Native plants that provide both a host and nectar source include Frog Fruit, *Phylla incisa*, Flame Acanthus, *Anisacanthus wrightii*, and Mexican Plum, *Prunus mexicana*. Many plants that attract butterflies also attract hummingbirds. Flame Acanthus, Butterfly Weed and Turks Cap will attract both of these beauties to your garden. In addition try perennial favorites like Obedient Plant, Autumn Sage, Coral Honeysuckle, Red Yucca, and Yellow Bells. As an additional incentive, select a hummingbird feeder to add to your garden—fill it with a 1:4 solution of sugar and water (not honey), keep it clean and fresh, and watch the hummingbirds flock to your garden this summer!

## NOW is the TIME

- ☞ Plant: heat-loving annual color, succulents, vines, tropicals, ornamental grasses, hardy perennials, and water garden plants.
- ☞ Edibles: Plant transplants of hot peppers, bell peppers and okra. Direct seed cantaloupe and watermelon into the garden. Plant transplants or direct seed basil and eggplant. Direct seed squash, zucchini and corn.
- ☞ Fertilize: Your lawn and landscape shrubs, tomatoes, annual flowers and potted plants, and hydrangeas and azaleas after blooming.
- ☞ Prune: spring-blooming shrubs, vines and climbing roses after they are finished flowering.
- ☞ Apply root stimulator to all new shrub and tree plantings each month and apply a top-dressing of mulch to conserve moisture.
- ☞ Pest Control: Use Bt (Thuricide) for caterpillars, blast aphids with water and release ladybugs; use insecticidal soap for trips, scale, spider mites, and mealy bugs. Apply beneficial nematodes to lawns to control grubs and fleas. Release ladybugs and Trichogramma wasps. Use Spinosad to control grasshoppers, aphids, caterpillars and leaf miners in the vegetable garden. Spray liquid seaweed on tomato plants to control spider mites.
- ☞ Prepare for Fall tomatoes! May 1st through 15th, start seeds for fall tomatoes. Plant tomato transplants early to mid-July for Fall harvest.
- ☞ Watering: Be sure to adhere to local watering restrictions. Water established plants deeply and infrequently. Do not rely on your sprinkler system to adequately water new plantings. Use Gator-Bags to help keep newly planted trees and shrubs properly watered.



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# May – June 2014 Calendar

## May 2014

### Friday, May 2nd:

5-7pm. **Garden Happy Hour!** Enjoy a complimentary beverage and select light hors d'oeuvres while you shop.

5pm POP UP Tour:

**Native Plants for Butterflies**

5:30pm POP UP Demo:

**Fall Tomatoes from Seed**

6pm POP UP Demo:

**Succulent Container Design**

6:30 POP UP Class:

**Herbs for Summer Cocktails**

### Saturday, May 3rd:

9am-Noon: **Bonsai Society of Dallas**

11am: POP UP Tour:

**Blooms for Hummingbirds!**

1-2pm: **Successful Summer Tomatoes**

3pm: POP UP Tour: **Native perennials for the water-wise landscape**

### Sunday, May 4th:

1-2pm: **Learn to Compost!**

3pm: **Greater North Texas Orchid Society**

### Friday, May 9th:

5pm: POP UP Tour:

**Garden Gifts for Mom!**

### Saturday, May 10th:

10am: **Alpha African Violet Society**

10am-11:30am: **Gardening 102: Introduction to Home Veggie Gardening**

Prepare for the coming season with the NHG School of Gardening 2014!

This beginner-level class will focus on the basics of getting your edible garden off to the best start possible. Registration today! Details at nhg.com.

1-2pm: **Successful Summer Tomatoes**

### Sunday, May 11th:

11am: POP UP Tour:

**Best Blooms for Bees!**

1-2pm: **Butterfly Gardening with Dale Clark**, founder, Dallas Lepidopterist Society. Join Dale for an enlightening discussion of Larval Host Plant relationships, favorite nectar plants, and more.



2pm: POP UP Class: **Squash, Beans, Peas and more**

### Saturday, May 17th:

11am-Noon: **Introduction to Landscaping with Native & Well-Adapted Plants** with Carrie Dubberley of Dubberley Landscape. Join Carrie, an experienced north Texas landscape designer, for an enlightening discussion on the benefits of native and well-adapted plants in your home landscape.

1-4pm: **Native Plant Landscape Consultations with Carrie Dubberley.**

By Paid appointment only.  
\$29.99 per 30-minute slot.

### Sunday, May 18th:

11am: POP UP Class:

**Ornamental Grasses in the Garden**

1pm: POP UP Class: **Summer Soil Health**

## Water Wise Weekend!

### Saturday, May 24th:

9:30am: **Herb Society of America**

11am: POP UP Demo:

**Heat-Tolerant Color Containers**

1-2pm: **Understanding Water Supply and Use Restrictions** by Gail Donaldson, Water Conservation Manager for the City of Richardson. Gail will discuss water issues with relation to all North Texas Municipal Water Districts.

2:30-3:30pm: **Managing your Home Sprinkler System**

### Sunday, May 25th:

11am: POP UP Class: **Best Practices for Summer Watering**

1-2pm: **Yuccas, Agaves, and Succulents: Low-Care Feature Plants for Gardens and Containers**

3pm: POP UP Tour: **Perennials for the water-wise landscape**

### Saturday, May 31st:

11am-Noon: **Texas Tough Perennials:** Join Rusty E. Allen, TCNP, for an inspiring discussion on getting the most from Texas native and well-adapted perennials in your landscape.

2pm: POP UP Class: **Summer Rose Care**

3pm: POP UP Class:

**Caring for New Trees and Shrubs**



## June 2014

### Sunday, June 1st:

3pm: **Greater North Texas Orchid Society**



2pm: POP UP Class: **Water-Wise Native and Adapted Plants**

### Saturday, June 7th:

9am-Noon: **Bonsai Society of Dallas**

2-3pm: **Perennials for the Shade Garden**

### Saturday, June 14th:

10am: **Alpha African Violet Society**

11am-Noon: **Habitat Gardening.** with Cody Hoya, NHG General Manager.

Cody will review the key building blocks of habitat and how you can factor them into your home garden.

### Sunday, June 15th:

2-3pm: **Butterfly Gardening with Dale Clark**



## Summer Edible Festival!

### Saturday, June 21st:

**Join us for workshops, demos, lectures and contests throughout the weekend.**

### Salsa Contest!

Enter your best salsa and recipe to win prizes! **Entries in by Noon**



1-2pm: **Nashwood Winery** demonstration on wine-making with berries and grapes

2pm: **Nashwood winery** wine tasting and wine making equipment sale

2-3pm: **Summer tomatoes for fall harvest**

### Sunday, June 22nd:

### Pesto Contest

Bring your best, most creative pesto to win prizes! **Entries in by Noon**



### Saturday, June 28th:

9:30am: **Herb Society of America**



# NORTH HAVEN Gardens



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## Meet Kay Nelson, NHG's Garden Coach

By Kay Nelson, TCNP



Responding to the needs of our customers has always been a priority for North Haven Gardens, and to that end, we founded the Garden Coach program in 2007. As NHG's Garden Coach, I offer both in-store and at-home consultations and gardening support. My love of plants and gardens grew from years with an architecture firm, which sparked my initial interest in horticulture and landscape design. After years of pursuing classes and

reading everything I could find on plants in general, I later founded my own firm that specialized in interior plant design, installation and maintenance. What began as a focus on large commercial interior projects morphed over time to include high-end residential interiors and even small landscape projects, as well. My deep appreciation of herbs led me to becoming a charter member of the north central Texas unit of the Herb Society of America. I have since served as both chairperson and project chairperson, which included working with the herb gardens of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanic Garden. Currently, I am a member at large of the Herb Society of America and also a 'Rosemary Circle' member.

**Interested in your own Garden Coach session? Call us at 214-363-5316 or go online for details @ [nhg.com/gardencoach](http://nhg.com/gardencoach)**



### 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.  
**Meetings vary. Check NHG.com**

**Alpha African Violet Society**

Meets the second Saturday at 11am

**Bonsai Society**

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

**Bromeliad Society**

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

**Daylily Growers of Dallas**

Meets the third Saturday at 11am

**Herb Society of America**

Meets the fourth Saturday at 10am

[www.northtexashsa.org](http://www.northtexashsa.org)

**Texas Daffodil Society**

Meetings vary. Check [nhg.com](http://nhg.com)  
[www.texasdaffodilsociety.org](http://www.texasdaffodilsociety.org)

**Iris Society**

Meets the third Sunday at 3pm

**Greater North Texas Orchid Society**

Meets the first Sunday at 3pm

[www.gntos.org](http://www.gntos.org)

