



# Every Blooming Thing

May-June 2015



## Time for All Things Edible!

### Plant!

**Tomatoes** for fall - Seed in May, plant transplants in late June, harvest before the first freeze, usually around mid-November

Succession crops of squash, field peas, and other heat-loving favorites.

Try **Malabar spinach** (*Basella rubra*) as a heat tolerant leafy green.

We announce planting guidelines & new arrivals regularly on social media.

**Connect with us!**



### Enjoy!

Visit us during **Edible Fest** for demos & tastings from fresh garden produce.

**Did you grow too much to eat now?**

Plan to attend our canning & fermenting workshop:

**I Pickled That!**

with Austin-based Kate Payne. Saturday, June 13th, 1-3:30pm \$65.00 Details on our calendar inside

Visit NHG's **Pinterest** page for some of our favorite garden recipes!



**Edible Fest** June 13-14th



# Succulent Style

By Cody Hoya, NHG General Manager

Succulents offer unique textural contrast when combined with herbaceous annuals and perennials in containers. They come in an array of hues from chalky blue to yellowy-orange and include purples that nearly fade to black. While some are branching, pointed or upright, others form tight rosettes or creeping carpets—each inviting the observer to touch and explore.

Often confused, it can be said that all cacti are succulents, but not all succulents are cacti.

Cactus plants produce



‘areoles’ from which modified leaves—spines—protrude. An additional group that’s particularly important for landscape uses is ‘woody lilies,’ which includes Agaves. The Agave genus is widely varied from extremely pointed and sharp to leathery and soft, from huge and aggressively clumping to small and tame.

All succulent plants store water in their tissues and thus make excellent candidates for water-conserving landscapes and containers. Additionally, they tend to be slow growing and tolerant of a wide range of conditions as long as they have excellent drainage—they won’t tolerate wet feet.

When planning beds or containers, first consider if you wish your composition to be permanent or seasonal—many succulents are not reliably hardy here, and it’s important to know before you plant. Many others will be marginally hardy here—to say, 20 or 30 degrees—and will require transport indoors or snug covering during our unpredictable winter cold snaps.

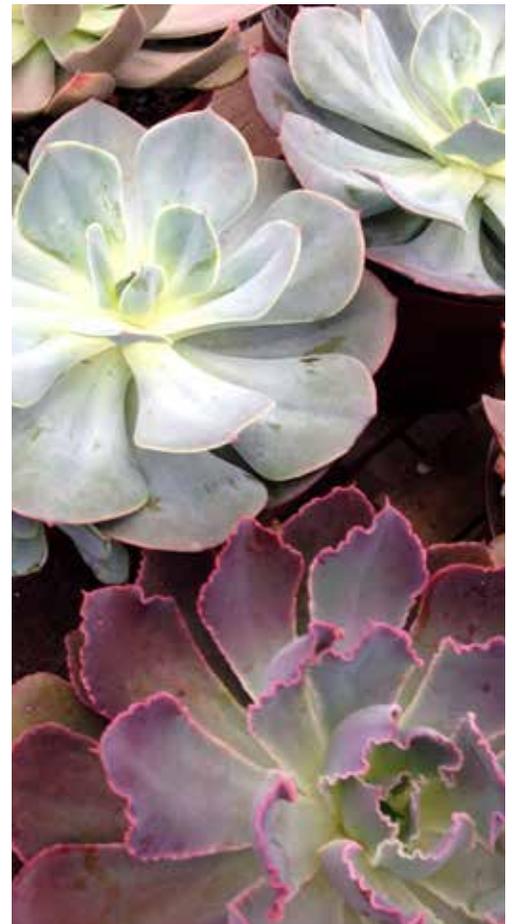
Reliably hardy and durable choices include types of *Graptoveria*—a cross between *Graptopetalum* and *Echeveria*—as well as certain *Echeverias* and Sedums. ‘Whale’s Tongue’ Agave, (*A. ovatifolia*), has laughed off any signs of stress



## Advanced Succulent Workshop B.Y.O.C.

**Saturday, May 9, 10-11:30am**

We’ll supply the soil, plus hands-on guidance! **Bring Your Own Container:** up to a 14” pot with drainage hole. \$35 per container includes soil and a \$20 Gift Certificate good toward your purchase of the plants and accessories that day. Get planting guidelines and a personally guided shopping tour to help with your selections. Limit 2 containers.



from 11 degree winters, ice and snow, even in containers.

Consider playing off of textures with the combination of hardy succulents and agaves combined with soft grasses like Mexican feather grass (*Nasella tenuissima*). They also pair beautifully with blooming annuals and perennials and make a statement in bold containers. Accent with stones, branches or other textural highlights to create a memorable composition.



Succulents are easily combined to create unique creations like this vertical wall hanging.



Participants at one of our succulent workshops show off their creations.

Visit [NHG.com](http://NHG.com) for calendar event details



# May-June 2015 Events



## Animal Rescue of Texas Adoption Event

Saturday, May 2  
11am-4pm

Adopt an animal from this all-volunteer, foster-based rescue organization with a mission to educate, save lives and find the best fit for both animals and forever families.



## Summer Edible Fest

June 13-14

### I Pickled That! Pickling & Fermenting Foods Workshop

with Kate Payne

Saturday, June 13  
1-3:30pm

Learn easy ways to preserve your harvest! Author and consultant for design, cooking, & crafting publications, Austin-based **Kate Payne** teaches food preservation and other topics across the country. [hipgirlshome.com](http://hipgirlshome.com)

\$65 per attendee.

Please register by Wednesday, June 10.



### Success with Fall Tomatoes

Sunday, June 14  
3-4pm

Tomatoes at Thanksgiving? Yes! A one hour class on cultivating your fall crop. Free

### How to Grow Organic

Sunday, June 14  
1:30-2:30pm

Make the switch to a healthier landscape & a healthier you! Free

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## Water Wise Weekend

Saturday, May 16  
10-11am

**Understanding Water Conservation** with Art Torres of Dallas Water Utilities. Free

Saturday, May 16, 12:30-1:30  
**How I Created My Water-Wise Landscape** with Paula Spletter, winner 2012 Dallas Water-Wise Landscape Tour. Free

Sunday, May 17, 1-1:30pm  
POP UP Class:  
**Watering Vegetable Gardens**

Sunday, May 17, 1:30-2:30pm  
**The Texas Tried & True**  
Our favorite tough, native & well-adapted, drought tolerant perennials for the DFW area. Free



## Introduction to Home Vegetable Gardening

Saturday, June 27  
1:30-4:30pm

Want to grow healthy food in your own backyard? Each attendee will receive a \$10 NHG Gift Card at the conclusion of the class along with a certificate of completion. \$35

Please register by Friday, June 26.  
214-363-5316



## Sketching the Garden

Saturday, June 20  
10-Noon

Greatly inspired by nature, special guest artist Marian Hirsch provides instruction and hands-on drawing assistance. Workshop is limited to 25 sketching gardeners.

\$45 per person.  
Some supplies included.  
Visit our events calendar for details.

Please register  
by Wednesday, June 17.  
214-363-5316



## Vertical Garden Workshop:

Saturday  
May 23, 1:30-3pm

Create artful dioramas with living Tillandsias, along with a selection of mosses, branches, and other natural accessories. \$50 includes all materials for your take-home piece and hands-on instruction. Limited to 25 attendees; Please register by Wednesday, May 20. 214-363-5316



Saturday, May 2  
9am-Noon

**Bonsai Society of Dallas**  
Guest artist: Pedro Morales

Sunday, May 3, 3-5pm  
**North Texas Orchid Society**  
Orchids 101 2:30pm  
Guest speaker: Dan Callahan

Saturday, May 9, 10am-Noon  
**Alpha African Violet Society**  
Guest speaker: Marjorie Clive



## Garden Clubs

Saturday, May 23, 10:30am  
**Herb Society of America**  
The Herbal First Aid Kit

Sunday, June 28, 3-5pm  
**Dallas Organic Garden Club**  
Guest speaker: Daniel Cunningham from the AgriLife Center presents: Why Water & Mow What You Can't Eat?

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**Water  
Wise  
Weekend**  
May 16&17th



**Edible  
Fest**  
June 13&14th



## Our Favorite Pollinator Plants



**Robyn Morris, TCNP:**

Mexican Milkweed, (*Asclepias curassavica*), is a favorite of mine for its bright orange flowers. I like the fact that it offers some height in a flowerbed, and of course, the fact that Monarchs love it is a great benefit.



its prolific blooms. They have a fragrance like honey that bees and butterflies alike can't resist.



**Kyle Leggiere, TCNP:**

Blackfoot Daisy, (*Melampodium leucanthum*), is my choice for



**Chris Pyle, TCNP:**

Perennial Skullcap, (*Scutellaria suffrutescens*), is among my favorite native perennials. It's tolerant of a

variety of conditions and blooms heavily throughout the growing season.



**Brioux Turner, TCNP:**

The punch of cheerful color from Sundrops, (*Calylophus hartwegii*), makes this native perennial one of

my favorite pollinator plants. Bees love the lemon-yellow flowers produced in great profusion above the low-growing, carpeting foliage.



**Cynthia Koogler, B.S., TCNP:**

Rue, (*Ruta graveolens*), is one of my favorite larval host plant (LHP) herbs. Its

lovely silver coloring and delicately textured foliage make it a great addition to beds and containers, and swallowtail butterflies love it.



**Habitat Gardening**

**Saturday, June 20th, 1-2pm**

Celebrate National Pollinator Week (June 15-21) Guest Nancy Payne of Habitat Landscapes, LLC provides insight on wildlife-attracting plants to help build habitat.