

NORTH HAVEN Gardens

Every Blooming Thing

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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.

~ NOVEMBER 2013 ~

FRI, NOV 1
5 - 7PM

Garden Happy Hour

Enjoy complimentary wine, beer, refreshments and light appetizers while browsing our spring bulbs, holiday gifts, fall home and garden accessories. Speak to staff about readying your garden for winter.



5:30 - 6PM • **POP UP Class: Protect Your Garden in a Freeze!**

6 - 6:30PM • **Holiday Gift Tour**

SAT, NOV 2

9AM - 12PM • **Bonsai Society of Dallas** monthly meeting and workshop open to the public.

1 - 1:30PM • **POP UP Class: Winter Veggies**

SAT, NOV 3

2:30 - 3PM • **Orchids 101** The Greater North Texas Orchid Society holds a short workshop before the start of their monthly meeting.

3 - 5PM • **Orchid Society Meeting** The Greater North Texas Orchid Society meets on the 1st Sunday of each month at NHG. Visitors welcome. www.gntos.org

SAT, NOV 9

10AM - NOON • **African Violet Trailers** Alpha African Violet Society of Dallas meets on the 2nd Saturday at NHG. Bring a trailing African violet for tips on growing and shaping trailers into show plants.

SUN, NOV 10

2 - 2:30PM • **POP UP Class: Winter Garden Protection**



SAT, NOV 16

10AM - NOON • **Winterize Your Backyard Flock**

Dan Probst offers information and tips on keeping your backyard chickens safe and comfortable through the cooler months, what to do in a freeze, and more!



11AM - 2PM or sold out • **Backyard Chicken Sale/Q&A**

1 - 1:30PM • **POP UP Class: Winter Veggies**

SUN, NOV 17

10AM - NOON • **Winterize Your Backyard Flock**

Dan Probst offers information and tips on keeping your back

2 - 2:30PM • **POP UP Class: Blooming Bulbs**

3PM • **Iris Society Meeting**



~ DECEMBER 2013 ~

FRI, DEC 6

5 - 7PM

Holiday Happy Hour

Enjoy complimentary wine, beer, refreshments and light appetizers while browsing our spring bulbs, holiday gifts, fall home and garden accessories and speak to staff about maintaining your garden through winter.

5:30 - 6PM • **Holiday Gift Tour**

SAT, DEC 14

10AM - NOON • **African Violet Miniatures**



SAT, DEC 21

11AM - 2PM or sold out
• **Backyard Chicken Sale & Q&A**

Tulip Time!

Haven't selected your spring blooming bulbs yet? Come on in! We have a great selection of tulips, daffodils and many other wonderful bulb varieties. Planting bulbs is an easy way to add color and beauty to your garden in earliest spring when most plants are still dormant. Popular and interesting varieties sell out quickly, so don't wait to choose your favorite colors! We've made combining tulips easy again this year with our unique color mixes of 100 count tulips. Look for the bright tags!

For gorgeous warm color:

Flame Thrower Mix: 'Blushing Lady' (cream and pink), 'Kingsblood' (deep red), and 'El Nino' (red and orange)

For cheerful spring time excitement:

Cotton Candy Mix: 'Van Eyck' (pale pink), 'Salmon Impression' (salmon/pink), and 'Apricot Impression' (peach)

For a high contrast blend: **Stop Light Mix:** 'Muscadet' (yellow) 'Kingsblood' (red), 'El Nino' (orange/red blend)

Did you know...

NORTH HAVEN GARDENS is the only nursery in town that will store and pre-chill your tulip bulbs for you? Select your bulbs early and leave them with us until planting time.

Plant Tulips, Hyacinth and other spring-flowering bulbs between Thanksgiving and the end of December, when soil temps reach 45-50°F. Daffodils, however, can be planted anytime after October 1st through mid January.





Plant Trees and Shrubs in Winter

Winter is an excellent time to transplant trees and shrubs and plant new ones. Japanese maple not getting enough shade? Need to move roses to a sunnier spot? Now is a great time to move them because growth is minimal and you'll be giving your plants ample time to establish prior to the heat of summer. When moving, cut roots clean (no ripping) and preserve as much of the root ball as possible.

Whether planting from a container or completely relocating, dig the hole at least two times the width of the plant or root ball and the same depth. Use organic **EarthSafe** or **Nature's Guide Root Activator** just after planting and once a month thereafter.



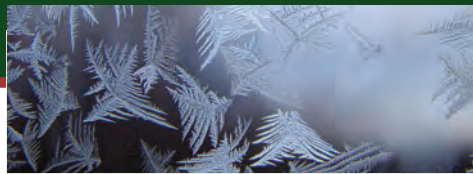
Winterize Your Backyard Chicken Flock

While chickens are surprisingly cold hardy, there are things you can do to keep your backyard chickens safe and comfortable through the cooler months. Don't miss our program **Winterizing Your Backyard Chicken Flock** Saturday, November 16th at 10am, followed by our regular Backyard Chicken Sale 11am-sold out



MULCH!

More plant protection year round. We never stop talking about the importance of mulch! A good 2" layer of mulch is a must in the garden this winter. Mulch keeps soil moist, roots warm, reduces weeds and, as an added bonus, breaks down as a natural compost into the soil. NHG carries native east Texas bagged mulches as well as bulk mulch.



Don't Let Winter Freezes Cause You Stress!

Be prepared with simple techniques to protect your winter garden, you can be ready and relaxed! Healthy, well-maintained plants that have been consistently watered properly are better able to survive freezing temperatures. Some plants will still need to be covered when we dip below 32 degrees including **palms** and annual color such as **cyclamen**. If temperatures drop into the low 20's, cover vegetables such as **lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower** and **Brussels sprouts**. Correctly applied frost cloth is your best bet for protection. Unlike old blankets or sheets, and burlap, frost cloth is specially designed to trap heat with minimal moisture build-up. It can protect for up to 3 days, and should not be left on longer than this at one time.

For more info on proper winter watering, frost cloth and freeze protection, stop by to visit with a Garden Advisor today!



The Perfect Gift: Garden Coach Program

Looking for a completely unique gift for your favorite gardener? We have an excellent solution! A consultation at home or here at the garden center with our Garden Coach will help take your favorite gardener's (or your) skills to the next level. Kay Nelson, Texas Certified Nursery Professional, meets one-on-one at the garden center to help identify areas in the landscape ready for improvement, suggests the proper plants for specific needs and provides maintenance information. We now offer at-home as well as in-store consultations.

In-store: \$50. At the end of the 45 minute session, you'll receive a \$50 NHG gift card to use whenever you like!

At-Home Consultation: \$125 first hour, \$50 for each subsequent 30-min block. Price includes travel time. Call 214-363-5316 for an appointment.

NOW is the TIME...



NOVEMBER

- Buy frost cloth to protect tender perennials and other plants from frost and/or freezing
- **Mulch** all plants well with at least 2 inches of mulch to protect plant roots from cold.
- Select tulips and hyacinths. We pre-chill bulbs for you in our bulb cooler. Tulips and hyacinth should be planted after Thanksgiving and by the end of December. Plant daffodils now through mid-January. Add **NHG Organic Bulb Food** at planting.
- Plant winter color: pansies, violas, dianthus, snapdragons, flowering kale and cabbage.
- Finish dividing and re-planting spring and summer-flowering perennials early November.
- Plant container trees and shrubs.
- Using a water can, apply a water-soluble fertilizer like **Hasta-Gro** to newly planted annuals for a quick start.
- Trim perennials back to the ground as they go dormant.
- Plant cold-hardy kale, spinach and other cole crops.

DECEMBER

- Buy fresh Christmas trees and greens!
- Remove dead materials that could harbor insects or disease.
- Plant tulips and hyacinth by the end of the month. Continue planting daffodils. Overplant bulbs with winter color. Apply **NHG Organic Bulb Food**.
- Primula and hardy cyclamen can be planted in protected garden areas or pots.
- Plant container trees and shrubs. Transplanting is best done when plants are dormant.
- Prune summer-flowering shrubs and vines (such as crape myrtles and altheas) lightly to prevent rampant growth in spring. Do not prune spring-flowering shrubs (azaleas or hydrangeas), vines, or climbing roses until after their spring bloom.
- Don't forget to water trees and shrubs.

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Winter Edibles

by Rusty E. Allen,
TCNP Garden Advisor



Are you outside harvesting your first cool season crops? If not, it's not too late to start. If this is your second planting, remember to amend! Add **Compost** or **Garden Soil Builder**, and additional **Manure** to give these plants the rich, nitrogen based soils they need to thrive and produce. Additional nitrogen in the **NHG 7-2-2** are also helpful.

Kale, Cabbage, as well as most greens, such as Lettuces, Mustard Greens, Collards and Spinach can be planted as available. You can still get in Broccoli, Brussels' Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, and Kohlrabi until the end of November. As for herbs, I love keeping Parsley coming for an unusually healthy green, and a larval food for my butterfly caterpillars, along with Dills and Fennels. Cilantro is required for those fall tomato salsas you're making. Maybe try something different – most of the leaves of these plants are edible – like Brussels' Sprouts and Beet Greens.

Now, it's time to begin thinking about the cold weather to come. Around here, our average first frost is around the middle of November. Most of these vegetables won't need protection, but if you have Cauliflower, Swiss Chard, the more delicate Lettuces or florets forming on your Broccoli, cover with **Frost Cloth** during a hard freeze. Keep up the **Liquid Seaweed** to help the plants resist cold damage better. Hopefully, you've already got a nice layer of mulch on your garden spaces. Choose from **Pine Bark, Cedar, Hardwood, Pecan Shell, and Pine Straw**.

Check for Pests as you go. You might see Aphids during warmer spells, so spray with **Plant Wash** for them. Small holes in greens are caused by Cabbage Looper caterpillars- control with **Bt**, in the form of **liquid Thuricide** or the powder **DiPel dust** for control.

Harvest some of your vegetables and herbs to bring over as a gift to your holiday gatherings. Seeding time will return in January.

Don't forget to leave space for Onions. I'll see you in January for those!

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

Bonsai Society

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

Bromeliad Society

More info at www.dfwbromeliads.com
Meets Saturday, every other month, 3pm

Daylily Growers of Dallas

Meets the third Saturday at 11am

Herb Society of America

Meets the fourth Saturday at 10am

Texas Daffodil Society

More info www.texasdaffodilsociety.org
Meets the second Wednesday October-February

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

