

Every Blooming Thing



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November-December 2003

North Haven Gardens Newsletter



November

Be certain you have Frost Cloth on hand to protect tender perennials and other plants from frost and freezing.

Be certain that plants are mulched well. At least 2-4 inches of mulch will help protect plant roots from cold temperatures.

Refrigerate tulips and Dutch hyacinths during November (45 days) for late December planting

Plant winter 'color' such as pansies, cyclamen, primrose, flowering kale and cabbage. Finish dividing and replanting spring- and summer-flowering perennials early November.

Using a watering can, apply a water-soluble fertilizer to newly planted annuals for a quick start.

Trim perennials back to the ground as they go dormant. Trim tender perennials such as bananas, Mexican bush sage, and lantanas after the first freeze; then mulch them well to protect from cold.

December

Mulch the gardens that you missed last month! Remove dead materials that could harbor insects or disease.

Plant tulips and hyacinths late December. Primulas and hardy cyclamen can be planted in protected garden areas or pots.

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 the spring. NEVER 'TOP'! Do not prune spring-flowering shrubs (azaleas), vines, or climbing roses until *after* their spring bloom.

Holidays are for the Birds, Too!

By Debbie Jackson



As you make out your holiday lists, don't forget the birds. Birds have basic needs to survive our winter months that we can help provide.

First, they need water. We can provide this by adding birdbaths to our gardens. Be sure to provide fresh water. Second, birds need shelter. We can do this by adding evergreens to our landscape. Some good candidates of evergreens would be junipers, hollies, and nandinas. What you are really looking for is upright shrubs that the birds can use to roost in for the night and get out of the cool night air. Lastly, birds need food. We can accomplish this by providing birdfeeders with different types of food. There are several types of food to choose from including peanuts, sunflower seed, safflower seed, millet, and suet. There is a wide selection of birdfeeders to choose from such as thistle feeders, suet feeders as well as feeders designed to hold peanuts. When making a selection of food or feeder, keep in mind what kind of birds you may want to invite into your yard. For example, cardinals love sunflower seed; so, if you want cardinals to visit your feeders, you will want to use birdseed mix that contains lots of sunflower seeds.



Be sure to check our selection of books that we carry on birds.

Look for the Sibley Guide to Birds, Birder's Guide to Texas, Birds of Texas, or Field Guide to Birds, all of which we carry in our book department; and add one or more of these to your own personal library of bird identification books this winter.

Camellias, Elegant Denizens of the Winter Garden

by Chuck Goecke

Rose-like winter flowers and handsome foliage make Camellias a southern garden classic. *Sasanqua* camellias generally have smaller leaves, a more open form, and somewhat smaller flowers that bloom more in the late fall into the winter. *Japonica* camellias generally have larger leaves on dense, very shapely plants, large flowers of many types and blooms from winter to spring.

Camellias are generally used as larger shrubs or can be pruned into small trees. Plant camellias in very well draining organic acidic soil. Lots of expanded shale should be used to create a raised bed if one is starting with a clay-based soil.

Azaleas and gardenias are great companions, as they all like afternoon shade as well as similar soil and fertilizing (twice in spring, once in early fall).

Winter hardiness is an issue with camellias, more so with their flower buds, than the plant. *Sasanquas* bloom more in fall, thus avoiding the problems. Winter and spring bloomers should be covered during very cold spells, especially if their flower buds are showing color. Keep them well mulched always with hardwood or pine mulch. Check out North Haven Gardens' great selection of choice mulch varieties that you will not find anywhere else.

*Learn more about specific Camellia varieties and bloom time from the American Camellia Society's website:
<http://www.camellia-acs.com>*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Seasonal Store Hours —
Monday through Saturday - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
 See special Holiday Hours [column right]

Saturday, November 8 — 1:30 p.m.
“What to Know about Planting Tulips and Other Bulbs” By Jeff Payne

Select the right bulbs, learn proper placement to create great winter & spring-blooms.

Sunday, November 9 — 1:30 p.m.
“Feng Shui for the Holidays”
Laurel Schellinger, Feng Shui Expert/Consultant
 Create positive chi for the holidays, combining color and positive placement of your holiday decorations!

Saturday, November 15 - 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
“The Herb Chef” By Uwe
 Uwe will do four 20-minute presentations, beginning on the hour and half hour. He will present Mint, Basil, Parsley, and Rosemary herbs to smell, feel, taste and see. He will instruct on how to cut, store, and where to use. Hand-outs will include herb use and recipes.

Sunday, November 16 — 1:30 p.m.
“Bringing Birds to the Winter Garden ”
 By Jeff Payne

Tips to attract winter birds to your garden!

Saturday, November 22 — 1:30 p.m.
“Protecting your plants for Winter”
 By Sherron Hearold
 All the basics of taking care of your garden for winter

Saturday, December 6 — 10:00 a.m.
“Creating Beautiful Holiday Wreaths”
 By Jeff Payne

Learn the secrets and leave with tips!

Sunday, December 7 — 1:30 p.m.
“Poinsettia & Christmas Tree Care”
 By Jeff Payne
 Secrets of keeping them fresh through the Holidays.

Saturday, December 13 — 1:30 p.m.
“Pruning Tips and Know How”
 By Chuck Goecke
Master Certified Nurseryman
 Basic tips about pruning; protect your investment.

Sunday, December 14 — 10:00 a.m.
“Disease Control for Your Yard”
 By Sherron Hearold
 Mowing and removal of dead materials for disease control

“Wednesday at Noon” By Judy Fender
November 19 — 12 noon to 2 p.m.
“A Year in the Garden in Review”
Information and highlights of a year in the garden.
Reservations Required; Limited Seating
Luncheon/Lecture Charge \$15 (includes tax)
Registration Form in store or on our website:
www.nhg.com

Check our Website for More Info on Events!

O, Tanenbaum! O, Tanenbaum!



Make the holidays special with the perfect Christmas tree, wreath, and decorative garland. North Haven Gardens has the best quality and selection in town. For the best needle retention, choose the *Noble Fir*. The *Fraser Fir* offers great needle retention and a beautiful silvery sheen. For a tree that gives that ‘holiday’ aroma, choose either the *Grand* or *Balsam Fir*. And for the traditionalist, there is always the *Douglas Fir*. North Haven Gardens has all of these varieties in a large offering of sizes. Delivery and set-up services are available also. [Our **Customer Service Desk** can assist you with this.]

“Deck the Halls” with the best wreaths and garland available. North Haven Gardens has a wonderful selection of *Noble Fir*, *Juniper*, and *mixed greens wreaths*. Choose your wreath with or without cones. We have almost any size you could desire. Try one on the front of your vehicle to let people know everywhere you go that you’re in the holiday spirit. If you’re looking to dress up your doorways and mantle, let us cut the length of garland you need. Choose from *Noble Fir*, *Cedar*, or our *Mixed garlands*.



Let our Christmas experts help you create the best Holiday experience for you and your family.

Late Christmas Tree Shopping & Special Holiday Hours

Trees will arrive Thanksgiving weekend. North Haven Gardens will stay open until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday evenings beginning Friday, November 28th, through Thursday, December 18th, unless trees are sold out earlier.



Holidays Hours

- Close at 4:30 p.m. the day before Thanksgiving
- Closed Thanksgiving day
- Close at 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve
- Closed Christmas day and New Year’s day.

Poinsettia Care by Don Miller



Keep your poinsettias looking fresh and beautiful throughout the Holiday season with these easy-to-follow steps. Make sure your poinsettias get plenty of bright light. Do not let them dry out. If wrapped in foil, don’t let them stand in water. Poinsettias do not like cold drafts. Place them clear of heater vents, as these can be drying and cause leaf drop.

Watch for these new varieties this year at North Haven Gardens: *‘Strawberries N Cream,’* beautiful pink and cream bracts with a serrated edge. *‘Cortez Burgundy’* has beautiful rich burgundy bracts that contrast with the dark green leaves. *‘Da Vinci’* has warm pink tones with deep pink flecks. *‘Winter Rose’* is so-named because the curved bracts give the impression of a rose. These popular varieties come in red, pink, white, and marble.

Poinsettias are a favored traditional Holiday gift. Our florist can design a Poinsettia gift basket and deliver it for you, too.



8th Annual Herbal Tea Off & Dessert Competition Congratulations to Our Winners!

1st Place/Dessert: Lemon Basil Bundt Cake - Edith Hiett
 2nd Place/Dessert: Lemon Verbena Tea Cakes - Susan Dunlop

1st Place/Tea: Oasis of Calm Herb Tea - Susan Thornbury
 2nd Place/Tea: Orange Chamomile Spritzer - Stephanie Hancock

Bulb Tips Revealed for Spring Planting

by Bob McLaughlin

To replace that beautiful summer color you had, the answer is spring blooming bulbs.

All the nutrition needed is stored in the bulb. Each year during the growing season, the bulb is storing up nearly everything for next year's bloom. It doesn't take much from us to make this happen. The bulb must be planted in loose, well-drained soil, watered and given enough light to make everything else happen.

Basically only two types of bulbs — hyacinths and tulips — should be pre-chilled before planting to make them think they have been through enough winter to grow and bloom. North Haven Gardens pre-chills bulbs in our coolers until planting time (about Dec. 1st). We can supply bulb fertilizer to help the bulbs store food for next year's bloom. Bulbs which will return include daffodils, crocus, hardy amaryllis, and muscari.

North Haven Gardens also carries tulip bulbs that will naturalize here in the Dallas area — *Bakeri Lilac Wonder*, *Tarda Dasystemon*, *Clusiana*, and *Pulchella Violaceae*.

If you have any questions, call us — or, better yet, come see us!



'Tis the Season !

by Kelli McGaughey

It's that time of year again when we remember the special people in our lives with special gifts.



Let one of our floral designers help you create that something special for you to send to a relative, friend, or client. We offer poinsettias, custom wreaths and garlands, centerpieces, and unique floral arrangements.

Our floral staff will take the time to create that 'something special' to fit your specific taste and budget.

If you are looking for the perfect gift for that special someone, why not pick one of our floral packages below to surprise someone throughout the coming year with beautiful flowers? Delivery area is limited to the Dallas area and includes delivery fees. You may choose the months in which you would like your seasonal flowers delivered. Pick from our regular retail arrangement price of \$55.00.

Discounted Gift Packages:

3 months' package - \$149

You save \$16

6 months' package - \$293

You save \$37

12 months' package - \$587

You save \$73

Please call us today to set up this surprise gift for that someone special.

Along with the many services offered by our floral department, we also offer home installation and decorating for the holiday season. *Call us today!*

Floral Dept: 214-691-6751

Cyclamen for the Cool Season

by Don Miller



This Mediterranean native has become very popular for bright exotic color in the winter garden. In the Dallas Metroplex, they may be planted in the ground or containers. When outside, cyclamen do need protection from hard freezes. When temperatures dip into the upper 20s, cover them with frost cloth to prevent damage to the flowers. They also like a little protection from the extreme hot sun.

Cyclamen make unique winter pots when combined with the cold hardy miniature English Ivies or contrasting foliage of Radicchios, Red Mustard, Cabbage, or Kale.

So, plant some of these exotic flowering plants for a unique splash of color in your winter garden or a cool room in your home.



CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS



We're making arrangements just for you!
 Our florist shop will custom design a fresh arrangement in colors to enhance any décor. Festive centerpieces, swags and wreaths will brighten holiday spirits. We also offer floral wire service to almost anywhere in the U.S.

Colorful Orchids

Easy to care for - exotic orchids with breathtaking blooms. Choose from popular varieties Phalenopsis, Dendrobium and more.



Poinsettias

North Haven Gardens has a beautiful selection of poinsettias in many sizes and varieties to choose from. Colors range from bright red, pastel pink to elegant white.



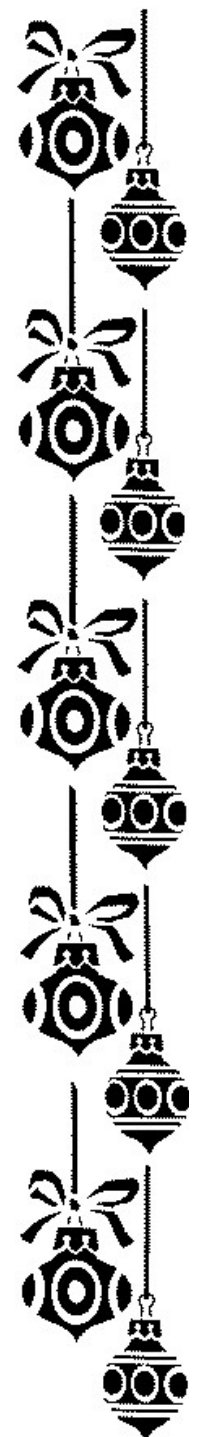
Garden Statuary

Perennial beauty for your garden. Smooth detail in attractive finishes, yet durable and weather resistant. Many new designs to choose from.



Fresh, Fragrant Wreaths & Garlands

Add a festive welcome to any door with a fresh, natural green wreath. North Haven has a variety of colors and textures to choose from including cedar, fir and juniper. Traditional and fragrant.



Gift Certificate

North Haven Gardens'
 Gift Certificates
 Always a great gift for the gardener when you can't make up
 your mind what to choose!

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From your last visit to North Haven Gardens.

- Were you greeted upon arrival? Y N
- Was help available when you needed it? Y N
- Did the garden center appear clean and orderly? Y N
- Did you use a shopping cart or wagon? Y N
- Was checkout efficient and courteous? Y N

Comments regarding the above: _____

What was the purpose of your last visit?

- _____ To purchase a specific item.
- _____ To shop for a gift.
- _____ To buy for a garden project.
- _____ To learn what was available without buying that day.

Did you accomplish your goal? Y N

If not, why not? _____

How far do you drive to shop at NHG? ___1-5 miles ___6-11 miles ___12-20 miles ___21+ miles

How many times a year do you visit NHG? _____

How many times a year do you visit other nurseries? _____

How many times a year do you use our Floral service? _____

- Do you give garden related gifts from NHG? Y N
- Do you entertain in your garden? Y N
- Are you interested in organic gardening? Y N
- Do you recommend NHG to friends? Y N
- Do you plant your own seasonal color beds? Y N
- Do you use a lawn/landscape service? Y N

If you live outside of Loop I-635 please check here and answer the question below.

Does the "High 5" construction restrict the frequency of your visits to NHG? Y N

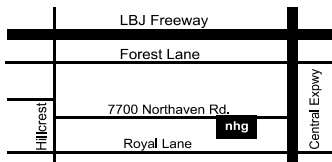
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 No coupons are on the website.

SOCIETY MEETINGS

AT NORTH HAVEN GARDENS

Call the club to confirm the meeting — November/December meetings change.

Begonia Society 214-363-6715 x340

Meets the third Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Bonsai Society 972-392-1430

Meets the first Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Bromeliad Society 214-691-6691

Meets 4th Saturday, November, 3 to 5 p.m.

Dallas Iris Society 972-231-9594

Meets Third Sunday, 3 to 5 p.m.

No meetings in May or June

Dallas Rose Society 972-234-5184

Meets the fourth Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Daylily Growers of Dallas

972-241-1726

Meets the third Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

First Men's Garden Club of Dallas

972-530-3691

Meets the third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Southwestern Fern Society

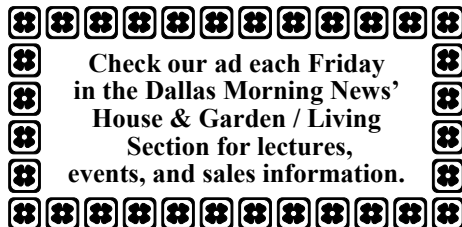
972-241-6480

Meets the second Sunday, 3 to 5 p.m.

Give the Gift of Plants for the Holidays

by Tamara Pickard

What better way to show your loved ones you care than by sending a beautiful indoor plant for the holidays. Whether a poinsettia, a flowering plant, or festive ivy topiary, those on your list will enjoy these gifts for months to come. North Haven Gardens has a wonderful selection of poinsettias in many colors and sizes. Add them to a mixed container with ivy or ferns or let them shine on their own. You will find many new and exciting varieties in our tropical greenhouse. Not in the mood for a poinsettia? Then give the gift of a flowering kalanchoe, azalea, or begonia. Any of these will brighten a happy home for the holiday season. You will also find a great assortment of ivy topiaries for a fun and festive gift. Choose from a wide selection of shapes such as cones, balls, stars, and hearts. So, when shopping for friends and family during this glorious time of year, take a trip to North Haven Gardens and give the gift of plants for the holidays.



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