

# Every Blooming Thing

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2005

## COMPLIMENTARY LECTURES IN ~ NOVEMBER 2005 ~

All events are scheduled to begin at  
1:30PM unless otherwise noted.

SAT NOV 5TH

ALL ABOUT SPRING FLOWERING BULBS  
by bulb expert Cornelius Noordermeer

SAT NOV 12TH

ATTRACTING WINTER BIRDS OF NORTH TEXAS  
by Carolyn & Dave Oldham

## COMPLIMENTARY LECTURES IN ~ DECEMBER 2005 ~

SAT DEC 3RD & SUN DEC 4TH

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE  
During regular store hours  
See NHG.com for details

All events are scheduled to begin at  
1:30PM unless otherwise noted.

SAT DEC 3RD

COMBINING BULBS AND SEASONAL COLOR  
by Leslie Finical Halleck of NHG

SUN DEC 4TH

CELEBRATE GRAPEVINES with a lecture on  
Holiday Wines, including a wine tasting  
by Dustin Foiseth, Wine Manager of Best  
Cellars, Dallas' most unique wine shop

SUN DEC 11TH

GARDEN GIFT BASKETS—IDEAS FOR THE  
GREEN THUMB IN YOUR LIFE  
by Judy Fender of NHG

SUN NOV 13TH • 2PM TO 3PM

AFTERNOON TEA

A special presentation by 3 award winning  
chefs from La Duni Latin Café  
Advance registration \$10. All proceeds will  
benefit the North Texas Food Bank.

SAT DEC 10TH • 11PM TO 3PM

BOTANICAL ILLUSTRATION FOR THE  
COMPLETE BEGINNER

by Cynthia Padilla of SMU  
\$50 Registration and materials list online,  
by phone, or in-store. Space limited.  
Register now!

WED NOV 16TH • NOON TO 2PM

WEDNESDAY AT NOON WITH JUDY FENDER -  
CONTAINER GIFTABLES

Advance registration and lunch selection  
required. Form available online and in store.  
Phone registrations accepted with credit card.

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new look! Content changes weekly, so visit  
often to see our new arrivals, weekly spe-  
cial, seasonal tips, ideas and an extended  
list of calendar events.

## Fall Herb Days & 10th Annual Tea Off WINNERS

Congratulations to the 1st and 2nd place winners of this year's very successful Fall Herb Days event! Every entry into the herb tea and dessert contest was delicious! North Haven Gardens customers definitely reaped the rewards of a few Dallas area herb gardens.

### FIRST PLACE WINNER

Herbal Tea – *Gladys Denham*

#### Herb Sun Tea

- 2 cups Lemon Balm
- 1 cup Spearmint
- Few Sprigs Rosemary Tops
- 1 Sprig Sage

Place herbs in a 1-gallon glass jar, fill with spring water and steep in the sun for several hours. Remove herbs, strain and filter tea. Sweeten with honey if desired.

### 2ND PLACE WINNER

Herbal Dessert – *Nancy Johnson*

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Herbal Tea – *Jamie Hilbig*

Check [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com) for all the tasty herb weekend recipes!

### FIRST PLACE WINNER

Herbal Dessert – *Susan Thornburn*

#### Garden Party Mints

- 2 cups Powdered Sugar
- 5 tsp Evaporated Milk
- 1 T Melted Butter
- 2 T finely chopped mint leaves
- A few drops of Oil of Peppermint
- 6 oz Melted Semisweet Chocolate

Mix powdered sugar, milk and butter. When smooth add mint and a few drops of oil of peppermint. Form into patties and chill. Melt chocolate over very low heat. Dip patties into chocolate and allow to set. NOTE: use only organically grown mint. This recipe used chocolate mint.

## Tiptoe, through the Tulips...

*Leslie Finical Halleck*

Did you know that NORTH HAVEN GARDENS is the only nursery in town that will store and pre-chill your tulip bulbs for you? You might wonder why keeping your tulip bulbs in cold storage is so important to their success. Storage at the right temperature, about 45°F, for 60 to 70 days is the key to getting your tulips, hyacinth, crocus and other spring flowering bulbs to bloom. In our area, we simply don't experience the consistently cool temperatures required to induce flowering in these bulbs. When you purchase \$100 worth of bulbs, we'll store them for you at just the right temperature for just the right time. We'll call you at the beginning of December to let you know when it's time to plant. When exactly is the right time to plant? It's all about soil temperature. The optimal time to plant your bulbs is when the soil temperature reaches 45-50°F. If the soil is too warm, your bulbs may sprout foliage before they've put down adequate roots. The basic guidelines are: Don't plant your tulips and hyacinth before Thanksgiving and get them in the ground by the end of December. Daffodils, however, can be planted anytime after October 1st and through mid-January. Enjoy!



# North Haven Gardens

## SPICE UP YOUR WINTER LANDSCAPE

Chuck Goecke

Winter blues are easily remedied with plants that shine during the cooler months. First on the list are the Hollies. Varieties of the Chinese holly, *Ilex cornuta* do the very best in most Dallas soils. They vary from 3 feet to 20 feet in height, with medium to large leaves. 'Nellie R. Stevens' is a Chinese hybrid with dark green leaves and large berries. 'Burford' is a medium variety, while 'Dwarf Burford' and 'Berries Jubilee' are smaller. Two native hollies that perform best during winter months are Yaupon and Possumhaw hollies. Female plants have huge crops of bright orange-red berries. Possumhaw hollies lose their leaves, so the berries are especially visible. Beautiful berries also grow on Beautyberry (purple) and *Pyracantha* (orange). Besides berries, the twigs and stems of some plants have great interest. Burning bush euonymus has both stiff corky stems and bright red foliage. The Red Dogwood and Coral Bark Japanese Maple both have bright red stems. Camellia 'Yuletide' produces stunning red blooms just in time for the Holiday Season. Be sure to stop by NORTH HAVEN GARDENS for a great selection of winter interest shrubs.



## Caring for your Christmas Trees

Bob McLaughlin

Can you believe it's already time to start planning for the holidays? When it comes to Christmas trees, we offer both cut trees and live container trees. Here are some ways to extend the life of your Christmas tree whether it is live or cut. If you prefer to have a cut tree, we have already helped you by keeping it in water after giving it a fresh cut and spraying it with Cloud Cover to conserve moisture in the leaves. Once home, give it another 1" cut at the base of the trunk, and make sure to continue providing water. Keep it in a cool, outdoor area until ready to decorate. Live trees are usually bought to re-plant after the Christmas season. Once again, keep them in the cool as long as possible and don't forget to water. If you bring your trees inside your home, make sure to keep them away from heating vents. I suggest spraying them with Cloud Cover to keep transpiration to a minimum. When you take your tree outside after Christmas, plant it as soon as possible and water it well with a root stimulator. With a little care, you and your trees will have a long, happy holiday season!





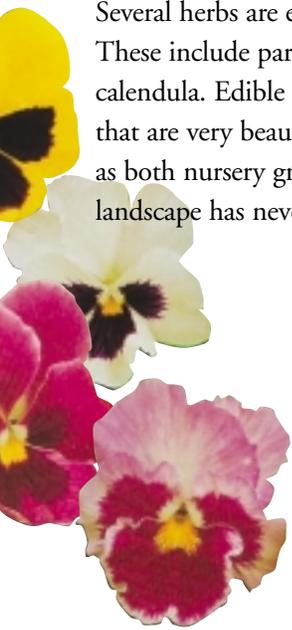
Now is the  
Time...

## A Bounty of Winter Color

*Christine Hensley*

Pansies are by far the most popular winter color, and with good reason. Big blooms, a large variety of color, and good cold tolerance make them a favorite in the winter garden.

But, violas, my personal favorite, make a bigger more robust plant. And, while they have smaller flowers, they bloom profusely and make a large visual impact in the garden. Sweet peas, alyssum, snapdragons and 'Iceland' poppies are also great candidates for the late fall to winter garden. Ornamental cabbage and kale provide striking foliage forms as well as great winter color. Several herbs are evergreen and can be put to good use in the color garden. These include parsley, rosemary, lavender, arugula, cilantro, thyme and calendula. Edible kale, lettuce and Swiss chard are all winter hardy vegetables that are very beautiful in the garden. Many of these plants are available as both nursery grown plants and as seed. Adding color to your winter landscape has never been so easy!



## Gifts for the Gardener

*Leslie Finical Halleck*

With the holiday season right around the corner, you might be wondering what to give the green thumb in your life. As a gardener myself, I can't think of anything better than good quality gardening tools. NORTH HAVEN GARDENS has a wonderful line of signature tools constructed from stainless steel and solid wood. If you're looking for the perfect architectural piece for the garden, make sure to stop in and see our new fountains, statues, glazed pots and metal art. If a gardener's gift basket is more your style, we can put together any combination of season appropriate items to create a gift as individual as its recipient. We can even deliver it in the Dallas area. Great plants and bulbs are a given here at NORTH HAVEN, but how about letting your gardener shop for what they like? An NHG gift card in any denomination would be a welcome treat in your favorite gardener's hands. What if *you're* the gardener in your home? Well, I'd start dropping a few hints now!



## NOVEMBER

**Buy frost cloth** to protect tender perennials and other plants from frost and/or freezing.

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

**Select your tulips and hyacinths now.** We will pre-chill your bulbs for you in **our bulb cooler.** Tulips and hyacinth should be planted after Thanksgiving and by the end of December. Plant your daffodils now through mid-January. Mix **Bone Meal** into soil when planting daffodils.

**Plant winter color** such as 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** to newly planted annuals for a quick start.

**Trim perennials back to the ground as they go dormant.** Trim tender perennials such as bananas, firebush, Mexican heather, 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 hyacinth by the end of the month.** Continue planting daffodils. Overplant your bulbs with winter color such as viola and pansy. Primula and hardy cyclamen can be planted in protected garden areas or pots. **Apply Bone Meal.**

**Plant container trees and shrubs.** Transplanting is best done when plants are dormant.

**Prune summer-flowering shrubs and vines** (such as crape myrtles and althaeas) lightly to prevent rampant growth in the 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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