

NORTH HAVEN Gardens

Every Blooming Thing

NOV • DEC • 2009

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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 2009 ~

SUN, NOV 1

10AM - 2PM • **InSpire A Greener Life**
\$50 Call 214-363-5316 to register. Enjoy this unique, 1/2 day workshop on whole body health. You'll receive **1 hour of yoga, 30 min of yogic philosophy, 1 hour of nutrition and a 1 hour vegetable garden class.** Please bring a light lunch, yoga mat and wear comfortable clothes. Featured speakers: Ro Chapa, Douchka Lecot & Leslie Finical Halleck. More details at www.nhg.com.

1PM • **Favorite Houseplants** by Kay Nelson, TCNP. Kick off **Indoor Plant Week** with a FREE program, then shop our greenhouse for the best selection of indoor plants this winter!

SAT, NOV 7

9AM - NOON • **The Natural Roots of Bonsai** by the Dallas Bonsai Society.

1PM • **Winter Vegetable Garden** by Christine Hensley, NHG Nursery Coord., TCNP.

2:30PM • **Preserving Herbs** by Kay Nelson

SUN, NOV 8 • **BULB DAY**

Meet the local bulb experts, members of the **Daffodil Society**, and select from the largest variety of spring bulbs in town!

1:00PM • **Tulips: Varieties, Planting & Care** by Cornelius Noordermeer, Tulip Expert.

2:30PM • **Daffodils: Natural Spring Beauty** by Debra Eckel, Abbott-Ipco Inc. Bulbs



SAT, NOV 14

Fall Harvest Pie Contest

Just in time for the holidays! Bake your best fall fruit pie and enter to win. Apple, pumpkin, cherry, pears, berries and more make delicious pies. Be creative, have fun! **Guest judge Florine Bowman, of Florine Bowman Natural Pastries.** (Shop Florine's pastries each weekend at NHG! www.nhg.com for details.)

1PM • **Fruit Trees** by Christine Hensley, NHG Nursery Coord., TCNP.

1ST PLACE: \$100 NHG Gift Card and \$50 Sevy's Gift Card

2ND PLACE: \$75 NHG Gift Card

3RD PLACE: \$50 NHG Gift Card



SAT, NOV 21

10AM - 2PM • **Backyard Chickens for Sale**

(3rd Sat of each month) Got chicken questions? This is a great time to ask!

SAT, NOV 28

2PM - TIL SOLD OUT • **Neil Sperry Pen Sale**

A unique opportunity to purchase one of Neil's handmade pens. All proceeds support Serenity High. Neil politely requests no plant questions while in-store on these dates.



~ DECEMBER 2009 ~

SUN, DEC 5

1PM • **Ochid Auction & Sale**

by the Greater North Texas Orchid Society

SAT & SUN, DEC 5 & 6

10AM - 5PM • **Holiday Weekend Arts and Crafts Sale**

For holiday gift giving, shop a unique selection of handmade arts & crafts. Jewelry, knits, toffee, baked goods, skin scents and more!

11AM - 4PM • **Animal Rescue of Texas**

A new home for a pup in need is the best gift you can offer!

SUN, DEC 5

1PM • **Evergreen Shrubs** by Christine Hensley, TCNP. Plant evergreen shrubs for year-round interest!



SAT, DEC 19

10AM - 2PM • **Backyard Chickens for Sale**

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2PM - TIL SOLD OUT • **Neil Sperry Pen Sale**

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Unique Holiday Gifts for those Who are "Green"

We are very excited about all the cool new gift ideas here at NORTH HAVEN GARDENS that make gardening fun, fashionable and efficient! NHG has tons of great gift ideas for the gardeners, and non-gardeners, in your life. For the fashionable garden girl, **color coordinated boots, umbrellas, watering cans & trowels** are sure to please. Choose from an assortment of patterns such as tomatoes, daisies, paisley and more! Looking for a more eco friendly theme?

Rainbarrels, composters and baskets of herb plants are a long lasting choice! **Poinsettias, Christmas cactus and orchids** are always an excellent gift for teachers, dinner hosts and neighbors—we'll even gift them with a bow and card for you. Just give us a call! We can also put together a creative and unique **themed basket** of live plants, tools, books, hats and more. *Still unsure what to get? An NHG Gift Card in any amount is always a favorite!*



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Not sure what to get the Gardener in your life?

NORTH HAVEN GARDENS Gift Cards

make the perfect gift! Order online or in-store.



Winter is a Great Time to Celebrate (& Select) Indoor Plants!

by Kay Nelson, Garden Coach, TCNP

The 1st week of November, we're celebrating indoor plants! Bring the outdoors in during winter months so you can enjoy the beauty and health benefits from your house plants! House plants clean the air naturally and provide a moment of calm from a hectic day.

Most of our favorite houseplants come from tropical climates, so they can tolerate our warm indoors very well. **Orchids, bromeliads** and **ferns** love the warmth, but also like it a bit humid. They're from the rainforest after all! Be sure to place a **moth orchid phaleanopsis** by your computer as they counter effect your computer screen's harsh rays. **Ficus** trees, **cactus, succulents** and **palms** thrive in **high light** areas and sun porches. A turkey baster is perfect to siphon off the excess water from the saucers! Place your pot and saucer on plant feet to help with air circulation and to protect your floors. *We have a great assortment of trivets to choose from. Many different styles and colors!* For **lower light** areas, but not dark, **Chinese evergreens** and **dracaenas** do very well and can tolerate a slightly drier soil. If you can read by the light in the room, then you probably have enough light for these wonderful foliage plants. **ZZ** plant tolerates shade and drought very well. **Spathiphyllums** are also very popular for low light areas and have lovely flowers. **Pothos** and **ivy** are excellent trailing plants. Our organic **BotaniWipes** are great for keeping indoor plant foliage clean, plus they deter indoor pests. When you are ready to repot your plants, use the appropriate potting soil for the type of plant (ie: orchid substrate for orchids, cactus mix for succulents and cactus). **Sunday, November 1st at 1pm, join us for the FREE program "Favorite Houseplants" by Kay Nelson. Then, shop our tropical greenhouse for a great selection of indoor plants.**



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.

Begonia Society

214-363-6715 ext 340
Meets the fourth Sunday at 3pm

Bonsai Society

972-754-9883
Meets the first Saturday at 9:00am

Bromeliad Society

214-350-7136
Meets the 4th Saturday at 3pm

Daylily Growers of Dallas

972-669-0291
Meets the third Saturday at 10am

Greenbee Organic and Sustainable Club

214-363-6715 ext. 326
Meets first Saturday at 1pm

Herb Society of America

Meets the fourth Saturday at 10am

Iris Society

Meets the third Sunday at 3pm

Southwestern Fern Society

214-691-4364
Meets the second Sunday at 3pm

Greater North Texas Orchid Society

214-691-4364
Meets the first Sunday at 3pm

CONGRATULATIONS!

Brenda Ballard and
Brandon Sorenson
are TCNP certified!!!



SPRING BLOOMING BULBS

PLANTING TIME

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

WE'LL DO THE CHILLIN'

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.

North Haven Gardens Carries the Best Christmas Trees and Poinsettias in Town!

Visit us this holiday season for quality fresh cut and living trees. Christmas trees and fresh greens and wreaths go on sale the day after Thanksgiving, November 27th. Christmas trees can be delivered and set up in select areas in Dallas. *NORTH HAVEN GARDENS is open 'til 7pm Thursday-Saturday from December 3rd thru December 19th.*

The Best Quality Christmas Trees, Greens & Wreaths Makes the Difference!

Nothing enhances the holiday spirit better than the smell of fresh evergreens in our homes. However, if not properly handled, the greens may soon dry out, along with the fragrance, creating a potential hazard in your home. **NORTH**

HAVEN GARDENS treats all the trees and fresh greens we sell with an anti-transpirant that reduces the moisture loss, but there are several other tips that will help you once you're home. Maintaining fresh water in the tree stand reservoir is critical. Fresh cut greens should be soaked in water before putting them up for display, and then misted daily or soaked for an hour or so every other day if that is possible. The room your greens are in should be kept as cool as possible, with the greens out of the moving air from vents.

NORTH HAVEN GARDENS has the best selection of the prettiest and freshest Christmas trees and greens in Dallas.

*Fresh greens arrive the day after Thanksgiving, November 27th. Shop greens, trees & local art at NHG's **Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale December 5-6.***

Green Your Garden Year-Round with Evergreen Shrubs

by Christine Hensley, TCNP, Nursery Coordinator

Evergreen shrubs are a cool season classic in the garden. They are the 'bones' for your garden, providing structure and balance when most of your perennials have gone to sleep for the winter. The evergreen shrubs that perform well in Dallas tend to have some common features that include dark-green waxy or glossy foliage, and berries that will attract winter birds. They tend to tolerate shaping well, making them ideal candidates for a formal garden, but also look lovely left to grow in their natural shape. Sizes of the different shrubs are quite variable, ranging from as small as 18" up to 20'. Some of our favorite evergreen shrubs available at **NORTH HAVEN GARDENS** are **holly, nandina, wax myrtle, cleyera, juniper, boxwood, Indian hawthorn, ligustrum, eleagnus, yaupon, Japanese yew, pittosporum, viburnum, camellia,** and **gardenia.** *Learn more about Evergreen Shrubs for Year Round Interest at the FREE program December 5th at 1pm by Christine Hensley, NHG Staff.*

Winter Vegetable Display Garden

by Christine Hensley, NHG Coordinator, TCNP

Winter is my favorite time in the vegetable garden! Plant the right things and you can have a tasty harvest through winter. In our vegetable display garden, we don't cover the plants. The hardiest of our winter crops include collard greens, spinach, carrots, beets, turnips, mustard, kale, broccoli, Brussels sprouts and cabbage. These can go right through most of the freezes that we have here in Dallas with no problem. The crops that are a little less hardy, but still perform well in all but the coldest part of winter are cauliflower, lettuce, onions, Chinese cabbage, radicchio, arugula, radishes, peas and Swiss chard. Evergreen herbs such as rosemary, thyme, oregano and sage all perform well in the winter, and cool season herbs such as parsley, fennel, dill, and cilantro thrive. *Check out what's growing in our Vegetable Display Garden each time you visit, it's always changing!*

The Perfect Gift: Garden Coach Program

Looking for a completely unique gift for your favorite gardener? We have an excellent gift solution! A consultation 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. The cost is \$50. At the end of the 45 minute session, you'll receive a \$50 NHG gift card to use whenever you like! Call 214-363-5316 for an appointment. **In-store only.**



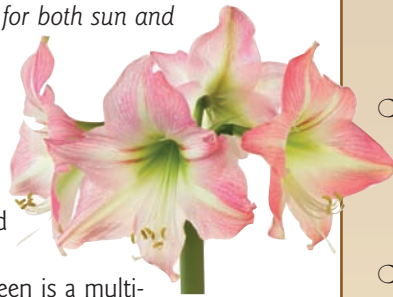
NOW is the **TIME...**



Pansies & Poppies: Cool Season Color

by Don Miller, NHG Staff

The mild winters of North Texas provide the perfect climate for two of nature's most beautiful blooms...pansies & poppies! Pansies have long been planted in Texas gardens and containers for their bright, dependable winter color. Now there is a new series that has proved to out perform many previous varieties. The **Pansy MatrixSeries** has a compact, well branched growth habit. The flowers are large but have a very strong stem so they can hold their blooms up better in the rain and cold temperatures. The Matrix pansies come in a variety of colors with either no face or the classic pansy face. **Iceland Poppies** are the perfect partner for your winter color beds. The bright yellow, orange and pink mix of flowers stand 15" to 18" above the clusters of foliage. For the best success, plant Iceland Poppies now so they have a chance to establish themselves through winter to make a glorious show in spring. Pansies and poppies do best in full sun, planted in loose, well-draining soil. Mix compost and NHG Organic Pansy Food in your beds before planting. *NORTH HAVEN GARDENS has an excellent selection of cool season color for both sun and shade through winter!*



Green Your Holiday!

by Alison Swann, NHG Garden Advisor

At NORTH HAVEN GARDENS we are all about green and the holidays are no exception! Enhance your celebrations and welcome your guests warmly with **living plants**. Green is a multitude of colors when you incorporate our beautiful specialty amaryllises into your holiday décor. Our **amaryllis** selection includes blooms in reds, oranges, greens, pinks, peaches and more. While velvety red **poinsettias** remain a traditional favorite, mix them with orange, ivory and pink poinsettias for something festively modern! Our selection of poinsettias can be found in our **tropical greenhouse**. Complete your indoor scenery with **Norfolk Island pines**. Adorn mantles and entryways with **rosemary** and **ivy topiaries** in tree and ball shapes. Go truly "green" this holiday by choosing one of our many varieties of beautiful **living Christmas trees!** Decorate a fresh tree in your home and then make it part of your permanent landscape. *Poinsettias arrive at NORTH HAVEN GARDENS the week before Thanksgiving.*

Holiday Weekend Arts & Crafts Sale, December 5th-6th

You shop at NORTH HAVEN GARDENS, so we know local is important to you! Support local artisans by shopping for holiday gifts at the **NHG Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale, December 5th & 6th**. You'll have a unique opportunity to shop handmade and one of a kind pieces of jewelry, crocheted wearables, holiday cookies, locally roasted coffee, original artwork and more! *To get a glimpse of who will be here, visit the Events page at www.nhg.com.*



NOVEMBER

- Prepare for Bulb planting by attending Bulb Day November 8th. Free programs on daffodils & tulips.
- 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 NHG Organic Bulb Food 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, fire-bush, 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 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 altheas) 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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