

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.

NHG SCHOOL of GARDENING

Events and programs outlined or placed in a green box are presented by NHG staff!

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NHG POP-UP CLASSES

Each weekend we'll present timely education on everything from planting to the best tools. Join us for the informative, casual 20-minute sessions in the garden center.

- Nov 5 • 11am **Cool Season Herb Tour**
- Nov 5 • 1pm **Winter Vegetables**
- Nov 12 • 11am **Dig, Drop, Done: Planting Bulbs**
- Nov 12 • 11am **Greenhouse Plants: Orchids & more!**
- Nov 19 • 11am **Protect Your Garden in a Freeze**

SAT, NOV 5

9AM - Noon

Bonsai Study Group by the Bonsai Society. Bring in your Bonsai for professional suggestions. Class details at the Events page at www.nhg.com. \$20 Non Members.



SUN, NOV 6

2:30PM • **Orchids 101**

A great opportunity to ask questions about keeping orchids. In the Greenhouse.

3PM • **The World of Cypripediums**

by the North Texas Orchid Society

SAT, NOV 12

10AM • **Winterizing Your Backyard Chicken Flock** by Dan Probst, Bageniece Farms.

11AM - 2PM • **Backyard Chicken Sale** Don't miss this opportunity to purchase healthy, teen pullets for your backyard flock.



THURS, NOV 17

10:30AM • **Designing a Kinetic or Mobile Blossom Arrangement** by the 1st African Violet Society of Dallas



SAT, NOV 19

11AM • **Daylily Addict DVD Showing** by the Daylily Growers of Dallas

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Dec 3 • 11am **Decorating Wreaths with Natural Elements**



THURS, DEC 15

10:30AM • **A Good Home for your African Violets to Spread Their Roots**

by the 1st African Violet Society of Dallas



Keep Your Christmas Trees, Greens & Wreaths Fresh

Come pick up your perfect Christmas tree with us this year. Holiday greens arrive the week before Thanksgiving. **Christmas trees are ready for your home the day after Thanksgiving.** Hot cider and cookies are served through the holiday season.

The scents of real conifer evergreens in our homes conjure up warm holiday memories of the past while creating new ones for our families in the future. If not properly handled, the greens can dry out and lose fragrance. NORTH HAVEN GARDENS treats all the trees and fresh greens we sell with a natural anti-transpirant that reduces the moisture loss. Maintaining fresh water in the tree stand reservoir is critical for your Christmas tree. Keep it fresh by adding water every few days.

Soil Moist Tree Care helps trees reabsorb water if you accidentally forget to replenish your tree's water reservoir. 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.

Try to keep greens away from drying vents where possible. NORTH HAVEN GARDENS has been creating holiday traditions for decades.



Add **Soil Moist** to your Christmas tree reservoir.



Snapdragons

Impressive Holiday Gardens for Beyond the Holidays!

by Robin Carlton, NHG Garden Advisor

Early November is a great time for planting cool season color. With NHG as your guide your beds and containers will be stunning from the time Thanksgiving guests ring the doorbell until you shout "Happy New Year", and beyond. For a classic look, plant **pansies**, **snapdragons**, and **Iceland poppies**. A mix of pink-hued **dianthus** or **stock** and blue-toned **pansies** creates vintage cottage charm. The warm yellow and orange harvest tones of **wallflowers** will also liven the bleariest winter days. Create a simple, modern container with **ornamental cabbage** and **kale**. You'll be surprised by how dynamic they can be! Underplant cool season color with Spring blooming daffodils now. Then, add tulip bulbs in Mid to Late December for an extended spring display. Got shade? **Cyclamen** and **primrose** adds color to less sunny spots.

Want your holiday containers and your garden to perform double-duty? Adding cool season herbs to your winter plantings look amazing, plus, offer quick flavor for holiday meals. **Dill**, **parsley**, **cilantro**, **rosemary**, **thyme** and **fennel** look great on their own, as borders in the landscape, or focal points in containers. In early November, **Red mustard greens**, **spinach**, **salad greens** and **Swiss chard** are still available. *For lush fall and winter beds and pots, get with a NHG Garden Advisor today!*

NHG Organic Market Garden

What's growing in ours? What can you grow in yours?

What will you find available fresh from our NHG Organic Market Garden? **Broccoli**, **cauliflower**, **Brussels sprouts**, **cabbage**, **kale**, and **collards** will be ready for all your fresh holiday recipes. Other vegetables available will be **carrots**, **beets**, **turnips**, **spinach**, **Swiss chard**, and **mustard greens**. Fresh herbs are an easy way to spruce up winter meals. Be on the look out for **cilantro**, **rosemary**, **oregano**, **sage**, and **lavender**.

Think you missed out on planting your own backyard edibles? Right now, there's still time to plant cool season herbs such as **dill**, **fennel**, **parsley** and **cilantro**, as well as all the evergreen herbs like **rosemary**, **thyme**, **oregano**, and **sage**. You can also continue to plant **spinach**, **arugula**, **kale**, **Swiss chard** and **mustard greens**. All these vegetables will perform well as the temperatures drop and tolerate freezes. In February, you can begin to plant **broccoli**, **cauliflower**, **Brussels sprouts**, **cabbage** and other **cole crops** for spring. *Don't forget to seed your tomatoes indoors in January. Look for our FREE programs early next year on planting vegetables for spring.*



Spinach



Cilantro

Protect Plants with Cloud Cover

This month, be sure to apply **Cloud Cover** to all your evergreen trees and shrubs. Plants treated with Cloud Cover have about 3 to 5 degrees more frost resistance than untreated plants. In many cases, this is enough difference to benefit plants and avoid damage. Cloud cover is also an excellent way to increase the longevity of your Christmas tree. It works by retaining moisture in the needles. In summer, plants with a lower heat tolerance, such as Japanese maples, Dogwoods and conifers, will perform better with Cloud Cover. Apply in May. Additionally, it is helpful applied to new shrub plantings in spring and fall to reduce environmental stress. *Don't forget to pick up frost cloth!*

Prepare Now for Spring Vegetables!

Be prepared for January seed starting with the right tools! Our favorite is the **Jump Start Seed Starting Kit**. The key to the healthiest and strongest transplants is intense supplemental light. The Jump Start kit offers a full light spectrum to encourage faster growth and stronger roots. This excellent starter kit includes the light stand, fixture and a full spectrum fluorescent bulb. Also makes a great gift along with a variety of seeds, Jiffy pellets, a heat pad and more.



Iceland Poppy

NOW is the TIME!

Find more timely tips each month on the Garden Solutions page at www.nhg.com

FROST CLOTH! Protecting Your Plants.

Continue to water your plants regularly through the winter months. Properly cared for plants will survive winter much better. When temperatures dip below 32 degrees, cover tender plants such as palms and some annual color, with frost cloth. Never with plastic! Frost cloth is especially designed to trap heat with minimal moisture build-up. NHG staff is here 7 days a week to answer all your winter gardening questions.



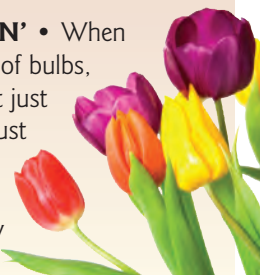
MULCH! More plant protection year round.

A good 2" 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. NORTH HAVEN GARDENS carries a variety of fine mulches both in bagged or bulk.

Spring Blooming Bulbs

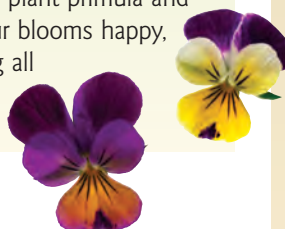
PLANTING TIME • Plant Tulips, Hyacinth and other spring-flowering bulbs between Thanksgiving and the end of December, when soil temps reach 45-50°F. Daffodils, however, can be planted anytime after Oct. 1st through mid-Jan.

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.



Over-plant Spring Bulbs with Winter Color

Did you plant your tulips and hyacinth this month and now want to fill the space with pretty color to last through spring? Pansies and violas are excellent blooms to plant now that will take you through til the weather warms up. For more shaded or protected areas of the garden and in pots, plant primula and hardy cyclamen. Keep your blooms happy, healthy and big by feeding all annual color with **NHG Organic Bulb Food**.



Transplant Trees & 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 the 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 Root Activator** just after planting and once a month thereafter.

Cool Season Crops

Continue to plant **spinach, salad greens, broccoli, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, kohlrabi, kale** and more in November.



Winterize Your Backyard Chicken Flock

While chickens are surprisingly cold hardy, there are things you can do to ensure winter survival from the cold wind. Don't miss our program **"Winterizing Your Backyard Chicken Flock" at 10am on November 12th**. Also, stop by the chicken coop in our NHG Organic Market Garden for more ideas and tips.



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- 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 replanting spring and summer-flowering perennials early November. Plant container trees and shrubs.
- Using a water can, apply a root stimulator to newly planted annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees.
- 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

- Remove dead materials that could harbor insects or disease.
- Plant tulips and hyacinth by the end of the month. Continue planting daffodils, trees, shrubs, and don't forget, winter is a great time to plant fruit trees!
- Don't forget to water trees and shrubs, especially during dry spells.

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www.nhg.com

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Avoid the Mall: NHG Has Wonderful Holiday Gifts!

Why stress yourself by shopping at the mall for all your holiday gifts? Even friends and family who aren't necessarily gardeners will find gifts from NHG a delight. Visit www.nhg.com/thisjustin.htm for more ideas!

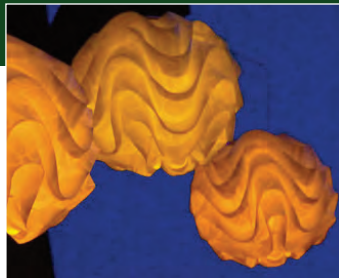
Home Accents: Home accessories with a garden twist will be available at NHG just in time for Thanksgiving. Choose from colorful pottery, charming lanterns, contemporary topiaries and more!

Garden Coach Sessions: We now offer at-home Garden Coach sessions as well as 45 minute in-store sessions. A great gift for a new homeowner, a new gardener, or that neighbor who's landscape needs a bit of love. Details and pricing at www.nhg.com.

Eco Friendly Gifts: Why not encourage friends and family to compost? We have quality, easy to set-up **Compost Mixers** and **worm Vermicomposters**.

Top Tools: Nothing makes garden tasks easier, and safer, than high quality garden tools. Felco pruners and NHG brand tools are guaranteed for a lifetime!

Stocking Stuffers: Organic seed packets from **Botanical Interest** and **Baker's Seeds**, **Fiskars Big Grip Transplanter**, **Fiskars Micro-tip Scissors**, **Moisture Meters**, **Garden Gloves**...tons to choose from in-stock!



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

Begonia Society
214-363-6715 ext 340

Meets the fourth Sunday at 3pm

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
More info at www.dallasdaylilies.com
Meets the third Saturday at 10am

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

Dallas Organic Garden Club
More info at www.dogc.org
Meets the fourth Sunday at 3pm

Dallas Backyard Poultry Meetup Group
www.meetup.com/dallasbackyardpoultry
Meetings vary. Check website.

**Happy New Year from
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