

NORTH HAVEN Gardens

Every Blooming Thing

NOV • DEC • 2012

www.nhg.com

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 2012 ~

FRI, NOV 2
4 - 6PM

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 readying your garden for winter.



5:30PM • **POP UP Class: Planting Winter Color & Spring Bulbs in Containers Together!**

6PM • **POP UP Class: Planting Spring Bulbs**



SAT, NOV 3

11AM • **POP UP Class: Proper Watering Through Winter**



SAT, NOV 10

10AM • **Help! My Violets Have Bugs!**

Presented by the Alpha African Violet Society

THUR, NOV 15

10:30AM • **Let's Talk Soil for Houseplants**

Presented by the First African Violet Society

SAT, NOV 17

10AM • **Winterize Your Backyard Flock**

by Dan Probst
Info and tips on keeping your backyard hens safe and comfortable through the cooler months.



11AM - 1PM or sold out • **Backyard Chicken Sale & Q&A** Check www.nhg.com for weather cancellation.

11AM • **Texas Bumble Bees** Bees pollinate our food and flowers. Protect the bees and plant what will attract them! Presented by the Daylily Growers of Dallas

2:30PM • **POP UP Class: Tillandsias** Air plants make great gifts and are easy to care for or add to terrariums, craft projects and more.



~ DECEMBER 2012 ~

SAT, DEC 1

11AM • **POP UP Class: Plant Tulips with Your Pansies**, by Cynthia Koogler, NHG Container Specialist



SUN, DEC 2

3PM • **Orchid Auction!** by the Greater North Texas Orchid Society. Details at www.nhg.com

FRI, DEC 7

4 - 7PM

Holiday Happy Hour

Enjoy complimentary wine, beer, refreshments and light appetizers while shopping our holidays gifts with a garden twist, fresh Christmas trees and greens, and more!



5:30PM • **POP UP Class: Planting Terrariums**

6PM • **POP UP Class: Planting Tulips & Pansies in Containers**

SAT, DEC 8

10AM • **Creative Ways to Wrap African Violets & Gesneriads as Gifts**

by the Alpha African Violet Society

11AM • **POP UP Class: Planting Tulips**

SAT, DEC 15

11AM - 1PM or sold out

• **Backyard Chicken Sale & Q&A** Check www.nhg.com for weather cancellation.



Pre-Mixed
100 Ct. Bags



Tantalizing Tulips Create a Terrific Spring Garden

by Leslie Finical Halleck, M.S.

It's Tulip time again! The holiday season is upon us, and its time to select your favorite bulb varieties for the garden. Popular Tulip varieties, such as 'Menton', 'Maureen', 'Kingsblood' and others sell out quickly, so don't wait until December to choose your favorite colors and varieties! This year, we've created fun, unique color combos of tulips such as...

Cotton Candy Mix - Early Blooming - 'Van Eyck' (pale pink), 'Salmon Impression' (salmon/pink) & 'Apricot Impression' (peach)

Wine & Roses - Late Blooming - 'Queen of the Night' (Deep purple-black), 'Renown' (hot pink), & 'Violet Beauty' (violet).

Queen of Hearts - Late Blooming - 'Kingsblood' (red), 'Maureen' (white), 'Queen of the Night' (Deep purple-black)

Did you know that 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. Storage at the right temperature, about 45-50°F, for 60 to 70 days is necessary for your tulips, hyacinth, crocus and other spring flowering bulbs to bloom.

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, Allium, Muscari, Daffodils and other perennial bulbs, however, can be planted now!

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.



Keep Your Christmas Trees, Greens & Wreaths Fresh

Once you've selected your fresh greens and trees, be sure to keep them hydrated! NORTH HAVEN GARDENS treats all the trees and fresh greens 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 for your Christmas tree. Keep it fresh by adding water every few days. 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. The room your greens are in should be kept as cool as possible, with the greens kept away from vents. **Christmas trees are ready for your home the day after Thanksgiving.**



WINTER A Great Time to Plant Trees & Shrubs!

While the rest of the plant is dormant, the root system continues to develop during the cool temperatures because the ground doesn't freeze. This helps them establish before our stressful summer returns. Some staff favorites to plant now include...

Carolyn Kennedy, NHG Garden Advisor

Ginkgo: Unique, fan-shaped leaves. Magnificent shade tree.

Bald Cypress: This beautiful native tree is adapted to the difficult soils of Texas.

Fig: Easy to grow, lovely shaped leaves, delicious fruit.

Mexican Buckeye: Native shrub. Pink blooms in spring, drought tolerant in summer, golden fall color and distinctive seed pods in winter.

Camellias: Magnificent blooms in part shade in shades of pink, red, and white. Evergreen. Many sizes available.

Japanese Maples: Part shade, exceptional foliage tree. Many sizes, shapes and colors in-stock.

Rusty Allen, NHG Garden Advisor

Ornamental Cherries: Lovely show of flowers for in early spring. Prefer rich soil. Can grow in part sun.

Texas Mountain Laurel: A definite favorite! Evergreen. Show-stopping, grape-scented purple blooms in early spring. Tolerant to many soil types.

Redbud: Dense purplish-pink (not truly red) blooms cover the branches in early spring. Drought tolerant once established, low maintenance.

Red Maple: Dense, globe-shaped shade tree with large leaves and beautiful fall color.



Fig



Camellia



Redbud



Texas Mountain Laurel

Terrarium Gardens

by Cynthia Koogler, BS, NHG Container Specialist

This winter, why not bring the garden indoors? Terrariums are a delightful way to brighten up your indoor space and make terrific gifts. Come to NHG this season for everything you need to create your own terrarium or we can create a custom design just for you! Follow these easy steps:

- Select a **clean glass container**, decide where your desired soil line is. Fill with **rocks** 1/3 of the way to the soil line.
- Add a cut piece of **weed cloth, frost cloth** or a coffee filter over the rocks. Top with a bit of charcoal or orchid mix with charcoal.
- Fill container with **NHG Organic Potting Soil** 2/3 of the way from your desired soil line. Dig small holes to add 2" plants.
- After planting, water terrarium plants with distilled water from a spray bottle.
- You can either mulch terrarium with decorative rocks or sheet moss. When using sheet moss be sure to soak in water then squeeze out excess.
- Add flare to your new beautiful terrarium with small trinkets or fairy statuary!

NOTE: Keep in mind that most plants will grow beyond the container. Plants can be replaced as necessary. Sun and water requirements depend on plants chosen.



NOW is the **TIME...**



Ask us about Custom Winter Containers

The Freeze May Come. What to do?

by Robin Carlton, NHG Contract Sales

Do temperatures that are plummeting to below freezing send your stress level soaring? By practicing 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!

Help! Guests arrive in a few days and my garden needs sprucing! What should I do?

by Robin Carlton, NHG Contract Sales

After learning some last minute guests are arriving for the holidays, you need your garden to look its best. We have everything to create seasonal curb appeal quickly. Bold color has the most impact in beds and containers. Pick up flats of pansies, violas, cyclamen, and cabbage or kale. Be sure to add Iceland poppies for bursts of color. Add a Lemon Cypress tree or a rosemary topiary to entryway containers for an architectural compliment. While you're in the store, grab a beautiful poinsettia for the interior and you will be instantly holiday-house-guest-ready. For info on our **Value Flats Program**, visit www.nhg.com/flatspricing.htm.

Winter Color Maintenance

Give existing plants a feeding of **NHG Bedding Food** and an application of our favorite foliar feed, **Hasta Gro**, to produce maximum bloom throughout the season. A fresh layer of **mulch** will not only ensure temperature controlled roots, but give your garden a finished look.



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 to newly planted annuals for a quick start.
- Trim perennials back to the ground as they go dormant.
- Plant cold-hardy kale and spinach.

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.

Visit our website for more tips and information www.nhg.com

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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.



Did you earn December Dollars through Fall?
Redeem them December 1st to 31st for up to 1/2 your purchase.

Details at www.nhg.com/growcard.htm

Unique Holiday Gifts You won't find at the Mall!

You don't want to give a gift that can be found just anywhere! We look to bring in gift choices we know you'll love to give and are both thoughtful and unique. Need gifts for non-gardeners? We have those, too! Visit www.nhg.com/thisjustin.htm for more ideas!

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

Custom Containers: Our in-house Container Specialist will design a custom mix of colors, herbs and more, for your favorite gardener. We will even deliver your creation in the Dallas area!

Raised Bed Kits: Know a special someone who has been talking about building a raised bed to grow vegetables and herbs, but just doesn't have the time to build their own? We'll get the job done for them! We deliver, assemble and fill all sizes of wood beds or metal tanks. Details at www.nhg.com/raisedbedsetup.htm

Gifts for the Home: Wine Stoppers, decorative Santas, ornaments and more! All wonderfully beautiful and unique.

Amaryllis Bulbs: The ultimate elegant gift. A simple bulb potted in a glass vase with colorful stones will bloom in winter, then can be planted outdoors in the spring garden. Exotic and traditional favorites in stock.

Terrariums & Fairy Gardens: Colorful rocks and sand, dainty furniture, miniature plants... we have everything needed to create a delightful indoor garden for loves ones 7 years old to 70 years young!



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

Happy New Year from North Haven Gardens!

