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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FREE LECTURES IN ~ SEPTMEBER 2004 ~

SAT SEPT 11TH • 9AM until sold out!
IRIS SOCIETY'S FALL SALE

Special Lecture at 10am
Dell Perry – Growing Irises

SUN SEPT 12TH • 1:30PM
FALL COLOR IDEAS FOR THE GARDEN,
by Judy Fender

SAT SEPT 18TH • 1:30PM
TREES FOR THE METROPLEX,
by Tom Wilten
First Men's Garden Club of Dallas

FREE LECTURES IN ~ OCTOBER 2004 ~

SAT OCT 2ND • 9AM until sold out!
DAYLIY GROWERS' FALL SALE

FALL • SAT OCT 2ND & SUN OCT 3RD
HERB DAYS
Meet the herb clubs during this weekend
by Sarah Aston Harkinson

SAT OCT 2ND • 1:30PM
'WONDERS OF LAVENDER',
by Sarah Aston Harkinson

SUN OCT 3RD • 1:30PM
GROWING AND USING HERBS,
by Rosa Schachle

SAT OCT 9TH • 1:30PM
BEAUTIFUL BULBS FOR TEXAS,
by Cornelius Noordermeer

SUN OCT 10TH • 1:30PM
MONARCH MIGRATION & FALL BUTTERFLIES,
by Dale Clark, Lepidopterist

SAT OCT 16TH • 1:30PM
COMPOSTING WITH MIKE NORTEN,
First Men's Garden Club of Dallas

SAT OCT 23RD • 10:00AM
ORIENTAL COOKING WITH HERBS,
Herb Society of America

SAT OCT 23RD • 1:30PM
WINTER GARDENS WITH BRAUM FRANKLIN

WEDNESDAY AT NOON
with JUDY FENDER

Advance reservation required; luncheon
charge – menu on website/in store

SEPT 15TH • NOON TO 2PM
"CREATIVE SHADE GARDENS"

OCT 20TH • NOON TO 2PM
"ATTRACTING WINTER WILDLIFE"

Plant a Wildlife Habitat this Fall

Matt Kolodzie

NORTH HAVEN GARDENS can help you with the essentials for creating a habitat that will encourage a variety of wildlife to visit your garden.

In addition to feeders and birdbaths for supplemental food and water, NORTH HAVEN GARDENS has many plants that provide shelter, nectar, pollen, berries, and seeds.

Evergreens, such as Eastern Red Cedar and Gray Gleam Juniper, provide shelter and nesting sites for many birds, and also provide a nice green or gray backdrop in the winter landscape.

Our selection of nectar plants for hummingbirds is quite extensive, and colors range from pale yellow to dark blue, and almost everything in between. Some of the best are the orange flowered Flame Acanthus, the reds, pinks, and purples of Salvia Greggii, and the dark blue of Majestic Sage.

Butterflies congregate on Butterfly Bush, Texas Aster, Frostweed, and Lantana.

Many birds feast on the ripe fruit or berries of Carolina Buckthorn, Aromatic Sumac, Beautyberry, Agarito, and many of the Hollies. My favorite, and also the favorite of the gregarious Cedar Waxwings, is Possumhaw, with its large bright red berries that are prominent all winter. Unlike the similar Yaupon Holly, the Possumhaw drops its leaves to reveal the berries, providing a warm glow on a dark winter day.

Seeds from ornamental grasses and from the spent blooms of summer and fall blooming perennials provide a much-needed source of food during the winter months. Some of the best are Lindheimer's Muhly, Maiden Grass, Inland Sea Oats, Purple Coneflower, and the various Rudbeckias.

All of these plants provide the double benefit of being beautiful in the landscape while bringing the movement, sounds, and sights of our wildlife friends.

9th Annual Tea Off and Herb Days!

It's herbal tea and dessert time again! Prepare your favorite tea (one gallon of it) and/or herbal dessert. Then, bring your herbal creation and the recipe to North Haven Gardens on Saturday, October 2, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. The judging will take place at noon. Winners will be announced at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

A \$50 NHG gift certificate will be awarded to each of the First Place winners in the "Herbal Dessert" and in the "Herbal Tea" categories. Second place winners in each category will receive a \$25 NHG gift

certificate. Weekend lectures include "Lavender" by Sarah Aston Harkinson on Saturday, and "Growing Herbs" with herb expert Rosa Schachle on Sunday.

Members of the local herb societies will be in the herb area to help with herb selections and answer questions from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on October 2 and 3. Mark your calendar. Enter the competitions! Sample herbal tea, try some of the desserts, and learn more about herbs from the experts! Recipes of prior Tea Offs are available at www.nhg.com.

Prairie Coneflower: Workhorse of the Perennial Garden (and Medicine Chest) *Chuck Goecke*

Coneflowers (*Echinacea* sp.) are amongst the best, hardiest, most attractive perennials for the home garden. They are drought tolerant, adapt to any soil, reseed abundantly, and grow well in anything from full hot sun to partial shade. Additionally, *Echinacea* has been used herbally as an immune system booster. Native Americans and present day

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Fall Pond Care

Debbie Jackson

Fall is a wonderful time to spend time in the garden. The dragonflies are darting back and forth like little helicopters drawing you further into the garden.

Now is a great time to ready your pond for winter.

Water plants that have been growing all summer can now be divided. The plants need to be repotted in topsoil that is packed well to remove air bubbles.

Ponds that are located under trees benefit from a covering of Bird-X netting to prevent falling leaves getting into the pond. This will cut down the chore of leaf removal from the pond. Decomposing leaves at the bottom of the pond let gases off that can be harmful to pondlife.

If you have been having a problem with mosquitoes, add Mosquito Dunks to the pond. The Mosquito Dunks do not harm fish or birds making them safe to use.

KWGCNT Pond Tour – Sept. 18
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Prairie Coneflower *continued...*

people have used Echinacea to lessen the duration and severity of colds, flu, and infections.

Two exciting new varieties of coneflowers are now becoming available to complement the existing improved selections. A new color has been added, Orange Meadow Bright, with sunny orange flowers. Double Decker, is the traditional pink-purple with a shock of added petals coming off the top of the cone's head. It is very whimsical and may offer nectar seekers an additional place for lunch. The variety call Magnus, is the tradition color with a somewhat flatter flower. White Swan, is similar, but daisy white in color.

NORTH HAVEN GARDENS is committed to bringing you the latest cool new varieties of well-adapted plants for our area. These newest varieties may be in short supply at first, but the availability should improve.

Flower Bulbs in Containers: So pretty and so easy to plant

Flower bulbs are great mixers! They can be planted in endless varieties in two or three layers in containers where they can be placed in your shrubs beds. Wherever you put your flower containers, they'll create a colorful effect; and you can make gorgeous miniature gardens anywhere.

When you plant flower bulbs in containers, drainage is very important. Make holes (at least 3/8" in diameter) at 6-inch intervals in the bottom of containers. Cover the holes with window screen or pot-shards to keep the soil from washing out. Flower bulbs can be planted closer together than in the garden, but they should not be touching each other or the sides of the pot. When planting in layers, avoid placing bulbs directly over one another. Be sure to water your containers thoroughly after planting. To protect the flower bulbs against severe frost in the winter, it is best to cover the container temporarily with mulch or other insulating materials. Small pots can be sunk in the ground.

At NORTH HAVEN GARDENS, we carry only top-sized bulbs from Holland. Choose from hundreds of different varieties from the unusual to all of your old favorites!

BULBS FOR CONTAINERS

BULB	HEIGHT	PLANTING DEPTH	EXPOSURE
ALLIUM	9-15"	2-4" depending on size	Sun
<i>Many varieties in a wide range of colors. Long bloom season. Shorter species ideal for containers.</i>			
ANEMONE	6-18"	1-2"	Sun to part shade
<i>Red, pink, blue, rose or white flowers.</i>			
CROCUS	4-5"	Barely cover bulbs	Sun to part shade
<i>Flowers in shades of blue, purple, gold and white.</i>			
HYACINTHS	6-12"	5"	Sun
<i>Many bright colors. Blooms are very fragrant.</i>			
IRIS, DUTCH	10-24"	1"	Sun to part shade
<i>Flowers in blue, purple, yellow, orange and white shades. Plant 5 to a 6" pot. Good for forcing.</i>			
NARCISSUS (Daffodil)	5-20"	Covered 2 1/2 times width of bulb	Sun or part shade
<i>Many single and bicolor shades of red, orange, yellow and white. Dwarf varieties are excellent for small containers.</i>			
ORNITHOGALUM (Star of Bethlehem)	10-14"	4-5"	Sun or part shade
<i>White flowers with contrasting green stripe on each petal.</i>			
RANUNCULUS	10-24"	1"	Sun or part shade
<i>Flowers in shades of red, pink, yellow, orange and white.</i>			
TULIP	5-30"	2 1/2 times width of bulb (generally 4 to 6")	Sun
<i>Many flower colors and varieties. Require 4-5 week cold period.</i>			

'GARDEN PLANNER' ASSISTANT

Pick up our useful NORTH HAVEN GARDENS' Garden Planner at the Customer Service Desk when you are thinking of expanding, changing, or planting a new flower bed. Helpful hints and checklists are included in the Planner pages, just in case you don't think of everything. This useful planning tool contains a graph area to draw the garden area (measurements). Bring your diagram with you when you come to make plant selections so our NORTH HAVEN GARDENS' staff can better assist you.

Shade Gardens with Some Spunk!

Make shade gardens more fun by adding some evergreen color and interest such as East Indian Holly ferns with their striped leaves, or the attractive texture of the compact and beautiful Korean Rock fern. Winter can still be green with if you add evergreen ferns, including Autumn ferns and Holly ferns. Japanese Aralia (Fatsia japonica) is a large finger-leaved plant that grows tall and wide and is unique in a shaded area. Gold Dust Aucuba, with its yellow-splattered leaves makes a bright accent for a darker area, and it is perfectly suited to large containers as well. Aucuba also is available in 'just green,' and its unique leaf adds a different look to flower beds.

The term "shade" encompasses so many light conditions. Shade can range from dense darkness to the light-dappled shade under a pecan tree. Most plants require at least a few hours of direct light each day (light shade), some need an abundance of filtered light (medium shade), while few plants can thrive in the darkness of a forest (dense shade). Other factors you will need to consider when planting your shade garden is the amount of moisture your shady spot receives and the soil conditions. The soil under large trees is usually dry because of the "umbrella" effect created. Other locations may have soggy soil that will only allow bog-type plants to grow.

Following, we have listed some shade-loving perennials and their requirements to help you choose the right plant for your situation:

PERENNIALS FOR DRY SHADE

Aquilegia chrysantha (Texas Gold Columbine)
Dicentra 'Luxuriant' (Bleeding Heart)*
Helleborus orientalis (Lenten Rose)*
Lamium galeobdolon (Yellow Archangel or Deadnettle)*
Malvaviscus drummondii (Turks Cap)
Polygonatum o'doratum variegatum (Solomon's Seal)*

PERENNIALS FOR COOL, MOIST SOILS IN SHADE

Arachniodes simplicior variegata (East Holly Fern)
Athyrium nipponicum 'Pictum' (Japanese Painted Fern)**
Cyrptomium (Japanese Holly Fern)**
Dryopteris erythrosora (Autumn Fern)**
Helleborus orientalis (Lenten Rose)*
Heuchera (Coral Bells)
Hosta (many varieties)
Oxalis Crassipes (Woodsorrel)
Polystichum acrostichoides (Christmas Fern)**
Polystichum polyblepharum (Tassel Fern)
Thelypteris Kunthii (Southern Wood Fern)
Tricyrtis formosana (Toad Lily)*
Tricyrtis hirta 'Miyazaki' (Toad Lily)
Viola odorata (Royal Robe Violet)

PERENNIAL GROUNDCOVERS IN SHADE

Hedera colehica (Persian Ivy)
Hedera Helix (English Ivy)
Lamium galeobdolon (Yellow Archangel)*
Liriope muscari (Monkey Grass)
Ophiopogon japonicus (Mondo Grass)
Vinca minor*

CLIMBERS FOR SHADY WALLS & FENCES

Akebia quinata, trifoliata
Euonymus fortunei 'Coloratus'
Hedera helix (English Ivy)
Lonicera japonica 'Halliana' (Japanese Honeysuckle)
Lyodium japonicum (Japanese Climbing Fern)
Parthenocissus tricuspidata (Boston Ivy)
Parthenocissus quinquefolia (Virginia Creeper)

*light shade **medium to dense shade

WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY PLANT?

Don't know what's ailing your plant or shrub? Snip off enough and bring it in to our Customer Service Desk. We will gladly assist you with the soil, water, or pesticide/fungicide remedy/treatment to correct the condition or rid the pest. Many plant problems begin when soil is not properly prepared and then followed by improper watering techniques. Stop in and learn about good bed prep, corrective measures for established beds, and how to properly water. Developing good garden techniques will make your garden grow great!

Now is the Time...



SEPTEMBER

Plant cool weather color—petunias, alyssum, dianthus, cyclamen, primrose, flowering kale.

Select and purchase spring-blooming bulbs: paperwhites, tulips, hyacinths, and specialty bulbs. We chill our bulbs. Grow Card benefit: We will store your tulip purchase of \$100 or more in our cooler until planting time (mid to late December when soil temperatures are 50° or colder).

The fall is a great time to plant (and transplant) trees and shrubs.

Apply beneficial nematodes.

Fertilize lawns, trees, and shrubs at the beginning of September. Between mid September and October 15, apply corn gluten meal as a weed pre-emergent to grass areas only; use 20 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft; water after applying. Keep it out of the gardens. (If you apply the corn gluten, you don't need to fertilize the lawn also.)

Plant leafy green vegetables such as Swiss chard, spinach, lettuce. Also plant onions, broccoli, cabbage and kale.

OCTOBER

Sow cool weather plants such as mums, pansies, snapdragons, dusty miller, and fragrant stock.

Sow native seeds for spring bloom.

Pick pumpkins for Jack-o-lantern carving and mini-pumpkins and gourds for fall decorating.

Compost those falling leaves! Mulch flower beds in preparation for winter.

Purchase frost cloth to be prepared for unexpected cold weather.

Feed the birds! Safflower seeds are great; squirrels don't like them!

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and information
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Fall is Upon Us

Caryn Milam, Florist

Spruce up your house with fall colors. Let our floral designer help you with a cut flower arrangement in a unique vase with orange, yellow, brown, red and green flowers or a European basket with green and blooming plants for your co-workers or loved ones. We can make fall wreathes for your front door or wall decoration. NORTH HAVEN GARDENS, Florist has a great selection of Fall Mums in pots and cut flowers ready for delivery.

We have a large selection of fall baskets in many different sizes and shapes. Baskets made from bark and tree stems to woven grasses. Come in and see for yourself the great selection we have here at NORTH HAVEN GARDENS.

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 214-691-6751**

SOCIETY MEETINGS

at NORTH HAVEN GARDENS

BEGONIA SOCIETY

214-363-5316
Meets the third Thursday 7:00 PM

BONSAI SOCIETY

972-392-1430
Meets the first Thursday at 6:30 PM

BROMELIAD SOCIETY

214-691-6691
Meets every other month the fourth Saturday 3:00 PM

DALLAS ROSE SOCIETY

972-234-5184
Meets the fourth Friday at 7:00 PM

DAYLILY GROWERS OF DALLAS

972-241-1726
Meets the third Saturday 10:00 AM

FIRST MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF DALLAS

972-530-3691
Meets the third Tuesday at 7:00 PM

SOUTHWESTERN FERN SOCIETY

214-544-7288
Meets the second Sunday, 3-5:00 PM

Garden Conservancy Open Days' Tour HQs

NORTH HAVEN GARDENS is Tour Headquarters for the **Saturday, September 25th tour**. Eight Dallas gardens are featured – including our very own staff member Judy Fender's garden, which includes three ponds, roses, native and drought-tolerant plants, and herbs. NORTH HAVEN GARDENS carries all the plants you will see here, too! [Visit www.nhg.com for more information.]

Tour hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, September 25, only. Tickets are \$5 at each garden gate or books of 6 tickets/\$25 can be purchased at our NHG Customer Service desk. Stop by to pick up garden host information, or start at Judy's garden [9019 Fringewood Drive, Dallas - Mapsco 38X] and pick up our NHG plant information sheets and visitor coupon there. Then, stop back at NHG and pick up some plants you've seen for your garden.

