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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAT SEPT 11TH • 11 AM TO 4PM
GARDENING 101
To register call 214.363.5316 or visit
www.nhg.com for registration form

COMPLIMENTARY LECTURES IN ~ SEPTEMBER 2005 ~

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

SAT SEPT 10TH
SHRUBS, PERENNIALS AND BULBS FOR WINTER
AND SPRING INTEREST
by Bram Franklin of ValleyCrest Landscaping

SAT SEPT 17TH • 9AM TO NOON
IRIS SOCIETY OF DALLAS PLANT SALE
by Christine Hensley of NHG

SAT SEPT 17TH
FALL LAWN CARE
by John Hunt
Sponsored by First Men's Garden Club

SUN SEPT 25TH
SHADE CONTAINER GARDENS
by Judy Fender of NHG

COMPLIMENTARY LECTURES IN ~ OCTOBER 2005 ~

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

• HERB DAYS •

SAT & SUN OCT 1ST & 2ND
Meet the herb clubs from 10am to 4pm
each day

SAT OCT 1ST • 9AM TO NOON
10TH ANNUAL HERB TEA OFF COMPETITION

SAT OCT 1ST
FRAGRANCE IN THE HERB GARDEN
by Judy Fender of NHG

SAT OCT 8TH
COLOR IN THE FALL GARDEN
by Don Miller of NHG

SAT OCT 22ND • 10:30AM
LOTIONS, POTIONS AND NOTIONS
Sponsored By Herb Society of America

WEDNESDAY AT NOON with JUDY FENDER

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

SEPT 21ST • NOON TO 2PM
DESIGNING FOR THE SHADE

OCT 19TH • NOON TO 2PM
DESIGNING WITH BULBS

Fall Herb Days & 10th Annual Tea Off

Reap the rewards of your herb garden now! Prepare your favorite herbal tea (1 gallon of it) and/or herbal dessert and enter our annual competition on **Saturday, October 1st**. Entries must be received between 9 a.m. and 12 noon on Saturday. They will be judged by some of the most discriminating herb fanciers in the Metroplex. The winners will be announced and prizes awarded on Saturday in the retail store at 2 p.m.

The First Place Tea Winner receives a pitcher and a \$50 NHG gift certificate. The First Place Herbal Dessert Winner receives a platter and a \$50 NHG gift

certificate. Second Place Winners (both categories) will each receive a \$25 NHG gift certificate.

Herb Society of America member Kay Nelson will give an enlightening and informative presentation on Fragrance in the Herb Garden, Saturday at 1:30 pm.

Members from the local herb societies will be in the store both Saturday, October 1st and Sunday, October 2nd to answer your herb questions from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Mark your calendar! Enter the competitions! Sample herbal tea and learn more about herbs!

FALL CONTAINERS

Plants Have Personalities, Too!

Judy Fender

Plants in containers are not only beautiful, but can also define areas and add color to dull spots. Favorite plants love containers for protection from pets. Pot designs are fast and easy to put together, just add soil and plants. Containers are easily moved to new locations for change and variety.

Attract hummingbirds to your fall sun garden with the red flowers of the cypress vine, planted in a mid-size pot; then, add an obelisk for it to climb on and watch the hummers' delight! Fall annuals such as Purple Fountain Grass, yellow or mauve chrysanthemums, coleus and potato vine combine to give height and trailing interest to a sunny spot.

A large bowl container planted with Japanese painted ferns, Autumn

fern, cyclamen and/or primrose and an ivy to trail will brighten any shady garden and grow well into the winter.

Can't remember to fertilize? Use Osmocote, which will easily keep plants fed for 3-4 months. Add a finishing touch of pine bark mulch to keep soil from bouncing out of pots when you water or when it rains. Mulch will also help retain a bit of moisture in the containers. Remember to check the soil before you water (use your finger to

check), and water only when necessary, not on a schedule.

With a little bit of care, your containers will perform beautifully for you! You might be so thrilled that you treat them to a pot whimsy (butterfly, dragonfly, or toad accent).



FALL LAWN CARE

Bob McGlaughlin

Getting your lawn ready for its winter dormancy will require some fall planning. As elementary as it might sound, the length of your grass blades has a direct effect on lawn health. Taller leaf blades can increase a lawn's tolerance to cold, promotes deeper root growth and winter protection. You might want to raise the mower blade height up by 1/2" as you get into the fall season. If you mow more than 1/3 of your leaf height, you take valuable protein from your grass.

If you have a mulching mower this will pulverize the grass and leaves into smaller pieces for faster decomposition. If not, you need to rake the whole leaves since they can pack down and smother the grass leading to cool weather diseases and greater weed problems in the spring. Don't forget to water your lawn when it needs it, even in the winter.

Fertilize your lawn with a complete fertilizer, such as the NHG 21-7-14 or Texas Tee 6-2-4 in early 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.

FALL HERB GARDEN



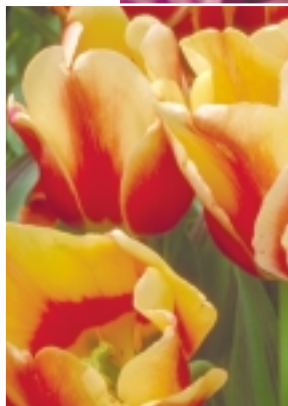
Don't Throw in the Trowel

Marian Buchanan

Even though summer is almost over and gardeners are weary, don't throw in the trowel! Many of our perennial herbs will put on fresh new growth as the nights cool down. It's time to harvest that bounty by drying, freezing, making vinegars and potpourri, saving seeds, and gathering bouquets of beautiful blooms of pineapple sage and mint marigold. Since the holiday season is closer than you think, take advantage of this harvest to prepare unique and inexpensive gifts from the garden. Don't forget that your basil will soon bid adieu, so process the leaves in a small amount of olive oil (similar to a pesto) and freeze the herbal concentrate for use this winter. Be sure to save a place for those herbs that thrive in cooler weather: cilantro, dill, chervil, borage, arugula, and parsley. Mid-October is a good time to plant garlic cloves, shallots and elephant garlic. Summer may be winding down, but the herb garden keeps our enthusiasm up!

Bulbs! Glorious Bulbs!

Fresh Dutch flower bulbs start arriving this month! Choose from colorful tulips, daffodils, ranunculus, crocus, hyacinth and more! We chill our tulip and hyacinth bulbs to ensure their spectacular performance in our warm climate. Shop early for the best selection. Also, we will store your bulb purchase of \$100 or more in our cooler until planting time (between Thanksgiving and Dec. 25th, when soil temperatures are 50° or colder).



Corn Gluten Meal: The Organic Weed-n-Feed *Christine Hensley*

If you are looking for an organic method to control weeds in your lawn, try Corn Gluten Meal. It is a by-product of the corn milling industry and is used for animal feed. It works for weed control by inhibiting root formation in newly emerging seedlings. After a short period of water stress the weed seedlings die. Corn gluten meal does not have a detrimental effect on existing plants; it actually contains around 9% nitrogen, so it is a nice mild organic fertilizer for your lawn and ornamentals. However, do not use corn gluten meal in vegetable beds or anywhere you would sow seeds! It comes in 2 forms, spreadable and powdered. The powder provides the best coverage, but it can get quite messy if there is a breeze. The spreadable is pelletized so it falls to the ground better. Apply at 20 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. and water thoroughly after application. Apply seasonally in the early spring and early fall to catch those weeds as they sprout. Each application is effective for 3 months.

Haven Gardens

Now
is the Time...



SEPTEMBER

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

Select and purchase spring-blooming bulbs. The best selections are available now: paperwhites, tulips, hyacinths, and specialty bulbs. We will store bulb purchases of \$100 or more in our cooler until planting time (Between November 25th and December 25th, when soil temperatures are 50° or colder).

The fall is a great time to plant (and transplant) trees and shrubs. Consider adding some natives.

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

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 in your lawn. Use 20 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft. Water after applying. If you apply the corn gluten, you don't need to fertilize the lawn also.

OCTOBER

Plant 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 flowerbeds in preparation for winter.

Purchase frost cloth to be prepared for unexpected cold weather.

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

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Did you feel welcomed?

Yes No

Was help available when you wanted it?

Yes No

Did the nursery appear clean and orderly?

Yes No

Was checkout efficient and courteous?

Yes No

Did you enjoy your shopping experience?

Yes No

What could we do better to improve your experience while shopping at NHG?

What was the purpose of your last visit?

- To purchase a specific item or plant.
- To shop for a gift.
- To see what's new.
- To get ideas.
- To fill container plantings.

Did you accomplish your goal?

Yes No - If not, why not?

How far do you drive to visit North Haven Gardens?

- 1-5 miles
- 5-10 miles
- 10-20 miles
- 20+ miles

How many times a year do you visit NHG?

Do you enjoy planting your own containers, or do you prefer to have them planted for you?

- Plant them yourself
- Have them planted for you

Do you grow vegetables?

- Yes No
- spring/summer fall/winter
- only tomatoes

What is your favorite tomato variety?

Do you attend programs at NHG?

Yes No

If so, which program was your favorite?

What topics would you like to see in the future?

Do you recommend NHG to friends?

Yes No

Please tell us what you enjoy most about NHG or give us your comments or suggestions

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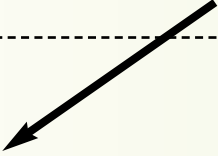
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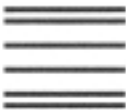
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Looking for an alternative to cut flowers for that special occasion or holiday? Let us create a unique collection of assorted potted garden plants, specialty blooming plants or tropicals for your special day. We refer to these collections as *European Gardens*. Need a gift that will last? Whether the green thumb in your life is an avid gardener or just a novice starting out, they will be thrilled to receive one of our gardener's gift baskets. Each basket is a custom creation based on your needs. We can create any combination of season appropriate items, such as kitchen herb garden, a spring flowering bulb assortment or perennial collection. Baskets can include any range of potted plants for the indoor or outdoor garden, gardening tools or other accessories. Simply call our floral line or visit us in the store and we can create a gift in your preferred price range. We will deliver your gift to you or your recipient's doorstep beautifully decorated for any occasion.



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