

# NORTH HAVEN Gardens

# Every Blooming Thing



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## FALL IS FOR PLANTING!

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All NHG programs are complimentary and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Visit our Events Page at [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com) for added programs.

#### ~ SEPTEMBER 2010 ~

SAT, SEPT 4  
9AM - NOON • **Juniper Bonsai Demo**  
by the Bonsai Society of Dallas

SUN, SEPT 5  
2:30PM • **Orchids 101** by the  
Greater North Texas Orchid Society

3PM • **Orchid Q&A** Need help  
growing & blooming your orchids? The Greater  
North Texas Orchid Society will take the  
frustration out of growing orchids!



WED, SEPT 8  
NOON - 1PM • **Fall Vegetable Gardens** by  
Christine Hensley, TCNP, NHG Staff. Now is the  
time to plant broccoli, cauliflower, peas and  
more and enjoy fresh veggies through winter.

#### 2 GREAT SALES ON THE SAME DAY!

FRI & SAT, SEPT 10 & 11  
10AM - 5PM • **African Violet Sale** Shop  
varieties you won't find anywhere else! Proceeds  
go directly to Metro Trio African Violet Society.

SAT, SEPT 11 • 9AM - NOON *'til plants run  
out* • **Iris Sale** Shop early to find beautiful and  
exotic varieties you won't find anywhere else.  
Proceeds go directly to the Iris Society of Dallas.

11AM • **Growing Streptocarpus Plants** by  
the Alpha African Violet Society. These are exotic  
indoor plants perfect for offices and homes!

SAT & SUN, SEPT 18 & 19  
**Fabulous Fall is Here!** Free education, plant  
specials and the best Fall plants in town.

#### SATURDAY PROGRAMS

11AM - 2PM • **Backyard Chicken Sale** Buy  
juvenile hens & ducks for your backyard flock  
11AM • **Gardening with Daylily Growers of  
Dallas** Slide show on varieties followed by Q&A  
11AM • **Bring on the Butterflies!** by Dale  
Clark, Lepidopterist Society  
1PM • **Turf Your Toes will Love** by Lynn  
Rawe, NHG Staff. Fall lawn care  
2PM • **"Winterize" Your Backyard Hens**  
by Dan Probst, Bageniece Farms

#### SUNDAY PROGRAMS

1PM • **Herb & Flower Potted Gardens**  
by Cody Hoya & Robbie Richards, Terrain  
Horticultural Design  
2PM • **Colorful Fall Foliage & Blooms**  
by NHG Staff  
3PM • **Iris Auction** Bid on locally grown  
Iris varieties! By the Dallas Iris Society

WED, SEPT 22  
NOON - 1PM • **Spring & Fall Bulbs Made  
Easy** by Christine Hensley, NHG Staff, TCNP.  
Christine offers up the most basic of tips for  
planting, and growing tulips, daffodils, hyacinth  
and more!

SAT, SEPT 25  
10:30AM • **Butterflies: Monarchs, Migration  
& More** by Dave Spidoni, Herb Society of America

1PM • **Fall Vegetables** by Allison Swann.  
Now is the optimum time to plant broccoli,  
cauliflower, cabbage and more!



SUN, SEPT 26  
2PM • **Bringing Back the Begonia!**  
by Don Miller, NHG Staff. Think begonias are  
old fashioned? Think again! Begonias are  
modern, fresh and cool indoors and out!  
3PM • **Houseplants: Go Organic in your  
Home!** Dallas Organic Garden Club

#### ~ OCTOBER 2010 ~

SAT, OCT 2  
9AM *'til they run out* • **Daylily Sale**  
by the Daylily Growers of Dallas.  
Purchase daylily rhizomes from the  
Daylily Growers of Dallas.



SAT & SUN, OCT 2 & 3  
**Urban Herb Days** Fall is a great time to plant  
herbs like dill, fennel, cilantro and more! Free  
programs, expert herb garden advice and special  
herb pricing all weekend!

#### SATURDAY PROGRAMS

11AM • **Herbs You Can't Live Without** by  
Diane Poston, Herb Society of America  
1PM • **Herb Gardens 101** by Kay Nelson,  
NHG Garden Coach, TCNP  
2:30PM • **Enjoy Your Herbs From Garden to  
Home** by Beth DiGoia, Herb Society of America

#### SUNDAY PROGRAMS

11AM • **Herb Gardens 101** by Kay Nelson,  
NHG Garden Coach, TCNP  
1PM • **Culinary Container Gardens:  
Combining Herbs & Flowers** by the Design  
Guys at Terrain Horticultural Design

SUN, OCT 3  
2:30PM • **Orchids 101** by the Greater North  
Texas Orchid Society  
3PM • **Vanda Orchids** by the Greater North  
Texas Orchid Society

SAT, OCT 9  
**Fall Harvest Pie Contest**  
Get those ovens ready!  
Create and bake your best  
fruit pie to win prizes from  
NHG and local businesses.  
Plus, free programs and organic coffee samples  
from local **Mawker Coffee Roasters**  
([www.mawkercoffee.com](http://www.mawkercoffee.com)).



1ST PRIZE: \$100 NHG GC + \$50 Sevy's Restaurant GC  
2ND PRIZE: \$75 NHG Gift Card  
3RD PRIZE: \$50 NHG Gift Card

10AM • **Modern Pantry: Preserving Your  
Harvest** by C. Hensley, NHG Staff, TCNP

11AM • **Fruit Trees in the Edible Garden**  
by Christine Hensley, NHG Staff, TCNP

1PM • **No Fuss Pie Crust** by Sara Newberry,  
local pastry chef. Winners announced afterwards  
& taste the pies.

WED, OCT 13 • 10AM - 1PM  
**Bulbs 101** by Leslie Finical Halleck. \$20 Grow  
Card Members/\$25 Non-members. *Advance  
registration suggested.* Achieve the most enviable  
display of tulips and daffodils in spring by  
attending Leslie's popular class on planting  
bulbs. Successful blooms depend greatly on  
planting depth, timing, selection and soil  
conditioning.



SAT, OCT 16  
1PM • **Greenhouse Plants: Bring the Gar-  
den Indoors** Lynn covers houseplant selection,  
over wintering tropicals & citrus, and mainte-  
nance. All attendees get \$5 off greenhouse pur-  
chases that day.

SUN, OCT 17  
3PM • **Iris Hybrids: Exciting Varieties for  
North Texas** by the Iris Society of Dallas

SAT, OCT 23  
3PM • **Everyone Can Be an Artist! Easy to  
Make Herb & Flower Wreaths** by Gayle  
Sutherland, Herb Society of America



## Overseeding with Rye or Fescue

by Lynn Rawe, NHG Staff

Why would you over-seed your lawn this fall? If you have a new home and no grass in some areas, spreading seed is a great way to flesh out your lawn. Or, maybe you want to keep a green lawn through the winter months. Then over seeding is for you! The time to over-seed is when warm season grass become dormant, usually around late September to mid-October. Begin by cutting your existing grass very short so the seed can make contact with the soil. We don't recommend over seeding St. Augustine because cutting it too short can damage the grass. Perennial rye, annual rye and fescue are popular cool season grass seeds. Read the bag carefully before starting in order to achieve the best coverage. Apply **Hu-Max Turf Soil Builder** for lawns or compost over your trimmed back turf before over-seeding, then distribute the seeds. *Get more great fall and winter lawn info right here at NHG! Don't miss Lynn's FREE program October 18th at 1pm, Turf Your Toes Will Love!*

## Organic Fall Lawn Care

Fall lawn fertilization is important to keep your lawn healthy through the winter months. It's important that you select fertilizers higher in potassium that will strengthen stems and leaves and encourage root development, making your plants more tolerant to cold temperatures. Our **NHG 6-3-0 Organic Fertilizer** or **Corn Gluten Meal** combined with **Sul-Po-Mag** creates a complete organic fertilizer. Sul-Po-Mag provides the necessary Potassium. The Corn Gluten Meal acts as a weed suppressant and nitrogen source. Apply between mid-September and mid-October using 20lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft. Water in thoroughly after applying. If you choose to apply a non-organic product, you can apply our **NHG 21-7-14**, a complete fertilizer for your lawn, trees and shrubs. Aerating your lawn when you fertilize will help loosen compacted soil and stimulate beneficial microbial activity.

## Caring For Tropical and Citrus Plants During The Winter

by Lynn Rawe, NHG Staff

If you have tropical plants like plumerias, palms or citrus that you'll need to bring indoors for the winter, here are a few tips. Bring only healthy plants into your house to over-winter them. Healthy plants resist insects and diseases better. If the plant has struggled outdoors, it will have less of a chance to thrive indoors. First, look for any insects. Scale is a problem with citrus, so be sure to inspect the trunk and leaves. If you see insects, treat with organic **Spinosad** or **insecticidal soap**. For fire ants, use a mound drench such as **Nature's Guide Mound Drench** to kill them before bringing the plant indoors. If there are diseased leaves, remove them so problems don't spread to other plants. If your home doesn't have bright lighting, you'll need a supplemental light source. One of our favorite light kits is the **Dayspot Grow Light Kit** with a 60 watt bulb. Your light amounts will vary by plant variety. For green, healthy foliage, we recommend a once-a-month feeding of **Espoma Citrus-tone** for citrus plants and **Espoma Plant-tone** for other tropicals. Liquid Seaweed is another good organic fertilizer. *Attend "Greenhouse Plants: Bring the Garden Indoors" by Lynn Rawe, October 16th at 1pm. All attendees will receive a gift certificate for \$5 off any greenhouse plant!*

## Plant Spring Blooming Bulbs for a Perfect Spring Garden!

by Leslie Finical Halleck MS

September is the best time to begin selecting your favorite varieties of spring flowering bulbs and planning your spring bulb display. Our first shipment of spring flowering bulbs will arrive mid-September, then again in mid-October and mid-November. Popular tulip varieties, such as **'Menton'**, **'Maureen'**, **'Kingsblood'** and others sell out quickly, so don't wait until December to visit! 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°F, for 60 to 70 days is necessary for your tulips, hyacinth, crocus and other spring flowering bulbs to bloom. Our expert Garden Advisors can provide you with great tips on planting your bulbs and cool-season color as well as help with color and variety selection. New for this year: tulip mixes expertly coordinated to look perfect in your garden. Just pick a bag, plant at the proper time and enjoy in spring. No need to worry about mixing colors or varieties. It's all done for you!



### 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.



NOW is the TIME...



## Fall Vegetables

by Christine Hensley, NHG Staff, TCNP

It's time to plant your fall garden! Here in North Texas, fall is a great time to plant your vegetable garden. It's cooler, there is less pest and disease pressure, and we usually start getting some rain in fall. You can start with either seeds or transplants. Which one you use depends on the time of year and what is available. Right now, transplants of cole crops (broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, kale, and collards) are available. Other cool season vegetables are easily started from seed. These include fava beans, carrots, beets, turnips, spinach, Swiss chard, cilantro, lettuce, radish, mustard, and peas. All will perform well as the temperatures drop, many will tolerate a light freeze. If you do have some vegetable plants that are damaged by a freeze don't despair. You can replant this same set of crops in late January for an early spring vegetable garden before the heat arrives! *Don't miss Christine's FREE program on growing a bountiful fall vegetable garden Wednesday, September 8th, noon to 1pm.*

## Fruit Trees

by Allison Swann, NHG Staff

Fall is the best time to plant fruit trees as a delicious addition to your edible garden! Tree roots will have ample time to grow without the stress of summer temperatures. Roots grow when the soil temperature is 40 degrees or higher. We have all the varieties of apple, pear, peach, plum, persimmon, pecan and fig trees that are most successful in our area. Fruit trees have biological clock-thermostats that measure their exposure to cold during the dormant season. Each variety of fruit tree has a chilling requirement. That is the number of hours of cold between 45 and 32 degrees Fahrenheit that is required for the plant to bear fruit. Some trees, like apples and Asian pears should be planted in pairs for adequate cross-pollination to ensure high fruit production. There are peach trees in standard and dwarf varieties. First time to plant a fruit tree? We have all the soil amendments, fertilizers, root stimulators and expert advice for success! *Don't miss your chance to win prizes for your best Fall Fruit Pie during our pie contest October 9th. Plus, a FREE program on adding fresh fruit trees to your edible garden. Details at [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com).*

## Fall Perennial Pleasers

by Robin Carlton, NHG Staff

Fall is an excellent time to plant perennials! The shorter days and cooler temperatures are sending many plants into a flurry of flowering activity. We bring in a huge selection to plant now and enjoy until first frost. An **autumn sage** blooms heavily in fall in shades of red, pink, violet, and white. The pink and blue puffs of **scabiosa** flowers rise on slender stalks to flutter lazily in autumn breezes. Fall blooming cultivars of **anemones** have white or pink blossoms that open to reveal cheerful yellow stamens. These will grace the landscape until hard frosts. The densely mounded foliage of **pink skullcap** is covered with pink blooms for the sun garden. Fall is also the season when **Heuchera** foliage is glowing in shades of purple, red, orange and pink. *Don't miss our exclusive new varieties of Heuchera including 'Autumn Leaves' and 'Berry Smoothie' arriving this fall!* Beginning in September, **fall asters** become solid clumps of flowers in shades of pink and purple. Be sure to visit us through fall for a huge selection of amazing plants that thrive in the cooler temperatures and beyond.



NEW! Heuchera 'Autumn Leaves'

### SEPTEMBER

- Plant cool weather color: Petunias, alyssum, dianthus, cyclamen, primrose, & flowering kale are just a few options you can try. Plant chrysanthemums in containers for color anywhere or plant in the garden to perennialize.
- Select and purchase spring-blooming bulbs mid-September. Select from daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, and specialty bulbs. Shop now for the best selection!
- Plant roses now! Many varieties bloom heavily this time of year. Continue thorough watering, but decrease as rainfall becomes more frequent.
- Plant beets, carrots, cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage and coolseason herbs September and October! The cooler temperatures often produce heartier and healthier crops than spring plantings. Don't forget to plant cool season herbs such as dill, cilantro and parsley.
- Fertilize lawns, trees, roses and shrubs at the beginning of September. Between mid-September and mid-October, apply corn gluten meal to turf as an organic weed pre-emergent in your lawn. Use 20 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft. Or, apply a complete fertilizer such as NHG 21-7-14 to turf.

### OCTOBER

- Plant cool-season annuals: mums, snapdragons, dusty miller, cyclamen, Iceland poppies, kale, herbs and much more. Pansies & violas can be planted anytime during fall and winter.
- If you did not fertilize turf in Sept., fertilize now with slow release "winterizing" lawn fertilizer such as NHG 21-7-14 or an organic compost to prepare your lawn for winter.
- Select and purchase spring-blooming bulbs mid-October. Select from daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, and specialty bulbs. Shop now for the best selection!
- Add compost to veggie beds & mulch all beds, shrubs & trees in preparation for winter.
- Purchase frost cloth to be prepared for unexpected cold weather. Having extra on-hand never hurts!
- Fertilize herbs and veggies with NHG Organic Herb & Veggie Food!
- Keep your lawn green! Over-seed your lawn with cool-season grass. Choose rye for your sunny spots and fescue for shadier areas.
- Fall is the perfect time to plant (and transplant) trees and shrubs! Cooler temperatures and increased rainfall make for easier maintenance.

Visit our website for more tips and information [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com)