

NORTH HAVEN Gardens

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FALL IS FOR PLANTING!

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~ SEPTEMBER 2011 ~

NEW! NHG POP-UP EDU

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

- Sept 3 • 11am** **Raised Veggie Beds & Building Better Soil**
- Sept 10 • 11am** **Grow Japanese Maples**
- Sept 17 • 11am** **Spring Bulbs: Tulips, Daffodils & more**
- Sept 24 • 10am** **5 Trees to Plant in Fall**
- 11am** **Fall Vegetables**



SAT, SEPT 3

9AM - NOON • **Backyard Bonsai Care**

Maintain your bonsai during the changing Texas seasons. By the Bonsai Society of Dallas

FRI & SAT, SEPT 9 & 10

10AM - 5PM • **African Violet Sale** View and shop African Violet varieties you won't find anywhere else! By the Metro-Trio African Violet Society.

SUN, SEPT 11 • **Gardening 101**

This is a great class for those new to the area, beginner or experienced gardeners looking for a refresher course. \$65 / \$60 for Grow Card Members. Price includes our book **Easy Gardens for North Texas** (Retail \$29.99), class handouts on soil amendments, planting, maintenance and more all bound in an easy to use binder. Application at www.nhg.com

SAT, SEPT 17

11AM - 2PM • **Backyard Chicken Sale And Q&A**

SAT AND SUN, SEPT 17 & 18

ORGANIC GARDENING

The weather is cooler. Plants are perking up. Summer is behind us. Now is the best time to plant perennials, trees and shrubs to begin to establish them before summer comes back.

SATURDAY PROGRAMS

9AM - NOON or *'til they run out* • **Iris Sale**
11AM • **Bring on the Bees!** by Kay Nelson, NHG Garden Coach
1PM • **Making Compost** by Kato Crow, NHG Garden Advisor

SUNDAY PROGRAMS

1PM • **Fall Vegetables** by Carolyn Kennedy

WED, SEPT 21

NOON - 1PM • **Spring & Fall Bulbs**

by Christine Hensley, NHG Staff, TCNP. Christine offers up the most basic of tips for planting, and growing, the best show of blooms on your block!



SAT, SEPT 24

10:30AM • **Aphrodisiac Herbs**

by Joy Lilljedahl, Herb Society of America. Throughout history over 1000 plants have been labeled as aphrodisiacs. Learn about some of those plants and the likelihood that they will improve your sexual health.

For more programs this Sept & Oct, visit www.nhg.com

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Join us for informative, casual 20-minute sessions in the garden center.

- Oct 1 • 10am** **Planting Garlic**
- Oct 1 • 11am** **Fall Blooming Perennials**
- Oct 8 • 11am** **Cool (& necessary) Tools**
- Oct 15 • 11am** **Growing Fruit Trees**
- Oct 22 • 11am** **Cool Season Herb Tour**
- Oct 29 • 11am** **Inspired Tabletop Containers**

SAT, OCT 1

9AM - NOON • **Bonsai Auction** Open to the public. Bid on unique bonsai plants. By the Bonsai Society of Dallas

9AM *'til they run out* • **Daylily Sale** Select from unique and hard-to-find varieties of By the Daylily Growers of Dallas.

SAT & SUN, OCT 8 & 9

FALL HERB WEEKEND

Cool season herbs are here! Cilantro, dill, chamomile, fennel, parsley and more! All 4" **Herbs only \$1.99 each.**

SATURDAY PROGRAMS

10:30AM • **Cool Season Herb Tour** by Kay Nelson, NHG Garden Coach, Herb & Organic Expert
11AM • **Get Your Herb Garden Started** by Kay Nelson
1PM • **Landscape with Herbs: Unusual Ways to Use Herbs in Your Garden** by Carrie Dubberley, Dubberley Landscape



SUNDAY PROGRAMS

1PM • **Culinary Herbs: Oils, butters, dressings & more** by Kay Nelson

MON, OCT 10

10AM • **Rare & Heirloom Bulbs**

by Chris Weisinger, The Southern Bulb Company. September is the time to start planting daffodils, and other spring blooming bulbs.



SAT, OCT 15

11AM - 2PM • **Backyard Chicken Sale And Q&A**

SAT, OCT 22

3PM • **Halloween Herbs**

by Mary Nell Jackson, Herb Society of America. Learn about ancient herbal plants used to enchant and heal.



Fall is for Planting!

Leslie Finical Halleck, MS

We realize spring is an exciting time in the garden. We also know that you may be new to the area, having moved here from a cooler climate where spring is the primary planting time. But did you know that in our Texas climate, **fall is the very best time of year to plant all trees, shrubs, groundcovers and perennials?** The cooling temperatures and rainfall make for an easy transition for new plantings into your garden. Most importantly, plants have about 9-months to put down roots before they have to go through a hot Texas summer. This makes a big difference in getting your new plants established during their first few years in the ground. As a bonus, you'll spend less time and water getting your new plants established. Planting in fall is a great way to protect your landscaping investments and encourage strong vigorous plantings. Fall is also the time to plant bulbs that put on a spring show. This is the time of year you'll find bulbs here at the garden center. **Come see our great fall selection of shade trees, specimen shrubs, roses, bulbs, perennials and cool-season color!**



New Modern, Chic Gifts for the Gardener... & Everyone Else, Too!

by Liz Del Turco, NHG Staff

Start your holiday shopping early by checking out our updated gift area. Come see the new items of clothing, décor, and pottery in our lifestyle section! Love to spend time on your patio? We have new, high quality solar lanterns in modern and traditional shapes, and vibrant colors. For those of you wanting to bring romantic light to a covered balcony, or even indoors, we have delicate filigree lanterns, garden candle stakes, and colorful lotus candle holders. Want to bring the garden inside? Our new terrariums and playful planters help create mini-landscapes in any room of your home. And if, like a true gardener, you're watching the skies for rain, make its arrival a celebration with a rain chain. Pretty even when it's dry, they make an event out of even a little shower. More fun things are arriving each week, so stop by and see us often.



5 Favorite Urban Shade Trees

Fall is the best time to plant and establish trees before the summer.

Deciduous shade trees provide cooling shade in summer and allow the sun to warm your home in the winter. In smaller urban landscapes, we need to consider maximum tree size. Here are 5 of our favorite trees that will fit nicely in an urban setting.

'Red Sunset' Maple (*Acer rubrum sp.*) traditional maple-shaped leaves, fabulous fall color, 40-50 feet tall. Water consistently during dry periods. 'October Glory' and 'Shantung' are also great varieties.

Mexican Plum (*Prunus Mexicana*) A Texas native with fragrant white spring blooms. Produces loads of plums through summer. Grows up to 35-feet tall.

Lace Bark Elm (*Ulmus parvifolia*) Vase-shaped habit, 50-feet tall. Leaves range from yellow to red to purple in fall. Once established, tolerates a variety of growing conditions.

Chinese Pistache (*Pistacia chinensis*) 40-feet tall. Leaves turn gold to red in the fall. Clusters of red berries that mature to dark blue appear in summer. Once established, tolerates a wide variety of growing conditions.

Panicked Golden Raintree (*Koelreuteria paniculata*) Grows to 35-feet. Large sprays of yellow flowers in spring and summer. Tolerates full sun, drought once established and alkaline soil pH.

All trees must be properly established to perform as expected, please see our **First year Care Guide** in-store or at on the Garden Solutions page at www.nhg.com for instructions on how to care for your newly planted trees.

Plant Spring Blooming Bulbs for a Cheery 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!

September: Cool Season Color

Summer is over! **Plant cool weather color!** Petunias, Alyssum, dianthus, cyclamen, primrose and flowering kale are just a few options you can try. Plant chrysanthemums in containers for color anywhere or plant in the garden to perennialize.



Cool October Color

Plant **cool-season annuals** such as mums, snapdragons, dusty miller, cyclamen, Iceland poppies, kale, herbs and much more. Pansies and violas can be planted anytime during fall and winter. Don't forget to feed with **NHG Organic Bedding Food** or **NHG Organic Pansy Food**.

Annuals such as **Snapdragons** and **Iceland Poppies** should be planted in October. They will bloom until first frost and come spring, they'll be some of the most impressive, eye-catching flowers in your landscape!

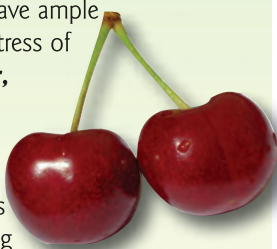


SEPTEMBER

- Select and purchase spring daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, and specialty bulbs mid-September 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.
- 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 20lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft. Or, apply a complete fertilizer such as NHG 21-7-14 to turf.
- Add compost to veggie beds & mulch all beds, shrubs & trees in preparation for fall crops.

Fall is for Fruit Trees

Did you know that Fall is the best time to plant fruit trees? Tree roots will have ample time to grow without the stress of summer heat. **Apple, pear, cherry, peach, plum, persimmon, pecan and fig trees are in stock.** Each variety of fruit tree has a chilling requirement during their dormant months. Some trees, like apples and Asian pears, should be planted in pairs for cross pollination to ensure high fruit production.



Fruit trees are easy to plant!

- No soil amending needed.
- Dig hole the depth of root ball and 2x as wide.
- Backfill with the native soil and water thoroughly.
- Add root stimulator and **Espoma Tree-tone fertilizer**.

Over-Seed Winter Lawns

Keep an impressive green lawn through winter! Over-seed when warm season grass becomes dormant (late September to mid-October). First, cut your existing grass very short so seed can make contact with soil. St. Augustine grass is not usually overseeded because cutting it too short can damage it. **Perennial rye, annual rye and fescue** are popular cool season grass seeds. Read the bag carefully before starting to achieve the best coverage. Apply **Humax Turfbuilder** or compost over trimmed turf before over-seeding, then distribute the seeds. This will give the seed a foundation for healthier roots and better germination.

Organic Fall Lawn Care

Select fertilizers higher in potassium to strengthen stems and leaves, making your plants more cold tolerant. **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. Corn Gluten Meal acts as a weed suppressant and nitrogen source. Apply mid-Sept to mid-Oct. Water thoroughly after applying. **Aerating** your lawn when you fertilize will help loosen compacted soil and stimulate beneficial microbial activity.



OCTOBER

- Didn't purchase spring blooming bulbs in September? Select this month! Don't forget - we'll store your tulip bulbs at the proper temperature until planting time.
- 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!
- Fall is the perfect time to plant (and transplant) trees and shrubs! Cooler temperatures and increased rainfall make for easier maintenance.
- Begin to harvest fall tomatoes you planted in June & July.



Don't Miss Out On Winter Vegetables!

Plant your fall garden today! Transplants of cole crops (**broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels's sprouts, cabbage, kale, and collards**) are available. Start others from seed - **fava beans, carrots, beets, turnips, spinach, Swiss chard, cilantro, lettuce, radish, mustard, and peas**. All these vegetables thrive in cool weather and all tolerate freezes. If some vegetable plants are damaged by a freeze, don't despair. You can replant this same set of crops in late January for a spring harvest! *Specific dates at www.nhg.com.*

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