

# NORTH HAVEN Gardens

# Every Blooming Thing



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## FALL IS FOR PLANTING!

### NHG SCHOOL OF GARDENING

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.

#### NHG SCHOOL of GARDENING

#### ~ SEPTEMBER 2012 ~

SAT, SEPT 1

11am • **POP UP Class: Fall Lawn Fertilization** by Kyle Leggario, NHG Garden Advisor



SAT, SEPT 8

11AM • **POP UP Class: Growing Fruit Trees** By Carolyn Kennedy, NHG Garden Advisor



SUN, SEPT 9

11:30AM • **POP UP Class: Grow Berries and Grapes**

11AM-4PM • **Gardening 101** Just in time for the Fall Garden Season! Learn all you need to know about Texas gardening! 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 lunch, our book **Easy Gardens for North Texas** (Retail \$29.99), class hand-outs on soil amendments, planting, maintenance and more all bound in an easy to use binder. Application at [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com)

SAT, SEPT 15

9AM-NOON or sold out • **Iris Sale** benefitting the Dallas Iris Society.

1PM • **Crime Prevention: How Plants Keep You Safe** The Dallas Police Department discusses what to look out for in your landscape that could be a calling card for burglars. After, speak with NHG staff about plant selection.



FRI & SAT, SEPT 21 & 22

10AM-5PM • **African Violet Sale** benefitting the Metro-Trio African Violet Society



#### ~ OCTOBER 2012 ~

SAT, OCT 6

9AM-NOON or sold out • **Daylily Sale** benefitting the Daylily Growers of Dallas

SAT & SUN, OCT 6&7 • **EDIBLE FESTIVAL**

Learn how to Grow Your Own and select from the best edibles in town. Plus, find specials on a variety of edibles all weekend.

#### SATURDAY PROGRAMS

SAT, 11AM-1PM • **Backyard Chicken Sale & Q/A** by Bageniece Farms

SAT, 11AM • **POP UP Class: Culinary Herb Tour** by Nikki Rosen, NHG Marketing

SAT, 1PM • **Growing Cool Season Veggies** by Christine Hensley, NHG Plant Buyer, TCNP, BS



2:30PM • **Growing Fruit Trees for a Successful Harvest** by Christine Hensley

#### SUNDAY PROGRAMS

1PM • **Grow Cool Season Herbs** by Kay Nelson, NHG Garden Coach, TCNP

2PM • **Growing Berries & Grapes** by Sandi Holmes-Schwedler, NHG Hardgoods Buyer, TCNP

SAT, OCT 13

1PM • **POP UP Class: Cool Season Containers** by Carolyn Kennedy, NHG Garden Advisor

FRI-SUN, OCT 12-14 • **Orchid Show** Presented by the Orchid Society. Details at [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com)



SAT, OCT 20 • **FAIRY GARDEN CONTEST**

Enter by 12:30! Winners announced at the 1pm program. Use small furniture, toys, colorful pebbles and plants to create your own fairy world. Winners based on creativity, uniqueness, and plant usage.

12:40PM • **Fairy Lore Story Time** drop off your garden, and stay for a story read by NHG Staff about fairies. By Robin Carlton, NHG Garden Advisor

1PM • **Create a Fairy Garden or Terrarium** Simple step-by-step instructions to create your own. Plus, vote on your favorite entry! By Robin Carlton, NHG Garden Advisor



### Magic Fairy Gardens

by Robin Carlton, NHG Garden Advisor  
Celtic legend has it that Fairies are so curious about humans they hide themselves among the flora found in human gardens so they can observe us. Plant a Fairy Garden, and keep an eye out for signs that they have visited.

Fairy Gardens can be created almost anywhere outdoors, as well as in boxes and pottery. Once you have chosen a spot, create a miniature landscape. A rolling "hill" covered in thyme, a germander 'tree', and small 'bushes' of ferns that come in 2 inch pots are just a few of the many plants that are perfect for Fairy gardens. We have a large selection of herbs, terrarium plants and ground covers in-stock year round! The key is for everything to be on a small scale. We have a great selection of everything from benches to bicycles – all in fairy size! Be as creative as you like and re-purpose glass mulch, reindeer moss, and decorative stones. If you watch your fairy garden closely on crisp fall nights, you might catch a glimpse of these magical creatures dancing with the fireflies!

Enter our 1st annual **Fairy Garden Contest, October 20th**. You'll find everything you need at NORTH HAVEN GARDENS including plants, furniture, glass pebbles, and more! Details at [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com)



'Fast Forward'

## Tough, Irresistible Iris

by Robin Carlton, NHG Garden Advisor

Iris are flowers of unique beauty and easy to maintain. Thanks to enthusiastic breeders, there's a rainbow of Iris with something on the spectrum for every gardener's style. If you prefer elegant, understated blooms, try the mauve dwarf Iris 'Concertina'. For a more classic garden, there are sky blue 'Aldo Ratti', ruffled violet 'Raspberry Jam', and blue violet 'Fast Forward'. Bold, modern choices include tangerine dream 'Pele', bi-color yellow and violet 'Being Busy', and rust red and violet bi-color 'Flirting Again'. We will have a huge Iris selection this fall!



'Enchanted One'



'Raspberry Jam'



'Gene's Lora Lavalle'

## We'll Do the Chillin'

Did you know NORTH HAVEN GARDENS is the only nursery in town that will store and pre-chill your tulip bulbs? Select 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 and crocus. 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.

# Dig.Drop.Done.

Really. There is no fourth step.



## Beautiful Blooming Bulbs Begin with Proper Planting

by Christine Hensley, NHG Plant Buyer, BS

1. Choose a sunny location to plant your bulbs in the ground or in containers.
2. Amend your bed or pot with compost and expanded shale to increase drainage and microbial activity.
3. Plant bulbs 2-3 times as deep as they are tall. Large **daffodils** and **tulips** are planted 6-8" deep. Smaller daffodils and **crocus** are planted about 2" deep. See our bulb spacing page for directions on how to plant pansies/violas on top of bulbs. <http://nhg.com/pdf/bulbplantingdepthmath.pdf>
4. Dig a large hole and place a layer of 12-24 bulbs for a more natural clumping effect. Most bulbs, such as daffodils, hyacinths and tulips, prefer planting bud side up. Cover with soil and fertilize with **NHG Organic Bulb Food**.
5. Water the bulbs after planting, and apply a layer of mulch to help retain soil moisture and suppress weeds. Keep soil lightly moist but not wet throughout the blooming and growing season.



## Creative Options for Spring Bulb Plantings

by Carolyn Hestand Kennedy, NHG Garden Advisor

Create a container using spring blooming tulips or daffodils over planted with cool season violas and pansies. Better yet, mix in something unusual such as bi-color linaria, peachy diascia or stunning blue lobelia. Start with 3"-4" of soil such as **NHG Premium Organic Potting Soil** in a pretty container. Depending on its size, place 10-20 bulbs close together with points up. Add **NHG Organic Bulb Food**. Fill the rest of the pot with soil and plant annuals as usual. In spring, the beautiful bulbs will gradually work their way up through the plants on top and come in to bloom for a gorgeous effect.

## 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 any time after October 1st and through mid-January.

## Bulb Project Boosters!

The right tools, fertilizers, and soil amendments will make planting simpler and blooms more beautiful! Bulb trowel, **NHG Organic Bulb Food**, and Bonemeal.



## Fall is the New Spring: Staff Picks for Fall

**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. Most importantly, plants have about 9 mos. 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 establishing new plants. **Come see our great fall selection of shade trees, specimen shrubs, roses, perennials and cool-season color! Here are some of our staff favorites...**

**RUSTY ALLEN**, NHQ Garden Advisor (GA)

**Shantung Maple 'Fire Dragon'** • Great for smaller yards. 25' tall x 30' wide. Beautifully shaped leaves and vibrant fall color. Grows best in well-drained soil. Well adapted for Texas.

**Sedum 'Autumn Joy'** • Perennial. Wonderful pink flowers mature to copper in fall. Plant in well-drained soil in sun to part sun. Tolerates some drought once established. Attracts butterflies! 2' tall and wide.

**Hellebore (Lenten Rose)** • Evergreen perennial. Great in shade, and is one of the first to bloom in late winter/early spring. Flowers range from pink and purple to white and cream. Grows 12"- 18" high. Combine with flowering bulbs such as crocus and grape hyacinth to bloom in late winter.

**Japanese Yew, Taxus 'Hicksii'** • Evergreen shrub. Tolerates a wide variety of soils, but performs best with good drainage. Finely textured small leaves. 9-12' tall, 6-10' wide. Part shade to shade. Keep soil moist, not soggy.

**LAURA FICK**, NHQ Asst. Manager

**Abelia 'Kaleidoscope'** • Compact 2-3' high and 3-4' wide. Variegated foliage that changes from orange and green in fall, to a bright green center with yellow outer edge in spring and summer. In late summer, white tubular flowers appear, attracting pollinators. Sun to part shade. Moist well-drained soils.

**Yaupon Holly 'Micron'** • Tolerant of most soils. Drought tolerant once established. This shrub is perfect for people who do not like to prune and want an evergreen mounding shrub that only gets 20-30" tall, with a width of 3'. Sun to part shade. Great in pottery!

**KYLE LEGGIERO**, NHQ GA

**Pink Muhly Grass** • Native grass. Grows well in full sun or light shade. 2-3' tall and wide. Dry soils are no problem! Flowers a beautiful pink seed head in fall. Breath-taking in mass plantings.

**Heuchera** • Tall spikes of flowers above a mounding form in spring. Best known for their colorful foliage and love of shade. Varieties such as **'Black Out'**, **'Georgia Peach'** and **'Gold Zebra'** pop with color!

**KAY NELSON**, NHQ Garden Coach, TCNP

**Aster o. 'October Skies'** • Fall blooming perennial. Lavender-blue with yellow centers. Plant in full sun and moist, well-drained soil. 24" to 30" tall. Shear to 12"-15" in late May to keep more compact.

**Pennisetum 'Hameln'** • A hardy perennial grass with narrow, dark-green leaves and creamy tan plumes in late summer and fall. Quick grower! 2-3' tall in full sun and well-drained soil.

### SEPTEMBER

- Select and purchase daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, and specialty bulbs mid-September for the best selection.
- Plant roses now! Many varieties bloom heavily this time of year. Fertilize with NHG Organic Rose Food.
- Fertilize lawns, trees, roses and shrubs at the beginning of September. Fertilize with NHG Organic 7-2-2. For Japanese maples, hydrangeas, peonies and other heavy acid-feeders, apply Espoma Organic Holly-tone.
- Add compost to veggie beds and mulch all beds, shrubs and trees in preparation for fall.

### 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 and July.

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## Redeem Your Spring NHG Garden Dollars NOW!

**Plus earn NHG December Dollars to use during the holidays!** The NHG Garden Dollars you earned in spring can be used now through November 30th for up to 1/2 the cost of your plant and product purchase! Plus, you will earn more garden dollars to use in December. Details at [www.nhg.com/growcard.htm](http://www.nhg.com/growcard.htm)

- **Grow Card customers** who shop August 1st through November 30th will receive 1 December Dollar for each \$10 spent on products in store (plants and hardgoods).
- Redeem your **NHG December Dollars** in the month of December for up to half of your purchase on Christmas trees, holiday greens, gifts, and more!

## Let Us Do the Heavy Lifting for You!

Want to grow veggies in a raised bed but not sure where to start? Simply choose the size and type of garden you'd like (Redwood Kit or Galvanized Metal Stock Tank) and we will deliver, set up, fill, and even drill new drainage holes where needed. All you need to do is plant your favorite veggies (we deliver those, too!)

**We deliver and set up a variety of raised bed sizes and styles. Details at [www.nhg.com/raisedbedsetup.htm](http://www.nhg.com/raisedbedsetup.htm).**

**Here is just one of many examples!  
Redwood 3'x6'x12' Only \$299.99**

- Delivery and set up included!
- Raised Bed Kit
- 6 Soil Mender Topsoil
- 3 Soil Menders Garden Food & Soil
- 6 Vital Earth Organic Compost
- 3 Cow Manure
- Weed block for base area
- Assembly, Delivery, Installation
- 1 FREE bag 2 cu. ft. mulch



## 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.

**1st African Violet Society of Dallas**  
Meets 3rd Thursday at 10:30am, Sept - May

**Alpha African Violet Society**  
Meets 2nd Saturday at 11am

**Bonsai Society**  
More info at [www.bonsaisocietyofdallas.com](http://www.bonsaisocietyofdallas.com)  
Meets the first Saturday at 9am

**Daylily Growers of Dallas**  
More info at [www.dallasdaylilies.com](http://www.dallasdaylilies.com)  
Meets the third Saturday at 11am

**Herb Society of America**  
Meets the fourth Saturday at 10:30am

**Iris Society**  
Meets the third Sunday at 3pm

**Greater North Texas Orchid Society**  
More info at [www.gntos.org](http://www.gntos.org)  
Meets the first Sunday at 3pm

## Plant Your Fall Veggie Garden Now!

All these vegetables will perform well as the temperatures drop, many will tolerate a light or hard freeze. You can replant this same set of crops in late January or February for an early spring garden before the heat arrives!

**Transplants:** broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, kale, and collards, dill, cilantro, and fennel.

**From seed:** Fava beans, carrots, beets, turnips, spinach, Swiss chard, cilantro, lettuce, radish, mustard, and peas.