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FALL IS FOR PLANTING!

NHG SCHOOL OF GARDENING

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~ SEPTEMBER 2013 ~

FRI, SEPT 6

GARDEN HAPPY HOUR!
NEW HOURS! 5PM-7PM

The first Friday of each month join us for Happy Hour in the garden center. We'll stay open an hour later so you can enjoy shopping in a relaxing environment with wine and light appetizers.



SAT, SEPT 7

9AM-NOON • **Bonsai Society of Dallas**

Regular meeting, plus work stations on various techniques used in the creation and maintenance of bonsai. FREE

10AM • **POP UP Class: Growing Fruit Trees**



10:30AM • **POP UP Class: Growing Berries and Grapes** by Rusty E. Allen, NHG Garden Advisor

SUN, SEPT 8

11AM • **POP UP Class: Fall Lawn Fertilization**

SAT, SEPT 14

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

1PM • **Fall & Winter Vegetables** by Rusty E. Allen, NHG Garden Advisor

SUN, SEPT 15

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. \$35 / \$30 for Grow Card Members. Includes lunch, class hand-outs on soil amendments, planting, maintenance and more all bound in an easy to use binder. Application in store or at www.nhg.com

FRI & SAT, SEPT 20 & 21

AFRICAN VIOLET SHOW & SALE



SAT, SEPT 21

10AM-4:30PM • **Landscape Design 101**

by Bram Franklin, Landscape Designer. Join us for this full day class to design your dream landscape. Bram covers: basic concept design, site development, drainage, hard-scape and more! Lunch included. Call to register or come into the store. 214-363-5316. \$75 GC Members/\$80 Non-Members includes class and lunch.

11AM-1PM, *or sold out* • **Backyard Chicken Sale & Q/A** by Dan Probst, Bageniece Farms

SAT, SEPT 28

10AM • **Gardening with kids**

by Herb Society of America

11AM • **POP UP Class: Cool Season Vegetables**



~ OCTOBER 2013 ~

FRI, OCT 4 • **GARDEN HAPPY HOUR!**

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SAT, OCT 5

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

SAT & SUN, OCT 5 & 6

EDIBLE FESTIVAL • Learn how to Grow Your Own and select from the best edibles in town.

SATURDAY PROGRAMS

SAT, 11AM • **POP UP Class: Culinary Herb Tour**

SAT, 1PM • **Growing Cool Season Veggies**

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

SUNDAY PROGRAMS

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

2PM • **Growing Berries & Grapes**

SUN, OCT 13

1PM • **POP UP Class: Cool Season Containers**

We'll teach you how to create easy containers that will look stunning now through spring!

SAT, OCT 19

10AM-NOON • **Daylily Growers of Dallas Meeting**

11AM-1PM, *or sold out* • **Backyard Chicken Sale & Q/A** by Dan Probst, Bageniece Farms

FAIRY GARDEN CONTEST Enter by 12:30!

Winners announced at 1pm. Use small furniture, toys, colorful pebbles and plants to create your own fairy world. Winners based on creativity, uniqueness, and plant usage. **The Best Gardens Win Prizes!** details at www.nhg.com

SUN, OCT 20

3PM • **Iris Society of Dallas Meeting** open to public



SAT, OCT 26

1PM • **Texas Native Plants** How can we reduce water consumption and still enjoy the blessings of our rich Texas plant life? Native plants are the solution. In honor of Texas Native Plant Week, Oct. 20-26, come learn about the great plants our state has to offer! By Rusty Allen

Want A Colorful Spring Garden? Plant Bulbs NOW!

September is the best time to begin selecting your favorite varieties of spring blooming bulbs. NORTH HAVEN gets shipments of bulbs in September, mid-October and mid-November. Pick from dozens of varieties of tulips, hyacinth, daffodils, amaryllis and more. The popular varieties go fast, so don't wait too long to choose! Did you know that NORTH HAVEN GARDENS is the only nursery in town that will store and pre-chill your tulip bulbs for you? Because our winters are mild, storage at the right temperature, about 45°F, for 60 to 70 days is necessary for tulips, hyacinth, crocus and some other spring bulbs to bloom. Remember that you can plant bulbs in pots too! Violas, pansies or other cool season color can go on top of the planted bulbs for immediate gratification and a surprise in spring! Bulb-containers, such as those with amaryllis or daffodils in them, make perfect centerpieces for your holiday table, or a quick-and-easy gift for anyone. Come in and speak to a garden advisor for advice on what and how to plant!



Fairy Gardens, Perfect for Small Spaces

by Robyn Morris, TCNP, Head Cashier

Fairy gardening made its appearance in the United States in 1893. Over 100 years later, it is one of the biggest trends in gardening.

To get started creating your own fairy garden, select a container or perhaps an area in your landscape dedicated to the fairies. Your container can be almost anything: glass, a broken piece of pottery, wheel barrow or even a vintage magazine rack!

Does your container have drainage? No problem! Simply add a layer of expanded shale to the bottom to create a space for excess moisture to go. Next, add a layer of **NHG Organic Potting Soil**. Now the fun part: designing your fairy garden! All year long, NHG stocks unique fairy garden furniture, fairies, mini plants, decorative colored sand and rocks, moss and glass mulch to personalize your tiny little worlds.

Need some inspiration? Swing by and check out our in-store examples or search Pinterest. I encourage you to rearrange your furniture periodically and refresh your plants if needed. Don't forget to decorate your garden for the holidays!

Finally, sit back, relax and watch for signs of fairies. Get your creations ready for our **Fairy Garden Contest October 19th**. Details at nhg.com

Fall is for Planting

by Carolyn Hestand Kennedy, Marketing Manager

Fall is a wonderful time in Texas! I often recommend that folks “wear less and do less” in the summertime in regards to gardening, but fall is the time to get moving again! As summer heat begins to lift, we all feel energized. You can put that energy to good use because **fall is the best time to plant roses, shrubs, trees and perennials in your landscape.**

To live a long healthy life, plants must focus first on their roots before putting out new top growth. Planting now means your plants have 9 months to work on establishing their root systems in cooler temperatures before our difficult season returns. Encourage this process by applying **root stimulator** every month to all your new plantings or anything needing a boost after a long hot summer.

Everything about this season is easier on you and your plants. Typically we get decent rainfall, which assists in protecting your landscaping investments and encourages strong vigorous plantings. Come see our selection of shade trees, specimen shrubs, roses, bulbs, perennials and cool-season color that will thrive in the cooler temperatures and beyond!



Fall Vegetables

by Rusty E. Allen, TCNP Garden Advisor

This is the time to start getting out into the garden and enjoying the cooler weather. I hope you're harvesting those fall tomatoes! Add some more **compost** and **NHG Herb & Veggie Food**, and these Cole transplants won't mind the light frosts: Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Collards, Kohlrabi, and Mustard. I love to plant Spinach now for green smoothies later! Also try the beautiful and useful Swiss Chard, Kales, and Parsley. Not only healthy and delicious, they're all ornamental too, and look great in containers.

In addition to our transplant selection, don't forget about seeds. If you're looking for something truly different, come check out our seed varieties and try something new. Remember some crops are only available by seed, like many root crops such as carrots or radishes. In addition, right now you can seed Beets, Turnips, Lettuce, and Rutabaga. Remember cool weather herbs like Cilantro as well as Dill and Fennel – both for you and for those early spring butterfly caterpillars.

The variety and health value of these plants can make for some great Fall gardening. Harvest before a hard freeze, then, you can plant again in January and February! Don't forget to use **Liquid Seaweed** and top off with more mulch. Come in and see a Garden Advisor for assistance and ideas for your space.





NOW is the **TIME...**



Fruit Trees

by Mark Black, TCNP, Store Manger

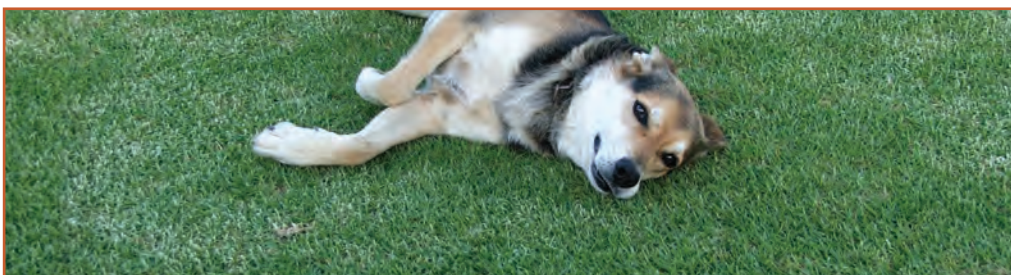
Remember the taste of Grandmas' peaches, plums and berries from your childhood? I sure do. My grandmother was always making some kind of jam, jelly or cobbler. YUM!

Well, you can do the same for your kids and or grandchildren. Here in the Dallas area, we have the opportunity to grow and enjoy our own fresh fruits and berries. NHG has a wide selection of peaches, plums, apples, figs, persimmon and a few odd ball varieties to choose from. We recommend that you plant in the fall for the best results to get these trees and vines on their way, before the summer heat hits and use **root stimulator** monthly on all new plantings.

Some of your fruit trees are self-pollinating while others need a pollinator. That means you have to plant two, but not necessarily the same variety. Example: plant two types of apples such as 'Mollie's Delicious' and a 'Fuji'.

Most of your peaches, plums, nectarines, and figs are self-fertile, while your apples and pears need a pollinator. You will always get better production when you have cross-pollination occurring.

Just Beginning? No problem. Peaches, plums, figs and pomegranates are an easy way to get you started growing fruit with success. Blackberries are one of the easiest berries to grow. Some of our other favorites, such as blueberries and raspberries can be a little more challenging to grow in our climate. If you are short on space, we also carry a few genetic dwarf varieties that you can grow in the ground or in pots. Remember, our knowledgeable staff is here to help with advice and plant selection for your garden.



Autumn Lawn Care

by Chris Pyle, Garden Advisor

Now that's its finally cooling off, it's time to help your lawn recuperate after it's summer marathon. **Watering:** Continue with correct watering for your grass. Make sure to reduce watering frequency as the weather gets cooler. **Fertilizing:** In early September, St. Augustine needs less fertilizer than Bermuda. Use a balanced fertilizer such as **NHG Organic 7-2-2**. The grass will need the nutrients to toughen up for the winter. It's best to gently water in granular fertilizers after spreading.

Troubleshooting: Check for signs of grass stress; Do NOT fertilize grass that is diseased or severely stressed. Take all patch (Fungus) often shows up at this time. If in doubt, bring us pictures and samples. Using a Bio-stimulant such as **Kelp or Liquid Seaweed** with Iron can keep the grass looking robust and healthy. If there are any bare or thin areas, apply compost or **Turf Soil Builder** over them to get them back into shape. Aerating your lawn will help loosen compacted soil. **Weeds:** Use **Pre-emergent (Corn Gluten Meal, etc.)** early September to prevent cool season weeds.

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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From your last visit to NORTH HAVEN GARDENS:
(1 being the least and 4 being the best)

- Did you feel welcomed? 1 2 3 4
- Was help available when you wanted it? 1 2 3 4
- Did the nursery appear clean and orderly? 1 2 3 4
- Was checkout efficient and courteous? 1 2 3 4
- Was signage helpful and easy to read? 1 2 3 4
- Did you enjoy your shopping experience? 1 2 3 4

- How did you first hear of NHG? Friend
 Advertisement Website Radio Personality
 News Source Free Event/Program

- How far do you drive to shop with us?
 5 10 20 or more miles

- How would you describe your gardening abilities?
 Advanced Medium Novice

Fall is a great time to plant trees, shrubs and perennials.
 If you do not plant in Fall, why?

- What generation do you belong to? Senior 65+
 Boomer 45-64 Gen X 28-44 Gen Y 18-27

Do you regularly check our Events page at www.nhg.com for free programs? Yes No

What program would you like to see presented at NHG that is not currently on the calendar?

- Did you know we deliver and install raised beds?
 Yes No

More Raised Bed info at
www.nhg.com/raisedbedsetup.htm

Are you aware of our At-home and In-store Garden Coach service? Yes No

More Garden Coach information at
www.nhg.com/GardenCoach.htm

How important are new plant variety selections to you?
 1 being the least important. 1 2 3 4

New varieties often cost more, how willing are you to pay more for new varieties? 1 2 3 4

When selecting a garden center, what is most important?
 Location Plant Selection
 Reputation Lowest Price Staff Other:

Have you "LIKED" us on Facebook? Yes No

How likely are you to refer us to friends & family?
 1 - least likely. 10 - most likely.
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Please leave comments or suggestions to make your NHG shopping experience better.

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