



# Every Blooming Thing

September- October 2014

## NOW is the TIME

- ✂ Fall is the best time to plant (and transplant) trees and shrubs. Cooler temperatures and increased rainfall make for easier maintenance.
- ✂ Mulch all new plantings and keep them adequately watered.
- ✂ Apply pre-emergent weed control to your lawn and flower beds in September.
- ✂ Plant cool season color such as snapdragons, petunias, alyssum, dianthus, cyclamen, primrose, ornamental kale, chrysanthemums, marigolds and croton. Pansies & violas can be planted anytime during fall and winter.
- ✂ Amend vegetable beds with organic compost before planting.
- ✂ Direct seed cool-season vegetables such as carrots, beets, fava beans, spinach and salad greens into the garden. Plant transplants of cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage and Brussels sprouts now through mid-October. Plant cool season herbs such as cilantro, dill, fennel and parsley.
- ✂ Plant daffodils, Dutch iris, crocus, grape hyacinth and other hardy bulbs now through January.
- ✂ Shop now for pre-chilled tulip bulbs for planting in December.
- ✂ Fertilize lawns, trees, roses and shrubs with organic NHG 3-2-3 or 7-2-2. For Japanese maples, hydrangeas, peonies and other heavy acid-feeders, apply Espoma Organic Holly-Tone.
- ✂ Fertilize herbs and veggies with NHG Organic Herb & Veggie Food.
- ✂ Water established plants deeply and infrequently. Established lawns, shrubs and trees will need a deep watering about once per week. Be sure to adhere to local watering restrictions.
- ✂ Do not rely on your sprinkler system to adequately water new plantings. Provide supplemental hand watering to new plants as needed.



*Containers provide an opportunity to show off all that fall has to offer.*

## Dig In to Fall Gardening with NHG

By Rusty E. Allen, TCNP, NHG Education & Outreach Coordinator

Fall, with its cooler nights and increased rainfall, is prime time for planting. If you're new to gardening in DFW or new to gardening in general, we've got the classes for you—beginning with **NHG School of Gardening 101, Introduction to Home Landscape Gardening**--to empower you with all the basics. Want to eat your garden? Now's your season to dig in. Get in to NHG for a project list, everything you need to get started, and the information you crave for success:

**102: Introduction to Home Veggie Gardening** coming up for you in both September and October.

Also in September, plan to attend **All The Coles** to get the best start growing broccoli, Brussels sprouts, kale and cabbages—these easy, nutritious powerhouse crops are the stars of the fall veggie garden and you can start seeds of these and more directly outside during these two months. We've even got classes coming on combining something edible with cool season color--have your pot, and eat it, too! There's a greens workshop called **Salad Daze**

on September 20th and 21st, where we'll show you how easy it is to get an advance start on growing your own nutritious lettuces, mustards, and other greens for salads and stir fries.

As Halloween draws near and we think of spooky legends, remember to plant your garlic! This fabled crop isn't just for warding off vampires; it's healthy, flavorful, and so easy to grow. Plan to attend one of our hands-on demos where you can practice your planting technique with guidance. Remember, even if you don't have time to sit down for a longer class, we always have plenty of free POP UP classes, short and informal, that will get you information quickly so you can be on your way. Join us for this all-important gardening season during **Celebrate Fall** September 22nd through 28th. We'll have an **Open House** on Friday, September 26th as well as events, demos, and hands-on classes that weekend.

Try something new, learn to grow, and grow your own at NHG this fall!



**NHG's  
Garden Coach  
Make an  
appointment today!  
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# Invest in a Sweet Harvest

By Carolyn Hestand Kennedy, Advertising and Marketing Manager

Whether you are a beginning gardener or a seasoned planter, every gardening success—and failure—broadens your experience and builds confidence to try something new.

Thankfully, the cooling weather of fall re-energizes us, and **fall is the best time for planting in north Texas.**

Build your long-term edible landscape and celebrate the season by planting a fruit tree! Start by digging a hole twice as wide and no deeper than the root ball. Since a healthy root system will eventually spread far and wide, backfilling with native soil is best and



amending is not recommended. You can, however, make your beneficial soil organisms happy: molasses, which is available in dry and liquid form, provides sugar that feeds these helpful organisms. Medina Soil Activator replenishes micronutrients and helps build soil structure for air and water. Monthly applications of root stimulator are a must, as is a thick layer of mulch.

Beginning late September, we will have a great selection of peaches, apples, persimmons, figs and other favorites—all varieties that we've carefully chosen to succeed in our local climate.

As always, we can assist with selection and advise on pruning, thinning for better harvests and which trees need a pollinating partner.

Craving a hands-on demo and some expert advice? Plan to attend our class on **Fruit Tree Success**, Saturday, Oct. 4th and register to attend our \$24.99 planting demonstrations on Sunday, Sept. 28th and Saturday, Oct. 4th. Along with instructions, you receive a quart-size bottle of Nature's Guide organic root stimulator and 1 bag of Vital Earth hardwood mulch. Additionally, you receive a coupon for \$10.00 off a fruit tree of your choice—of any kind! Plant this fall and invest in a sweet harvest for years to come.



Above: 'Iris 'Halloween Halo' Left: Iris 'Drama Queen'



Above: Iris 'Hippie'

# Jewels of the Perennial Garden

By Cody Hoya, NHG General Manager

Bearded irises are evergreen, drought-tolerant, long lasting perennials that offer stunning blooms in a rainbow of colors. Here are some highlights from our collector's specialty selection this year:

'**Drama Queen**' is a stunning plicata style iris blooming up to 38" tall with a slightly sweet

fragrance. Rich, cyclamen-purple standards and golden buff falls with dramatic golden veins make it a standout in any collection. With bright orange beards and a sweet fragrance, '**Halloween Halo**' has white standards that are delicately etched with yellow while a yellow-amber halo edges the falls.

Enjoy the abundance of its exquisitely colored flowers in the spring and then again throughout the summer.

'**Hippie**' is a charming new addition to our dwarf bearded iris selection, only reaching 11" in bloom and offering a profusion of peachy orange standards with violet/peach falls. New to planting bearded irises? We'll have POP UP classes through September that will show you just how easy it is. Get in to NHG and grab your favorites before they're gone!

# September-October 2014 Calendar

## September 2014

### Saturday, September 6th:

9am-Noon: **Bonsai Society of Dallas**

9-11:30am: NHG School of Gardening 101: **Introduction to Home Landscape Gardening** \$34.99

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10am: POP UP Class: **Bearded Irises**

### Sunday, September 7th:

10am: POP UP Class: **Bearded Irises**

1-2pm: **Amending, Fertilizing and Mulching:** Preparing for fall gardening and winter protection.

3pm: **Greater North Texas Orchid Society**

### Saturday, September 13th:

9-11:30am: NHG School of Gardening 102: **Introduction to Home Vegetable Gardening** for Fall \$34.99

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10-10:30am: POP UP Tour:

### Miniature & Fairy Gardening:

Tour accessories and get inspired to create in time for the **Miniature & Fairy Garden Contest October 11th!**

### Sunday September 14th:

1-2pm: **All The Coles** - More than just slaw, grow broccoli, Brussels sprouts and more of those plants we call coles!

3pm: **Southwestern Fern Society**

### Thursday, September 18th:

10am-Noon: **First African Violet Society**

### Friday, September 19th:

10am-4pm **African Violet Society Sale**

### Saturday, September 20th:

10am-Noon: **Daylily Growers Meeting**

10am-4pm **African Violet Society Sale**

12:30-1:30pm: **Salad Daze: Seed**

**Starting Workshop:** plant a packet of mixed salad greens in a seed flat and discover how easy it is to start growing and eating your own greens! \$14.99

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### Sunday, September 21st:

Noon-1pm: **Salad Daze: Seed Starting Workshop:** plant a packet of mixed salad greens in a seed flat and discover how easy it is to start growing and eating your own greens! \$14.99

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2:30pm: POP UP: **Bearded Irises**

3pm: **Iris Society Meeting**

### Friday, September 26th:

5-7pm **Fall Open House**

### Saturday, September 27th:

10am: **Herb Society of America**

10-11am: **Taste Tour:** Sample fresh veggie ideas, learn what to plant now, and see what's growing in our Vegetable Display Garden!

11am-Noon: **Fruit Tree Success**

Noon-12:30: **Demo: Fruit Tree Planting** **\$24.99** Receive 1qt Nature's Guide root stimulator and 1 bag of Vital Earth hardwood mulch plus a coupon for \$10.00 off a fruit tree of your choice.

11am-1pm: **Autumn Italian:** w/ Mary DiCarlo Francis. Italian inspired recipes made from the fall harvest!

12:30-1:30pm: **Cool Fall Herbs** with Mary Nell Jackson: So many cool season herbs are perfect to start now. After the class, take a custom guided tour of our herb offerings for fall planting!

### Sunday, September 28th:

11am-11:30: **Demo: Fruit Tree Planting** **\$24.99** Receive 1qt Nature's Guide root stimulator & 1 bag of Vital Earth hardwood mulch plus a coupon for \$10.00 off a fruit tree of your choice.

1-2pm: **All The Coles** - More than just slaw, grow broccoli, Brussels sprouts and more of those plants we call coles!

2-4:30pm: NHG School of Gardening 103: **Introduction to Herb Gardening** \$34.99 **Register today!** 214-363-5316

3-5pm **Begonia Society Meeting**

## October 2014

### Saturday, October 4th:

9am-sold out: **Daylily Growers of Dallas Sale**

9am-Noon: **Bonsai Society of Dallas**

1-2pm: **Fruit Tree Success**

2-2:30: **Demo: Fruit Tree Planting** **\$24.99** Receive 1qt Nature's Guide root stimulator & 1 bag of Vital Earth hardwood mulch plus a coupon for \$10.00 off a fruit tree of your choice

### Sunday, October 5th:

3pm: **Greater North Texas Orchid Society**

10am-12:30pm: NHG School of Gardening 101: **Introduction to Home Landscape Gardening** \$34.99 **Register today!** 214-363-5316

### Saturday, October 11th

9am-Noon: **Miniature & Fairy Garden Contest.** Winners announced at 1pm. Details at NHG.com

10am **Alpha African Violet Society**

2-4:30pm: NHG School of Gardening 103: **Introduction to Herb Gardening** \$34.99 **Register today!** 214-363-5316

### Sunday, October 12th

10am-12:30pm: NHG School of Gardening 102: **Introduction to Home Vegetable Gardening** for Fall \$34.99 **Register today!** 214-363-5316

3pm: **Southwestern Fern Society**

### Thursday, October 16th

10am-12pm **1st African Violet Society**

### Saturday, October 18th

10am: **Daylily Growers of Dallas**

12:30-1:30: **Growing Natives** - Attract wildlife, add color, increase diversity and minimize maintenance.

## Texas Native Plant Week

### Sunday, October 19th

11am POP UP Demo: **Planting Garlic**

3pm **Iris Society Meeting**

### Saturday, October 25th:

9:30am: Herb Society of America **Chocolate Tasting Seminar**

11am-Noon: **Texas Tried and True:** Proven Perennials for Texas

2pm: POP UP Class: **Native Texas Trees**

3pm: **Bromeliad Society Meeting**

### Sunday, October 26th:

Noon-1pm: **Growing Natives** - Attract wildlife, add color, increase diversity and minimize maintenance.

3pm **Begonia Society Meeting**

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## Fall in Love with Bulbs

By Sandi Holmes-Schwedler, TCNP, Senior Buyer



*'Spring Embers'*

If you've ever shopped at North Haven Gardens during the holiday season, you've probably noticed that we take great pride in the selection of spring-blooming bulbs that we offer. For 2014, we've hand-picked 39 different varieties of tulips—varieties that have all been trialed at the Dallas Arboretum and that have proven to be great performers in the Dallas area. When the first shipment of tulips arrive in mid-September, they'll be kept at the proper temperature in our custom bulb cooler until you take them home to chill further, or if it's the right time, to plant them. NHG is the only garden center in Texas with our own in-store bulb cooler, and for those of you purchasing \$100 or more in bulbs, we'll store your bulbs free of charge here until the soil temperature

is ready for planting. Not sure when that is? Don't worry; we monitor soil temperatures and notify you when the time is right to plant. Another NHG tradition is our own one-of-a-kind custom tulip mixes. The mixes contain three complementing varieties with a count of 100 bulbs total. Be on the lookout for completely new mixes this year:



*'Spring Sunrise'*

**NHG 'Spring Sunrise':** This stunning collection contains colors of apricot, white



*'Spring Peonies'*

and soft yellow trimmed in red. Soft, soothing colors to ease you into spring.

**NHG 'Spring Embers':** (left) We love this fiery mix! Pale creamy-yellow with wide red-orange bands, stunning red tulip trimmed in yellow and a vivid-orange flower with a thick orange-red blaze. These fierce colors are sure to warm up the chilly air of early spring.

**NHG 'Spring Peonies':** (above) Oh my! This is the sweetest tulip collection yet. Everyone loves peonies, and this collection contains three stunning peony-shaped tulips that will have you and your neighbors swooning. Pale rose shades against creamy-white, double heads that are a rich violet-purple, and buds that are pink and green and open to a stunning white. You will never want them to end!

We're excited to unveil these new custom mixes we've formulated just for you, and to show you the other great updates to our 2014 tulip and daffodil assortment, as well. Shop soon for the best selection!

