



## From Garden to Table, Plant for Success

Rusty E. Allen, TCNP, Education and Outreach Coordinator

Fall is the best time to plant in north Texas. Milder temperatures and increased rainfall mean that new plants—especially trees and shrubs—can establish root systems much more easily than during hot summer months. Also with the changing season comes the changing of our color plantings: we're in our second 'transitional' color window, with petunias, dianthus, marigolds and ornamental peppers bringing cheerful color ahead of winter's trusted and long-lasting pansies and violas. In the vegetable garden, the transition is even more dramatic: large-fruited plants such as squash and melons will soon give way to the leafy greens of lettuce, spinach, kales and cole crops such as broccoli, Brussels sprouts and cabbage. These 'nutritional superheroes' are both lovely to look at in beds and containers and also very easy to grow throughout our cool season.

All landscape areas will benefit greatly from a late summer/early fall fertilization. Products such as Garden Soil Builder, a rich source of humates, are high-powered amendments to bring to the garden. Composted manures stimulate microbial activity to make the accompanying nutrients available to plants' roots, which will initiate a heavier growth phase with the coming cool weather. You're not only replacing nutrients lost over the growing season, you're also providing plants with the proper nutrition to flush fall blooms and establish new roots. It's such an important season in the garden!

What to take away from all of this? We at NHG want you to have success with all that you grow, and with an increased focus on the health of your soil and the proper timing of your plantings, you will!



*Fall mixed containers bring the season to your doorstep.*





# Pumpkin Perfection Decorative + Edible Gourds for Every Taste

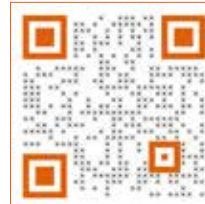


*Pumpkin varieties clockwise from above: 'Speckled Hound,' 'Choga,' 'Millionaire' and 'Washed & Waxed' Gourds.*



A few times per year, NHG is transformed to celebrate a special season. While one of these is the holiday season, the other is fall (or as we like to call it, 'pumpkin season'). Over the last few years, NHG has more than doubled the quantity of specialty pumpkins and gourds we bring in from a family-owned north Texas farm, and our selection and pricing are among the best! This year, we'll offer 15 different types of unique and colorful gourds, squashes and pumpkins. Better yet, all of them, other than the fancy deco gourds, are edible! Don't let the crazy, bumpy exterior fool you—they are delicious! Check out our recipe collection on Pinterest for some of our favorite recipes, like the one featured on nhg.com by our friend Mary Martha DiCarlo Frances of Jimmy's Food Store here in Dallas. Bring the family in to NHG in mid-September to pick out the perfect combo of colors to decorate your home for fall—and enjoy the rich flavors, too.

Scan here to check out our recipe collection on Pinterest:



## Your Destination for Garden Living

We're continuing to build on our decades-old tradition of quality gardening and lifestyle programs with hands-on workshops, demos, and both free and paid lectures. This fall, we're offering up a varied menu of activities to learn, grow, and sample some fabulous seasonal flavors.

**Artist Marian Hirsch** joins us on Saturday, September 12th for a more hands-on approach to her sold-out **'Sketching the Garden'** class. If you've wanted to capture the beauty of your garden on paper, it's a class you won't want to miss. NHG's **Fall Open House and Gallery Reception** is in the works for Friday, September 25th with timely gardening topics, autumnal recipes and tastings, and workshops designed to celebrate the season in style.

For those of you eager to get your hands on our famous **fall bulb collection**, plan

to join us on Saturday, October 3rd for **Chris Wiesinger of Southern Bulb Co., Inc.** Chris is an experienced bulb hunter who has collected bulbs from southern homesteads and wild areas across the U.S., and he'll be with us for **'Fall Bulbs for**

**Southern Gardens'** as well as a book signing that day. If you're planning a fall garden facelift and want the best start, plan to be with us on Sunday, October 25th for a free class by **DFW native plant landscape designer Carrie Dubberley of Dubberley Landscapes, LLC.** Register in advance for a paid, private consultation with Carrie and keep the momentum going.

It's shaping up to be a fantastic fall season. Our smashing collection of gourds and pumpkins, along with our other events and classes are here to get you gardening!



*'Twisted'*  
by artist Marian Hirsch.  
Pastel, 16 x 28.



Visit [NHG.com](http://NHG.com) for calendar event details



# September-October 2015 Events

## Fall Snapshot



**Grow** the fruits you love. Apples, peaches, pomegranates & other favorites are best planted in fall.



**Nurture** pollinators like butterflies, hummingbirds & bees with perennials & larval host plants.



**Cultivate** superfoods such as kale, Brussels sprouts, bok choy & more.



**Dream** about the spring show to come. Daffodils, spider & rain lilies multiply and get better each year.



Easy to grow and use in your favorite recipes! **Plant** Garlic in October.



## NHG's Fall Harvest Festival

Join us for a celebration of the flavors & fun of harvest season.

**Friday, September 25 through Sunday, September 27**

Autumnal recipes and tastings, timely gardening topics, and workshops designed to celebrate the season in style.

### Fall Bulbs for Southern Gardens

**Special Guest: Chris Wiesinger, 'The Bulb Hunter' from Southern Bulb Company**  
**Saturday, October 3 1-2:30pm**



"There's this mystery that surrounds bulbs, and it shouldn't be that way."  
- Chris Wiesinger

Copies of the book *The Bulb Hunter* will be available for purchase and signing by Chris after the class.

**Who Gives a Hoot?**  
**Dallas Organic Garden Club**  
**Sunday, September 27 3-5pm**



Explore the owls found in Dallas, learn to identify their calls and create owl habitat with avid naturalist, enthusiastic birder and committed conservationist Ben Jones of the Dallas Zoo.

### Landscaping for the Bees

**Saturday, October 17 10-11:30am**

**Special Guests:**  
Hobby beekeeper and Texas Master Naturalist, Becky Bender and Landscape Architect specializing in native plants, Michael Parkey.



### What can we as gardeners do to help the plight of the honeybee?

Whether you aspire to beekeeping or just want to ensure that your landscape benefits our declining pollinators, you'll enjoy this timely topic. Local honey will be available for sampling after the program.

**Dallas Metro African Violet Society Sale**  
**Friday, September 18 through Saturday, September 19 10am-4pm** Open to the public



### Urban Chicken Ranching

John & Emily Ramos will be at NHG on the 4th Saturday of each month for classes from 3-4pm & pullet sales from 4-5pm.  
**Upcoming dates:** Saturday, September 26 & Saturday, October 24. Pullets subject to availability.



# NORTH HAVEN Gardens



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Kick off our  
**Fall Harvest  
Festival Weekend**  
with a special  
**Open House**  
& Gallery Reception  
Friday, September 25th  
4:30-7pm

We announce planting  
guidelines & new arrivals  
regularly on social media.  
**Connect with us!**



## Plan Now for a Glorious Spring

By Sandi Schwedler, TCNP, Senior Buyer

NHG continues our tradition of having the largest selection of tulips specially selected for success in north Texas (and all trialled at the Dallas Arboretum). The bulbs begin arriving in mid-September to our one-of-a-kind walk-in bulb cooler where they're properly vernalized (chilled) until the outdoor temperature is right for planting (usually in late December). As we do every year, we offer three custom tulip blends in addition to the many varieties we offer in bulk, and each is uniquely beautiful: **NHG Spring Embers** is the fiery mix containing lily-shaped tulips with variations of salmon, rose, orange and yellow. It will surely brighten up your early spring mornings! This warm mix comes with 100 bulbs per bag. **NHG Spring Awakening** is a colorful

collection of Viridiflora-type tulips, all of which sport a green stripe on the petals. They're truly unique and beautiful, and this mix comes with 50 bulbs per bag.

**NHG Spring Peonies:** Not many things say 'spring' like these luscious, peony-shaped flowers. This collection is soft, sweet and elegant in shades of pink, rose, white and peach. You'll wish spring would never end when these beauties are gracing your landscape. This show-stopping blend comes with 100 bulbs per bag. Make sure you select your favorites early! And remember—when you purchase \$100 or more on bulbs, we'll store them at the proper temperature for free and call you when it's time to plant!



*Spring Embers (above):  
'Temple of Beauty'  
'Temple's Favorite'  
and 'El Nino.'*  
*Spring Peonies (left):  
'Angelique,' 'Orange  
Angelique,' 'Wedding  
Gift,' 'Mount Tacoma.'*  
*Spring Awakening (right)  
a Viridiflora tulip collection*

