



# Every Blooming Thing

May - June 2016



Detail from *Abundance*, monotype by Terri Thoman.

## Fine Art Printmakers Connect to Nature

Our early summer show will feature diverse works by local women, each with a unique perspective on nature. Two share an appreciation for the ancient craft of printmaking:

**Terri Thoman** describes herself as a fine art printmaker and creates relief prints and handmade paper collages. We first encountered her work through her collaboration on the fundraising calendar for Promise of Peace Community Gardens, which NHG also supports. We were so taken by with her woodblock print *Abundance* (featured above) that we reached out to her immediately—and were delighted that she agreed to show her work at NHG. She says:

“In this day of scanners, copiers and over used photographic images, I am drawn to the old world techniques

for the essence of the image, the indulgence in the materials, the action of hand carving wood or metal, the sound of the ink during the preparation & application, and the feel of the paper in my hands while I register and pull each print.”

**Kristin Markham** also found her roots in art through printmaking, and she continues to work with prints and painting. Her work portrays her broad appreciation for the beauty of nature in many forms, including plants, animals and scenery. She explains:

“My art is a direct connection to the earth and an appreciation of the beauty all around me. I am particularly interested in color, alone or in tandem with other colors, in shapes, in fields

of space. I want to find that feeling that comes from viewing art that cannot be expressed in words... when you just know you love looking at something and aren't sure why.

See Terri's and Kristin's works, along with works in a variety of media by other Dallas women, on display from May 20th through June.



**Gallery Receptions**

**May 20, 5-7pm**

**June 10, 5-7pm**

**Free, casual & open to all.**





# 'Grow-Your-Own' Gardeners go for Global Flavors

By Cody Hoya, TCNP, General Manager



For those willing to invest the time, fruits and spices from around the world can be cultivated in backyard containers.

Many DFW-area gardeners have successfully cultivated tender, fruiting plants—such as citrus—in containers. Lovingly toted in and out of a greenhouse, garage or home during periods of prolonged cold, lemons, limes and other tender citrus can offer delicious edible fruit from a porch or balcony. With the proper container, soil, location and care, a world of flavors is at the fingertips of any gardener—even those living in apartments or condos.

With herbs and spices, even non-gardeners are trying their hand at container-grown staples like basil, thyme, oregano or parsley. Recent years have seen an increase in gardeners and foodies alike trying more unusual varieties, such as Cuban oregano, Vietnamese coriander, and Stevia. Taking this 'global gardening' a step further, we're offering hard-to-find tropical spices such as Ceylon cinnamon (*Cinnamomum zeylanicum*) and Black Pepper (*Piper nigrum*). For folks looking to take their grow-your-own game to the next level, this is an exciting culinary and horticultural opportunity; for instance: it's said that the fresh green berries of pepper are 100 times more potent than the dried, cured peppercorns. Whoa!

Container gardening offers the perfect solution for these exotic tropical plants, which aren't hardy outdoors during DFW winters. Planters with ample space for larger plants can live outdoors on a deck, porch, patio or balcony in the warmer months—depending on the light exposure and the plant in question. Cinnamon, for example, makes a handsome small tree with beautiful, leathery leaves. Though it can reach up to 40' in regular cultivation, a large container of 20" diameter or more can provide enough root space for a 6' to 8' tree. Black pepper is a flowering vine of nondescript appearance, but the uniquely pendulous clusters of berries—the green fruits that are commonly dried and ground to create the famous spice—can be quite ornamental. It will require a container of at least 10" in diameter, and for best results, support in the form of a trellis.

Additional exotic flavors include out-of-the-ordinary fruits like Lychee (*Litchi chinensis*), Guava (*Psidium guajava*) and Carambola or 'Starfruit' (*Averrhoa carambola*). While we've long been a destination garden center for gardeners into growing edible produce, these tropical choices represent a completely new offering for NHG. Gardeners looking for unique produce should still plan ahead for winter protection for the tender tropical varieties, including frost cloth for mild cold snaps or plant dollies for easy transport inside during extended cold periods.

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Gardeners wishing to maintain their plants organically will find a variety of products, from pest solutions to fertilizers. We also sell our own custom organic mixed potting soil; it's a compost-based product substantial enough for fruiting plants, and it contains expanded shale for increased drainage. For those with questions on cultivation, horticulture staff members are available seven days a week, and we program a variety of classes and events around edible gardening throughout the year.

Join us in June for **Edible Fest**, a weekend-long event loaded with speakers, vendors and tastings of local garden-to-table fare.

The expansion of grow-your-own global flavors is timely; we've opened a new café! Visit soon!

**The Café at North Haven Gardens** is open **Weekdays 11-3pm**. Open early and offering breakfast items on weekends! **Saturday 9am-3pm Sunday 10am-3pm**

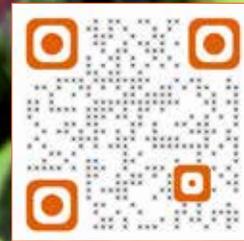


*The characteristic pendulous fruits of black pepper are more potent when fresh.*



*The unique flavor of Guava is easy to produce successfully in containers. Photos Getty Images.*

Visit [NHG.com](http://NHG.com) for class and event details  
**May-June 2016**



**Painting the Garden Workshop:**

**Saturday, May 7**

2:30-5pm

\$65 Register at [NHG.com](http://NHG.com)

Guest artist Melanie M. Brannan guides you in creating your own spring Hydrangea painting.

All supplies are included.

Enjoy wine and light refreshments. Limited to 20 participants.



**Treat Mom to an Artful Experience!**

**Watercolor Workshops**

Introductory series to Painting Plants with Guest Artist Marian Hirsch

Enjoy a glass of wine while painting in our Gallery at NHG, and take your art home! Perfect for the beginner, basic skills are emphasized under the direction of an experienced artist.

\$50 per class. Select any 3 to be properly introduced to the medium. Register for all 4 for \$175.

Each workshop is limited to 12 students.

NOTE: You must purchase basic supplies in advance of the classes.

All other supplies are included.

**Sundays 2:30-4:30pm**

- #1 Water Lilies May 22
- #2 Blooming Colors June 5
- #3 Leaves and Greens June 26
- #4 Flower Shapes July 10

**Details & registration at [NHG.com](http://NHG.com)**



**Photography in the Garden Workshop**

**Saturday, May 14**

9:30-1:30pm

\$55 Register at [NHG.com](http://NHG.com)

Focus on beauty with photographer Irwin Lightstone. Enjoy a morning session of shooting in color, then get editing guidance from the artist in the afternoon session.

Along with your digital camera and a sense of wonder, bring a USB drive or a laptop for editing and viewing. Any macro equipment you have is encouraged.

Shooting session: 9:30am-11am

Lunch break: 11-12pm

Editing session: 12pm-1:30pm



**Scan for details & registration for all events**



**Tomato Tasting**

**Saturday, June 11**

What's your pride and joy tomato from your garden?

Bring in your prize fruit for a tomato taste-off!

\$100 NHG gift card to the best tasting tomato! \$50 and \$25 for second and third places.

9-11am Entries accepted

11-noon judging by popular vote Noon - winners announced.

**You need not be in the gardens that day to win!**



**Edible Fest**

**Open House Friday June 10 5-7pm**

It's time to harvest spring and plant fall. Let's celebrate!

**An Italian Al Fresco Menu Paired with Gardening Instruction**

**Saturday, June 11**

10:30am-1pm

\$25 Register at [NHG.com](http://NHG.com)

Elizabeth Dry, from Promise of Peace Gardens, and Rebecca Allinson, composer of The Yard-to-Table-Kitchen blog pair up to emphasize the seed-to-table cycle, celebrating fresh food. Elizabeth discusses seasonal planting and ingredients to grow, and Rebecca will use those ingredients to cook. Take your dishes home to enjoy after this hands-on class.

**The Menu**

Fantasia de Bruschette: Assorted cherry tomatoes and roasted peppers with basil, and grilled eggplant with fresh herbs  
 Salad of seasonal greens and shaved radishes with a citrus vinaigrette  
 Spaghetti alla Trapanese  
 Crostata di More: Blackberry Tart



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## The Café

at North Haven Gardens



Monday-Friday 11am-3pm

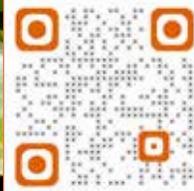
Offering breakfast items on weekends.

Saturday 9am-3pm

Sunday 10am-3pm

# Water Gardening Weekend

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## Celebrate the magic of water gardening!

**Saturday, May 21 & 22**

A weekend of classes and demos to show how easily you can add the sound of fountains, the flash of colorful fish and dramatic flowers and foliage to any garden space.

**All events are FREE.**

NHG welcomes these special guests:

### **The Dallas Koi Kichi Group**

A koi keeping network of enthusiasts whose purpose is to educate, inform and promote keeping, breeding and exhibiting koi.

### **North Texas Water Gardening Society (NTWGS)**

Representatives of the society will offer demonstrations on the basics of water gardening.

Registration for the Koi Auction is free and opens at 10am. The auction time is 11:30am.

**Bonus! Concrete garden accents including fountains and birdbaths will be specially priced 20% off throughout the weekend!**