



The Garden Gem's Full-Flavored Glory

Did you know we have two tomato seasons in the Dallas Fort Worth area? Proper timing is essential to a good harvest.

It's best to plant your fall tomato plants in the ground by the week of July 4th. From mid-June through our annual 4th of July sale, we have several fresh tomato transplants in stock that are perfect for summer planting.

If you grew spring tomatoes, then you're probably nearing the peak of your harvest by now. As tomatoes ripen for summer, bring in your prize fruit (preferably named varieties) for a tomato taste-off at our annual Tomato Tasting!

Worried about new plants frying in the July heat and sun? Be sure to purchase some shade cloth to protect your new transplants for the next couple of weeks. Shading them at planting time can help better acclimate plants to the summer sun. Also, be sure to put your tomato cages over your new plants at planting time. Don't wait until plants are too big!



Join us for NHG's annual
Tomato Tasting 2019
Saturday, June 22
9am-1pm

It's always best to add fresh organic matter to your beds before you plant new crops. Vital Earth Organic Compost and Soil Menders Garden Soil Builder are great amendments. Sprinkle in some worm castings or Espoma Tomato-tone before you plant your tomatoes. Be sure to mulch plants to help conserve moisture and cool soil temperature.

Keep plants consistently moist through the growing season. Soaker hoses and drip lines are a great way to keep tomato plants properly watered and healthy, especially in summer. Once you see small fruits developing on the plants, you can begin to fertilize again.

Your fall tomatoes are typically ready to harvest starting late-October through November. You may still have some green fruits on the vine (that won't ripen) in November. Be sure to harvest these fruits and bring indoors before temperatures drop below 40 F.



Planting for Pollinators

Native Texas wildflowers support butterflies and other important pollinating insects. The best time to plant their seed is in August, so here are some tips for starting your own patch:



1 Choose a spot that has full sun, with at least six hours of light.



2 Prepare your site by removing any existing grass or vegetation and raking the soil clean (It's not necessary to amend the soil; the key is seed-to-soil contact).



3 Lightly scatter seeds over the soil by hand. If the seeds are very small, mixing them with a lightweight carrier like coarse sand can help distribute them evenly.



4 Gently push the seeds into contact with the soil—there's no need to bury them. You can also turn a light leaf rake over and carefully draw it across the area.



5 Keep the soil surface from drying out while seeds are sprouting; once they're about 1" high you can gradually reduce watering.



Wildflowers require minimal maintenance. Be on the lookout for invasive weeds and grasses, such as Bermuda, that can smother your planting. Remember to allow the flowers to go to seed and let the seeds ripen and dry before you mow or remove any spent plants. This way, your wildflowers will spread and return each year on their own.

For butterflies, it's important to consider both larval host plants (LHPs) and nectar plants. The larval host plant is the respective plant a species prefers to lay their eggs on; the nectar plants will provide



a food source for them later in life. Nearly all species of butterflies prefer native plants for laying their eggs. Try Cedar Elm, *Ulmus crassifolia*, for the Question Mark butterfly, *Polygonia interrogationis*, and Passionvine, *Passiflora incarnata*, for Fritillaries (*Euptoieta sp.*, *Agraulis sp.*), Julias (*Dryas sp.*), and Zebra Longwings (*Heliconius sp.*). Milkweed species (*Asclepias sp.*) are the most famous LHPs for the Monarch butterfly, *Danans plexipus*. Tip: our 'Sustain the Migration Mix' from Native American Seed is a great way to get a start on helping this much-loved species survive.



Many plants that attract butterflies also attract hummingbirds. Flame Acanthus, Butterfly Weed and Turks Cap will attract both of these beauties to your garden. In addition try perennial favorites like Obedient Plant, Autumn Sage, Coral Honeysuckle, Red Yucca, and Yellow Bells (*Esperanza*). As an additional incentive, select a hummingbird feeder to add to your garden—fill it with a 1:4 solution of sugar and water (not honey), keep it clean and fresh, and watch the hummingbirds flock to your garden!

Summer 2019

Featured Events

Visit NHG.com for a complete listing of events & details

Workshop with Wine: Pastel Poppies

With artist Anne B. Gunthner
Sunday, June 2
2-4:30pm

\$75



Texas Tried & True: Proven Perennials for Summer

With NHG's Rusty E. Allen
Saturday, July 6
1-2:30pm

Free



Plants for Hot & Dry Gardens

With NHG's Rusty E. Allen
Saturday, August 3
1-2:30pm

Free



NHG's Pond Tour

We're part of DFW's annual tour!
Saturday, June 8, 9am-6pm
Sunday, June 9, 10am-5pm

Free



Botany Basics

With NHG's Dana Wilson
Saturday, July 13
9:30-11am

Free



Fall Vegetables by Seed

With NHG's Brieux Turner
Saturday, August 10
9:30-11am

Free



Painting Workshop: Monet's Waterlilies

With artist Melanie Brannan
Sunday, June 9
2-4pm

\$70



Pottery Workshop for Kids: Sun Faces

With artist Rebecca Boatman
Sunday, July 14
2-4pm

\$50



Native Texas Wildflowers

With NHG's Rusty E. Allen
Saturday, August 10
1-2pm

Free



Pottery Workshop: Leaf Bowls

With artist Rebecca Boatman
Sunday, June 9
2-4pm

\$60



Wild Orchids of Texas

With special guest Stephanie Varnum
Saturday, July 20
9:30-11am

Free



Watercolor Workshop: Summer Sunflowers

With artist Marian Hirsch
Sunday, August 11
1:30-4pm

\$60



Plant Parenting: Swap & Sip Event

With author Leslie F. Halleck
Saturday, June 22 &
Saturday, July 20
3-5pm

Free



Watercolor Workshop: Garden, Home, & Country

With artist Marian Hirsch
Sunday, July 21
1:30-4pm

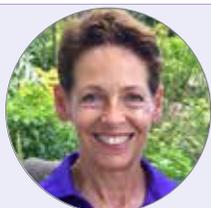
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Growing Bearded Irises

With NHG's Rusty E. Allen
Saturday, August 24
10-11am

Free



Interested in your own workshop with friends?

Contact Dana Wilson, Events Coordinator
at dwilson@nhg.com or 214-360-1590 for details & options.



LUMINOUS BY NATURE

On display through July 19, 2019

Featuring Gregory Arth, Sunny Jacquet, Melanie Brannan, Tori Pendergrass & Kim Collins



*Artist Talk with Kim Collins
Saturday, June 8, 1-2pm*

REWILDING

(verb) a return to a more wild or natural state

An interest in biomimicry, architecture, and the evolution of eco-friendly building is evident in her current series 'Rewilding'.

The juxtaposition of space and nature with urban construction is reflective of her upbringing in New Zealand and her nine years living in the mega-city metropolises of São Paulo and Shanghai.

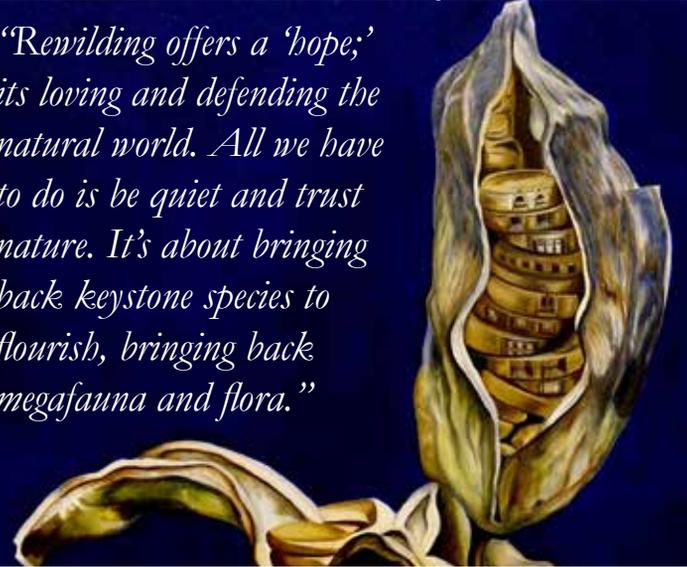
Of her style, Wilson says, "I am interested in a combination of illustration, graphic design, surrealism and symbolism. I'm searching for the perfect balance between good design and painting. My brushwork is very detailed and intentional."

Each pod she paints holds the space for seeds of tomorrow to exist -- recreating, reinventing, and forward thinking, seeking sustainable solutions. Be inspired by biomimicry, and explore elements of nature for the purpose of solving complex human problems in *Rewilding* - on display through September 20, 2019.



a solo exhibition by eWilson

"Rewilding offers a 'hope,' its loving and defending the natural world. All we have to do is be quiet and trust nature. It's about bringing back keystone species to flourish, bringing back megafauna and flora."



**Opening Reception
Friday, July 26, 5-7pm**

Receptions are free, casual & open to all

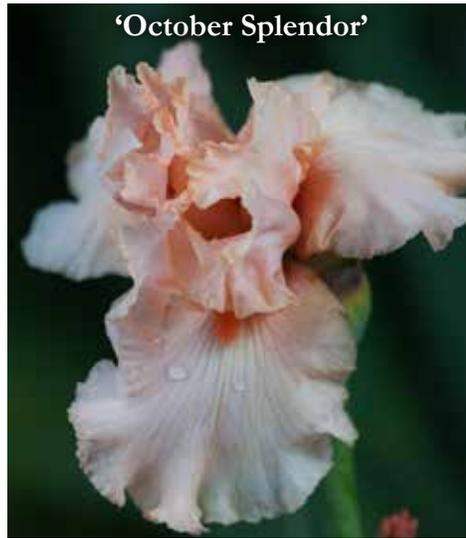


Top, L to R: 'Coral Bean', 'Propeller Banksia', & 'Giant Himalayan Lily', Oil on canvas, 36"x 72"

Right: 'City Stacks', Oil on canvas, 24"x36"



'Rock Star'



'October Splendor'



'Rio Vista'

Specialty Bearded Iris Arrive In August

Our specialty bearded iris collection presents an opportunity for experienced collectors and new gardeners alike: if you currently grow bearded iris, you probably love them for their evergreen, drought-tolerant foliage, luxurious spring blooms and easy care attitude. If you don't have any in your garden, consider one (or more!) of the following to add some 'wow' factor to any sunny garden location with good drainage.

Standing over 30 inches tall, 'My Friend

Jonathan' is a reliable re-blooming iris that boasts exquisite form, a lovely fragrance, and gorgeous coloring: both standards (upward facing petals) and falls (downward facing petals) are infused with a rich blend of scarlet and mahogany, with chocolate tracings. The golden interior makes them appear to glow from within!

'Rio Vista' graces the garden with delicate lavender blooms, prominent purple veins and a dark purple beard. It makes an especially elegant combination with other

purple varieties of varying shades.

The delicate, peachy pink blooms of the re-blooming 'October Splendor' are generously produced on a plant with impressive vigor. Don't be fooled by the gentle coloring and sweet fragrance - this beauty has an iron constitution!

These, along with 18 other varieties arrive at NHG in early August. Iris rhizomes are easy to plant, easy to care for, and provide decades of luxurious bloom with minimal input.

Planting is easy and an excellent long-term landscape investment!

Follow these simple steps to enjoy years of garden beauty:

SITE: Bearded irises bloom best in full sun (minimum of 6 direct hours) although they will grow in part shade as well (with fewer blooms). Tall bearded irises can reach 36" or more in bloom, so they're ideal for planting in the middle of perennial borders and beds as a backdrop for shorter blooming perennials and annuals.



PREP: Dig the soil to a depth of 10" and add compost and expanded shale to break up heavy clay, improve drainage and add organic matter. It is not necessary to add fertilizer at this time.

PLANT: Space rhizomes 8"-12" apart. Ideally, plant groups of 3 of the same variety in a triangle pattern for greater color impact. Plant rhizomes very shallow—about 1" deep, where the top of the rhizome is just covered with soil and any foliage is above soil level. If the rhizome has roots attached, spread these out while planting.

MAINTAIN: Water rhizomes well after planting with a solution of root stimulator to encourage establishment. Apply a balanced granular fertilizer around rhizomes in early spring before bloom and again about a month after bloom.



***Soil Level:** Note that rhizome is *just under* the surface of the soil. Planting too deeply can cause rot!

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Water Gardens + 2019 Pond Tour

Feel like something is missing in your garden? A water feature might be just the element that will make your plantings and property feel complete.

There are so many benefits to having the life-giving liquid in your garden, and not just from the water hose: simply having a fresh, cool water source will attract more wildlife to your space, as so many animals require access to water in order to thrive. Any water source will attract birds, but moving water will always attract more diversity, including



toads, dragonflies, damselflies, lizards and others.

Whether it's a birdbath or a pond garden, moving water brings the benefit of sound masking: it creates white noise, which helps to block out unwanted sounds. That motion also keeps the water fresher, and most importantly, helps to prevent mosquitoes from breeding.

To further integrate your water feature into your landscape, add marginal plants, such as sedges and irises to grow at the water's edge. Perennials will make the space a year-round refuge, especially if you choose native species that provide further support to local wildlife. As an additional benefit, the sound of moving water in combination with the soft textures of plants can provide a subconsciously cooling effect during summer heat.

You'll find an avid community of water gardeners on this year's pond tour, and our Garden Advisors can introduce

you to plants and products to get you started. Even if you're starting small with a modest fountain or container garden, you'll be pleased at all the benefits that a water feature can bring to your garden sanctuary.



**Pond Tour
June 8-9**

**Guides are now available
for purchase at NHG!**