



NORTH HAVEN
GARDENS

Every Blooming Thing

Spring 2021



Gladiolus: A Modern Garden Classic

Many of us love the look of an old-fashioned cutting garden or an English garden, a space that has a touch of wildness and controlled chaos. To successfully pull off that look, you need to have varying heights, colors and textures of plants, as well as varying bloom times. An 'older' flower that should be the staple of every warm-season garden is the gladiola. The classic shape of the gladiola easily earns its place in an English-style or cutting

garden, and the newer cultivars give an updated color palette far from the ones you remember in your grandmother's garden. Like swords of color punctuating your landscape, gladiolas offer the vertical structure that all gardens need.

One of our favorites this year is *Gladiolus* 'Rose Supreme' (pictured above). This cultivar is mid-range in height at 3-4 feet tall. Its color palette of warm apricot to soft pink with a creamy heart will surely cool the burn

of a hot summer day. Plant in clumps throughout your beds to offer a more natural look and don't hesitate to cut a few to enjoy inside as well! This lovely *Gladiolus* would look perfect nestled down in some low-growing drift roses or even summer-blooming annuals like pentas or vincas. And if you don't have an in-ground garden? Don't worry because you can easily plant gladiolas in pots!



Gladiolus 'Frozen Sparks'



Gladiolus 'Espresso'



Gladiolus 'Olinda'

Spring Vegetable Checklist



Through March 15:
Plant **lettuce, kale, spinach, collard greens, mustard greens, and kohlrabi** by seed.

March 15 - April 20:
Plant **bush beans, lima beans, and pole beans** by seed outdoors. A wonderful source of protein.



March

Through April 1:
Tomato transplants go in the ground late February through April in order to get them established and bushy before the optimum temperature time frame for fruit set, which is typically April through early May.



To prepare for a fall harvest, plant tomato seeds May 1 through May 15.



Through mid-June:
Spice things up by planting **pepper** seeds and/or transplants outdoors. You can also grow **corn, cucumbers, watermelon, squash** and **zucchini**.



April

May

April 15 - May 15:
Besides the fact that they're truly easy to grow, **sweet potatoes** pack a wallop of nutrition in their large, dense, tuberous roots. While the varieties bred for the edible roots can vary from purple-red to pale creamy yellow, the more orange-fleshed varieties are considered the sweetest, with tubers that bake into a moist, flavorful meal.





No Sign of Slowing Down: The Growing Craze for Houseplants

Bringing plants into your living space has long been a means of beautifying and personalizing your home. There's much discussion over how plants can purify indoor air, help to create a sense of calm, and overall make people happier. Now, in the digital era of social media, some speculate that the growing craze for houseplant collecting is a means of reconnecting with the natural world—and it's a major trend, especially amongst younger people in their 20s and 30s.

Variegation is the current passion amongst local collectors. This broken, mottled coloration is caused by various

viruses (not infectious to humans) that create genetic inconsistencies in the plants' pigmentation. Most often in shades of cream or white, there are also forms of pink variegation that can massively inflate a plant's value among collectors, such as with the popular—and elusive—'Pink Princess' Philodendron.

Philodendrons, members of the Araceae or 'Aroid' family—are riding a wave of popularity among local collectors, as they are relatively easy to grow and propagate. They're classed as either vining, or 'climbing' types, or upright, non-vining types,

and both classes have species that are considered varying degrees of rare and hard-to-find. It's not uncommon to see particularly choice, and especially variegated specimens, selling for well over \$1,000 between online collectors, and that can be for a single leaf cutting!

We welcome you to visit our new tropical greenhouse year-round; we work with brokers and farms across the country to source the best indoor plants for your collection. If you're new to houseplants and just need a reliable, easy plant to brighten a spot in your home, we have those, too.

Time for Tomatoes!



In DFW, it's important to beat the heat and get tomato transplants in the ground before April 1st so they can fully develop and set fruit before hot weather arrives. Here are some tips for success:

The Right Site

Tomatoes need full sun (at least six hours of direct sun daily) to produce well. They also need good drainage (no standing water) and space to grow. Plan your space accordingly, with room for cages and supports as needed. No garden? There are several tomato varieties that will thrive in containers.

Great Soil Is a Must

We say this all the time! Amend your garden soil with plenty of organic matter (compost is ideal) and consider adding additional amendments such as seaweed, greensand, and epsom salts for additional nutrients. Be sure to topdress with 2-3" of mulch to conserve soil moisture.

Healthy Transplants

All the way through March, NHG will be stocked with tomato transplants in a variety of sizes and types. We carry both determinate and indeterminate of both heirloom and modern varieties. Each type of tomato has unique features that dedicated gardeners have come to appreciate.

Solid Supplies

Set tomato cages on plants as soon as they go in the ground and grab our plant ties and wires by GreenThumb and Haxnicks. NHG also stocks large, lightweight pots for those gardening in containers. Frost cloth is available in any size and provides excellent protection in case of freezing temperatures.

Good Fertilizer

Don't forget to pick up an outstanding organic fertilizer for tomatoes: Espoma Tomato-tone is a must-have. Fertilize at planting time, and then again bi-weekly once plants set fruit.

Need More Help?

Our knowledgeable Garden Advisors are always available in-store. Plus, you can pick up our Tomato Project List and other helpful handouts on a variety of topics when you visit us, or go to **nhg.com** to download yours.





Rose Weekend

A 70-Year-Old Family Tradition



Above: Ira Duncan, NHG Rosarian at the time, stands in what is now our front parking lot with roses growing out in cans. Photo is from Northaven Road facing south-southeast across the front of the store. 1958.

While the procedures of Rose Weekend have changed over the decades, our appreciation for roses as hard-working landscape shrubs has remained constant. Before the mid-1970s, when shifts in the industry re-centered commercial rose growing in California, Rose Weekend actually began in October. In those days, growers in Tyler, Texas would wait until October to cut back their field-grown shrubs, typically a two-to three-year crop. Ralph

Pinkus, NHG's founder, along with Ira Duncan, then NHG's rosarian, would travel to Tyler to collect the blossoms to have on display in the store as a living example from which customers could choose. Orders were placed, the bare-root canes were brought in, and the shrubs were grown out here in Dallas in 'cans' (which in those early years were actually recycled food cans). Customers returned in March to pick up their shrubs, which were then ready to plant

out in the garden.

While we no longer gather blossoms in the field for fall selection, the tradition of growing our collection of bare-root roses in-house remains strong. While our guests are selecting trees and holiday greenery after Thanksgiving, the first of the roses begin arriving for potting, continuing into January. Rose Weekend is now a fixture of the first full weekend in March each year, and serves as a happy reminder that spring is about to arrive.



Join us for NHG's annual

ROSE Weekend

Our 2021 collection becomes available
Saturday, March 6th at 8am

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Must-Have English Roses from David Austin®

English roses evoke a sense of romance and old-world charm. Bred through crosses of antique and modern rose varieties to achieve graceful characteristics and fragrance, they're among the most beautiful roses you can grow. This year, a global shortage of rootstock threatened our ability to get these desirable roses; however, we're happy to report that NHG is among just a handful of lucky garden destinations that will receive them.

Each of the varieties of English roses we'll be offering has been selected for success in our area, and most of them have been through landscape trials here. Highlights:

'Darcey Bussell' offers dark pink to crimson blooms with a light, fruity scent.

It has a compact, shrubby growth habit reaching up to 4' x 4' at maturity. 'Golden Celebration' has richly-scented, golden-colored blooms held on long, arching branches. This shrubby rose grows to 4.5' x 4.5'. A special favorite, 'Tranquility'



Above: *Rosa 'Tranquility'*
Image courtesy of David Austin®

has rounded, cup-shaped blooms of pure white composed of 100+ petals. The flowers have a light, fruity fragrance, and reaches 4' x 4'.

David Austin® English roses are a unique addition to any garden and a wonderful addition to any rose collection. With these and the many other rose varieties we have for 2021, the stage is set for a beautiful—and fragrant—Rose Weekend. Join us!

We open early for Rose Weekend on Saturday, March 6th, when roses will be available for purchase. No holds or pre-purchases are permitted. Our full 2021 Rose List can be viewed at nhg.com under Education—Plant Lists.