



REGIONAL HAPPENINGS

Horticultural Events from Around the Country

NORTHEAST

CT, MA, ME, NH, NY, RI, VT

RAP MAR. 25. **Gardener's Health Clinic.** Lecture and demonstration. Berkshire Botanical Garden. Stockbridge, Massachusetts. (413) 298-0826. www.berkshirebotanical.org.

MAR. 22. **An Affair with a Garden.** Lecture. Wave Hill Friends of Horticulture. New York, New York. (718) 549-3200 ext. 216. www.wavehill.org.

MAR. 24. **Capital District Garden and Flower Show.** Troy, New York. (518) 786-1529. www.gardenandflowershow.com.

APR. 20–23. **International Orchid Show.** New York, New York. (212) 332-6577. www.gnyos.org.

APR. 28–30. **Daffodil Weekend.** Nantucket, Massachusetts. (508) 228-1700. www.nantucketchamber.org.

APR. 29. **Innovative Design for Beds, Borders, and Containers.** Symposium. New England Wild Flower Society. Framingham, Massachusetts. (508) 877-7630. www.newenglandwildflower.org.

Looking ahead

RAP MAY 2–4. **Plant Sale.** Members only on first day. Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Brooklyn, New York. (718) 623-7200. www.bbg.org.

MAY 4–7. **Spring Herb Sale.** Lyman Estate Greenhouses. Waltham, Massachusetts. (781) 891-4882. www.historicnewengland.org.

RAP MAY 19 & 20. **Second Annual Spring Fair.** Sales of rare plants and garden antiques. Blithewold Mansion, Gardens & Arboretum, Bristol, Rhode Island. (401) 847-9428. www.blithewold.org.

MID-ATLANTIC

PA, NJ, VA, MD, DE, WV, DC

RAP MAR. 18–APR. 23. **Spring Flower Show.** Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. (412) 622-6914. www.phipps.conservatory.org.

RAP MAR. 23. **Easy Gardening With No Work.** Lecture by André Viette. United

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States Botanic Garden. Washington, D.C. (202) 225-8333. www.usbg.gov.

MAR. 26. **A Gardener's Tale: The 18th Century World of Annapolis Silversmith William Faris.** Opening of exhibition. Maryland Historical Society. Annapolis, Maryland. (410) 685-3750 ext. 334. www.mdhs.org.

APR. 5 & 6. **Annual Daffodil Show.** Middle Atlantic Regional Show of the American Daffodil Society. Fredricksburg, Virginia. (540) 371-5656.

AHS APR. 20–22. **Friends of River Farm Spring Plant Sale.** AHS members only on April 20. George Washington's River Farm, Alexandria, Virginia. (703) 768-5700. www.ahs.org.

APR. 29. **Eastern Shore Garden Tour.** Sponsored by the Garden Club of the Eastern Shore as part of Historic Garden Week. Delmarva Peninsula, Virginia. (757) 331-4662. www.esgardentour.com.

AHS APRIL 30–MAY 3. **Colonial Williamsburg Garden Symposium.** Williamsburg, Virginia. (800) 603-0948. www.colonialwilliamsburg.org.

SOUTHEAST

AL, FL, GA, KY, NC, SC, TN

RAP MAR. 25 & 26. **Spring Plant Sale.** Harry P. Leu Gardens. Orlando, Florida. (407) 246-2620. www.leugardens.org.

RAP APR. 1 & 2. **Spring Plant Sale.** Crosby Arboretum, Mississippi State University, Picayune, Mississippi. (601) 799-2311. www.msstate.edu/dept/crec/camain.

April is National Garden Month

THE NATIONAL GARDENING ASSOCIATION (NGA) is once again promoting April as National Garden Month. Now in its fourth year, the celebration of gardening seeks to encourage anyone who grows plants, on a windowsill or a farm, to feel proud of their stewardship with the theme "This is My Garden." The Burlington, Vermont-based NGA wants gardeners of all levels to share their knowledge with their communities and especially with children.

This year NGA is working with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation to celebrate National Garden Month with a new program, NYC GROWS. From April 22 to April 29, events focusing on environmental stewardship, health and wellness, community development, home gardening, and garden-based education will be held in New York.

The grand finale will be a festival on April 29 in Manhattan's Union Square with exhibits by groups such as the American Community Gardening Association, the American Horticultural Therapy Association, the American Rose Society, the New York and Brooklyn Botanical Gardens, the Environmental Protection Agency, the International Society of Arboriculture, the National Wildlife Federation, and the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign. For more information, visit www.nationalgardenmonth.org.

—Linda McIntyre, Editorial Intern

RAP APR. 6-8. **Spring Plant Sale.** Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Birmingham, Alabama. (205) 414-3900. www.bbgardens.org.

APR. 7-9. **Bloom 'n' Garden Expo III.** Williamson County Master Gardeners Association. Franklin, Tennessee. (615) 790-5721. www.wcmga.net.

RAP THROUGH APR. 16. **Art in the Garden.** Exhibit. Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden. Belmont, North Carolina. (704) 829-1256. www.dsbgo.org.

RAP APR. 21-23. **Plant Sale.** Memphis Botanic Garden. Memphis, Tennessee. (901) 685-1566. www.memphisbotanicgarden.com.

AHS APR. 21-JUNE 11. **Epcot International Flower & Garden Festival.** Orlando, Florida. www.disneyworld.com.

RAP APR. 22. **Native Plant Sale.** Georgia Native Plant Society. Atlanta Botanical Garden. Atlanta, Georgia. (404) 876-5859. www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org.

APR. 29 & 30. **Flower and Garden Expo.** St. Johns County Agricultural Center. St. Augustine, Florida. (904) 829-3295. www.epiccommunityservices.org.

Looking ahead
MAY 5 & 6. **Annual Symposium and Tours.** *Carolina Gardener* magazine. Asheville, North Carolina. (800) 245-0142. www.carolinagardener.com.

MAY 11-13. **Annual Symposium.** American Boxwood Society. Memphis, Tennessee. www.boxwoodsociety.org.

NORTH CENTRAL

IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI

RAP THROUGH MAR. 26. **Orchid Mania.** Flower show. Cleveland Botanical Garden, Cleveland, Ohio. (216) 707-2834. www.cbgoarden.org.

RAP APR. 15 & 16. **Daffodil Show.** Fellows Riverside Gardens. Youngstown, Ohio. (330) 740-7116. www.millcreekmetroparks.com.

RAP APR. 21-23. **Antiques and Garden Fair.** Chicago Botanic Garden. Glencoe, Illinois. (847) 835-8326. www.chicagobotanic.org.

RAP APR. 22. **Wildflower Sale.** Cox Arboretum and Gardens MetroPark, Dayton, Ohio. (937) 434-9005. www.coxarboretum.org.

APR. 22-30. **Cincinnati Flower Show.** Cincinnati, Ohio. (513) 232-8230. www.cincyflowershow.com.

APR. 29. **Spring Garden Symposium.** LaPorte County Master Gardener Program. LaPorte, Indiana. (219) 324-9407. E-mail: lpmg@purdue.edu.

Looking ahead
MAY 6-13. **Tulip Time Festival.** Holland, Michigan. (800) 822-2770. www.tuliptime.com.

AHS MAY 11 & 12. **AHS Garden School: The Art & Science of Color in the Garden.** Franklin Park Conservatory. Columbus, Ohio. (703) 768-5700, ext. 121. www.ahs.org.

SOUTH CENTRAL

AR, KS, LA, MO, MS, OK, TX

APR. 1. **Azalea Symposium.** Austin State University. Nacogdoches, Texas. (888) 653-3788. www.visitnacogdoches.org.

APR. 5. **Greening the Urban Landscape.** Annual Nancy Stallworth Thomas Horticulture Lecture. The Museum of Fine Arts. Houston, Texas. www.gchouston.org.

APR. 8-19. **Binkley Gardens.** Private garden open for "Tulip Time" viewing to benefit Topeka Beautification. Topeka, Kansas. (785) 478-4624.

APR. 22 & 23. **Heart O' Texas Orchid Society's**

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6th Annual New Growers Seminar, Exhibit and Plant Sale. Zilker Botanical Garden. Austin, Texas. (512) 345-3225. www.hotos.org.

RAP APR. 22 & 23. **Plant Sale.** Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden. Dallas, Texas. (214) 515-6540. www.dallasarboretum.org.

SOUTHWEST

AZ, NM, CO, UT

RAP MAR. 25. **Drip Irrigation Workshop.** Red Butte Garden. Salt Lake City, Utah. (801) 581-4747. www.redbuttegarden.org.

APR. 1 & 2. **Cactus and Succulents for the Home and Yard.** Show. Rio Grande Botanic Garden. Albuquerque, New Mexico. (505) 764-6200. www.cabq.gov/biopark.

RAP APR. 28–30. **Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale.** Desert Botanical Garden. Phoenix, Arizona. (480) 941-1225. www.dbg.org.

RAP APR. 29. **Arbor Day Celebration.** Guided tours of gardens. The Arboretum at Flagstaff. Flagstaff, Arizona. (928) 774-1442. www.thearb.org.

APR. 29 & 30. **Downtown Boulder Tulip Festival.** Boulder, Colorado. (303) 449-3774. www.downtownboulder.com.

Looking ahead

MAY 5–7. **Maricopa County Home and Landscape Show.** Phoenix, Arizona. (602) 485-1691 ext. 5. www.MaricopaCountyHomeShows.com.

RAP MAY 12 & 13. **Plant Sale.** Denver Botanic Gardens. Denver, Colorado. (720) 865-3500. www.botanicgardens.org.

WEST COAST

CA, NV, HI

MAR. 24–26. **Santa Barbara International Orchid Show.** Santa Barbara, California. (805) 969-5746. www.sborchidshow.com.

MAR. 26. **Garden tour.** Visit organic gardens and view rare and endangered food, medicinal, and ornamental plants. Occidental Arts and Ecology Center. Occidental, California. (707) 874-1557 ext. 201. www.oaec.org.

APR. 15. **Annual Open Garden.** Sacramento Historic City Cemetery Historic Rose Garden. (916) 448-0811. www.oldcitycemetery.com.

RAP APR. 21 & 22. **Spring Plant Sale.** Descanso Gardens, La Cañada Flintridge, California. (818) 949-4200. www.descansogardens.org.

APR. 28. **Practical Pruning: A Workshop for Arborists.** Lecture, slide presentation, field

Hardy Plant Study Weekend

THE NORTHWEST PERENNIAL ALLIANCE (NPA) will hold “Right Brain Gardening for the Left Side of the Continent: The Gardener as Artist,” its 2006 Hardy Plant Study Weekend, June 16 to 19 in Bellevue, Washington. The popular event features three days of lectures, four days of garden tours, and sales of rare and new plants and discounted gardening books.

Speakers will include award-winning British garden designer Jill Billington; Chanticleer horticulturist Dan Benarcik; Miller Garden horticulturist Richie Steffen; Rosemary Alexander, founder of The English Gardening School at the Chelsea Physic Garden; and Richard Turner, editor of *Pacific Horticulture* magazine. Renowned plantsman Dan Hinkley will give a talk at a reception at the NPA Borders at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Tours will cover Vashon Island, Lake Washington, the Seattle area, Bainbridge Island, and Heronswood Nursery.

Debra Prinzing, a freelance garden writer in Seattle, likens the event to a “horticultural summer camp for grownups.” She has participated in the Hardy Plant Study Weekend since 2002. “You meet cool people from other places who you want to stay in touch with so you can swap seeds, compare notes about new plants, and send photographs to each other,” she says.

In addition to learning about plants—with a focus on perennials—participants will discuss design trends such as container planting and foliage forms, and broader gardening issues such as sustainable practices. For more information, call (425) 814-1481 or visit www.northwestperennialalliance.org.

—Linda McIntyre, Editorial Intern



Last year's event included visits to the gardens of Thomas Hobbs, top, and Gwen Odermat, above.

demonstrations, and discussion. Davis, California. (800) 752-0881. www.extension.ucdavis.edu/agriculture.

NORTHWEST

AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY

APR. 23. **Northwest Perennial Association Spring Plant Sale.** Sand Point Magnuson Park, Seattle, Washington. (425) 814-1481. www.northwestperennialalliance.org.

APR. 29–30. **Wildflower Show.** Display of native plants. Glide, Oregon. (541) 677-

3797. www.glidewildflowershow.org.

CANADA

MAR. 25. **All About Fruit Trees.** Workshop. Van Dusen Botanical Garden. Vancouver, British Columbia. (604) 878-9821. www.vandusengarden.org.

APR. 13. **Pond Gardening.** Workshop. University of Guelph Arboretum. Guelph, Ontario. (519) 824-4120 ext. 52358. www.uoguelph.ca/arboretum.