

# Fort Worth Botanic Garden Perennial Garden



Photo by Paula Billman



Nandina Berries



Aspidistra or Cast Iron plant

## Winter Color

Winter color is subtle with small silver and purple ajuga leaves peeking from the mulch, fiery red nandina berries on volunteer bushes and various evergreens providing a bright contrast to the browns of the season.

## Ajuga



## Tarrant County Master Gardeners Present

### “What’s Bloomin’ NOW?”

January



Topics for this month are:

- Hardscape - the focus on the physical bones of the garden such as the rocks, paths, water features, and benches all help create a beautiful garden even in winter
- Textures - varied leaf forms, contrast between lacy-edged ferns and harder edged foliage like aspidistra, stepping stones and concrete walkways and grass paths
- Color
  - Bright red nandina berries
  - Purple Ajuga
  - Evergreens such as:
    - Aspidistra – a tough, 3 foot tall plant for deep shade, requiring low amounts of water
    - Holly fern – has stiff shiny fronds, grows in partial to full shade
    - Nandina – easy to grow from seed or transplants in full sun to full shade. No extra water required. – warning: they reseed easily and can be invasive
    - Arums – provide beautiful leaf shapes and patterns in full shade
- Garden art
  - Driftwood
  - Butterfly bench
  - Statuary