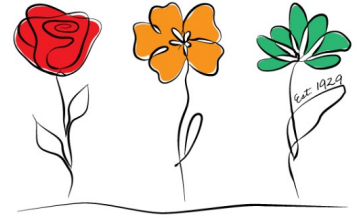




# Garden Talk

APRIL 2023



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**11am**  
**May 1, 2023**  
**Tulsa Garden Center**  
2435 South Peoria Avenue. Tulsa, Oklahoma  
**Join us!**



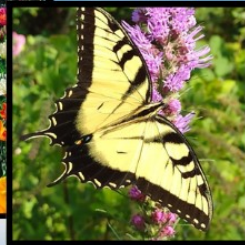
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**"sustainable & harmonious in our world"**

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**Tulsa Garden Center**

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**Get \$15 Advance Tickets  
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**Help Us Raise Needed Money!**  
**Bloomin' Bucks**  
with Brent and Becky's

**Order bulbs and perennials to plant for spring! Click the Bloomin' Bucks image/link, choose Tulsa Garden Club and plan your bloomin' spring.**



# President's Perspective

by Kathi Blazer, Member since 2018

## *The Springtime Garden Club Fast Train*

In the last few weeks we have presented gardening education at Tulsa Home and Garden Show and staged a Specialty-Design Flower Show (which takes two days including setup and endless time designing our entries) and held a Garden Flea Market. Then, Members spent two days at Springfest with the entire Barn/Teaching Garden Visitor Center a Tulsa Garden Club exhibit offering youth activities for hundreds of people and children.

It takes my breath away. Yes, a bit much for the timeframe yet we hit the springtime events first before others began and the payoff is clear. Now, we rest (a bit) and get ready for "Passport to Paradise" Patron Party, May 19 and Garden Tour on May 20.



We have a grand club with clear educational goals. It's not a runaway train but a Speed Train to share, enjoy and explore our environment and community.

Green Growing to all of you!

*Kathi*



Kathi Raun Hromas Blazer, President, 2022-2024

Gardening Education Partner **North-eastern State University (NSU) Broken Arrow** reported that bulbs, perennials and shrubs donated by Club Members, last year, are greening up or blooming beautifully!



**Help grow NSU-BA's garden economically. Divide your tried and true plants, including:**

- Daylilies
- Rudbeckia
- Gaillardia
- Iris

**Bring to our May 1 meeting!**

## **Magical Mystery Tour III**

What's more fun than a surprise? A real surprise that we can't even plan for other than the date, June 7. This is our third Magical Mystery Tour and it will be a doozy. Nature, growing, planting, eating, cultural experience and history museum. You may think you have it figured out; but trust me, you probably do not. We pride ourselves on a surprise—this will meet our goals.

We leave from the Garden Center at 8:30am and return by 4pm. Anyone may come along!

\$65 includes bus and lunch. Pay with [Eventbrite](#), or cash, check, credit card at the May meeting. Please reserve early to make certain you get a seat on the bus.

No mystery, here! A by-product is the grand feeling like in elementary school when you took a fieldtrip. Join us!



# What's Growing On

By Club Awareness Team

10AM—4PM, SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023 FOUR MIDTOWN GARDENS  
\$15 ADVANCE AVAILABLE AT TULSA GARDEN CENTER OR \*[EVENTBRITE](#)  
\$20 TOUR DAY AT FIRST GARDEN VISITED

\*\$5 RAFFLE  
TICKET

\*\$20 5-TICKET  
BUNDLE

TEXAS LIMESTONE  
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**HARDSCAPE MATERIALS** \$300 value! All Garden Tour Proceeds benefit gardening education. Questions? [TulsaGardenClub@gmail.com](mailto:TulsaGardenClub@gmail.com)

**May 1 DEADLINE:** Recognition for [Patron gifts](#) received AND Party [RSVPs](#).



## Passport to Paradise 72nd Annual Garden Tour



10am-4pm  
Saturday  
May 20, 2023

\$15 Advance  
Ticket  
@Tulsa Garden  
Center OR:



# History Bites

by Linda Smith, Member since 2017 and Judith Weaver, Member since 2016

## TULSA GARDEN TOUR

### YESTERDAY

The third annual spring garden pilgrimage was held, Sunday, April 19, 1953, from 10am-5pm. Eight gardens were included on the public tour with complimentary refreshments served on the patio of the Spillers mansion.



Pictured above is the entrance to a garden created by the owner, Mr. Maloney, whose skills in gardening gave guests the feeling of a "country in town garden." Tulsa Tribune

methods used to grow plants. The determination required by homeowners to bring about the beauty of gardening was evident. Guests were in awe of gardens showing unique plant specimens from all over the country.

Outstanding features in the gardens included terraces edged in flowers, outdoor cooking and living areas, footbridges, steps, rock walls, fences, and raised beds of vegetable plats.

Club Members pointed out perennials, daffodils, tulips, pansies, roses, mountain laurels, rhododendron, lilies, red potted geraniums, ivy and annuals. Visitors loved the displays of lilacs, wild grapevines, wisteria, holly, nandina, yew, a corkscrew willow, dogwood trees, evergreens, persimmons, and magnolias.

### TODAY

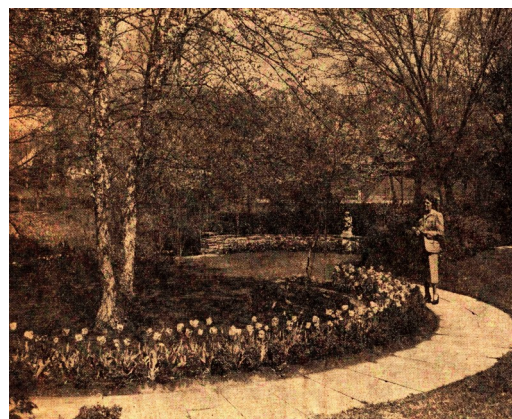
Tulsa Garden Club Members share the same passionate spirit and love of gardening as did Members in 1953. We strive to increase public knowledge of gardening. Our garden tour proceeds allow us to financially support amazing horticulture, environmental and floral design programs.

Plan to attend the **72nd Annual Garden Tour "Passport to Paradise"**  
**10am-4pm, Saturday, May 20, 2023!**

Unfortunately, a cold snap produced ice, egg-sized hailstones, strong winds and rain, causing damage to the gardens. The tour still took place the following Sunday.

Club Members were passionate about showing citizens the beauty of Tulsa landscapes. Proceeds from the tour support the Tulsa Garden Center and the Tulsa Rose Garden in Woodward Park. Members served as hostesses and answered visitors' questions, making the garden tour enjoyable and educational.

The eight gardens highlighted tree and bush specimens that were often grown from cuttings by the home-gardeners. Greenhouses, arboretums, and screened-in porches revealed



The Carter garden professionally landscaped by a Dallas designer. Visitors followed paved walkways leading to natural and man-made beauty as they strolled the garden. A sculpture and a deep goldfish pond caught their attention. Tulsa Tribune

# Gardening for Birds

by Carol Puckett, Member since 2014

Named for its distinctive sorrowful song, the Mourning Dove is the only native North American bird to breed in every state including Hawaii. Average life span is 1-5 years. The oldest recorded lifespan was 30 years 4 months.

Mourning doves sleep differently from other birds. Their heads will rest between their shoulders, close to their bodies, rather than tucked under their shoulder feathers.

Males are larger than females. Breasts are rosier, heads are more iridescent and brighter blue gray. Juveniles are darker with white marking at the tips of their feathers, resembling scales. Mourning doves are good parents. They will fake an injury to attract a predator to follow them and away from the nest.

Both male and female feed the young by providing crop milk from their esophagus. The young will tap their parents bills to stimulate regurgitation of crop milk. After five days seeds are added to their diet, at 30 days, the fledglings are able to fly. At 85 days, they are able to breed.

Mourning doves are known for the loud whistling of air rushing through their wing feathers during takeoff and landing. This sound is associated with courtship and warning of danger.

Mourning doves mate for life. They preen each other with gentle nibbles around the neck as a pair bonding ritual. They progress to grasping beaks and bobbing their heads up and down in unison.



Click image to hear mourning dove's comforting, calming call.



Photos courtesy

[AllAboutBirds.org](http://AllAboutBirds.org)

Mourning doves make their nests in under three hours. Their nesting period ranges from mid February through early October. Their primary nesting season is mid April through August. They have two white eggs per clutch. They have up to 6 clutches per season. Males and females assist in the incubation period of 14 days. Mourning doves will sometimes reuse their or other species nests and commonly build nests in hanging planters or other human made structures.

These doves find their food (99% seed) on the ground. Sometimes they will be perched on a plant to take the seeds of native grasses and ragweed. They cannot crack open the seeds, so they swallow them whole with sand or gravel to aid in digestion. They store food in the enlargement of the esophagus of the crop and then fly to a safe place to finish their meal. Mourning doves eat roughly 12-20% of their body weight per day. The crop of one mourning dove was found to hold 17,000 bluegrass seeds.

During the breeding season, you might see three mourning doves flying in tight formation, one after another. This is a kind of social display. Typically, the bird in the lead is the male of a mated pair. The second is an unmated male chasing him from the area where he hopes to nest. Third in the formation is the female of the mated pair.

Most breeding populations are migratory, flying south in fall and returning to northern breeding grounds the following spring. Migration is mostly by day in flocks, late August-September.

**Sources:** [Ebird.org](http://Ebird.org), [Northernwoodlands.org](http://Northernwoodlands.org), [Allaboutbirds.org](http://Allaboutbirds.org), [Nestwatch.org](http://Nestwatch.org), [Audubon.org](http://Audubon.org), [Birdfact.com](http://Birdfact.com), [Animalia](http://Animalia), [Dnr.maryland.gov](http://Dnr.maryland.gov)

# Gardening with Nature

by Rose Schultz, Member since 2016, President 2020-2022



Doug Tallamy says there are four ecological functions every landscape must perform to sustain life. Our landscapes must:

1. support a diverse community of pollinators throughout the growing season.
2. provide energy for the local food web.
3. manage the watershed in which they lie.
4. remove carbon from the atmosphere where it is wreaking havoc on the earth's climate.

To help all of us do this—even if you can only have a container garden—you can plant “**Container Gardening Keystone Plants for the Great Plains**” area in which we live.



Firewheel, or Indian Blanket, is a popular annual growing 1-2+ ft. tall. The hairy stem is usually much-branched and becomes woody at the base late in the season. It can be grown in sun to part shade. It will grow in sandy soils, but will get floppy in rich soils. Needs good drainage. Attracts butterflies and has a moderate deer resistance. [Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center](#). Photo by Norman G. Flaigg.

*...is nothing more than basic earth stewardship, but it is stewardship that empowers us all to become forces in conservation.*

Doug Tallamy

Find ten (10) plants that can be grown in containers and/or planted in your yard if you have space. This list is all keystone plants for the Great Plains, selected because they meet the criteria list above. And they are some of my favorite plants, including the Blanketflower, *Gaillardia pulchella*, the Oklahoma State Flower.

You, too, can become a member of the [Home-grown National Park](#). Click to “Get On The Map!” You can not only be on the map, but you can find lots of good information to help you start your own new HABITAT!

Click this link to purchase [Native Plants](#). This particular seller of native plants is located in Oklahoma City. There are other native plants sellers in and around Tulsa.



# Why Flower Shows?

By Sue Lovelace, Member since 2004, President 2011-2013

The fabulous Tulsa Garden Club Specialty Design Flower Show was held last month. All National Garden Club (NGC) sanctioned flower shows are judged by accredited judges. Did you know...?

Judges are not paid to judge a flower show, they volunteer. Sometimes they are paid mileage and sometimes they are given a token gift, but they are not allowed to be paid.

What is needed to become a judge?

- Attend all four Flower Show School courses. Each course is two days of intensive lectures and demonstrations covering Flower Show Procedure, Horticulture and Design. At each course's conclusion, each student must pass two written tests; one test covers the material presented and the other is a practice scoring for horticulture and design. The student test is graded against the instructor's scoring of the same horticulture and design. The student must pass all tests.
- While attending the courses, each student must judge five flower shows as a student judge.
- Each student must earn five blue ribbons or 90+ exhibits, with no more than two ribbons



Judges presented this design, the "Award of Distinction".



Design class awaits judges' review.

You are now an accredited judge, but your learning has just begun. All judges must take a refresher course every three years. To qualify for a refresher course, a judge must judge three shows, earn at least two ribbons, one in horticulture and one in design, and once again pass all the tests given during the refresher. This process of refreshing continues for as long as judges want to be accredited.

So, the next time you see judges at a flower show, thank them for donating their time and expertise to make your flower show a success!