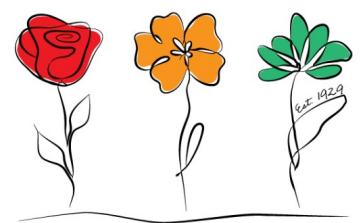




Garden Talk

JANUARY 2023



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Beautifying Tulsa since 1929!

Member: National Garden Clubs
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Maureen “Mo” Turner is responsible for all aspects of refuse, recycling and green waste division within the city limits of Tulsa. This includes bulky waste collections, e-waste collections, illegal dumping, neighborhood dumpsters, curbside yard waste collections, dead animal pickups and both residential and commercial refuse and recycling collections. Learn some “trash talk!”

11 a.m.
February 6, 2023
Tulsa Garden Center
at Woodward Park Auditorium
2435 South Peoria Avenue
Tulsa, Oklahoma
Join us!



Members’ Gallery “Creativity Lives Here”

Tulsa Garden Club Members’ talents are many! This February 6 meeting features fine arts, handcrafts, and collecting talents and more above and beyond gardening. Come to see what Members tackle when not serving Oklahoma’s oldest and largest garden club!



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December 2022

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**Welcome,
New Member
Serena Staires**

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Order springtime bulbs and perennials to plant NOW! Click the Bloomin' Buck\$ image/link, choose Tulsa Garden Club and plan your bloomin' spring.

Tulsa Garden Club receives a percentage of your order to support gardening education!

Help Us Raise Needed Money!

**Bloomin' Buck\$
with Brent and Becky's**



President's Perspective

by Kathi Raun Hromas Blazer, Member since 2018

Gardening reminds us that change and renewal is always possible. We are lucky to have these opportunities every time we look at our plants or wander in the garden. There's change in our growing things and change in us.

I personally need you to continue to renew our Club through your donations of time and, sometimes, money, also. Our Board of Directors is the engine yet our Members are the fuel. We need you to complete every task to fuel us along to achieve the Tulsa Garden Club goals.

So, watch out for Board members and committee chairs who will try to rope you in. Say, "Yes!", with enthusiasm and enjoy the ride!



Kathi Blazer, President, 2022-2024

PENNY PINES SAVES FORESTS

\$68 at a time!

National Garden Clubs and the USDA Forest Service partnered to sustain our national and urban forests through this reforestation/forest education program.

Tulsa Garden Club collects pennies at each meeting designating our donations for the Ouachita National Forest located in southeast Oklahoma and western Arkansas. The Club further identifies a Member to honor through these donations. Some years we sponsor several 'plantations' through the generosity of Members and guests.

FEBRUARY 6 MEMBERS' GALLERY and

MARCH 25 GARDEN FLEA MARKET

Tulsa Garden Club Members are talented and generous! Monday, February 6, Members will showcase artistic, crafty, and collecting talents. Saturday, March 25, Members' donated floral design, gardening and outdoors-related items will be available for visitors to purchase and support our gardening education programs and projects.

Questions?

Contact **President Blazer**,
TulsaGardenClub@gmail.com.

What's Growing On

By Club Awareness Team

**Thank you,
generous
garden/
homeown-
ers and Pa-
trons, for
helping
present
this
keystone in
gardening
education!**



72ND ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR

Oklahoma's longest-running educational,
charitable tour of private gardens.

Passport to Paradise

10am-4pm, Saturday
May 20, 2023

Member National Garden Clubs and
Oklahoma Garden Clubs



Join us as a Patron for **Passport to Paradise**. Gardens will showcase unique and creative ways to bloom in our own Green Country paradise! (Silver+ Patron gifts received by January 15 will be listed on Tour Advance Ticket.)

Tulsa Garden Club and
Cushing Gladiolus Club
present Course 3 of NGC Envi-
ronmental School, Series Z-
001. Save your Zoom spot to
learn more about environmen-
tal literacy to help us cherish,
protect and conserve the living
earth.

8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Two Saturdays

February 4 & 11, 2023

Register by February 3

Course 3 is the next step to
your becoming an environmen-
tal consultant engaging others
in environmental education.

Learn more!

NGC ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL
SERIES Z-001 COURSE 3

via Zoom

February 4
and
February 11, 2023

Register



History Bites

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

YESTERDAY

In 1977, about this time of year, the Tulsa Garden Club began promoting the upcoming annual Spring Flower Show to be held May 14-15, 1977. Open to the public with no admission charged, the Show would be held at the Tulsa Garden Center. Betty Meredith, President of the Tulsa Garden Club (1976-1978) announced the theme, “Tulsa Designers Unlimited.”



The *Tulsa Tribune* printed, “As well as flower arrangements, the show will contain artistic sections, table settings, collages, hanging designs, and arrangements incorporating Study, Conservation and Roadside Beautification, Garden Therapy, Junior Gardeners, Litter Control, Student Grants, and World Gardening.”

The “Design with Fabric” class called for flower colors, shapes, and containers to be “picked up” by forms on fabric background. The “Sunset” class had interesting arrangements with glass bowls and colored water set on contrasting mats leading the eye up to the arrangement. One class specified that birds must be used within the arrangement design.

Flower arranging classes were offered in 1977 by the Garden Club at the Tulsa Garden Center, 9:30 a.m., free to Members. The description for

the classes stated that they were a good chance to learn and review by attending “a demonstration lecture and analysis of arrangements and slides.” To those desiring to work, “Let’s see what happens!”

TODAY

In 2023, Tulsa Garden Club continues to offer “Hump Days,” gardening education in action. Wonderful Wednesday Workshops are every other Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., in the Tulsa Garden Center ballroom. President Kathi Blazer (2022-2024), along with past presidents Sue Lovelace and Rose Schultz, and the Education Team, helps Members and guests learn more about mechanics and concepts of floral design. Plus, they help you choose one or more design classes to enter for March 25, 2023 “Oklahoma Shows!” Members and guest designers are encouraged to participate; general public is invited to attend FREE.

Download **National Garden Clubs’ Handbook for Flower Shows** plus the Schedule for “**Oklahoma Shows!**” at TulsaGardenClub.org.

From the Club’s February 1977 archives

A Tulsa Garden Club lesson called “Artistic Tips for Your Flower Arranging,” cautioned home flower arrangers that too much greenery or too many types of flower shapes or colors can clutter an arrangement. Simplicity is the Key.

Using an uneven number of flowers will make arranging easier” in the shape of a triangle. The triangle helps move the eye throughout the design.

Gardening Education in Action

by Charlene Wells, Member since 2007, and Susan Foust, Member since 2022

Gardening for Birds

One of the easiest birds to spot on a perch in the winter is the brilliant red of the male Northern Cardinal. The female has a brown coloration with warm red accents, easily blending into the background. Cardinals don't migrate so we can find them all winter in Green Country. Cardinals are territorial, so if you see cardinals repeatedly, it is most likely the same pair.

Did you know a pair of cardinals mate for life? The female builds the nest and sits on the eggs, while the male is protector and food gatherer. Nests are usually hidden in dense shrubs or low trees, placed three to ten feet above ground. Incubation is usually 12-13 days.

Cardinals really like sunflower and safflower seeds. Remember, most young birds, including cardinal babies feed on caterpillars. The nestlings leave the nest 9-11 days after hatching. Then it is time to do it all over again. Cardinals may have two to three broods each year.

To attract any birds, provide them three things: food, water and shelter. To attract cardinals, plant purple coneflower, sunflowers, sweet peas and nasturtium. Add shrubbery for nesting and a fresh water source for hydration and bathing. Install a bird bath heater and all the birds will be happy. Northern Cardinal is the [state bird](#) of seven U.S. states—more than any other species: [Illinois](#), [Indiana](#), [Kentucky](#), [North Carolina](#), [Ohio](#), [Virginia](#), and [West Virginia](#).

Resources: [Audubon.org](#), [AllAboutBirds.org](#), Wikipedia.



Click image for video.

Youth Contests

Tulsa Garden Club hopes to welcome young people into the world of gardening and stewardship of the environment. National Garden Clubs (NGC) and our statewide Oklahoma Garden Clubs (OGC) present contests for K-12 students in a variety of media. Learn more about opportunities for youth to enter [NGC](#) and [OGC](#) contests. Questions? Contact Youth Coordinator [Susan Foust](#), TulsaGardenClub@gmail.com.

Right, NGC Youth Sculpture Contest winner 2021



Gardening with Nature

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

Last month the focus was on Biodiversity. We are fortunate to have The Gathering Place and the wonderful native landscaping here in Tulsa. Doug Tallamy says even though these public places are great, think how much we could accomplish if every homeowner added natives to their landscape. In fact, he thinks it is necessary for our survival.



Photo, Eco Landscaping.org.

Where do you start? Concerned with “What will the neighbors say?” Planting natives doesn’t need to be messy. You don’t need to remove your grass and sow a packet of seeds, like some envision. Planting natives can follow the same general practices you currently employ in your landscape. Small plants belong in front with larger plants behind.

Doug Tallamy says “Natives make wonderful specimen plants, mass well, and can be trained on espaliers or pruned to create formal hedges. Be as neat and formal as you want; just remember that formal does not have to mean barren.”

The changes start with replacing alien plants with native plants. Your neighbors may not even notice the change, but the insects and birds will notice. Just like us, we all need protection, so planting densely will give protection to many species. Choose plants that will provide food, either through the foliage or the seeds that will be produced. Planting an attractive native landscape is the best way to convince your neighbors to join the movement.

For more information you can begin with the [Oklahoma Native Plant Society](#) (ONPS). The Northeast Chapter of ONPS serves primarily northeast Oklahoma and the Tulsa Metro area. There is information on [The Nature Conservancy.org](#), which is one of Tulsa Garden Club’s gardening education partners.



First, follow the rule of attrition. When an alien dies, consider replacing it with the native species that comes closest to displaying the attributes (habit, size, texture, fall and flower color) of the lost alien.

Doug Tallamy



Why Flower Shows?

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



Gardening education includes public shows that exhibit additional ways plant materials may be incorporated into our lives. There are five sections in the Club's upcoming Flower Show Design Division. Let's explore Tricolor Designs.

The Tricolor Award scheme uses three colors in equal distance from each other on the color wheel. (In floral design, this appears in groups of the primaries and secondaries, hence the Tricolor name.) All plant material must be fresh. Non-plant material may be included. To clarify, if you use a branch in your design, the branch must be fresh cut. A dried branch disqualifies the entry.

Styles: European Traditional, American Traditional Design, and Creative Design with many designs under each of these. For our March 25, 2023 Design-Specialty Flower Show, the Schedule lists the type of design required for each class. If no design style is listed under a class, the designer is free to choose a design they think best portrays the class title.

The three *Oklahoma Shows!* class types are: Featured Plant Material Design, Still Life Design and Underwater Design.

"Sunnyside Up" is to be a **Featured Plant Material** with an emphasis on one plant species. Any part/s of the plant may be used. Other components are subordinate and may be used to enhance the featured plant material with the focus on the chosen species.



"Chuckwagon" is to be a **Still Life**. It is a traditional or creative non-abstract grouping of functional and realistic objects and plant material with a theme. Objects are more dominant and more important to the theme than plant material which may or may not represent a floral design.

"Noodlin" is to be a **Creative Underwater** having some or all plant material and other optional component's submerged in water. Plant material and other components under water must contribute to the overall design and are selected for their lasting quality.

Classes are listed on page 14 of the *Oklahoma Shows!* Schedule. View the Schedule on issuu.com or download at TulsaGardenClub.org.



Garden Flea Market

Members, bring to February and March meetings, your donations of all-things-related to floral design, gardens, and the outdoors, including plants. Visitors during *Oklahoma Shows!* may purchase items with proceeds benefiting gardening education.

