



# Garden Talk

June 2022



**Tulsa Garden Club**

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*Beautifying Tulsa since 1929!*

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## National Garden Week #NGW

June 5-11, 2022

**Sunday/Monday: Gardening is for Everyone**  
**A Gathering of Gardeners**  
*Planting Ideas, Celebrating Friends!*



**50 Years Combined Service**  
Above L-R: Joyce Barrow, Peggy Helmerich,  
Ann McKellar

**Outgoing President Gift**  
L-R: Rose Schultz and  
Kathi Blazer



Not pictured  
**Out-  
standing  
Fund-  
raiser  
Award**  
Sandy  
Farris

**Flower Show Committee Awards, below**



# Tulsa Garden Club 2022-2023 Officers

*Plant Oklahoma: Our Garden  
in the World*

**President, Kathi Blazer**

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**Recording Secretary, Cathy Covington**

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## Rose Fund

May 2022

[www.TulsaGardenClub.org/Rose-Fund](http://www.TulsaGardenClub.org/Rose-Fund)

### Donor

Pam Brocksmith

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### Honoree

Jola Houchin

Mike Howard

Mike Timmons

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**Welcome,  
New Members**  
**Jimmy Black**  
**Jane Crawford**  
**Jeanne Gillett**  
**Tania Kerney**  
**Ana Lusk**  
**Carol Matthews**  
**Griffin Ryker**  
**Emilie Simon**  
**Rita Singer**  
**Connie Swan**  
**Judy Sunderman**  
**Michelle Yarbrough**

**Help Us Raise Needed Money!**

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hit **GO**.

Click **YES** through the REMINDER page, then order away.



## Outgoing President's Perspective

by Rose Schultz, Member since 2016

## Incoming President's Perspective

by Kathi Blazer, Member since 2018



### Going, going... but not gone!

What a privilege it has been to be President of the Tulsa Garden Club and to have the opportunity to work with the many dedicated members. You are what makes this organization function.

Joining the ranks of "past", makes me recognize those other past presidents who have remained active in the club and helped it continue to grow. Therefore, I am going out as president, but not gone, I will continue to help this club achieve the new goals that Kathi is setting, because I don't want to 'Just Belong'.



*Planting  
Plants,  
Growing Friends*

Rose Schultz, President 2020-2022

### Coming to you live!

Dearest Gardener,



What an awesome opportunity you've given me to serve you and our community. What captures my service heart are three things: global focus and interaction, helping and loving others, and encouraging a sustaining environment.

Tulsa Garden Club gives me a chance to continue my personal goals while adding the club's objectives to mine. The alignment of these two is personally exciting and with confidence will be productive for the club.

Let's begin with some realistic humor: How does a new gardener learn? Through trowel and error.

How does a new president learn? Through gavel and error.

The theme for the next two years is: *PLANT OKLAHOMA: OUR GARDEN IN THE WORLD*

Join me as we navigate the year with this energized fabulous Club!

Kathi Blazer, President 2022-2024

## DO YOU JUST BELONG?

by Joseph Servocky

*Are you an active member - the kind that would be missed  
or are you just contented - that your name is on the list?  
Do you attend the meetings - and mingle with the flock  
or do you stay at home - and criticize and knock?  
Do you take an active part - to help the work along  
are you satisfied to be - the kind that "JUST BELONG"?  
Do you ever go and visit - a member that is sick  
or leave the work to a few - and talk about the clique?  
Think this over, member, - you know right from wrong  
are you an active member - or do you "JUST BELONG"?*



# Celebrate National Garden Week!

June 5 - 11, 2022



**Wednesday:  
Prune, Plant &  
Share  
The Conservatory  
at Woodward  
Park**



**Outgoing Pres-  
ident Rose  
Schultz with  
Member and  
Northeast Dis-  
trict President  
Judy Grotts, at  
Lakeside  
Bloomers Gar-  
den Club**



**Thursday  
Proclaim  
that it's  
#NGW!**



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# National Garden Week #NGW

By Susan Henderson , Member since 2021



## Friday: Growing Young Gardeners

NGC books “Network with Nature” and “The Frightened Frog” presented to Eugene Field Elementary and Central Library/TCCL.



## Saturday: Open Gardens Club Members shared our own gardens with neighbors and fellow gardeners



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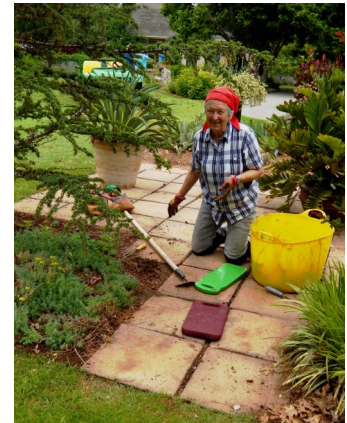
# Magical Mystery Tour II Recap

by Phyllis Ogilvie, Member since 2017

It was a great day to be a Tulsa Garden Club Member or a guest! We left Tulsa Garden



Center around 8:40am on a Village Bus in the sprinkling rain to an unknown destination. Members and guests were quiet and sleepy, yet livened up after Sue Lovelace's rendition of a World War I song. (Available on Members' private Facebook group.) As we headed down highway 51 to our first stop, guest Anna McKee, mother of soon-to-be-member Michelle Yarbrough, quietly and accurately guessed our first stop: OSU's Botanic Garden. We were met by Members Judy Grots and Linda Smith who drove separately and were already engaged in garden conversation with our OSU host, David Hillock.



Oklahoma Gardening Host Casey Hentges led our tour of these beautiful gardens then we headed to Eskimo Joe's. After inhaling

cheeseburgers, several of us shopped for our favorite Joe's gear.

OSU Landscape Design team took us to four popular campus spots. The Welcome Plaza features three bronze horse sculptures and a fun bronze saddle and many beautiful plantings. The Atherton Hotel next to the Student Union has experimental gardens and a food source for The Rancher's Club restaurant. Kale, corn, and mint provided a fragrant backdrop to a beautiful bronze Allan Houser sculpture. Near the Student Union formal gardens is a topiary cowboy hat similar to a gift to the university by Garth Brooks. The southernmost stop of our tour was Theta Pond, always a delight to visit!



We were greeted at Bustani Plant Farm by Jenny and Steve Owens, proprietor. We toured his rock garden with many primary-colored plants grouped



together for impact. Thankfully, even though Bustani is officially closed until September 8, we could shop to bring home interesting plants and perennials. Our bus allowed many plants to return for Tulsa delivery.

Our final stop was Garden Party Florist on Main. It is so worth the trip for unusual vases and, even, the interior design. Brian, the owner, was inspired by Interior Designer, Dorothy Draper.

Hopefully, everyone headed home enjoying the day with new ideas for our own gardens.



# Gardening Education in Action

## Year-round Growing, Blooming, Learning

### Northeastern State University—Broken Arrow Beautification

By Julia Rogers, Assistant Director of Facilities



All the plants received, so far, have been planted. We hope to complete the grant-funded pollinator garden in the center of campus, I will start contacting Club Members to pick up your extra plants! Thank you for all you have already done. It just warms my heart to start seeing the gardens on campus change. I had the pleasure of teaching three high school science classes at our North pond area about pollinators! Students were able to identify native milkweed, plant wildflower seeds, and plant plants purchased from A New Leaf and supplied from my mother's pollinator garden. It was a great experience for all of us!

### How to Grow Christmas Cactus from Cuttings

By Sue Lovelace, Member since 2004

Works for any segmented Christmas or Thanksgiving cactus plant, such as the one you received during last November's Holiday Fundraiser. Gather materials: 4" to 6" flower pot and potting mix for Cacti and succulents.

Fill pot up to 1" below lip with moistened potting mix. Press down and top off if needed.

Twist (don't cut) off a section containing one to four segments of leaf. Works better if plant is not currently in bloom. Plant broken end in mix, about 1/2' to 1" deep. If doing several, place 1" apart. Place in bright, indirect light at room temperature. Water when dry to touch.

### Got Herbs? Tortellini Picnic Salad

By Beth Teel, Tulsa Herb Society and Garden/Homeowner on 71st Annual Garden Tour

Spice up your summer eating by planting some fresh herbs, either in a flower bed or in patio pots. Snipping herbs adds a lot of freshness to any of your cooking but especially to your salads and other raw foods.



Basil is one of the easiest herbs to grow. You can choose from several varieties, such as Purple (looks good combined with flowers in a bed or in a vase), Genovese (regular Italian) or Thai basil (has a brighter, sharper taste). When you buy basil plants, find a container that has 5+ plants and separate them. Occasionally, Sprouts or Trader Joe's will sell basil plants rooted in pots. Check it out!

Combine: 12 oz Tortellini plain or flavored, cooked according to pkg

1 14 oz can artichokes in water, drained and chopped

1 cup fresh tomatoes, diced      1 cup Feta cheese, crumbled

1/2 cup whole black olives

Dressing to toss: 1/4 cup white wine vinegar

1/4 cup green onions, chopped      2-3 cloves of garlic, chopped

1 tablespoon dried or fresh basil      1 teaspoon dried or fresh dill

1/2 cup olive oil

Smaller amounts of dried basil and dill can be substituted. If you do that, make the dressing first before you cook the pasta so the dried herbs have time to "bloom" in the vinegar and oil for extra flavor. (Follow @BethBTeel on Instagram!)

# Neonicotinoids Research Findings

By Karen Watkins, The Candid Gardener

Neonicotinoids (neonics), are the group of insecticides most widely used in the world for the last decade on farms and in the urban landscape. As recent as four years ago there was uncertainty about this pesticide and its effects but now research clearly shows how neonics are killing bees and changing their behaviors. They are compounds that affect the nervous system of insects, humans and other animals.

Neonics are highly toxic in small quantities to many invertebrates, including beneficial insects such as bees. Their potential long-lasting presence in plants affects pollinators when applied weeks before bloom time. The rate and method of application determines how long they persist in soil, but are continually taken up by the plant. The US Fish and Wildlife Service began the cycle to end use in 2016 on public wildlife refuges.

Research has found use of the six primary neonicotinoids; Imidicloprid, Clothianidin, Dinotefuran, Thiamethoxam, (4 highly toxic to honey bees) Thiachloprid, and Acetamiprid (2 moderately toxic) to cause the following results.

- Found in pollen and nectar, even in plants from coated seeds
- Persist in soil for months or years, residue found in woody plants six years later
- Untreated plants absorb from soil that persisted from previous year
- Applied to crops can contaminate adjacent wild-flowers
- Neonics approved for home use may be applied at higher rates than agriculture
- Direct contact from foliar sprays killed bees, and residue on plants remained lethal for days
- The breakdown products are toxic or more toxic than the Neonics



Honey bees (*Apis mellifera*), bumble bees (*Bombus* spp.) and solitary bees are all affected. The product most used by homeowners containing Imidicloprid and Clothianidin is Bayer Advanced Tree and Shrub or their Rose Care products containing Imidicloprid.

Resource: [How Neonicotinoids Can Kill Bees](#), Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation

June 20-26, 2022 is Pollinator Week! Check out pollinator education and activities!

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

