



Garden Talk

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Beautifying Tulsa since 1929!

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Fabulous & Fruitful Fall Gardening

11 am

October 3, 2022

Tulsa Garden Center
at Woodward Park Auditorium

2435 South Peoria Avenue
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Annual Salad

Luncheon

Members bring salads.

Officers bring desserts.

The first program for 2022-2023 features Laura Koval, owner/operator of AbleVeg. Laura is a Tulsa County Master Gardener who comes from a long line of experienced gardeners. With 17 raised beds, she grows everything from peppers to peanuts. Laura knows firsthand how important a garden space can become and how frustrating it is to watch a garden fail.

AbleVeg's mission includes guidance and inspiration, aligning perfectly with Tulsa Garden Club's vision to engage the community through gardening education.



Photo, left : Amy Teague Portraits



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Plant Oklahoma: Let's Think Global and Plant Local

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President's Perspective

by Kathi Raun Hromas Blazer, Member since 2018

“Let’s think global and plant local.”

Why?, you ask. We are in this wonderful world and everything we do affects someone else. So, keeping in mind that decisions today in our gardens could have a positive result across the future environment – we’ll plant local and do our best job.

As a club we stand for gardening, community and education. Our programs reflect those goals: fall vegetable gardening, preserving indigenous ancient seeds, recycling in Tulsa, Oklahoma’s fabulous native plants, our money going to horticulture programs locally and a tour of the Botanic Garden. These programs are open to the public and I encourage you to always attend as a member and let a friend know they can come to any program they choose.

At all times we’re focused on assisting the environment. Concurrently we emphasize beauty with workshops and exhibitions on horticulture and flower design. We don’t just dig and arrange. We also have fun.

Let’s honor the passing of Queen Elizabeth II by looking at our flowers and drinking that ‘cuppa’. She is the only



Monarch I’ve known and her steadfast commitment to duty has influenced all of us.

Let’s celebrate as my tiny Swedish grandson did – with flowers in our hair and smiles on our faces as we study what we have created and how we’re contributing to the world culture.

Kathi Blazer, President, 2022-2024



NGC Environmental School Oct 8 and 15

Co-sponsors Tulsa Garden Club and Cushing Gladiolus Club present one Course in two Zoom-learning days to local and global gardeners. National experts cover topics from ecology, plants biodiversity, historical environmental actions and leaders, backyard wildlife habitat, environmental science and sustainability PLUS at least one virtual field trip.

SCAN QR at left, **REGISTER** via Eventbrite or mail check payable to:
Cushing Gladiolus Club
349334 E Rd 870
Chandler OK 74834



Members in Action

By Phyllis Ogilvie, Member since 2017

Saturday, September 10, 2022

'New-Bees' were special guests of Tulsa Garden Club orientation luncheon hosted by Nancy Tholen, Member since 2012. It was a beautiful day with an excellent turnout of new Members and Mentors.

New Members Jimmy Black, Mary Lou Daniel, Sara Fariss, Irma Galloway, Don Johnson, Jeri Keith, Alice Rodgers, and Griffin Ryker received bouquets, namebadges, Yearbooks, and learned about each other plus Membership opportunities in Oklahoma's oldest garden club. New Members who could not come are Jeanne Gillet, Tania Kerney, Freida McMillan, Emilie Simon, Rita Singer, Connie Swan and Michelle Yarbrough.

Welcome, New Members since July

**Mary Lou Daniel
Sara Fariss
Don Johnson
Jeri Keith
Freida McMillan
Alice Rodgers**



Members recognized community contributions, celebrated TCC Second Chance graduates at Conner Correctional Center and continued promoting gardening education.



Photos: [Elizabeth Caldwell/PublicRadioTulsa.org](#) and Linda Martileno-Newton, Member since 2018



If you look the right way, you can see that the whole world is a garden.

Frances Hodgson Burnett (1849-1924)

History Bites

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

YESTERDAY

In 1953, sixty-nine years ago, the Tulsa World announced that the first meeting of the year for Tulsa Garden Club would be held at the Philbrook Art Center on the first Monday of October at 10 am. The article, also, noted that the flower show committee would be presenting details of the fall flower show called "Beauty on a Budget." At that time, Members would receive a new yearbook, and newly elected officers would be introduced.



TODAY

Following tradition, Tulsa Garden Club invites you to attend the first meeting of the year to be held at the Tulsa Garden Center on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 11 a.m.

You will hear details of our horticulture specialty flower show, "Oklahoma Grows!". Members will receive your new yearbook, and you will meet your newly-elected officers!

Happy Birthday!
Tulsa Garden Club celebrates
93 years beautifying Tulsa,
October 6, 2022.

Gardening for Birds

by Pat Whittington, Member since 1992, President 1997-1999

The Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

Have you ever wondered why our State bird is the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher? Oklahoma designated it as the state bird in 1951 under House Joint Resolution Number 21. The bird was eventually selected for its diet of harmful insects.

Habitat: On the southern Great Plains, this beautiful bird is common in summer, often resting on roadside fences and wires. Its habitat is semi-open country, ranches, farms and roadsides. Favors grassland or farmland with scattered trees or isolated groves. It may breed in open grassland with no trees in some areas, where utility poles provide artificial nest sites. They are easily visible when traveling 65 mph from the passenger side if you keep your eyes peeled along fencerows.

Color: With its elegant white and grey color when flying it shows off the salmon-pink under the wings with its long tail streamers flaring wide as it maneuvers in mid-air to catch an insect.

Family: Tyrant Flycatchers. Although it looks unique, the Scissor-tail is closely related to the kingbirds and, like them, it will fearlessly attack larger birds that come near its nest.

Mating Traits: The male has spectacular courtship display, sharply rising and descending in flight, its long tail streamers opening and closing, while the bird gives sharp calls. He may perform backwards somersaults in the air. The nest is built by the female and is a ragged open cup of twigs, weeds, rootlets and grass, lined in finer materials such as hair and plant down. It was discovered that she uses human products such as string, cloth, paper, carpet fuzz and cigarette filters. She generally lays 3-5 eggs and are whitish, blotched with brown and gray. Incubating is by the female, about 14-17 days. Both parents bring food to the nestlings consisting of grasshoppers, beetles, wasps, bees, true bugs, flies, caterpillars, moths and some spiders. Occasionally small numbers of berries and wild fruits are eaten.

Migration: The flycatchers often arrive by early April and stay till late October or November. Strays wander to either coast, and small numbers winter regularly in southern Florida.

Conservation status: Probably has increased in some areas as planting of shelter belt trees provide more nesting sites. The Scissor-tailed Flycatcher has declined in other areas in recent decades.

Resources: Audubon.org * 50States.com * OkHistory.org * Photo: AllAboutBirds.org Jesse Watson, MacAuley Library



REGISTER to Zoom, Oct 8 and 15, 2022, [NGC Environmental School, *The Living Earth!*](https://www.ngcenvironmentalschool.org/)

Gardening with Nature

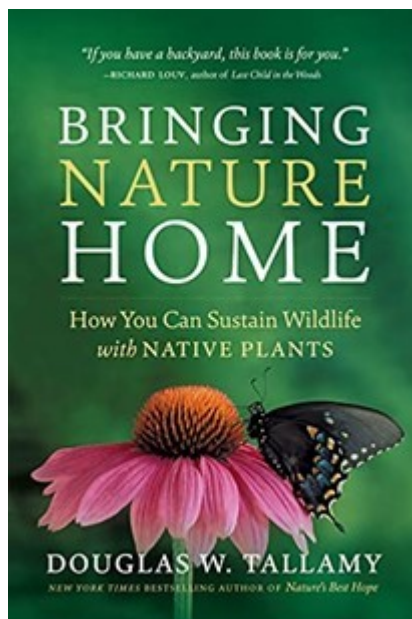
by Rose Schultz, Member since 2016, President 2020-2022

When you become a member of the Tulsa Garden Club, a portion of your dues are paid to the National Garden Clubs (NGC). This international organization promotes several programs such as National Garden Week, Penny Pines, Flower Shows, etc. One of those programs is Gardening with Nature.

The following is stated on the NGC website, 'Gardening with Nature promotes the planting of native plants as the base of the food chain that supports all wildlife including pollinators vital to our agriculture. The native ecosystems in the Western Hemisphere have developed independently for over 80 million years. Microorganisms in the soil, plants and animals evolved together to create a balanced system. The balance has long been disturbed by overdevelopment, pollution, garden chemicals and the planting of lawns which require mowing, irrigation, and chemical inputs.'

In the past, we have asked one thing of our gardens: that they be pretty. Now they have to support life, sequester carbon, feed pollinators and manage water.

Doug Tallamy



This Gardening with Nature NGC project was inspired by the work of Douglas Tallamy. Mr. Tallamy is a professor and chair for entomology and wildlife ecology at the University of Delaware. He researches how plants that evolved elsewhere impact food webs and biodiversity. He speaks nationwide and has written several books, the first was *Bringing Nature Home*. This book focused on sustaining wildlife with native plants. He is co-founder of Homegrown National Park.

I heard him speak when he was in Oklahoma, last month, and have read his books. He explains how we can have both beautiful yards and

regenerate biodiversity at the same time. During this gardening year, I will be sharing with you some of his research and how each of us can participate in *Bringing Nature Home*, become *Nature's Best Hope* and have our own [Home-Grown National Park](#).



Flower Show Preparations

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

In Tulsa Garden Club's October 12, 2022 Horticulture Specialty Flower Show one of the sections is Botanical Arts. In that section the 4 classes for exhibits are dried seed heads, preserved flowers, preserved leaves and a Garden in the Oriental manner. **Remember, all horticulture specimens must be grown by you, the exhibitor.**

My two favorite ways to preserve flowers and leaves are either silica gel or glycerin. The difference between the two; in the silica gel the specimens maintain their color but are brittle, while in the glycerin the specimens remain pliable but will lose some of their color. Try both. Following are directions for preserving specimens in glycerin.

Preserving Flowers and Leaves In Glycerin

Choose fresh flowers without any blemishes or deterioration for the preservation process. I have tried several flowers, some results I liked and some I didn't. You might try these: Bells of Ireland; Forsythia; Rosemary; Magnolia; Aspidistra, (works great); Rose; Jasmine; Marigold; Tulip; Peony; Lavender; Hydrangea. They will not maintain their vivid colors preserved in glycerin.

Directions:

- Pick your favorite flowers and cut their stem diagonally to 6 inches and remove leaves from the lower part of the stem.
- Combine one part of glycerin and two parts of lukewarm water into an empty pitcher.
- Put the stems in the glycerin solution.
- Leave the flowers for 2-3 weeks to allow the solution to do its work.
- Make sure to check the blossoms after two weeks. If they have a rubbery feel and completely pliable, it means that they are preserved well.
- Take blooms out from the pitcher, air dry them for a couple of hours to evaporate their remaining water content, and you are done.

Notes:

Preservation time differs from flower to flower. Thin petalled blooms will be ready in a week or two, and thick ones would take almost three weeks. During the preservation process, don't overcrowd the container with flowers. If the flowers become limp after the treatment, suspend them into an inverted position for a week until the petals stand up the way as desired. You can also add food coloring in the glycerin solution to alter the discoloration that happens during the preservation.



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