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*Beautifying Tulsa since 1929!*

**11 a.m., Monday  
November 6, 2023  
Tulsa Garden Center  
2435 South Peoria Avenue**

## PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE



**...right plant,  
right place...**

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**“Talk trees”  
with Ken  
Preaus,  
SavATree, and  
UpWithTrees’  
Taylor  
Melone!**

**Learn about  
Urban Winter  
Sowing with  
our own Carol  
Matthews!**



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September 2023

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## Welcome, New Members!

Karlee Jones

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**Help Us Raise Needed Money!**

**Bloomin' Bucks**  
with Brent and Becky's

**Order bulbs and perennials to plant for fall 2023! Click the Bloomin' Buck\$ image/link, choose Tulsa Garden Club to "seed" in multi ways.**



# President's Perspective

by Kathi Blazer, Member since 2018

## Experiencing Loss

There's frustration when a plant we've been nursing completely wilts. There's such emptiness when a family pet dies. There's a shattering sadness when we lose a child or a sibling, a parent or a spouse or a fast-forever friend. It is devastating, and dealing with such personal loss is very difficult and consuming.

Most of you know that I have lost two younger brothers, parents and a husband of 42 years. Each one created it's own kind of grief. One day at a floral workshop, Sadie and I were visiting and got on the topic of grief. She quickly mailed me a book as I was still struggling. I was a counseling psychologist and she was a licensed psychologist. Regardless, that does not prepare one for grief and loss when it's your own. I was always looking for resources to

support me.

The following are lessons I've learned:

- Grief takes many forms and there's not a right way to do it. There's just the way we find it easiest to cope while taking care of ourselves.
- Connect and communicate with others.
- Simple condolences like "I'm thinking of you" work best. I didn't want to endlessly discuss my losses unless I chose to. Give the person space and if they want to discuss it, they will proceed to do that.
- Enjoy people's lives whenever possible so that



Kathi Raun Hromas Blazer  
President, 2022-2024

when they're gone you know how you loved and appreciated them and can focus on those bright times.

- Feel free to search resources, books, groups or grief counselors. They all exist because we all need support.
- Faith is so helpful and gives us hope for the future.

Lovingly,

Kathi Raun Hromas Blazer

**Rose Fund Forever**

A shout out to Peggy Smith and Alice Rodgers, the Club's trustees of our Rose Fund. For 80 years we have the tradition of supporting Tulsa Rose Garden through the Club's Rose Fund. Honoraria and memorials may be mailed to the Club's PO Box 521003, Tulsa, 74152-1003.

A minimum \$35 is suggested. A thank you is written to each donor with recipient/family receiving notification of the gift. Donor and honoree names are entered into our Forever Rose Fund Ledger. These charitable gifts are held until requested by Tulsa Garden Center. The Club's Board approves and disburses to help restore beds and to plant more diverse, rose-rosette-disease-resistant plants and new experimental roses.

Woodward Park and its gardens are amazing. We are especially proud to support the region's historical Rose Garden!

Tulsa Garden Club



# What's Growing On?

By Club Awareness Team

## 1-4pm, Wednesday, Oct 18, *Growing for Tulsa!*, Tulsa Garden Center

Tulsa Garden Club invites you to participate and attend its Horticulture-Specialty Flower Show, *Growing for Tulsa!* Flower shows like this further the Club's commitment to gardening education.

Gardeners of all ages learn more about growing, properly preparing exhibits and how to judge horticulture. Whether you are a student kindergarten through 12th grade, a Tulsa Garden Club Member, a members of Tulsa Garden Club plant societies or other clubs across the state, show off what you grow! Come for the exhibits, stay for the awards, People's Choice ballots, demonstrations and Garden Kiosk!

Questions? Ready to exhibit? Volunteer? Email General Show Chair [Linda Smith](mailto:Linda.Smith@tulsaclub.org).



## 8:30am-3pm, Saturday, Oct 28, *Wild About Wildflowers*, NSU-BA



Oklahoma Garden Clubs (OGC) presents its 44th wildflower workshop. Seating is limited for *Wild About Wildflowers* the hands-on workshop exploring the past, present and future of native plants.

\$50\* via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) or check payable to OGCNED incl refreshments, lunch, materials and a full day of learning, exploration and hands-on activities.

As of publication, there are **STILL** a few spots. **Deadline: Oct 18.**

**Register TODAY!**

**Questions? Call 918.625.1161**



# History Bite

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

## THEN...

American horticulture societies and botany groups, some dating back to colonial times, often restricted women's membership. In response women formed garden clubs within their communities and involved both men and women gardeners. In the beginning of the 20th Century the garden club movement in the United States got into full swing. By the 1930s, local, state, and national garden clubs had formed.

The love of nature and beauty drew influential men and women. The goal of exchanging information and cuttings for their home gardens soon developed into larger projects. Garden clubs contributed to the beautification of the American landscape.

A meeting was held in Washington, DC, on May 1, 1929, for the purpose of establishing a unified garden club. The group's main objective was to form an organization emphasizing horticulture. This new organization is now known as the National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC).



## ...AND NOW!

When you join Tulsa Garden Club, you automatically become a member of NGC (as well as South Central Region of NGC, Oklahoma Garden Clubs, and North-east District of Oklahoma Garden Clubs).

NGC headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri, pictured above, is located at Missouri Botanical Garden. Click the image to learn more about the world's largest volunteer gardening organization and adult education through [NGC Schools](#).

Tulsa Garden Club was organized Oct. 6, 1929, in the home of Maud Mason. With 23 members, Mrs. Mason became the club's first president. The Club's purpose was "to increase personal knowledge of botany and to bring more gardens to Tulsa."

Members may read about the foundation of Tulsa Garden Club on pages 1-2 of your 2023-24 Yearbook. Click on the link to our website, [tulsagardenclub.org](http://tulsagardenclub.org) then find [About Us/Membership](#) and view **Our History** showing the original roster of our 23 founders!

Sources:

"Gardening Clubs" April 16, 2017, [womenshistory.org](http://womenshistory.org)

"Formation of Garden Clubs", [gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org)

*Nature does not hurry yet everything is accomplished.*

Lao Tzu

# Gardening for Birds

by Judith Weaver, Member since 2016

## Oklahoma's "super" flyers

For the past 5 years, I have watched a pair of Cooper's Hawks (*Accipiter cooperii*), nest in the crook of a magnificent sycamore tree in my neighbor's backyard.

Cooper's Hawks are year-round residents of Oklahoma. Found in suburban areas and treed backyards, the pairs typically return to the same nesting areas.

In March, I've observed the hawks bring sticks and twigs to an existing nest about 60 feet above ground. I've heard their high-pitched calls and watched their soaring mating ritual.

By April, the male brings food to the nest. (Egg laying usually begins in late April to early June. The clutch size is about 3 to 4 eggs.) The male occasionally relieves the female from nesting. Cooper's Hawks generally hunt Mourning Doves, Red-winged Blackbirds, European Starlings and woodpeckers. They may also catch bats, mice, squirrels, lizards and frogs. I have watched my Coopers bring writhing snakes to their nests.



Coopers hang around backyard bird feeders where songbirds gather. The most common time of day for Cooper's Hawks to hunt for prey is first thing in the morning. Sadly, I have discovered by feeding my doves, they've become bait for the Cooper's feasts.

In May - June I've heard baby-squeaking sounds during feeding time. The two adults make many food trips. Chicks begin "branching" from the nest before they can fly, usually between early July to early August. On their first flights, they've sometimes landed on my patio and window ledge.

Sources:

"Types of Hawks in Oklahoma," [birdfact.com](http://birdfact.com)

"Winter Hawks of Oklahoma," [wildlifedepartment.com](http://wildlifedepartment.com)

# Tending our Environment

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

## What? No Floral Foam?!!

Why is floral foam bad for our environment? It is a **single-use, non-biodegradable, non-recyclable, non-renewable resource** and is a petroleum-derived product. It contains **phenol, formaldehyde and carbon black**.

Some consumers have believed the green crumbly foam to be a natural product, but in fact, floral foam is a type of plastic. Each block of foam contains the equivalent of ten plastic grocery bags. When it crumbles into smaller pieces, it degrades into microplastics that can cause physical blockages or irritation in small organisms on land and aquatic animals. There are also concerns about the food web. The foam can remain in the environment for hundreds of years contributing to microplastic pollution.

This is a heavy environmental price to pay to stabilize plant material in containers, similar to the winning traditional floral design pictured below.



What needs to be done to properly dispose of used floral foam?

- Place it with landfill-bound trash NOT in compost or garden
- Pour floral water through an old cloth to capture as much of the foam fragments as possible to avoid bits flowing down drains of sinks, toilets, or storm sewers

Only a small percentage of the microplastics are captured through sewage processing. The rest weave their way through the filters and remain in the water to be released. The water then may be used to fertilize farmland or contaminate plant and marine life by reaching rivers, streams and eventually oceans.

As a member of an environmentally-conscious umbrella group, National Garden Clubs), we should be practicing what we are preaching.

What do I use instead? Come to the [\*\*\*Designer's Choice Hands-on Floral Design Workshop\*\*\*](#), January 24, 2024, for some old and new ideas for mechanics for your floral designs. In the meantime, check out creative and more-environmentally-friendly alternatives from [\*\*\*Flower Magazine\*\*\*](#).

By the way, all of the above also holds true for the dry type of floral foam that you may use for silk flower arrangements.

# Gardening Education in Action

By Jane Crawford, Member since 2022, and Club Awareness Team

Extending last month's conversation about formal and informal gardening education, here are examples of the hands-on efforts with our youngest gardeners!



Encourage youngsters to learn more about gardening and nature!  
**Questions?**

Join the Club in supporting gardening education programs and amazing students of all ages!



**COURSE 1**  
November 4, 2023  
and  
November 11, 2023

**COURSE 2**  
January 6, 2024  
and  
January 27, 2024

**NGC GARDENING SCHOOL**  
SERIES Z-001 COURSES 1-4  
via Zoom

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**COURSE 3**  
March 16, 2024  
and  
March 23, 2024

**COURSE 4**  
May 4, 2024  
and  
May 18, 2024

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starts  
Nov 4!



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11 a.m. Saturday \* 3 p.m. Sunday

Enjoy **Oklahoma Gardening Classics** on YouTube, anytime!

