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11 a.m., Monday
October 2, 2023
Tulsa Garden Center
2435 South Peoria Avenue

GREEN COUNTRY GARDEN BASICS



COLBY CRAIG, BIRCH CREEK FARMS



Get back to the basics—gardening basics—during Tulsa Garden Club’s kickoff meeting and luncheon!

Members,
bring a friend
AND a salad to
share!



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Plant Oklahoma: Let's Think Global and Plant Local

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New Member Orientation

10 a.m., Wednesday

September 27, 2023

RSVP 1st VP Cathy Covington

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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

In August, our Student Grants Committee Fleta Haskins, Sue Hicks and I went to Hominy for Conner Correctional Center inmates' graduation. It was the most emotional thing I've done in a long time. There the young men were all dressed up with family watching. There were 15 getting GEDs, a larger group getting associate degrees from TCC and 5 also getting a certificate in horticulture. Almost none of them had ever graduated from anything. Their smiling faces and pride were so visible.

After the ceremony they took the three of us on a tour of the horticulture programs. Those programs are so extensive and cover a couple acres. The men who looked after specific areas were there and wanted so badly for us to look at their work.

One young man from New Jersey shared that he'd never seen things growing before he went to Conners. He's committed to changing his lifestyle to green and John Kahre has made him vice president of the class already.

It was exciting and inspirational, and it was also unsettling. Some inmates know when they're getting out, others are waiting on processes and hearings without actual

lawyers.

Please watch the entire video pictured below (click on the photo). They interviewed one really outstanding young man from Idabel - you'll note him. He was there last year and made a great impression on Sue and Fleta. He gets out within this year.

The recidivism rate for the men who participate in the educational programs is much lower than the general prison population. The number of men who work in the gardens is very high. It's a privilege that has to be earned and each works so hard for that right.

This year they have a huge vegetable garden. We assumed it was for the kitchen. No, the gardeners get to take the produce and eat it. I imagine there's some bartering done.

Our money to the horticulture program there has made a difference in many lives.

Thank you,
Tulsa Garden Club.

Kathi

Become a Gardening Consultant! Join me, [Nov 4, for NGC Gardening School!](#)



Kathi Raun Hromas Blazer
President, 2022-2024



What's Growing On?

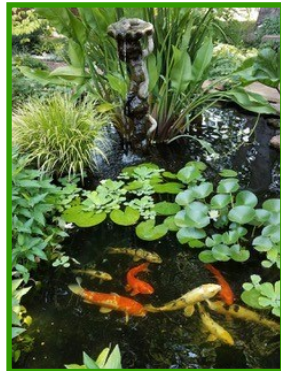
By Club Awareness Team

9am-1pm, Saturday, Sept 16 Buds 'n Blooms, Teaching Garden

Volunteer THIS Saturday! Join the Club's Youth Committee in hosting coloring pages, Koi "Make and Take" activities with resources during the Teaching Garden's Pond Plant Sale. **SIGN UP** for a fun-filled shift



(click photo) →



Call or text Susan Foust, 918.607.3977, TODAY!

Watch for more Youth gardening education projects and activities in the Teaching Garden, around our region, with National Garden Clubs and during Club flower shows.

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 member 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](#).

NGC Horticulture-Specialty Flower Show
Growing for Tulsa!

Tulsa Garden Club
gardening community education
Member: National Garden Clubs Oklahoma Garden Clubs

1-4 p.m. * Wednesday
Oct 18, 2023
Open & FREE to Public
Tulsa Garden Center

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Juried entries of Oklahoma youth and adult gardeners!

Click Show image above or visit TulsaGardenClub.org for details and to download Schedule!



History Bite

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

Tulsa Garden Club's remarkable history of staging public flower shows continues today. Since that first 1930 show, Members still strive to promote gardening education, conservation, and environmental issues with exhibits as our contribution to highlight nature's beauty and resources of the earth.

Awarding colorful ribbons at each flower show is a longtime Tulsa Garden Club tradition. Winning a ribbon may become a fun surprise for exhibitors or a sought-after achievement! Prior to giving out the many ribbons, judges carefully examine each entry of the flower show and assign points.

First Place are blue ribbons, Second Place, red, and Third Place, yellow, and Honorable Mention are white ribbons. Beautiful multi-colored rosettes made of rose-shaped ribbons are awarded to Top Exhibitors, Growers Choice, Merit, and specific categories like Arboreal and Collector's Showcase, Elfin, Recognition Awards, Section Awards and other special awards.

The Club's Special Award goes to the highest-scoring Combination Planting with a rosette of yellow ribbons. There is even a People's Choice Award voted upon by Show visitors.

Three very special rosettes will be awarded in October! They honor former Members for loyal leadership and service to Tulsa Garden Club:

- **Loyce Anderson Memorial Award** (Loyce was President 1988-1990) Rosette of black and red ribbons awarded for highest scoring Cacti and Succulent exhibit in Horticulture Division. Judy Grotts, Member since 1996, says **Loyce Anderson** was a unique individual whose creative mind was to be admired. Loyce taught Judy her method of packing for flower shows on their many travels together. Loyce served as Oklahoma Garden Clubs (OGC) president, National Garden Clubs (NGC) Master Judge, and was Judy's friend and mentor. When Judy became OGC North Central District president, Loyce wisely guided her. Judy said Loyce had a kiln and made her own plant containers. Jan Maloy, Member since 1990, remembers Loyce as being "big into design", receiving "a bunch of" awards for her creativity. Jan laughs that Loyce had "thousands of vases" which she used in her beautiful exhibits. Loyce's specialty was entering cacti and succulents for which she won many ribbons. Jan has served the Club for years along with volunteering with flower shows.
- **Mary Byrd Memorial Award** (Mary was President 1991-1992) Rosette of green and gold ribbons awarded for highest-scoring Arboreal Exhibit by a Tulsa Garden Club Member who is a novice exhibitor in Horticulture Division. Joanna Chapman, Member since 1982, remembers **Mary Byrd** as a "lovely Southern lady who loved flower shows and was a good designer." Joanna says Mary gained lots of experiences from entering other clubs' shows and serving as an NGC Judge. By the way, Joanna is a former OGC Northeast District Flower Show Chair and OGC Flower Show Schools Chair. Joanna personally assisted with creation of rosettes, assigning each award and criteria!
- **Helen Pearce Memorial Award** (Helen was President 1995-1996) Rosette of two shades of pink ribbons awarded for highest-scoring Foliage Container-Grown exhibit in Horticulture Division. Classes 13, 14, 15, 16 and 20 in the upcoming *Growing for Tulsa!* Show are eligible for this award. Cindy Davis, Member since 1990, and **Helen Pearce** served as Co-Chairs for garden tours in the 1990s. Cindy still assists with our garden tours and notes that Helen was a willing volunteer with preparation of tours, holiday teas, and fundraising. Cindy remembers that Helen was very organized, a master bridge player, and fun to work with. Pat Whittington, President 1997-1999, served on many projects and committees with Helen. Pat shares that Helen was a great treasure, always willing to help, and opened her home for Board meetings where Members enjoyed Helen's collection of potted plants. Describing Helen as, "one of her favorites," Pat recalls her "sparkly eyes and winsome smile."



Gardening for Pollinators

by Judith Weaver, Member since 2016

Replenishing Oklahoma's Pollinators

In the back of Tulsa Garden Club's Yearbook is a section listing projects supported by our Club: Annual, Major, Other, and New Projects. One new project is *Gardening With Nature* which "promotes the planting of native plants as the base of the food chain that supports all wildlife including pollinators vital to our agriculture."

What are pollinators?

...pollinators are "animals that move from plant to plant while searching for protein-rich pollen or high-energy nectar to eat."

National Wildlife Federation

As bees travel between plants and are dusted by pollen, plants are fertilized to reproduce seeds, berries, fruits, and other plant foods. This process is the foundation of the food chain for other species, including humans.

We share the world with pollinators. They are indispensable to life on the planet! The numbers of native pollinators are declining because they are losing the habitats they once knew.

Tulsa Garden Club's monthly programs, October through June, often raise awareness of conservation efforts such as protecting pollinators. National Garden Clubs (NGC) and their global members recognize the importance of native pollinators and are working to increase their habitats. Oklahoma Garden Clubs (OGC) Northeast District garden club members are creating pollinator-friendly landscapes with plants featuring flowers, trees, shrubs and grasses native to northeastern Oklahoma.



The Kerr Center [*Guide to Native Plants for Native Pollinators in Oklahoma*](#) is a great resource for matching native plants with their pollinators, focusing on these seven:



- Bees
- Wasps
- Flies
- Butterflies
- Moths?
- Beetles
- Hummingbirds

Check out timely and pertinent resources!

[Landscaping for Wildlife, A Guide to the Southern Great Plains](#)

[National Wildlife Federation's Certified Wildlife Habitat program](#)

[Pollinator Partnership](#) and its [Pollinator Puzzle](#)

Anyone can create a welcoming haven, or a "habitat garden," for local pollinators. Whether we plant native plants in a small backyard garden, a balcony container garden, or a pasture, you and I can make a difference. Every individual effort we make is a step towards replenishing Oklahoma's pollinators.

Gardening with Nature

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

Speaking of pollinators and native plants...

Oklahoma Garden Clubs (OGC) 44th wildflower workshop will go native. Registrations are already brisk for only 70 spots available for *Wild About Wildflowers* scheduled Saturday, October 28, 2023.

\$50* via [Eventbrite](#) or check payable to OGCNED. Clip registration, below, and return as noted. *refreshments, lunch, materials and a full day of learning, exploration and hands-on activities.

Special thanks to host Northeastern State University-Broken Arrow!

OGC Northeast District presents *Wild About Wildflowers—HandsOn Past, Present, Future*. Workshop Chair Lynn Michael welcomes you, special guests and registrants from across the state. Enjoy a morning of learning with Lynn and NSU-BA’s facilities manager Julia Rogers (even a scavenger-hunt-style wildflower walk!). The afternoon features hands-on activities and more wildflower wisdom with Restoration Farm’s Ashley Clouse.

[Prairie Wind Nursery](#) and [Wild Things Nursery](#) will sell plants. OGC will have products for purchase, raffle tickets and drawing for vintage OGC tapstry throw AND door prizes!



Awards, Contests and Grants

By Susan Foust, Member since 2022, and Fleta Haskins, Member since 2016

Tulsa Garden Club has supported formal and informal gardening education for nearly 94 years. From the youngest gardeners and college students to adults, Oklahoma's oldest garden club continues to fund or present programs for all ages to learn more about nature.

President Blazer reported on page 3 her participation in August with Conner Correctional Center's ceremony for inmates receiving certificates and degrees. Tulsa Garden Club helps fund Tulsa Community College's Second Change Program in horticulture for Conner inmates.

OSU Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture had its 48th Annual Awards Ceremony, September 9, 2023, at Conoco Phillips OSU Alumni Center in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Ten scholarships from Tulsa Garden Club's endowed fund were presented to students in Public Horticulture, Landscape Architecture, Horticulture Business, Urban Horticulture, Horticulture Business and Landscape Management. Students Grants Committee members Fleta Haskins and Sue Hicks attended the ceremony, met, and visited with the Club's ten recipients.

Dr. Jayson Lusk, Vice President, Dean and Director of Agriculture Sciences and Natural Resources greeted parents, scholars, donors, and guests while Dr. Cynda Clary, Associate Dean for Academic Programs, Ferguson College of Agriculture, presented the awards.

Northeast District of Oklahoma Garden Clubs also presented its Elizabeth Gordon Memorial scholarship to a student in Landscape Architecture. In all, more than 146 scholarships were presented. Special awards were given to Steve Upson, 2023 Distinguished Horticulture Service, and Bob Bushyhead, 2023 Distinguished Landscape Architecture Alumni.

In addition to Tulsa Garden Club's adult gardening education (like [NGC Schools](#)) and scholarships, we join with other NGC clubs to sponsor, promote, and recognize youth gardening through awards, contests and grants. Students from kindergarten through high school may enter contests and qualify for cash awards and grants through:

- Poster contests including Smokey Bear's 80th Birthday, bird, butterfly, conservation, litter and pollution control, and "Common Sunflower" wildflower



- Spunky Squirrel coloring contest
- PLUS contests for essays, "I Spy With My Little Eye" poetry, sculpture, pollinator gardening, distinguished service and more.

Questions? Have a young gardener or youth group ready to enter? Contact the Club's Youth Committee at TulsaGardenClub@gmail.com.



Anyone may join the Club in supporting gardening education programs and amazing students. [Donate securely via PayPal](#).

My best source of grounding are animals and nature. Animals live more in the moment and don't worry so much. And nature is proof of a greater power than myself. Both put things in perspective, or at least gently move us forward.

Kristin Baur Van Straten