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A path to
a Greener Future!

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Tulsa Garden Center

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Club's 96th year...new series
featuring new topics by new authors!*



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Welcome, New Members!

Michele Calianese

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Membership in Oklahoma's largest, longest-operating garden club, and one of the first nationally-federated garden clubs, extends Tulsa Garden Club's vision to engage the community through gardening education.

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Bloomin' Buck\$
with Brent and Becky's

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



President's Perspective

By Cathy Covington, Member since 2021

Our Path to a Greener Future

Fall is finally coming to Oklahoma. As I was walking in the crisp morning air, I was thinking of all the work I have to do to prepare my flower beds for winter. I need to cut back plants, clean out the beds, rake leaves. I am remembering the freezes we had last winter and trying to decide if I should cut back all my perennials. Many of my plants did not flower this spring.

After some research, I have decided not to cut these plants and leave them through the winter. I can still enjoy these plants during that stark time. They may not be as colorful, but the stalks will attract the birds that stay for the winter. This helps the ecosystem of our gardens. Marginally-hardy perennials will also benefit when left standing in the garden for winter. The stems will help to collect leaves and snow for insulation and moisture, thus increasing their chances of survival in the winter.

If there are any disease or pest-infested plants, I will cut these to several inches above the ground to reduce risk of this coming back next spring. Discard—do not compost—the affected plant material.

I have already lightened my load for the fall. I will continue to place new mulch in my beds and cut back some of the shrubs that have grown wild through the summer. I will plant my bulbs so that I will have some color in early spring. I like to plant a few here and there, so I have surprises in the spring. Enjoy this time of year and look forward to your labors in your gardens next spring.



Cathy Covington

President 2024-2026

Cathy

"Garden Party" 95th Anniversary, October 15, 2024



OGC President Carolyn McCabe with Club President Covington.



Members on the Mansion staircase.



Guest with finished project from Kathi Blazer's demonstration.

Plant and your spouse plants with you; weed and you weed alone.

Jean Jacques Rousseau

[50 Short, Funny, & Favorite Garden Quotes, Jokes, & Puns \(empressofdirt.net\)](http://50Short.Funny.&FavoriteGardenQuotes.Jokes.&Puns(empressofdirt.net))

Gardening for Birds

By Susan Foust, Member since 2022

What Happens to Our Bird Friends in All of these Hurricanes?

Recently, a friend asked me the question above. It reminded me of a very bad storm to hit Tulsa years ago. It blew a very young Rale into the courtyard of the school where I worked. It was battered and wet. We put it in a shoebox and took it up to Oxley Nature Center.

The Oxley team said that a huge group of Rales had been hit while migrating. It was October. I was told that Oklahoma is an immense flyway for waterbirds.

But what about the birds migrating up and down the east coast? Here are some answers!

Small thrushes called Veeries can predict the intensity of hurricane seasons in the Atlantic Basin. From a report published in the journal Scientific Reports in 2018, it was found that in years with more severe hurricane seasons, Veeries end their breeding season earlier and migrate to South America earlier.

In the last three years, the Veeries got it correct! Biologists have discovered that Goldwinged Warblers have a storm-warning system that may be better than human systems.

It was found that birds can sense low-frequency sounds that hurricanes produce, which humans can't hear. They can also sense changes in air pressure, and will fly closer to the ground when air pressure drops. Birds will often eat more before a storm to fuel up for the duration and may seek shelter in tree holes, under sheds, or on the sides of houses. Some birds may fly ahead of the storm, carried by the winds. Birds caught in the outer winds may head downwind until they reach the eye of the storm.

Our feathered friends have been detecting cues since their time on earth began. They continue to amaze us and teach us. The more that we study how they do it, the better we can use science to help humans.

Perhaps what we learn from them will help increase the lead time to evacuate even before the hurricanes show up as a swirl on our weather radars.

[Click](https://www.allaboutbirds.org/) to learn more about the Veery on [AllAboutBirds.org!](https://www.allaboutbirds.org/)



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