

Tulsa Garden Club

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Beautifying Tulsa since 1929!

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The December 6 wreath-making demonstration by Cohlmi's with delicious snacks and interested friends, along with Christmas shopping, was a great success for the Tulsa Garden Club. We met new friends and welcomed new members. And, remember:

Guests welcome to join us!



Everyone can grow in our garden!

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Welcome, New Members

Laura Lee Ford
Ana Lusk



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President's Perspective

by Rose Schultz, Member since 2016

The Meet 'n Greet at Cohlma's was a great way to get us all excited about decorating for Christmas, now we all know how to make bows. If you need help, check with our experienced bow makers Vicky Dillion, Nancy Gleeson or our guest, Griffin Ryker. We had 12 guests and two of them paid their dues, welcome Laura Lee Ford & Ana Lusk. Thanks to Kathi Blazer and Sandy Farris for organizing this fun event.

Tulsa Garden Club (TGClub) Garden Kiosk has some great Christmas gifts for sale including scoops, aprons, Rose tea, etc. You can contact Sherrie Hulse 918-629-3938 to purchase items or inquire about other items for sale. Or you can give a gift of a TGClub membership to someone.



Our Friends from Sea to Sea flower show will be held March 19, 2022. Most of you are aware of the design portion of the show, but did you know there

must be more classes for horticulture entries than for design entries. Check the schedule for plants you can enter, especially house plants.



The rules state you must own a houseplant for 90 days before you can enter the plant in a flower show. That date is December 18, 2021 so I hope all of you will have a plant you can enter into the show. The schedule can be found online at www.TulsaGardenClub.org. If you want a hard copy, I have some. Let me know.

I wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Keep up to date with TGC happenings by reading our Member Monday email. See you in February!

Rose Schultz, President

Planting Plants, Growing Friends

Gardening Secret #2 Clean up quickly after the Christmas tree comes down. Wrap a couple rows of duct tape or packing tape—sticky side facing out— around the bottom of your broom bristles and sweep up needles like a pro!

Check out [National Garden Clubs' Schools](#) for Members and others interested in landscape design, gardening, flower shows, and environmental education.

Keep learning! I have enjoyed becoming a consultant and refreshing my knowledge with every course.

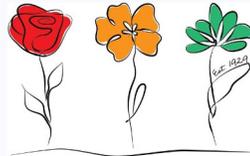
Judy Grotts, Member since 1996



71st Annual Garden Tour

Gardeners and Their Secrets

by Cindy Davis, Member since 1990 & Brenda Michael-Haggard, Member since 1995



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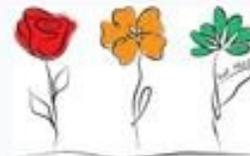
Gardeners and Their Secrets

10a-4p
May 14, 2022



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Be listed on Advance Ticket, available Feb mtg, and Tour Guide

\$1,000 Palladium

\$750 Platinum

\$500 Gold

Jan 15 Deadline

\$250 Silver

Tour Guide only

May 1 Deadline

Proceeds benefit gardening education projects and partners, formal and informal, including Tulsa Garden Center and TCC's Second Chance program for inmates of Dick Conner Correctional Center.



History? Herstory! 92 Years and Growing!

by Patty Freese, Member since 2005

At more than 300 Members strong, in 1940 Tulsa Garden Club led the local and state numbers of residents interested in gardening. From the beginning, Members facilitated study and programs at Philbrook Museum and other venues to promote a greater understanding of what grows well in Green Country.

Members staged Tulsa's first flower shows. Flowers from entries were delivered to hospitals for patients after the shows' closed. The first show in May 1930 was at Hilltop House, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert D. Mason. Mrs. Mason (Maud) was a founding Member, of course.

As an extra feature of that first flower show, the Masons offered their five-acre landscaped gardens at 37th Street and Lewis Avenue for visitors to tour. This set the stage for Club Members and community members to showcase creative and, ultimately, proven horticultural and landscaping design.



As the article from one of our local newspapers notes, any female resident interested in home grounds and community beautification was welcomed to join the Club. Mothers, daughters, and other family members continue that focus in gardening education!

The gardening education vision includes looking toward TGClub's centennial. Are you a founding Member's descendant? Do you know their family members?

Please contact First Vice President and Membership Chair Kathi Blazer, TulsaGardenClub@gmail.com.



Conservation, Environmental Issues and Roadside Beautification

by Phyllis Ogilvie, Member since 2017

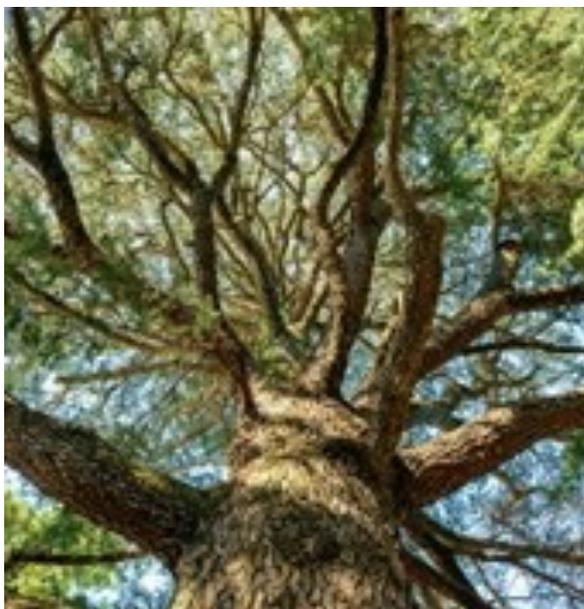
Please familiarize yourself with the organizations below supported by the giving of our time, talents, gifts, and service helping our world. According to our Tulsa Garden Club President Rose Schultz: “We are trying to change the wording of our fundraising so at budget time, we can know how much we have to donate and then decide how much each organization receives, rather than just have the donations be as they always have been. This would also allow us to add or delete an organization and, also, to upgrade the Club’s grant amounts.”

Global Partners Running Waters

National Garden Clubs (NGC) has partnered with this non-profit to bring to light the need to deliver clean water via pipelines to villages in South America. Tulsa Garden Club collects donations at our meetings to contribute to this worthwhile cause. The Club’s goal is to surpass the 50 cent per member goal. It is a ‘fifty is nifty’ program.



Past NGC contributions helped to complete a project at Ojo de Agua Quiche. Clean drinking water was brought into this village. Hours that villagers spent walking miles to fill jugs with water can now be used to plant food and raise animals for families. Global Partners Running Waters current major project is to bring potable water to 113 families in Quiejel, Chichicastenango, Guatemala. Tulsa Garden Club has been blessed to contribute to world causes for 71 years. Let’s keep this strong tradition moving forward. Learn more: [Running Waters](#)



Up With Trees

In obvious ways and subtle ones, trees make our lives better. Trees clean our air. They are an oasis in a food desert. They provide cooling shade on a summer day and shelter from wintry winds. Trees reduce stress, improve job satisfaction, and reduce recovery time from injuries. Trees tie communities together and make neighborhoods stronger. Cities thrive with more trees. Trees help everyone. Up With Trees helps trees. For more: [Up With Trees](#)

Global Gardens

Global Gardens’ during-school program serves all students in grades PreK-5 weekly at our core elementary schools. The program supports curiosity, STEM learning, teamwork, and nutritional health. Each class works together to plan, plant, and tend its own garden throughout the year. The garden also serves as the inspiration for class projects and experiments, which are guided by students’ questions and interests. Lessons align with OK science standards, and our Garden



Educators work with classroom teachers to enhance each school's science curriculum. Students taste and cook with garden produce, and each class has at least one seed-to-plate experience each year. For more: [Global Gardens](#)

Oklahoma 4-H

Oklahoma 4-H helps youth learn the life skills they need to be leaders of tomorrow, teaching members they can lead today and can make tangible, significant changes in their clubs, their communities, their state and their world. Delivered by OSU Extension Services in all 77 counties, our 4-H clubs are made up of groups of citizens often formed around schools, churches and community centers. 4-H members and their parents typically attend monthly meetings along with hands-on programming, projects and events. Attendees can expect to discuss information regarding club business, recreation, educational programs and opportunities for every member to get involved. Learn more: [4-H Oklahoma](#)



Nature Conservancy See last month's newsletter on this non-profit or: [Nature](#)

Tallgrass Prairie Preserve

The Joseph H. Williams Tallgrass Prairie Preserve at 39,650 acres is the largest protected piece of tallgrass prairie left on earth. Urban sprawl and conversion to cropland have left this once expansive landscape, originally [spanning across 14 states](#) spanning across 14 states from Texas to Minnesota, at less than 4% of its original size. For more: [Tallgrass Prairie](#)



Penny Pines

This is another non-profit that is also supported by NGC. Tulsa Garden Club participates in this meaningful and practical conservation project by contributing \$68 to a Penny Pines plantation as part of the costs of replanting replacement trees indigenous to a particular damaged area. Whether by fire or by other natural catastrophe, pine trees and other trees are replaced. Donors may designate a specific state to benefit from this contribution. Last year Tulsa Garden Club designated our own Ouachita National Forest for two \$68 contributions. For more: [Penny Pines](#)



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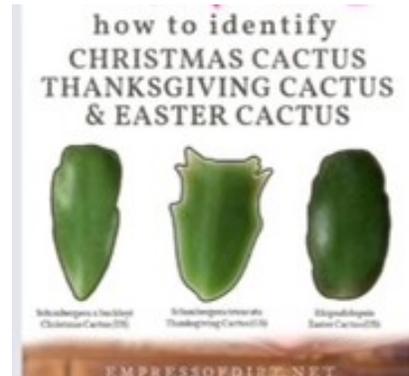
How Can I Make My Christmas Cactus, That I Received Last Year, Bloom Again?

By Kathi Blazer, Member since 2018

Christmas Cacti are epiphytes and considered forest cacti, not desert cacti. Who knew they need conditions similar to that environment? Treat them like typical houseplants.

There are, actually, two kinds of “Christmas Cactus” on the market today. Most common is *Schlumbergera truncata*, the Thanksgiving or Crab Cactus. It flowers late October through December. The leaf segments end with a crab-like appearance or similar to two horns. Bloom colors range from white, pink, red, and orange red. With hybridization, this variety is easier to bring into bloom.

True Christmas cactus, *Schlumbergera bridgesii*, is an old-fashioned plant which many a grandmother has grown on her front porch for years. It has rounded leaf segments and nearly regularly flowers each season, mostly red or pink. It blooms around Christmas yet is not nearly as reliable a bloomer as Thanksgiving Cactus. Most growers prefer the latter for that reason.



Getting these cacti to bloom during the holidays requires proper light exposure, correct temperatures and limited watering. They need temperatures to drop to 50-60 degrees F, and they need a dark period of at least 12 hours per day. Watering also needs to be reduced! Given these requirements, it is difficult to achieve the above conditions inside of the home. In Oklahoma, place the plant outside in September or October in a protected area that receives no artificial light for at least 8-10 days. Watch the temperature to keep the plant in the 50 to 60-degree range. Protect from a severe drop - nothing lower than 50 degrees F.



Watch for bud formation. Once you see buds, bring the plant indoors and place in a well-lit area. Provide humidity by misting or saucers filled with pebbles and water. Then, leave it be! Once bloom period is over, let the cactus rest and reduce watering until spring. Then, treat it as a houseplant. Fertilize and increase watering. These cacti prefer to be root-bound but, if they get too large, transplant to a slightly-larger pot. In late spring, after danger of frost is past, move them outside to a protected shady area and start the process all over again in the Fall to encourage bloom.

This year’s Holiday Fundraiser featured *Schlumbergera bridgesii* as a “thank you” gift to Tulsa Garden Club Members supporting gardening education. So far, donations during this campaign through December 31, 2021, are more than \$4,400. Any donor may contribute to the Club’s gardening education programs for year-round blooming and learning.

Additional Resources:

[Michigan State Extension fact sheet](#)

[Christmas Cactus OSU HLA 6411: Houseplants](#)

Check out other tips on Tulsa Garden Club YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCLribdiXIUINifaaDmqCBA>