

Garden Talk

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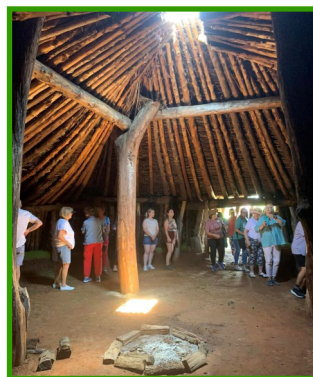


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**Welcome, new Member
Kate Lyon!**

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Bloomin' Bucks
with Brent and Becky's

Order bulbs and perennials to plant for spring! Click the Bloomin' Bucks image/link, choose Tulsa Garden Club and plan your bloomin' spring.



President's Perspective

by Kathi Blazer, Member since 2018

Need Seeds? Have Seeds? Use Seeds?

I've been too impatient to start plants from seeds. Oh, seed packets have been bought with hopes of the picture on the front. Mostly those packets are in a drawer somewhere. However, over the last two years, awareness of their value, multiple ways to germinate, the Pawnee Seed Preservation Project and Griffin Ryker have created a re-evaluation for me.

Seeds are something you do as a kid. It's radishes, onions, carrots and marigolds. When Griffin started posting last year of the seeds he was buying and showed the result, some reconsideration occurred.

Then, Sandy Farris bought a 'Hairy Balls' milkweed, pictured at right, at Bustani and had the most amazing results and seeds to share. I didn't take any seeds. No, I purchased a whole plant for \$7.95 at Bustani in April.

A casual conversation with Susan Foust revealed she has an extensive seed file with



names and dates. Brenda Michael-Haggard made little bags of seeds to sell at the Garden Flea Market. She has germinated one of the Ancient Seeds from Pawnee.

During National Garden Week Open Garden Day, I was finally embarrassed about not starting from seeds. Rose Schultz came by to see my new Bustani plants. When the 'Hairy Balls' milkweed was shown, Rose asked, "Started from Sandy's seeds?" That's what everyone else did as they have every value you can think of for pollinators.

But, confession was in order.

I am committed to germinating and planting seeds next season: saves money for

myself and others, saves the environment (no plastic container), creates new relationships, increases variety, promotes more growth of the plants that thrived in my yard and makes me a REAL gardener.

I'll be able to say, "I need seeds. I have seeds and I use seeds." *Kathi*



Kathi Raun Hromas Blazer, President, 2022-2024



Gardening Education Partners

By Nancy Moerer, Member since 2012

Tulsa Garden Club has supported local, national and global environmental, conservation, and education initiatives for decades. In this outreach, Club Members have been “hands on” in addition to providing materials and philanthropic gifts.

Last year, Julia Rogers, assistant director of facilities for Northeastern State University in Broken Arrow, contacted the Club. During a Member meeting, Julia shared more about the local campus and her vision to beautify the green spaces near main buildings. Members responded by digging in to our own gardens.

At right is the campus map highlighting beds where Members’ donations of daylilies, Lenten rose, rudbeckia, and more are settling in to their new homes.



Julia sent photos of plants most recently gifted plus examples of those donated last year. She, also, produced signage recognizing the Club’s support. She said, “You are the only club that has the ‘and others’ added to your sign because in mulch-



I put a sign in every garden you donated to, I would have to make a LOT of signs!” (The solid yellow box is the location of this new sign in the large parking lot median.)



I have planted your donations in multiple areas on campus! I real-

The rudbeckias, daylilies, and daisies are now in our daylily bed and sunken garden area. Solomon’s seal and other low-sun plants help brighten shady beds.



More plant societies have joined in gifting plants from their own gardens! Julia said, “thank you, again, for your support. Let me know when you’d like to clean out some more space in your gardens and I will gladly help find a new home for your plants!”



History Bites

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

YESTERDAY

On June 8, 1983, the headline of the Living Section from *The Tulsa World* newspaper announced "Club Members Celebrate Garden Week." The article outlined that all Tulsa Garden Club members were asked to wear a rose every day of the week, June 5-11, to celebrate. The final Garden Club meeting for 1982-83 was called the Annual Spring Picnic and was held on Monday at the Tulsa Garden Center with roses as the theme.



World Staff Photo
TULSA GARDEN Club member Louise McCord spent several hours arranging this bouquet, which served as the centerpiece Monday for the club's annual spring picnic luncheon at the Garden Center.

The Oklahoma State Garden Club President installed Tulsa Garden Club officers. Every officer received a rose and, during installation, each placed her rose in a vase. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the roses formed a bouquet representing each officer and her contributions to the organization.

Special guests attending the meeting included Russell Studebaker, horticulturist, and others from the Tulsa Park Department. They and four scholarship recipients, students in horticulture from Oklahoma State University, were introduced.

Club President Gladys Phelps, 1982-1984, shared news of the National Garden Clubs comprised of 350,000 members of clubs across the country. Mrs. Phelps welcomed seven new Club members including Ruth Ann Thompson who has remained a member since 1983.

Members prepared salads and desserts and placed them on a long buffet table with a two and a half feet tall flower arrangement as the centerpiece. See photo at left. Small bouquets of roses grown in Tulsa Garden Center flower beds decorated the many luncheon tables.

Members enjoyed a book review following lunch.

TODAY

The Tulsa Garden Club Member Meeting and Tribute Luncheon was held on Monday, June 5, 2023 as the final meeting for Club year 2022-2023. Members appreciated a great presentation by The Gathering Place Horticulture Manager Kellyn Register. We honored each other throughout the luncheon meeting at Ti Amo Ristorante Italiano and held the officer installation ceremony. Activities had been enthusiastically planned each day of National Garden Week, June 4-10. Each day emphasized the love of gardening.

The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies.

Gertrude Jekyll

Gardening for Birds

by Linda Smith, Member since 2017

Eastern Bluebird Facts

- Eastern Bluebirds are members of the Thrush family and can be found across eastern North America as far south as Nicaragua.
- Bluebirds typically have more than one brood per year.
- They eat mostly insects, wild fruit and berries. Occasionally bluebirds will capture and eat larger prey such as snakes, lizards, tree frogs, salamanders, and shrews.
- Bluebirds are often found in open country with patchy vegetation and large trees.
- You can put up a nest box in your yard to attract a breeding pair of Bluebirds, but be sure to do so before breeding season. Attach a guard to keep predators from raiding eggs and young.
- The male Bluebird finds the nest. He may choose a cavity in a tree or an abandoned woodpecker nest if a nesting box is not found. He will display at the nest cavity to attract a female.
- That male Bluebird will provide nesting material, but the female builds the nest and incubates the eggs.
- The oldest recorded Bluebird was at least 10 years, 6 months old.
- Bluebirds have good eyesight and can spot prey from more than 100 feet away.
- The male Bluebird can sing 1,000 songs an hour during mating.



Photos courtesy Danny Brown/Audubon Photography Awards. Click image to hear bluebird songs or calls.

Resources: Audubon.org, AllAboutBirds.org

BUDS & BLOOMS AND ALL THINGS YOUTH

Dig in to Buds & Blooms! Proceeds from the 71st Annual Garden Tour helped launch our Youth Team. Our Team has transformed the northeast corner of the Teaching Garden Welcome Center housed in the Travis estate's original barn, "The Barn". Watch for more events and partnership opportunities for our youngest gardeners and artists as we expand upon this first programming year!



Gardening with Nature

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



Now that you've decided to plant natives, you are wondering what to plant. This month I have chosen three (3) ground covers all of which I have grown. Don't be afraid native will not look good

as these plants are lovely in the flower beds.

Ground covers pictured with brief descriptions:



Phlox subulate – Moss Phlox is best grown in humusy, medium moisture, well-drained soils in full sun. Best flowering is in **full sun**, but plants generally appreciate some dappled sun in areas with hot, humid summers. Good soil drainage is important. Plants grow well in sandy or gravelly soils and tolerate hot, dry exposures better than most other species of phlox. Plants will self-seed in optimum growing conditions. Cut back stems after flowering by 1/2 to maintain form and promote denser growth plus to stimulate a possible light rebloom.



Tiarella cordifolia – Foam flower easily grown in average, medium, well-drained soil in **part shade to full shade**. Prefers humusy, organically rich, moisture-retentive soils. Soil should not be allowed to dry out. Wet soils, particularly in winter, can be fatal however. Removal of flower spikes after bloom will improve the appearance of the foliage mound. Foliage is semi-evergreen in the St. Louis area where the amount of retained foliage color in winter, if any, is in large part dependent upon the severity of the temperatures.



Asarum canadense – Wild ginger is a Missouri native spring wildflower which occurs in rich woods and wooded slopes throughout the State. Basically a stemless plant which features two downy, heart-shaped to kidney-shaped, hand-somely veined, dark green, basal leaves (to 6" wide). Cup-shaped, purplish brown flowers (1" wide) appear in spring on short, ground-level stems arising from the crotch between the two basal leaves. Flowers are quite attractive on close inspection, but bloom singly on or near the ground and are usually hidden from view by the foliage. Although not related to culi-

nary ginger (*Zingiber officinale*), the roots of this plant produce a scent that is reminiscent of it. Fresh or dried roots were used by early Americans as a ginger substitute, but the plant is not normally used today for culinary purposes.

Resource: All information and photos are from the [Missouri Botanical Garden](https://www.missouri-botanical.com/).



Awards and Grants

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

Tulsa Garden Club has presented grants throughout the year in the Club's ongoing commitment to gardening education. Informal and formal programming include the Club's workshops, flower shows, monthly programming and youth activities plus supporting academic and nonprofit organizations. 71st Annual Garden Tour proceeds have benefitted all these Gardening Education Partners and more!



Jenna Garland, Tulsa Garden Center, receives grant from Patron Chair Sandy Farris



President Blazer with A New Leaf client Brett



TCC Foundation President Megan Corn with Scholarship Chair Fleta Haskins and President Blazer.



Rose Schultz receives National Garden Club "4-Star Member" pin; with Sue Lovelace and Judy Grotts



Jan Dawson, Tulsa County 4H with Youth Chair Susan Foust



President Blazer with Pawnee Nation members Deb EchoHawk and Jenifer Gover LittleSun



Club Receives 12 National and Regional Awards

Oklahoma Garden Clubs (OGC) awarded our own Griffin Ryker a scholarship to continue his studies at OSU. OGC, South Central Region and National Gardens Clubs recognized Tulsa Garden Club's Floral Design Program, Flower Show and Flower Show Schedule, Social Media/Web Site, Social Media/Facebook, National Garden Week, Publications, Yearbook and Yearbook Theme. The Club also received NGC's Flower Show Achievement Award.