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Planting Curb Appeal

Bob Vaught, Chairman of the Tulsa Master Gardeners Speakers Bureau, returned to his farm-raised roots after completing a 45-year accounting career. He is an active Master Gardener, growing vegetables and like perennials and shade gardens.

April 4, 2022

11 am

Tulsa Garden Center at Woodward Park Auditorium 2435 S Peoria Avenue Tulsa, Oklahoma





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President's Perspective

by Rose Schultz, Member since 2016

"Grow Where You're planted"

Didn't expect to have two months in a row with snow on my rock! Isn't it close to spring? We are all anxious to get outside and dig in the dirt. The good news, my hellebores and daffodils are sending up their lovely blooms to say, 'Spring is on its way!"

Thanks to our new member, Deb Cramer, The Tulsa Garden Club is presenting each day at the Tulsa Home and Garden Show. It is great exposure for the club. Kathi Blazer is sharing her knowledge of succulents with the audience. And thanks to the other members of the supporting cast.

This Saturday, March 19 will be the Tulsa Garden Club "Friends from Sea to Sea" Flower Show, Charlene Wells, Chair. Please bring your entries Friday, March 18 from noon to 5pm and Saturday morning from 7-9am. Gather up your friends and bring them back to the Tulsa Garden Center to see the show from 1-4pm, and don't forget to bring your knives and garden tools that need sharpening. Susan Foust will be giving



awards to our Poster winners at 2pm, Delores Comfort will be sharing 'Recess'

activities

and Sherrie Hulse with have garden items for sale. It's

not too late to register for the Oklahoma Garden Club



Convention to be held April 6-8, at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown. Come for part or all, lots of great speakers and workshops. If you want more information, contact me, <u>roses@jswtech.com</u>

Laura Chalus emailed a survey. If you haven't, please take a few minutes to answer this 3 question survey, it will help you benefit and get involved with the Tulsa Garden Club.

There are many more exciting events coming up, 'Curb Appeal' at the April 4 monthly meeting, a youth event in Chandler Park April 22, The Garden Tour May 14, and a Magical Mystery Tour on June 7 during National Garden Week.

There are numerous ways to Grow Where You are planted!

Rose Schultz, President

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Gardening Secret #5 Recycling at its finest!

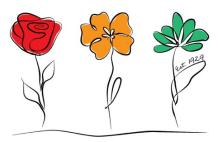
Place cracked eggshell halves in egg cartons, fill halfway with potting medium.. Sprinkle in your seeds, water gently, pop into the light.

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Annual Standard Flower Show

1-4 p.m. * Saturday * March 19, 2022



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Welcome! FREE/Open to the Public Standard

Flower Show

1-4 p.m. Garden Kiosk * Tools Sharpened1:30, 2:30, 3:30 p.m. Floral Artistry2 p.m. Student Poster Contest Awards

Friends from Sea to Sea



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History? Herstory! 92 Years and Growing!

by Patty Freese, Member since 2005



Rows upon rows of gayly colored blossoms, columbines, dainthus pinks, irls and roses, representing blossoms, weeks of patience and care on the part of amateur flower lovers of Tulsa, held the center of attrac-Tuisa, held the center of attrac-tion at the first amateur's flower show, held last week under the auspices of the Tuisa Garden club. The show, a major event of the year for the Tuisa organization, surpassed all expectations in the enthusiasm it account as it is the enthusiasm it aroused and in the variety and beauty of the entries.

Expectations

variety and beauty of the entries. according to officials of the club. An ideal setting for the event was "Hilltop House," the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert D. Mason, located one block east of Lewis avenue on Thirty-seventh street, where approximately 200 persons visited during the day.

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The wide and beautifully landsequed gardens of the bostess, with the great variety of seasonable flowers in bloom, attracted the visitor.
At 10 o'clock Wednesday mornable flowers in bloom, attracted the visit flowers in bloom, attracted the visit flowers potted plants. The flowers is bloom was a statistic of the day of

Many Roses.

Rosen, red. pink, white and yel-low, representing a variety of species, were featured in the ex-hibit planned and displayed by Mrs. W. M. McDermott, 320 North Ta-

W. M. McDermott, 320 North Ta-come avonue. During the morning while the exhibits were being arranged and fregistered the visitors wandered through the gardens surrounding flowers and abrubs. At moon a flowers and shrubs. At moon align lodge, was served. At the lunchern 35 new mem-bers of the charter members of the organization, which has been active since last fall.

It's Flower Show time! From the first blooms and horticulture staged in April 30, 1930, to the March 19, 2022 show, Tulsa Garden Club has presented exhibits to showcase what grows well in Green Country.

As the "Tulsa World/Sunday World" article notes, 150 exhibitors brought cut flowers, potted plants and more. Visitors numbered more than 400!

That first

show in 1930 included a lecture on "The Iris" by Mrs. R. W. Roe. "Friends from Sea to Sea" on Saturday, March 19, will include even more gardening education. Club Member Delores Comfort will present floral artistry demonstrations on the half hour, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Flowers to Hospitals. Members of the hospital com-mittee of the Tulsa Garden club gathered the flowers Thursday, morning and delivered them to hospitals and sick rooms of the

city. The flower show came as the The flower show came as the climax of a beautification program for the city of Tulsa sponsored by the club. The purpose of the club is to-aid in creating community interest in the development of home grounds and of home garden-ing. Every woman interested in stimulating a community beautifi-cation program is a welcome mem-ber in the organization. cation program is a well ber in the organization.

Plan City Show.

Plans are now under way for a city wide flower show, in which every amateur gardener of Tulsa and vicinity will be eligible to en-ter his home-grown plants. Prizes will be awarded for the winning exhibits, according to officers of the club. The show is to be held in the

The show is to be held in the Owen parkhouse, sometime in the latter part of May, according to Mrs. H. W. Roe, and is to be a feature of a co-operative program sponsored by the city park depart-ment and the club. Will O. Doolit-tile, park superintendent, and Mrs. Roe, representing the club are to be in charge of the arrangements.

Slightly different from that first show, visitors may bring cash, check and credit card to take advantage of tool and ticket purchases PLUS tool sharpening. From 1-4 p.m., gardening hand tools will be honed by Arvid Dodd for nominal fees.

The Club's Garden Kiosk will have tools, gloves and aprons available for springtime projects. In addition, visitors may purchase Advance Tickets and raffle tickets for this year's garden tour, "Gardeners and Their Secrets," May 14, 2022. NOTE: Garden Club Members

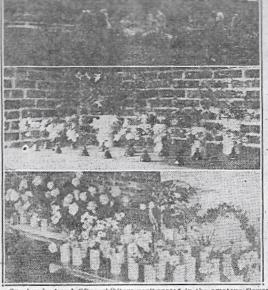
number the same TODAY as in 1930.

Tulsan Lectures.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon Mrs. R. W. Roe, 311 East Twenty-sixth K. W. Koe, 311 East Twenty-sixta-street, lectured on the subject of "The Iris." She illustrated her address by displaying approximate-ly 100 varieties of German iris and. other species grown in her own garden. The species not contained in her own collection were taken from other displays for the demon-stration. The varieties, selections, and cultivation of the iris were de-

talled by Mrs. Roe in her talk. The afternoon was spent infor-mally with the exhibit open to the public until late in the evening. The following members of the club served as hostesses for the show:

BROW: Mrs. H. D. Mason, president; Mrs. E. O. Bartlett, vice president; Mrs. W. G. Lackey, second vice president; Mrs. C. D. F. O'Hern, secretary; Mrs. J H., Gardner, cor-responding secretary, and the fol-lowing members of committees; lowing members of committees: Mrs. W. E. Brown, Mrs. Charles Peters, Mrs. F. H. Greer, Mrs. W. Lackey, Mrs. Harry Ashby, rs. E. O. Bartiett, Mrs. William Mrs. Ashby. Mrs. E. O. Bartlett, Mrs. Will Stahl and Mrs. Harry Brown,



One hundred and fifty exhibitors participated in the amateur flower show sponsored by the Tulsa Garden club Wednesday. Columbines, iris and rosen held the center of attraction during the display, which was held at "Hiltop house," the home of Mr. and Mirs. Herbert D. Mason, located at Thirty-seventh street and Lewis avenue. Above, some of the 400 guests who visited on the five-acre landscaped garden during the event, and (below) vase and potted flowers of assorted varieties.

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Spring is Starting to Show Its Glory

by Phyllis Ogilvie, Member since 2017

Are you seeing the start of your spring bulbs in your garden? I have daffodils and hopefully, tulips starting to come up. Yesterday, at the Tulsa Garden Center a lady had a fragrant basket stuffed with hyacinths. Glory! Are you dividing your perennials? Now is the week to start this project. This helps to increase them and will be less of a 'shock' to the plants before the greenery is too far along. How about some decorative garden labels for your perennials, as well?!

Ferns are beginning to appear, and you can divide them, as well. They prefer open, not dense shade and good drainage.

Cut back your groundcover, such as Mondo grass and liriope, by either using a weed eater or set your mover to 2-3 inches. This also helps your vinca minor. Transplant any rooted runners to cover your bare spots.

Have a shady spot calling out for color? Consider astilbe to plant now to get pink, lavender, red, or white blooms.

When cutting flowers for indoor bouquets, remove as few leaves or any greenery as possible. The greenery feeds the bulb for next year's flowers.

Did you know that in your vegetable garden you can combine radishes and carrots? Additionally, you can com-



Additionally, you can combine radishes and parsley in the same row. By the

time the radishes are ready to harvest, the parsley will be getting established.

After touring Mount Vernon, again last week, and my husband assisting with the wreath at George and Martha Washington's tomb during the ceremony, I am so inspired to work in my garden just as his team did in 1787, when Washington was gifted Foxglove seeds. I purchased three seed packets at Mount Vernon and can't wait to see how they blossom in my garden. As you travel, I encourage you to look for seed packets as souvenirs that will grow in our Zone 7a, so that you can journal your travel memories and see them visually coming back to life in your garden. Enjoy spring and share your successes with our members via a good tale at a lunch table, at our March 19, Garden Show, or as a hostess, cashier at the May 14, Garden Tour. Gardening life is to share! And, again why not share a good, 'Glory'!

I found some beautiful notecards as shown above in Georgetown at a Paper Source Store. See <u>papersource.com</u> for ideas and inspiration!





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Fertilizers: An Overview

By Fran McKeon , Member since 2021

It's that time! We catch a sunny day and wander outside. We scratch around in search of signs of life. Anticipation grows as the season changes and we ask-- what do our plants need?

We should start with the best soil possible, adding organic matter to gardens and using good potting soil. The easiest and most common approach to fertilizing is to purchase a general purpose "complete" fertilizer. These products are usually partially soluble and are effective longer than soluble forms.

There are pros and cons to any choice of fertilizer. Completely soluble forms make nutrients available immediately, but care should be taken not to over or under use them. These may be expected to be more costly.

Among the many choices we find organic and chemical. Slow-release forms offer convenience. There are fertilizers for specific families of plants such as for succulents or for tomatoes There are also fertilizers combined with pesticides. I like Bayer 3-in-1 to feed roses, but I choose not to use it widespread because it may take out some pollinators.

And just what is a "complete" fertilizer? All plants require nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium, abbreviated NPK and a complete fertilizer supplies all three at some ratio. Triple 13, (13-13-13) for example, provides a balance. Flower growers like to know that the middle number (phosphorus) encourages bloom but beware and follow directions! More is not better and could be harmful. An example of a fertilizer ratio with greater phosphorus would be 5-10-5.

All products to feed lawns do not fit the definition of "complete". Nitrogen will make our lawn green, but turf may not need phosphorus every year. Run off from phosphates can be harmful in our rivers and lakes. An example of a possible ratio for an established lawn might be 21-0-0.

If you wish to have a soil test to determine specific needs go to the Tulsa Master Gardener website (tulsamastergardeners.org) for information.

OSU provides a wealth of fact sheets on all aspects of gardening. Go to: extension.okstate.edu/fact sheets to search.

Time to prune and feed the roses and more. Don't forget the house plants. Happy spring, gardeners!

Disclaimer: The information in this article is intended to be general. Be sure to do your own research and always read labels.

Thank you, Espoma, for partnering with National Garden Clubs, Inc. to provide grants of Espoma fertilizer for community projects. In 2021, products benefited TCC's Second Chance Program for Dick Conner Correctional Center inmates enrolled in the horticulture.

Most recently, Espoma gifted sample packages for registrants of the upcoming Oklahoma Garden Clubs Annual Convention.



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