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November 1, 2021 at 11 am

Tulsa Garden Center at Woodward Park Auditorium

Meet our special guest!

Brian Hobbs opened Garden Party Florist with the idea of bringing color, style, and quality service to Stillwater. Having grown up in Stillwater, Brian has studied and worked on the east coast for over 13 years and now brings a unique perspective to Garden Party.

***Guests welcome
to join us!***



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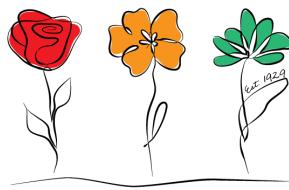
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President's Perspective

by Rose Schultz, Member since 2016

It was exciting to have 46 members attend our first meeting of the year and share their wonderful salads. I tried to taste them all, even tried to taste all the desserts. Our members are not only good gardeners but also good cooks.

A special 'thanks' to Nancy Tholen for hosting the New Member Orientation. Kathi Blazer organized this informative event and invited the mentors to be there to welcome our new members. The charcuterie lunch boxes Sandy Farris ordered were beautiful. Nancy, Kathi and Sandy, super way to begin our year!

Fall is another wonderful time to plant. My self-seeding cilantro is getting its second set of leaves and will soon be ready to eat. I've been planting violas and pansies, wishing I had bought a few more metallic pinwheels to keep the rabbits away. These pinwheels have saved my miniature roses from the

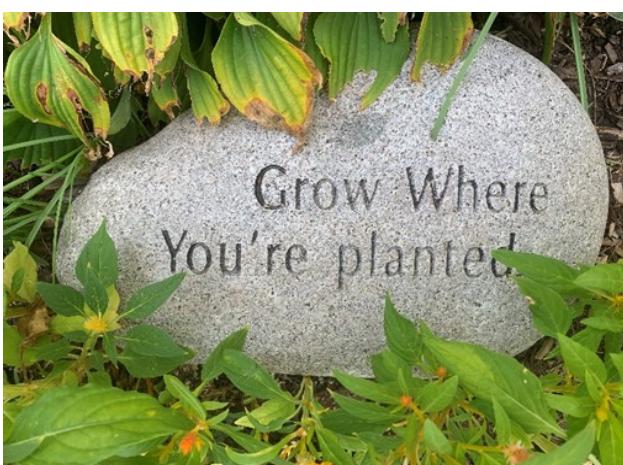
few radish seeds among my flowers, after all food and flowers can grow together!

Speaking of growing, the National Garden Club is offering a Gardening School on November 9-10, 2021, via Zoom from 9am to 3:50pm and the cost is only \$55. I would like to be able to add your name to the list on page 24 in our Yearbook as a gardening consultant. Sign up today. <https://gardenclubwebsite.wufoo.com/forms/ptwfnc1acp5qp/>



The Hump Days, those are every other Wednesday Workshops Sue Lovelace is organizing, have been very informative. Judy Grotts has shared her knowledge in lovingly critiquing any designs our attendees asked to have evaluated so each of us can learn even more. The last Hump Day of 2021 is scheduled for November 10. Look for more in 2022. Everyone is welcome to any of the workshops. Let's all grow where we are planted!

Rose Schultz, President



Grow Where You're planted

rabbits. The rose without a pinwheel has been eaten to the ground. I plan to sprinkle a

History? Herstory! 92 Years and Growing!

By Patty Freese, Member since 2005



Tulsa Garden Club where were we then... On Saturday December 12, and Sunday December 13, 1953 holiday floral arrangements and decorations will be shown by the members of the Tulsa Garden Club in the Philbrook Museum auditorium. The theme of this years holiday show is "Everywhere, Everywhere Christmas Tonight." The public is cordially invited from 10 am to 5pm on Saturday and 1 to 5 pm on Sunday.

P.S. What an opportunity to display Tulsa talent!

Tulsa Garden Club where were we then... On Tuesday March 10, 1954 more than 100 garden clubs were represented at the regional banquet in Norman. Mrs. G. C. Spillers of Tulsa, Nation Garden Club Chairman for special projects, provided introductions. The prominent speakers were Dr. George M. Sutton and Dr. M. L. Wardell. Tables were decorated with flowers and materials appropriate to our states. The Oklahoma table was decorated with a scissortail flycatcher, magnolia leaves and red pepper pods. This was the silver anniversary banquet for the Oklahoma Association of Garden Clubs. Mrs. Spillers was a member and former president of Tulsa Garden Club.

P.S. Mrs. Spillers was in the newspaper frequently with garden club information and events – she was definitely 'a mover and shaker' - a very prominent Tulsan.

Yes, I want to support gardening education!

Proceeds benefit Club gardening education including students in OSU and TCC's Second Chance program at Dick Conner Correctional Center.

Charitable gifts to Tulsa Garden Club are deductible to the extent allowed by law. Multiply your impact with your employer's matching contribution!

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Why Flower Shows?

by Rose Schultz , Member since 2016

The mission statement for National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC), of which you are automatically a Member because you are a Member of the Tulsa Garden Club, is to provide education, resources, and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility.

Flower Shows are held to educate club members and the viewing public by stimulating an interest in horticulture and floral design. Flower Shows also provide an outlet for creative expression.

What is a Flower Show?



Flower Shows consists of 5 sections and those sections can vary from show to show. All Flower Shows must have an Education Section. Any show must also either have a Horticulture or Design Section. The Sections of Youth and Botanical Arts are optional.

Friends From Sea to Sea is the title of Tulsa Garden Club's Standard Flower Show to be held March 19 at the Tulsa Garden Center and will include 4 sections. All the Sections in a Flower Show must have a related title. Our show has an international theme using dolls from around the world, so the titles will inspire your imagination. The show Schedule, which lists all of the need-to-know stuff will be ready November 1, 2021.

TGClub Members are encouraged to enter the **Horticulture Section**. The one rule you must follow is you need to grow your entry (sorry, can't pick it from the neighbor's yard). The classes are varied. Live in an apartment and don't have a yard? No problem, there are potted plant classes!

The **Design Section** is where your creative juices can flow as you learn to design exhibits. In this section you do not need to grow the horticulture, you can harvest along the roadside, from a friend or purchase them at the florist. Our Hump Day Wednesday Workshops teach the mechanics and the different design styles. You are invited to come whenever you have time. Design styles vary from traditional to creative and abstract designs. There are sections with dried plant material, fresh plant material and even combinations of both.

The **Education Section** consists of exhibits on different topics. There are at least 2 different exhibits in each show. The purpose is to educate members and the public about a topic.



Botanical Arts Section encompasses areas not included in the other sections of the show. It is composed of 4 areas which are Horticulture, Botanical Design, Artistic Crafts and Photography. Some exhibits are functional and some just artsy! If you have questions ask, we are here to help you. I know there is a class where you can share your talents!!!



Learn more! Order your own [Flower Show Handbook](#).

Environmental Concerns

By Phyllis Ogilvie, Member since 2017

Blue and Gold Star Memorial Markers and more

The National Garden Club (NGC), Tulsa Garden Club is a member, supports the Blue and Gold Star Memorial Program honoring Americans serving in our United States Armed Forces and those who have lost a loved one in service to our country. Blue Star Memorials are for those serving and Gold Star Memorials are for the memory of a loved one.

The Blue Star Program began in 1944, with the planting of 8,000 Dogwood trees by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs as a living memorial for veterans of World War II. In 1945, NGC, Inc. adopted this program and began a Blue Star Highway system that covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii. These Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers can be seen along the highway. The Blue Star has been an icon since WW II since it was seen on flags and banners at homes, churches and businesses signifying those actively serving in the war.

The Gold Star Families non-profit provides support to those who have lost loved ones in the military. The mission is to offer honor, hope and healing through remembering fallen heroes. Gold star markers have been 'planted' around America with the assistance of NGC clubs to honor America's heroes.

Please click on the links below to learn more details. We encourage you to look all around our NGC and our Tulsa Garden Club sites to see how we are a multi-dimensional organization in service to others in our community and internationally. We want you to be prepared, plug-in to share your skills, and proud of our current and past accomplishments.

Augusta I-20 Welcome Center

When someone at your next party asks about your current favorite hobby and organization you can be well prepared to say we are so much more than tea sippers that discuss our own gardens. I challenge you to write a paragraph and memorize it on the many fine organizations we support and how the Tulsa Garden Club makes a difference in the lives of many.

[NGC Blue and Gold Markers](#)

[Tulsa Garden Club](#)

Been wanting a new Tree or Shrub?

by Sue Lovelace, Member since 2004

Now is the best planting time. Fall planting allows the tree or shrub plenty of time to establish its root system before the harsh part of winter sets in. How do you decide what to plant? One of the first factors to consider is how well it can tolerate Oklahoma's climate. Read the tag prior to purchase to be sure the plant meets these criteria:

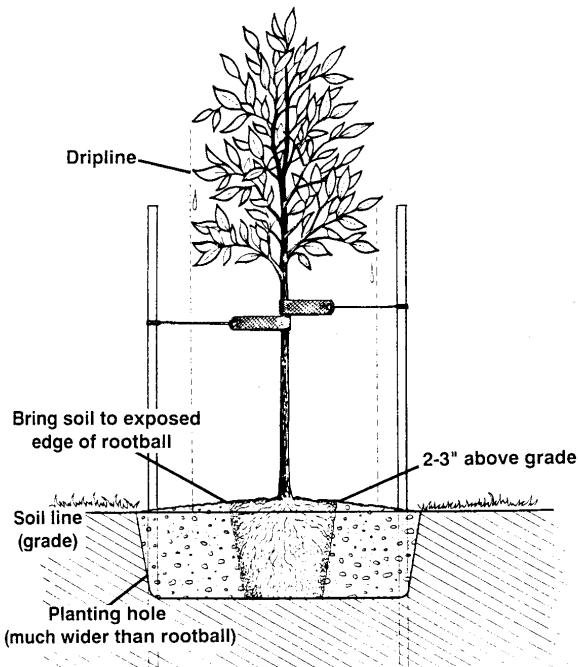
Tulsa Metro Area - Cold Hardiness Zone is 6B-7 – Grand Lake and Western panhandle is 6B

Heat Tolerance is Zone8

The Tree Planting Process

1. Optimum homeowner size is a 5-gallon container
2. If not planting immediately, water well
3. Preparing the hole – 2 to 3 times wider than root ball
4. No deeper than root ball (exception: clay soil – raise root ball up 1-2" higher than ground level for drainage)
5. Do not amend the soil but backfill with the original (native) soil up to two-thirds high on root ball
6. Firm down soil (don't stomp on it!) to eliminate air pockets
7. Water well and let water soak in
8. Add soil to top of root ball for sandy soil In clay soil, you have already previously raised the root ball up 1-2" for drainage
9. Water again
10. Mulch immediately making sure that no root hairs are exposed. Keep mulch out 3-4" away from the trunk, to avoid pests or disease transfer

Trees need one inch of water per week if it doesn't rain. It needs watering in all seasons for 3 years, not just during drought conditions.



Resource: OSU Extension Center

Cool Season Annuals

Submitted by Sue Lovelace, Member since 2004

As the leaves begin falling and our flowers start to fade away, many gardeners put their garden to bed for the winter months. But instead of ending your gardening for the year, begin your winter gardening with a planting of some of these.

Pansies (*Viola x Wittrockiana*) seem to be the most popular, low maintenance, wide color range. Can be planted late September through October



Pansy "cousins" include:

- Panolas (a hybrid cross of pansy and viola), smaller flower
- Violas (*Viola cornuta*)
- Johnny-jump-up (*Viola tricolor*)

Other Popular Choices

Ornamental Cabbage/Kale is best planted in early fall, hardy to 15 degrees F.



Dusty Miller (*Centaurea Cineraria*) if you already have this from the summer, mulch it well and it may overwinter, hardy to 0 degrees F., actually classified as a half-hardy perennial.

Snapdragons (*Antirrhinum Majus*) winter or early spring annual, will not survive our hot summer.

Dianthus (*Dianthus chinensis*) "Snowfire" is a good variety, white with red center. Plant in fall or spring. Cut tops back in summer for good fall bloom.

Annual Seeds sow now for early spring bloom.

Larkspur is slow to germinate.

Sweet Pea needs support to vine on, needs afternoon shade, good fragrance.

Sweet William has many flowers first year, may self-seed.

Resource: University of Arkansas Extension

