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ONC-50— Tulsa Rose Garden, Woodward Park, Tulsa, Okla.

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October 4, 2021

11am

Salad Luncheon with Friends

Tulsa Garden Center at Woodward
Park Auditorium

**Showing Friends the
Tulsa Rose Garden**

led by Laura Chalus,
CEO of Tulsa Garden Cen-
ter, and Member since
2017

Guests welcome to join us!



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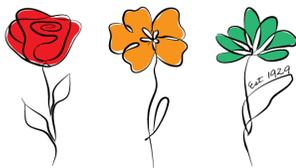
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President's Perspective

by Rose Schultz , Member since 2016

Fall (autumn) officially begins on September 22 and I think we are all ready. Some of us have burnt ends like my hosta due to the extreme heat we have endured. And with fall begins another year of meetings, gardening programs, and just getting together with friends.

While enjoying the summer some garden club members are also working hard to plan the programs, etc. for this year and I thank each of them for their time. Kathi Blazer worked with members, recruiting new members and as of today we have added 30 new members to our roster. Fleta Haskins and others secured programs for this year. Judy Carter and Carol Puckett have begun to put our finances on QuickBooks. Cathy Covington sent the Yearbook to print and we will all receive a copy at the first meeting. Beverly Barry and Cindy Rothenbucher have been searching for plants for the Holiday Fundraiser. Cindy Davis and Brenda Michael-Haggard are getting the gardens for the Garden Tour. Linda Smith has been writing the schedule for the flower show. Sue Lovelace and Judy Grotts have been holding



design classes. Phyllis Ogilvie has started sending a Member Monday Memo to keep us all informed and Sharon Williams is creating new content for the Garden Talk Newsletter. Those members I have mentioned haven't

been working alone, other members have attended meetings and are helping to accomplish many things.

Nancy Tholen will be hosting the New Member orientation meeting. We know new members are anxious to learn about Tulsa Garden Club and our projects to raise money to help others. They are also anxious to learn about gardening, landscaping, and the environment. When you see a new member, introduce yourself. It will take some time to learn their names, what a wonderful problem to have. Kathi has assigned each new member a mentor, check with her if you can mentor someone.

The October 4 meeting will be a salad luncheon at the Tulsa Garden Center, so get your delicious salad recipes out and decide which salad you will bring to share. After the meeting we will be touring the Rose Garden so wear comfortable walking shoes. Our meeting will begin at 11am, but you might want to come at 10:30am so you can reconnect with garden club members you haven't seen for a while. Sherrie will be there with some garden tools, aprons etc. so bring a few extra dollars.

Let's continue to grow right here where we are planted in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Rose Schultz, President



Planting Plants, Growing Friends

Student Grants Spotlight

By Nancy Tholen, Member since 2012 & Amy Riddle, Member since 2017

OSU Department of Horticulture & Landscape Architecture

The Tulsa Garden Club presented six scholarships Saturday, August 21, 2021, in Stillwater at the Jorns Hall in the Nancy Randolph Davis building. Scholarships were presented to:

*Jaycee Carothers	Landscape Architecture	*Jessi Garrett	Landscape Architecture
*Tanner Kyler	Landscape Architecture	*Nicholas Sahs	Landscape Architecture
*Parker Lastovica	Horticulture Student	*Julia Pirtle	Horticulture Student

Following the ceremony, the students joined us for lunch. We had great conversations and they were all most appreciative of our help and eager to talk about their futures.

The Tulsa Garden Club, established in 1929, has provided scholarships to deserving students since 1959. The National Council of Garden Clubs has recognized the Tulsa Garden Club for our extensive and continual financial support to students majoring in Horticulture. The Tulsa Garden Club was the first Oklahoma club to create an endowed scholarship fund at Oklahoma State University and continues to perpetuate its horticultural legacy.



Dick Conner Correctional Center Horticulture Program

We've had an update from John Kahre regarding ongoing programs as well as new ones. John's new boss is Dr. Peter Selden. Ms. Megan Korn is the new development officer with Tulsa Community College Foundation. As always, John notes the needs for Conner's horticulture program includes hand tools, hoes, shovels, rakes. They have an ongoing need for horticulture reference books, the old fashioned textbooks, as inmates cannot use the internet. John is going to try to find these and get the bills to Nancy. He also wanted the Tulsa Garden Club to know the inmates had a graduation rate of almost 100% at the end of the recent term!!

There is a desire for a horticultural program on the medium security side in addition to this existing program for the minimum security inmates. Conner has the facility for teaching but again, they need textbooks and everything else to teach classes. This would increase the need for tools as well.

John talked about the desire for reading materials such as landscape magazines, horticultural journals and magazines. As always, John was very appreciative of all the Tulsa Garden Club has done for the inmates and looks forward to working with us this year!

Plants vs. Pets

by Sue Lovelace, Member since 2004

Houseplants can offer so many benefits to a home. They improve air quality, add color and vibrancy to the décor, can help you sleep and reduce stress, and caring for them can be therapeutic. It's no wonder that houseplants have become an incredibly popular feature in many homes.

However, if you have pets or small children in your home, it is important to do your research on a plant. The risks of some plants outweigh the benefits as they can be toxic to both small people and pets. Lots of tropical plants with milky, sticky sap are somewhat toxic to humans and animals. Some others will make a small animal mildly ill or others can be very toxic. Positioning the plant on a high shelf might be of value to protect toddlers. Some of the most popular houseplants which are of potentially dangerous poisonous levels are listed.

- Dieffenbachia (dumb cane)
- Anthurium
- Philodendron
- Snake plant (Mother-in-law's tongue)
- Spider plant
- English ivy
- Peace lily (Spathophyllum)
- Pothos
- Caladium
- Daffodils
- Amaryllis
- Sago palm
- Poinsettia
- Cast Iron plant (Aspidistra)
- Rubber plant
- Oleander
- African violets
- Jade plant

History? Herstory! 92 Years and Growing!

By Patty Freese, Member since 2005

Tulsa Garden's Club founding Members committed to helping anyone with a garden of any size increase personal knowledge of botany and to bring more gardens to Tulsa. On October 6, 1929, the Club began its decades of gardening education. From the beginning, Members offered their own gardens and staged the Club's first flower show in May 1930.



Did You Know???

There are 13 Divisions of Daffodils

by Rose Schultz , Member since 2016



Division 1 – Trumpet Daffodil cultivars

Solitary flower with corona as long as, or longer than the tepals



Division 2 – Large cupped Daffodil cultivars

Solitary flower with corona more than one-third, but less than equal to the length of the tepals.



Division 3 – Small-cupped Daffodil cultivars

Solitary flower with corona not more than one-third the length of the tepals



Division 4 – Double Daffodil cultivars

One or more flowers with doubling of the corona or tepals or both



Division 5 – Triandrus Daffodil cultivars

Two or more flowers with characteristics of *N. triandrus*, flowers pendent and tepals reflexed



Division 6 – Cyclamineus Daffodil cultivars

Solitary flower with characteristics of *N. cyclamineus*, flowers acutely angled to stem, very short pedicel, tepals reflexed



Division 7 – Jonquilla and Apodanthus Daffodil cultivars

One to five, but rarely up to eight flowers with characteristics of sections *Jonquilla* or *Apodanthi*, flowers acutely angled to stem, corona cup or funnel shaped or flared, and usually wider than long, tepals spreading or reflexed, usually fragrant



Division 8 – Tazetta Daffodil cultivars

Three to twenty flowers, with characteristics of section *Tazetta*, flowers with tepals spreading, usually fragrant, stem stout



Division 9 – Poeticus Daffodil cultivars

Usually solitary flower, with characteristics of *N. poeticus*, flowers with corona very short to disc shaped, usually green and or yellow center and red rim (sometimes a single color), tepals white, usually fragrant



Division 10 – Bulbocodium Daffodil cultivars

Usually solitary flower, with characteristics of section *Bulbocodium*, flowers with tepals insignificant relative to corona, anthers dorsiflexed, filament and style usually curved



Division 11 – Split-corona Daffodils cultivars

Corona split, usually for more than half its length

Daffodils – Corona two whorls of three, opposite tepals

Papillon Daffodils – Corona usually single whorl of six, alternate to tepals.



Division 12 – Other Daffodil cultivars

Cultivars not fitting any of the above definitions



Division 13 – Daffodils distinguished solely by botanical name

Wild (species) daffodils and hybrids without cultivar names

Compiled from American Daffodil Society and extensive internet search.



Wascally Wabbits: A Love-Hate Relationship

By Laura Chalus, CEO of Tulsa Garden Center, Consulting Rosarian, Tulsa Rose Society,
Member since 2017

Norman and I got married on a Saturday morning at sunrise on the third terrace of the Tulsa Rose Garden, and the abbreviated guest list included some unlikely invitees – the bunnies of Woodward Park.

Arriving well before sunrise on the Saturday morning prior to our nuptials, I was sitting on one of the low limestone walls watching the clock and the twilight so I could precisely time our “I Dos”, when I noticed multiple bunnies materializing from the shrubbery. They were just so darn cute that I began having conversations with them as they were munching on their clover breakfasts, and then on a whim I ended up inviting them all to attend my wedding the following week. They seemed dubious at first, so I gave them my most compelling argument that they would be most honored guests, and at last they acquiesced and agreed to be there. If only I had considered the repercussions.

Once again, Woodward Park has produced a bumper crop of bunnies this year. Admittedly, I love watching their antics and playfulness, or at least I did until they managed to nibble down a large portion of the newly planted roses in our American Gardens Rose Selections™ (AGRS™) trials. I've already had to disqualify 3 of our 16 entries for this year. Well, phooey.

If you're not already familiar with the national AGRS™ program, roses with the American Gardens Rose Selections™ designation have been tested and grown in trial gardens around the country to weather growing conditions similar to where you live. Rose-growing experts review and rate the roses to discover their strengths and weaknesses. The roses with the highest ratings are given the prestigious American Garden Rose Selections™ award. The AGRS™ symbol lets you know that this rose has withstood multiple years of scrutiny and evaluation to deem it appropriate for your garden.

Over a period of two years, the roses are evaluated three times per growing season. Evaluators are looking for the same characteristics you would like in a garden rose. Disease-resistance is highly valued since it will give you a rewarding experience with less care required. Other criteria include flowering effect/bloom abundance, fragrance, hardiness in cold and heat, vigor, and foliage proportion. In addition, awards are given for fragrance to help guide consumers who desire roses for their fragrance.

For Oklahoma's South-Central region, some of the best AGRS™ rose selections, and which are also planted in the Tulsa Rose Garden, include Cole's Settlement, Icecap, Tequila Supreme, and Thomas Affleck. Additionally, you will also find two of the six 2021 AGRS™ winners in the Tulsa Rose Garden, including:

- Sweet Spirit™ – Regional Choice Award Winner in all regions and Fragrance Award Winner. Bred by Meilland®. Introduced by Star Roses & Plants; and
- Top Gun™ - Regional Choice Award Winner in the North Central, Southeast, and Southwest Regions. Bred by Tom Caruth. Introduced by Weeks Roses.

Lastly, if you love and grow roses for their heavenly fragrance, you can also find several of the previous AGRS™ Fragrance Award Winners in the Garden, including Munstead Wood and Princesse Charlene de Monaco.

And if you're wondering, yes, the bunnies did end up making their appearance at my wedding that morning, not only bearing witness to my pledge of never-ending love for Norman, but also putting the finishing touch on an absolutely picture-perfect sunrise in Woodward Park...



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