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11 a.m., Monday

March 4, 2024

Tulsa Garden Center

2435 South Peoria Avenue

START THEM YOUNG!



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Start Them Young! Growing Oklahoma Gardeners from the Ground Up

Brian Bovaird
Outdoor Classroom

11 a.m., Monday, March 4, 2024

Tulsa Garden Center

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For Box Lunch
at meeting
RSVP by Feb 28



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What's YOUR "more" in 2024?

- Learn of innovative STEM programming for our youngest local gardeners through Outdoor Classroom
- Participate, on March 4, with Debra Cramer and Jimmy Black, Members since 2022, as they lead Pledge of Allegiance and share Garden Inspiration
- Hear update on Project Empowerment with young gardeners through Gardening Education Partner Global Gardens
- Finalize exhibit plans for April 6, "Showing for Tulsa!"
- Pick up Advance Tickets for "Tulsa Heart & Soil" 73rd Annual Garden Tour
- Sign up to serve as Cashier and/or Hostess for "Tulsa Heart & Soil" and to help with Springfest
- RSVP/pay for April 1 meeting box lunch
- Bring loose change for Penny Pines



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January-February 11, 2024

www.TulsaGardenClub.org/Rose-Fund

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Welcome, New Member!

Karen Hey

New Member Brunch * February 24, 2024

Membership in Oklahoma's largest, longest-operating garden club, and one of the first nationally-federated garden clubs, extends Tulsa Garden Club's vision to engage the community through gardening education.

Members benefit from affiliation with Northeast District (NED) of Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc., Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc. (OGC), South Central Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc. (SCR), and National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC)

Help Us Raise Needed Money!

Bloomin' Buck\$
with Brent and Becky's

Order bulbs and perennials to plant for spring!
Click the Bloomin' Buck\$ image/link, choose
Tulsa Garden Club to "seed" in multi ways.



President's Perspective

by Kathi Blazer, Member since 2018

“You need to love the thread”

Roseanne Cash

If you were fortunate enough to attend the Town Hall February 2, Rosanne Cash, the singer, songwriter, poet and author, spoke. There was a definite take-away for Tulsa Garden Club.

When we look at our past, we have to look at the thread. If you sew you know this means what keeps things together. We need to love that thread.

For seventy years we have been housed in and connected with the Tulsa Garden Center. We are proud of this, and it has been our home all that time as well as a shared heritage.

The Garden Center has also been home to the current 15 Plant Societies. In an interesting way we are a family that lives there and with that comes responsibilities to each other.

Yes, we keep our things neat and give generously both through the Rose Fund and Patron/Tour proceeds. There's still more to do: we should be better informed on the history and every inch of Woodward Park.

We can do this by taking Docent Training on March 8, 14 or 19, 9 am to 3 pm. This is a chance for us to promote the Garden Center AND Tulsa Garden Club. We wear our aprons and wear our name tags. Click to [RSVP](#) or paste into your browser: [https://](https://www.tulsagardencentral.org/adult-programs/docent-training)

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The second way is to donate some feet on the ground – Soil Hours. Some other societies garden their own beds. We have too much space to do this, but we can help, and I see that we should as good family members. Five of us have already helped in the garden and it was a ball. Most of us are gardeners so it comes naturally.

Ideally we should help with what we gave to the Center. They do not have the manpower for the entire park and the City of Tulsa only does large maintenance, like mowing, tree removal, etc.

We have the opportunity to help with the finer garden bed work, like weeding and whatever Andy Fusco needs. Beginning February 27, we will have a dedicated time, 9 to 11 am, to do this together, weather permitting. You will also be alerted every *Member Monday* about volunteering in the gardens.

We need to work at enhancing everything we can in our home at Tulsa Garden Center. In essence, we ‘Need to Love our Thread’.



Kathi Raun Hromas Blazer
President, 2022-2024

Kathi Raun Hromas Blazer

NGC Petite Design-Specialty Flower Show
Showing for Tulsa!
1-4 p.m. * Saturday
April 6, 2024
Open & FREE to Public
Helmerich Horticulture Center
Woodward Park
TulsaGardenClub.org * TulsaGardenClub@gmail.com

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Juried petite design entries of Oklahoma youth and adult designers!

Plan NOW to Exhibit and Participate!

While exhibits may be on a smaller scale, Members' commitment and other exhibitors' passion for public education through flower shows is enormous!

Click image, left, to learn more on

[TulsaGardenClub.org](https://www.TulsaGardenClub.org).

View “Showing for Tulsa!” [Schedule](#).

Nature does not hurry yet everything is accomplished. Lao Tzu



Gardening Education in Action

By Club Awareness Team

Gardening education happens every day—made possible with the contributions of time, talent and treasures. Members give thousands of hours, expertise and skills to Tulsa Garden Club. Pictured at right are Garden Kiosk Chairs Pamie Murphy and Janet Word, Members since 2021, with featured gardening tools. Proceeds from sale of Garden Kiosk items during Member or public events funds gardening education!



Our first Wonderful Wednesday Workshop, “Hump Day,” on February 7 featured Susan Foust, Member since 2021, sharing tips and tricks in using our smartphones for nature and gardening photography. Linda Smith, Member since 2017, walked us through most neatly matting frameless photographs for exhibiting.

Join us for February 21 Hump Day as expert designers, growers, judges, and award-winning flower show exhibitors help Members and guests (could be you!) prepare for “Showing for Tulsa!” Remember, Hump Days are a Member benefit and open to OGC and North-east District club members. Non- or not-yet-members may come to learn, too!

IT'S HUMP DAY!

FEBRUARY 7 AND 21,

MARCH 6 AND 20, APRIL 3, 2024



PREPARING FOR
APRIL 6, 2024
"SHOWING FOR TULSA!"
PETITE DESIGN SPECIALTY
FLOWER SHOW

9:30-11:30 AM
TULSA GARDEN
CENTER
BALLROOM



Watch private [Members' FB group](#) for details on each Wednesday workshop. [RSVP](#) or ask questions of Sue Lovelace now OR by the Monday before each session to receive emails with “need to know/what to bring” updates.

2024
Charitable
Events
Calendar

Check out the Club's events on local community calendars. Thanks to *TulsaPeople Magazine* for including Oklahoma's oldest garden club in 2024 Charitable Events Registry!

Register YOUR GARDEN as a
**National Garden Clubs' Certified
Wildlife Habitat**

Receive a certificate.

Purchase plaque pictured at right to display in your garden!



Learn more. Help fund Tulsa Garden Club's formal and informal gardening education!

NGC Gardening School and more! Dig in to refresh or become a consultant! Register via [Eventbrite](#) or call Registrar Judy Grots, 918.630.1979.



History Bite

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

YESTERDAY

The newly formed Tulsa Garden Club, founded October 6, 1929, announced in March 1930, that persons interested in home gardening could apply to join. The application required signatures of two present Members of the Club and a \$2 entry fee.

An invitation was given to amateur horticulturists who raised their own flowers in Tulsa/vicinity to enter a flower show. "Hilltop" house, President Maud Mason's country home, became the venue for our first three flower shows. Visitors were invited to stay until dark



while enjoying the flower show and touring Mrs. Mason's gardens. Members hosted an outdoor picnic luncheon for new Members prior to public entry.

FIRST FLOWER SHOW April 30, 1930

The garage of Hilltop house held the exhibits. Also on display were florals designed by Mrs. Edwina Henry of Henry's Hot House "on the Jenks road" and Mrs. Josephine DeHaven of Mrs. DeHaven's Flower Shop.

Nearly 400 visitors attended. The 23 charter Members hosted 35 new Members. New names were handed in for membership.

SECOND FLOWER SHOW May 13, 1931 A large tent was placed on the grounds of Hilltop house for the flower show competition. The Club had 160 members by then! Cash prizes ranging from \$1 to \$5 were awarded to winners. Exhibitors were asked to bring their own one-half pint, one pint, and quart milk bottles for horticulture displays. More than 1,000 persons attended.

THIRD FLOWER SHOW May 11, 1932 As the Tulsa Garden Club grew, so did the numbers of flower show exhibits. Hilltop house amazingly accommodated 3,000 visitors. "Streams of motor cars poured through the gates of the beautiful grounds located on Lewis road south-east of the city." President Mrs. Spillers and State President Mrs. Mason awarded ribbons as prizes. Subsequent flower shows moved to the livestock building at the fairgrounds.

Resources: Club Archives with Tulsa Tribune and Tulsa World newspaper articles, 1930 - 1933

TODAY The seeds of our first flower shows have flourished. Hump Day workshops are available to help you with your entries. Definitely, come to *Showing for Tulsa!* on April 6, 2024.

As always, your contributions and support of our ongoing projects, the annual Garden Tour, Patrons/Donations, Ticket Sales, Garden Kiosk, and Garden Garage Sales impact our community!

Gardening for Birds

by Judith Weaver, Member since 2016

The Dark-eyed Junco

Seven years ago I finally paid attention to Dark-eyed Juncos. Nicknamed “Snowbirds,” juncos are some of the most commonly seen birds in Oklahoma during winter.

There are six color variations of Dark-eyed Juncos depending on their geographic range. Ours in eastern Oklahoma is the Slate-Colored Junco. It is a beautiful dark grey bird with a white belly and white outer tail feathers.

Each variety has the white flash of tail feathers. Look hard for the Slate-Colored Junco in the photo. Its tail gives it away.

What caught my attention in 2017 were the pure white tail feathers on one charcoal-grey bird. As I watched, the ground seemed to come alive with similar birds foraging under my backyard trees. It had been easy to notice sparrows,

doves, bluejays, and cardinals, but not until I spotted this one unusual white tail did I focus on the junco and its small flock. Typically juncos have white OUTER tail feathers but the one hopping beneath my bird feeder had a solid white tail (really!).

I have not since seen a junco with predominately white tail feathers like I did that year. As I kept record of when the hummingbirds migrated, I discovered that juncos appeared soon after. (This year I first spotted juncos in my backyard on October 25, 2023.)

Juncos return to the same areas each winter and are seen in Oklahoma between October and April. Each spring they retreat northward to breed and build nests. Had it not been for that amazing stark white tail, I would not be watching for this little backyard bird friend each year.

Are you willing to share your own bird/pollinator story? [Email me](#). The Club would love to read about your experience!

Learn more about our snowbird, the Dark-eyed Junco!

[AllAboutBirds.org](#)

[Birdful.org](#)

[BirdwatchingHQ.com](#) Search “Junco” for valuable information from creator Scott Keller and listen to three Dark-Eyed Junco calls



Photo courtesy of Sara Nichols, [Birdful.org](#).

[MonarchWatch.org](#) Update

...Nine (9) colonies were located this winter season with a total area of .90 hectares, a 59.3% decrease from previous season... Monarchs will need...milkweeds and nectar sources.

PLANTPLANTPLANT for this season!

Empowering Gardening Education

by Susan Foust, Member since 2021

Come and help out at our **Tulsa Garden Club Buds & Blooms Youth** tables in various locations!

- **April 6** *Showing for Tulsa!* Petite Design Specialty Flower Show, Contest Awards and Recycled Sculpture Workshop, **Tulsa Garden Center**
- **April 12-15** *Springfest*, **Teaching Garden**
- **April 17** *Homeschool Group Visit*, the **Teaching Garden**
- **April 19** *Earth Day*, **Chandler Park**
- **April 26** *Arbor Day*, **Woodward Park Arboretum**
- **May 4** *Plant Pollinator Sale*, **Teaching Garden**



- **June 2-8** *National Garden Week*, **Teaching Garden**
- **July 13** *Pond Plant Sale*, **Teaching Garden**
- **TBA** Tulsa Garden Club Horticulture Specialty Flower Show, **Tulsa Garden Center**
- **Sept 14** *Fall Plant Sale*, **Teaching Garden**

Questions? Ready to sign up? Call one of your Youth Team!

Susan Foust * 918-607-3977

Jane Crawford Berger * 918-378-9855

Kimberly Thompson * 210-422-6320

Help Young Artists

At our April 6 flower show your Youth Team will host a recycled materials sculpture workshop. Each final work of art will be entered in the next NGC contest rotation.

Here's how you can help: **Bring to March and April meetings**, any odds & ends that you might recycle. Grab **plastic bits, parts or metal pieces of medical and food containers, bottles, caps, pumps, "geegaws and what-nots"**.

We will help young artists build animals, robots and other mysterious creations!

Drop your recycled sculpture "ingredients" in the box during our March 4 and April 1 meetings.

OKLAHOMA
Gardening

Watch #gardeningeducationpartner [Oklahoma Gardening](#) on OETA, every weekend:

11 a.m. Saturday * 3 p.m. Sunday

Enjoy [Oklahoma Gardening Classics](#) on YouTube, anytime!

Everyone can grow in our garden! www.TulsaGardenClub.org @TulsaGardenClub



Tulsa Heart & Soil

By Sandy Farris, Member since 2004

Our generous garden/homeowners and Tour Patrons are the heart of Oklahoma's longest-running garden tour!

TODAY, February 15, is the deadline to add your name (or your business name!) to Tour Advance Tickets. Advance Tickets go on sale to the public in March and will be visible all over Green Country on desks, refrigerators, and in pockets, handbags and social media for a full two months leading up to ***Tulsa Heart & Soil!*** Tour Day, **May 11, 2024!**



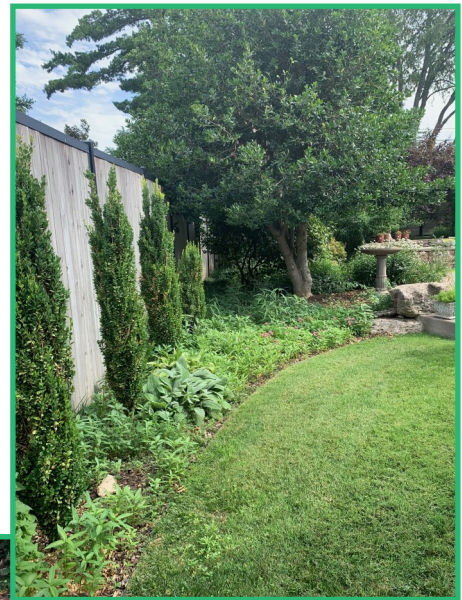
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Tour Patrons, like you, help fund... learning and digging in with gardeners of all ages and backgrounds:

- o youth in Teaching Garden's Bloomin' Buds, 4-H, Global Gardens, Earth Day, Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster and other NGC contests
- o adult Members, guests and participants in Tulsa Garden Center programs, Club horticulture, floral design and garden tours
- o Oklahoma State University students in Horticulture and Landscape Architecture
- o Conner Correctional Center inmates enrolled in Tulsa Community College's Second Chance horticulture



Tulsa Garden Club's mission is to embrace civic and environmental responsibilities by providing education, resources and networking to promote the love of gardening.



THANK YOU,
Carla Gilbert,
for sharing your garden
♥ 2846 East 34th Street ♥
during
Tulsa Heart & Soil!

Watch for more on TulsaGardenClub.org, [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com)— maybe [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com), too!

