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**11 a.m., Monday
February 5, 2024
Tulsa Garden Center
2435 South Peoria Avenue**

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Tulsa Garden Club Experts
Judy Grotts, Linda Smith &
Sue Lovelace

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Educate & Inspire
for April "Showing for
Tulsa!" Flower Show
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Happy New Year!

*You know there's more in store
in 2024 as your Club...*

- Presents SOLD OUT "Designer's Choice" Hands-on Floral Design Workshop, January 24, with NGC Master Accredited Flower Show Judge/Design Instructor Cathy Waitinas
- Features on February 5, Sandy Farris, Member since 2004, and Sharon Williams, Member since 2019 leading Pledge of Allegiance and Garden Inspiration
- Extends Project Empowerment with young gardeners through Gardening Education Partner 4-H
- Learns floral design insights with designers and/or Accredited Flower Show Judges Judy Grotts, Member since 1996, Sue Lovelace, Member since 2004, and Linda Smith, Member since 2017, as we plan our exhibits for "Showing for Tulsa!"



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Welcome, New Members!

Bill Godfrey

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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' Bucks
with Brent and Becky's

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



President's Perspective

by Kathi Blazer, Member since 2018

Life With Design

January is a month of reflection. Here's what I'm thinking about: Design.

We have the word everywhere — Designer's Choice, Petite Design Specialty Flower Show, Designer Showcase, Tulsa Designs, etc. I have never fancied myself as a designer yet I always participate in Design programs. What I have discovered is that elusive word for me is beginning to take shape. Visual sensitivity has really amped up with some positive effects on production. Design elements, taken literally, are elements of structure that convey a message: line, space, form, shape, texture, tone (or value) and color. We are reminded at all workshops to keep these in mind.

The basic principles of design are: contrast, balance, emphasis, proportion, hierarchy, repetition, rhythm, pattern, white space, movement, variety and unity. How in the world can we keep all of this in mind when designing? It is simple — training the eye and the brain to see and evaluate, keeping the elements and principles in mind through repetition. The more often we participate in the exercise, the better our vision becomes.

Design has a much broader application than just arranging flowers: it influences how we dress, how we decorate our homes, how we plant, how we create a menu, and, yes, how we treat others: Life by Design. It creates a system by which we conduct our lives. Balance, emphasis, hierarchy, variety, unity, proportionality and movement are some of the system's qualities.

So, if you are like me, and think design is not in your wheelhouse, think again. It is everywhere. The more we focus on the principles, the more orderly and pleasant life becomes around us. Every workshop enhances our design sensibilities and offers us the opportunity to enhance the world around us while creating floral arrangements.

Kathi Raun Hromas Blazer



Kathi Raun Hromas Blazer
President, 2022-2024

A Petite Design Specialty Show

by Rose Schultz, Member since 2016, President 2020-2022, *Showing for Tulsa!* General Show Chair

So what's in a name? Let's start with "flower show". Staged to showcase exhibits interpreting themes, there are 5 possible divisions in a flower show; Horticulture (plants you grow), Design (floral exhibits you create), Education (information shared with the public) Botanical Arts (artistic designs, crafts and photography) and Youth (for exhibitors under 18 years of age). A flower show must have either horticulture and/or design. Our flower shows extend the Club's gardening education mission to help the public and exhibitors learn. All flower shows include the Education division. Botanical Arts and Youth divisions are optional in all shows.

The most common type of show is a Standard Flower Show which consists of Horticulture with 5 classes and 20 exhibits or more, and Design with 5 classes and 20 exhibits or more, and 2 exhibits in Education. A Small Standard Flower Show is the same except it only needs 3 classes with 12 exhibits in both the Horticulture and Design divisions with 2 Education exhibits.

A Specialty Flower Show can have either Horticulture or Design division but does not need both. The number of classes doubles, though. So, a Design Specialty Flower Show has 10 classes with 40 exhibits and 2 exhibits in Education. Either optional division may or may not be included.

In a Petite Flower Show all horticulture must be naturally small plants, shrubs, etc., and the designs must be 12" or less. The Show schedule dictates any smaller sizes under 12".

Now, a Petite Design Specialty Flower Show is all Design, no Horticulture. All exhibits are under 12". Our upcoming *Showing for Tulsa!* is for 6", 9" and/or 12" designs and includes both of the optional Botanical Arts and Youth divisions. Show Schedule is available next week. Join us April 6, 2024!



Gardening Education in Action

By Club Awareness Team

Wow! January 24 "Designer's Choice" Floral Design Workshop is FILLED/SOLD OUT!

Speaking of workshops, though...

Each Wonderful Wednesday Workshop, fondly known as "Hump Day", features expert designers, growers, judges, and award-winning flower show exhibitors! A Member benefit, Hump Days are open to Members and guests, including OGC and Northeast District club members. Non or not-yet members may join us, too!

RSVP to Sue Lovelace, TulsaGardenClub@gmail.com now OR by Monday before each session.

Watch our Members' private FB group for details on each Wednesday workshop. Once you RSVP to Sue, you will receive emails with "need to know" updates.

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
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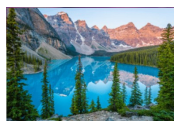
Take advantage of longer winter days and nights allow for major gardening learning and planning. What's your favorite...

Books, guides, The Farmer's Almanac? Seed catalogs?

YouTube videos? Facebook groups?

NGC Gardening School and more! Cushing Gladiolus and Tulsa garden clubs co-sponsored NGC Environmental School last year, now Gardening School via Zoom. Dig in to remaining sessions. Register via [Eventbrite](#) or call Registrar Judy Grotts, 918.630.1979.

Learn more about NGC Schools to refresh or to become a consultant!



Environmental School

Helping members become accomplished environmental consultants. Helping others engage in environmental education.



Flower Show School

Flower Show School is a comprehensive program that teaches all you need to know about judging, entering, competing and chairing a NGC flower show.



Gardening School

Gardening Schools provide educational information to those who are especially interested in gardening, horticulture and related subjects.



Landscape Design School

Landscape Design School aims to help members develop a greater appreciation of the environment, both natural and human made.



History Bite

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

YESTERDAY

The Tulsa Garden Club has adopted causes to promote gardening throughout its existence. In 1956 Club Members helped bring about the following two educational projects.

A junior gardening program was sponsored by the Club that involved 20 schools. Junior gardening became a part of the science program with gardening activities created specifically for children. The Club allocated a fund to buy pots, vermiculite, seeds, watering cans, peat moss and other essentials that were delivered to science teachers. The Club's spring flower show highlighted the work of junior gardeners by displaying plant and potting activities.



Another educational project was explained in a Tulsa Tribune article on September 15, 1956: "Do you know that the Tulsa Garden Club does garden therapy work at the St. John Vianney Home for Girls south of Tulsa? They have a full program for the girls and

Members teach them to garden, make flower arrangements, corsages and to decorate for gala days."

TODAY

Garden Club Members support youth gardening education by collaborating with the Teaching Garden at Woodward Park. The Youth Committee (Susan Foust, Jane Crawford, Kimberly Thompson, Griffin Ryker) have put a lot of energy into delivering children's activities throughout the year: Smokey Bear coloring contest, Springfest, Earth Day, Arbor Day, Flower Show Youth Division, 5th grade Outdoor Classroom, and Pond Sale. They transformed the children's corner in The Barn (next to the Helmerich Center) for Buds & Blooms activities.

Tulsa Garden Center nominated our Club for the prestigious Keep Oklahoma Beautiful 2023 Environmental Excellence Awards to recognize the Youth Committee's work on Buds & Blooms for the Teaching Garden. Thanks to our Youth Committee, we won the statewide award for the Nonprofit Serving Population greater than 40,000. Award pictured p. 7.

Learn more. Give to gardening education. TulsaGardenClub.org.

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

Oklahoma “Redbirds”

Northern Cardinals, often called “Redbirds,” are found statewide except the western half of the Panhandle. Here are some intriguing facts about the Cardinals in Oklahoma:

1. Striking Appearance

The vibrant red plumage of the male Cardinal adds a burst of color to the Oklahoma landscape. The female exhibits a subtle blend of tan and red hues, complementing the male. No other Oklahoma bird has the Cardinal’s thick, orange-red bill.

2. Year-Round Residents

Oklahoma birdwatchers love to hear cheerful calls and songs of the Northern Cardinal throughout each season. In the winter, they usually travel and feed in small flocks of two to 15 birds, yet in prolonged periods of snowy weather, they may form larger flocks of as many as 40 birds.



Click image to hear a Northern Cardinal call recorded by Bob McGuire, courtesy McAuley Library

3. Adaptable Habitats

Cardinals are common in a variety of habitats including backyard gardens. As long as there are trees and large shrubs for cover, they may nest as early as February and continue into the start of fall.

4. Mates for Life

Cardinals are not a very long-lived species (the average lifespan is just three years or so), which means Cardinal pairs that mate for just a few consecutive seasons will have effectively paired for life, producing one or two broods each year.

5. Varied Diet

Backyard birdfeeders often attract Cardinals providing bird enthusiasts the opportunity for up-close observation. Cardinals feed on black-oil sunflower seeds, safflower seeds, millet and milo. Away from feeders they forage for various seeds, some insects, and some berries.

Learn more about our Oklahoma “Redbirds”!

[Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation](#)

[Birdfact.com](#) The definite guide to Birdwatching around the world

Empowering Gardening Education

by Susan Foust, Member since 2021

We are always learning. Or, at least, we can, could, should always be learning.

I learn more when helping another person learn—from working with my granddaughter on her reading to leading a hands-on activity with fellow “old” gardeners or with students planting seeds in recycled K-cups.

It is certainly applicable in our work with young gardeners in Tulsa Garden Club’s Buds & Blooms space in The Barn of the Teaching Garden at Woodward Park. Tulsa Garden Center asked the Club to re-work the northeast corner of The Barn as a more welcoming space for children.

As the corner transformed, so did Club Members. We embraced youth gardening as a key element of our gardening education mission—start ‘em young!”—expanding decades-long NGC youth programs and initiating new partnerships with others who are, now, our Gardening Education Partners. Our Youth Team can even take gardening education on the road!

Youth Contest Deadlines

To Oklahoma Garden Clubs

Feb 1 Butterfly Contest
Conservation Poster Contest
Wildflower Contest

Mar 1 Litter & Pollution Control
Poster Contest
Spunky Squirrel

NGC’s Smokey Bear (big 80th birthday!) Contest entries are already headed to the next phase of judging!

Questions? Contact Susan:
TulsaGardenClub@gmail.com.



Tulsa Garden Center nominated the Club for our Youth Team efforts with the Teaching Garden. Last November, President Blazer and I were surprised and honored to hear “Tulsa Garden Club” announced from the podium. We received Keep Oklahoma Beautiful’s 2023 Environmental Excellence Award as the Nonprofit Serving Population greater than 40,000. We learned (there’s that word, again!) that communities across the state are being impacted by residents committed to the environment and empowering neighbors of all ages and backgrounds through education in the natural world, conservation, beautification

and recycling. (Click Award image for nomination video.)

We Club Members do learn. As heartwarming as it is seeing a youngster’s eyes light up at the wonder of nature is the Club’s work with inmates at Conner Correctional Center. Inmates enrolled in Tulsa Community College’s Second Chance program learn more about themselves as they experience the therapeutic benefits of gardening. Plus the inmates develop skills and knowledge for roles in lawn and landscape management upon their release. What fun it is to be a part of Oklahoma’s oldest garden club touching multi generations!

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!



Be Tulsa's Heart & Soil

By Sandy Farris, Member since 2004

PALLADIUM PATRON

Christine Detrick
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Join us by February 15. 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 handbags (and social media) for those two months leading up to May 11 Tour.



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Featured garden/homeowners offer their hearts AND soil to help make the Tour a most special gardening education event. Tell each of them "THANKS!!" when you see them in coming weeks:

Carla Gilbert

Nikki and Frank Rhoades

Fayenelle and Jay Helm

Jane and Monty Butts

Watch for more on

TulsaGardenClub.org,
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[YouTube](https://www.youtube.com), too!

