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June 2024



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**Next Member Meeting**  
**11 a.m., Monday**  
**October 7, 2024**  
**Tulsa Garden Center**

**JUNE 3 2024 MEMBERS & GARDENING  
EDUCATION PARTNERS CELEBRATE  
NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK**



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# Tulsa Garden Club 2023-2024 Officers

## *Planting Oklahoma: Let's Think Global and Plant Local*

President *Kathi Blazer*

1st Vice President *Cathy Covington*

2nd Vice President *Jimmy Black*

Recording Secretary *Jane Crawford*

Corresponding Secy *Sharon Williams*

Treasurer *Phyllis Ogilvie*

Assistant Treasurer *Jeri Keith*

Historians *Judy Weaver & Linda Smith*

Standing Committees

Awareness *Brenda Michael-Haggard*

Education *Susan Foust*

Membership *Cathy Covington*

Organization *Fleta Haskins*

Garden Tour/Patrons *Sandy Farris & Brenda Michael-Haggard*



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April 9 - June 21, 2024

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## Welcome, New Member!

Tracy Andoe

Welcome to ALL 21 New Members during 2023-2024!!

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 fall!  
Click the Bloomin' Buck\$ image/link, choose Tulsa Garden Club to "seed" in multi ways.





# President's Perspective

by Kathi Blazer, Member since 2018

## Two Years in Perspective

Arranging and preparing the notebooks for transition to our new President, Cathy Covington, has been absolutely alarming. We work many things at a time and focus on what is current or downwind but to see it all in a couple day's time is overwhelming. What this club produces and does is incomparable. We are a train, (not wreck) with many cars, that steadily moves down the track. There's an engineer in every car. Our destination has been engaging the community through gardening education. We reach the destination yearly and then turn around to go again.

You all are the train and it is with great pride that we say we are accomplishing our mission: embracing civic and environmental responsibilities by providing education, resources and networking to promote the love of gardening.

*Kathi Raun Hromas Blazer, President 2022-2024*



"Happy Birthday!" cakes and *Callicarpa dichotoma* 'Early Amethyst' gift from several Members were coordinated by Member Linda Martileno-Newton.

## 2024-2025 Officers Installed

Congratulations! Monday, June 3, during "Dining Global, Honoring Local" with Members and Guests, your officers for the coming year were installed. Pictured, below, left to right:



**2nd Vice President, Program**  
Jimmy Black

**Recording Secretary**  
Jane Crawford

**President** Cathy Covington

**Organization Team Chair**  
Fleta Haskins

**Assistant Treasurer** Jeri Keith

**Treasurer** Phyllis Ogilvie

**Corresponding Secretary**  
Sharon Williams

Not pictured: 1st Vice President, Membership Susan Henderson and Historian Carol Puckett

Excerpts were read from proclamations from Governor Kevin Stitt for "Oklahoma Garden Week" and Mayor G. T. Bynum's "Tulsa Garden Week". See page 6 for more!

*With fronds like these who needs anemones???*

[50 Short, Funny, & Favorite Garden Quotes, Jokes, & Puns \(empressofdirty.net\)](https://empressofdirty.net)

# Go #GenerationGreen

By Susan Foust, Member since 2022

School may be out for the summer, yet learning is in full swing! Contact the Club's Youth Team to plug into nature and STEM activities in the teaching Garden at Woodward Park.

## Join the Youth Team, Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance, Boy/Girl Scouts

9 a.m.—12:30 p.m. each Tuesday Teaching Garden at Woodward Park

4-5 p.m. June 29 *Conservatory Centennial Dedication*, Club sponsored a table in Carriage House to make terrariums. The plan was for children yet 40 adults also wanted to do it. Great successful fun!

9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 13 SIX VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for two shifts!! "Pond Biome" activities during Pond Plant Sale, Teaching Barn, Teaching Garden at Woodward Park

Contact **Susan Foust** TODAY to be part of the Club's Youth Team!

**Congratulations!** Oklahoma Garden Clubs' (OGC) Northeast District (NED) presented certificates and cash awards for Smokey Bear's 80th Birthday poster contest during May 30 "Spring Shenanigans"!

**Tomorrow's Gardeners  
National Garden Week  
and Beyond**

### First Grade

- 1st Place Kinley James
- 2nd Place William Hutcheson
- 3rd Place Kopelyn Barlass

### Second Grade

- 1st Place Nathan Buck
- 2nd Place Madelyn Arroyo
- 3rd Place Sadie Sunderland

### Third Grade

- 1st Place Gavin Rasmussen
- 2nd Place Lydia West
- 3rd Place Gavin Keck

### Fourth Grade

- 1st Place Jolie Kevern
- 2nd Place Lily Weirich
- 3rd Place Lincoln Reininger

### Fifth Grade

- 1st Place Gabriel Brown
- 2nd Place Gabriel Cruz
- 3rd Place Suri Lock



**11:30 a.m., August 18**  
Promote your Club as  
Tulsa Drillers Community  
Corner! **Email** by August 15  
for details.

*What's small, red, and whispers?*

A hoarse radish!

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# On the Road...National Garden Clubs, Inc.

by Rose Schultz, Member since 2016, and Kathi Blazer, Member since 2018

## May 22-24, 2024 Your St. Louie Seven

In the early 1900s, garden clubs grew across the young United States of America. In March 1929 representatives from state federations of these local garden clubs gathered in New York City.

Basic objectives established, then, are relevant today: knowledge and networking. Just like Tulsa Garden Club!

Grover Spillers, husband of our very own Lorena Spillers, Club President, 1933-1935, suggested building a permanent headquarters. His suggestion "happened" to be during Mrs. Spillers' presidency (1951-1953) with

National Council of State Garden Clubs (NCSGC). By 1959 the first building was dedicated as a centrally-located home in St. Louis, Missouri, for national and international garden clubs, now National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). Evolution continues at all levels of local, district, state, regional and international, including dissolution of Tulsa Council of Federation Garden Clubs. Tulsa Council clubs still in existence were granted funds for Members' gardening education travel.

*Rose Schultz*

## June 2-5, 2024 Your NGC Convention Crew

We've all been to National Conventions of something over the years. The effectiveness varies and every so often you get a fabulous one that reaffirms your desire to go again. This was one of those fabulous conventions: 336 attendees, 8 from Oklahoma, a schedule that ran on time all the time, good food, lovely hotel and, most important, high-interest content and limited down time.



May 23, 2024 "St. Louie Seven" toured NGC headquarters, pictured presenting the Club's Penny Pines contribution for Ouachita National Forest. See page 6 for Penny Pine recipients honored on June 3!

- Floral Design basics by Frances Thrash, The NGC Design Chair and Lynn Fronk on Floral Design. (Lynn is coming to the Oklahoma Judges Symposium in Stroud, July 26.)
- American Public Gardens Assn by CEO Michelle Provaznik. Woodward Park is one of 600 (Tulsa Garden Center regularly wins awards.)
- Lavender growing and using, Canva for beginners, Colorado Garden Foundation Garden and Home Show, Vendors that were relevant.
- Social Hour every day at 6 p.m.
- Unusual creative table arrangements at lunch and dinner
- Smokey Bear program by our own Judy Grotts who heads the national

initiative. Everyone knows Judy and she is constantly surrounded and working out details of information for everything. We are SO proud of her.

- Huge Smokey Bear tables with endless free items
- Espoma and Ames tables encouraging grant applications
- Friendly, wonderful attendees from 48 states and Latin American countries
- We received the Award for Horticulture Specialty Flower Show, application written by Linda Smith

Jane Crawford and I arrived Monday evening after a long day of Tulsa Garden Club activity. We had an Uber driver woman from Haiti and checked into the hotel with a Ukranian clerk. Denver has changed since I was there 30 years ago and every driver gave us information on the growth. We were also able to go to the Butterfly Pavilion that was like walking into a fairy fantasy set.

It was a fun and informative convention with many treasures and I loved my roommate (Jane). I will go again!!!!

*Kathi Blazer*

# National Garden Week 2024

by Susan Henderson, Member since 2021

## MORE Congratulations!

Oklahoma Garden Clubs' (OGC) Northeast District (NED) presented certificates and cash awards for Tulsa Garden Club projects during May 30 "Spring Shenanigans"!

### 1st Place

- \* National Garden Week
- \* Publication
- \* Yearbook
- \* Digital Media
- \* Flower Show Achievement
- \* Yearbook Theme

## Members & Partners

### Celebrate



**National Garden Week** June 2-8, 2024

Sunday	<i>Start Your Green Engines!</i>
Monday	<i>Celebrate!</i>
Tuesday	<i>Tomorrow's Gardeners!</i>
Wednesday	<i>Let's Help!</i>
Thursday	<i>Flowers for Friends!</i>
Friday	<i>Tea Time!</i>
Saturday	<i>Beautiful Tulsa!</i>

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Above/left: Members Sandy Farris honored deceased Members, Jeri Keith presented Susan Foust The Golden Trowel, and Delores Comfort, Lynn Michael, Linda Smith and Fleta Haskins (not pictured: Jimmy Black and Linda Martileno-Newton) named Penny Pines honorees.



Right: Past Presidents Vicki Dillion, Josie Driskill, Sue Lovelace, Brenda Michael-Haggard and Judy Carter were surprised with "Gold Medal" recognition.

## Grants 2023-2024 Gardening Education Partners/ Empowerment Groups

- A New Leaf
- Food on the Move
- Global Gardens
- Global Partners Running Waters
- Nature Conservancy/Tallgrass Prairie
- Oklahoma 4-H
- Outdoor Classroom
- Pawnee Seed Preservation
- Penny Pines
- TCC Foundation Second Chance Program/Conner Correctional
- Tulsa Garden Center
- Up With Trees

**73rd Annual Garden Tour**  
Saturday May 11, 2024

## Tulsa Heart & Soil

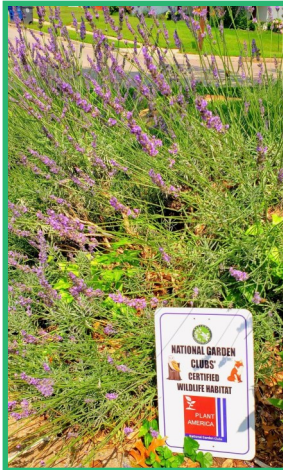
- 4 Midtown Gardens
- 146% Patrons/Donations over Goal
- \$13k Gardening Ed Grants
- 700 Garden Guests
- \$6k Tour Day Sales
- 306 Raffle Tix Sold
- 50 Volunteers

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# National Garden Week 2024 Continues

By Susan Henderson, Member since 2021



Flowers for Friends, Tea Time and Beautiful Tulsa!



Celebrate National Garden Week on the road less traveled. Which road...any road...?

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gardening community education

## Magical Mystery Tour IV

8am-5pm Wednesday, Jun 12, 2024

Depart-Return: Tulsa Garden Center  
2435 S Peoria AVE Tulsa

June 5 RSVP deadline

\$60\* check: Tulsa Garden Club OR Eventbrite  
\*Incl private bus/lunch/snacks/fees

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Surprise!!! Old and New Garden Friends Visited Food on the Move and Oklahoma's beloved Woolaroc Museum and Wildlife Preserve



Our fourth Magical Mystery Tour took 32 trusting travelers, first to [Food on the Move](#) (FOTM), to learn

more about reducing hunger. In small groups, the FOTM team (including our own Member Griffin Ryker!) introduced us to the expanding indoor and outdoor growing operations. It was inspiring and prompted several of us to donate, volunteer or sign up for [LocalFarmOK!](#)

Next, lunch on the [Woolaroc Lodge](#) patio where Frank Phillips entertained was followed by a special tour of the upstairs living quarters. Of course we ended up in the Museum (and Museum Store)! First-/long-time Woolaroc visitors experienced the beauty, history and art at every turn. We had active discussion on the bus ride home about the impact of things we saw!



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# Providing for Pollinators

By Judith Weaver, Member since 2016

## Nectar for Bees and Hummingbirds

There are similarities between how bees and hummingbirds feed. You can almost think of hummingbirds as “Feathered Bees.” They are both small animals with buzzing wings, they zip from flower to flower, and both love sweet nectar.

The eyes and brains of hummingbirds and bees are very different but both use visual information to find food sources. They must navigate a sea of color to get their daily fill. They try to locate good flowers with lots of high-calorie nectar. They waste little time with sugar-poor nectar flowers.

Hummingbirds love the nectar recipe made by humans: four (4) parts water to one (1) part

sugar—no dyes!). Ants, bees, hornets, and wasps are also attracted. Hummingbirds aren't deterred by a few sugar-loving insects on their feeder, but when too many bugs feed on the nectar and monopolize the feeder, hummingbirds don't visit at all.

There are ways to separate bees and insects from a hummingbird feeder without harming them. Never use pesticide sprays, household oils, and chemicals because even small amounts can kill them. Oils can coat Hummingbird feathers making it difficult, or impossible, to fly.

A successful method I use came from comments in 2023 from a private Facebook group, “Oklahoma Hummingbird Watchers.” Soak bread in a pan of sugar



Top left and right: ruby-throated hummingbird keeping an eye on a bee. Bottom left: bees are very attracted to yellow color and sugar water. Bottom right: sometimes a hummer will “brave the bees” to get a drink. All photos by ©Maria de Bruyn.

water and place it on the ground beneath the hummingbird feeder. The bees love it and leave the hummingbird feeder alone. (I also use an ant moat. Since ants can't swim they stay away.)

Some people offer a substitute feeder for bees, preferably a yellow one, with a sweeter nectar solution made up of one (1) part water to one (1) part sugar in the spring, and a two (2) to one (1) ratio in the fall.

Learn more by clicking on these awesome websites:

[www.TheSpruce.com/HummingbirdNectarRecipe](http://www.TheSpruce.com/HummingbirdNectarRecipe)

[www.BirdsandBlooms.com/Birding](http://www.BirdsandBlooms.com/Birding)

[www.Audubon.org/ToUnderstandHowHummingbirds...](http://www.Audubon.org/ToUnderstandHowHummingbirds...)

### Register as a Certified Pollinator Garden



\* Receive personalized certificate.

\* Purchase plaque, pictured at left, to display in your own garden.

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

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

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