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Grow Again*
May 2024



Tulsa Garden Club
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Member: National Garden Clubs
and Oklahoma Garden Clubs

Beautifying Tulsa since 1929!

**11 a.m., Monday
June 3, 2024**

**Ti Amo Ristorante Italiano
6024 South Sheridan Road**

TO TREASURER/EVENTBRITE BY:

MAY 29 \$35 JUNE 3 CELEBRATION

JUNE 5 \$60 MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR

**Dining Global,
Honoring Local
Annual Appreciation
Luncheon**

**11 a.m., Monday
June 3, 2024**

RSVP by
May 29

**Celebrating
National Garden
Week 2024!**

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

Plant America, Feed the World!

*Time to celebrate another productive and fun year!
All of our empowerment recipients have also been
invited to join us, so let's go out with a bang!*

- Lunch of chicken picatta, fettucine alfredo, vegan lasagna, vegetable, salad, garlic bread, wine optional
- Welcome, Gerry Auel, retired Travel Abroad Coordinator, and Steve Hallgren, Assistant Professor in Resource and Ecology Management! Gerry and Steve met while serving in the Peace Corps in the 1960s. After retirement at 70+ years of age, they signed on, again, for two more stints. They are charming, entertaining individuals and will share their adventures with us.
- Sheila Gist, Member since 2013, and Brenda Michael-Haggard, Member since 1995, lead Pledge of Allegiance and share Garden Inspiration.
- Approve 2024-2025 in short business meeting.
- Tribute to members will be in printed program.
- Some fun and games.
- Bring loose change/currency to support our Ouachita National Forest through Penny Pines.
- Celebrate Nat'l Garden Week and get more clues about Magical Mystery Tour IV.
- Sign up to volunteer: Buds 'n Blooms/Generation Green, Drillers Community Corner, AND 2024-2025 Awareness, Education, Membership and Organization teams. Strategic planning for the Club PLUS flower show and Tour prep, this summer.

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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Welcome, New Member!

Cheri Rhodes

Ellen Thomason

Dawn Young

**You are invited to our next meeting, 11
a.m., Monday, June 3, at Ti Amo
Ristorante Italiano. RSVP by May 29 to
POgilvi@gmail.com.**

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



National Garden Week 2024

Planting Oklahoma: Let's think global and plant local

Sunday, June 2 *NGW Kickoff* Enjoy your garden!

Monday, June 3 *Celebrate* "Dining Global, Honoring Local" with Members and Guests. Recognition, awards, installation of officers at Ti Amo Ristorante Italiano

Tuesday, June 4 *Tea Time* Invite a friend or neighbor to enjoy a cup of tea, coffee, lemonade, and share your garden—flowers, herbs, vegetables, or all. Include your knowledge of gardening with plant names, growing conditions, etc.

Wednesday, June 5 *Let's Help* Spend an hour or so of your day making a flower bed beautiful. Just not your own. Beautify a church, a neighbor's, school, public space or park.

Thursday, June 6 *Flowers for Friends* Share your blooming flowers by cutting a bouquet and surprising a coworker, minister, teacher, any special person. Be sure to tell them the meaning of the flowers and some additional information.

Friday, June 7 *Tomorrow's Gardeners* Youth/Buds & Blooms/GenerationGreen hands-on and STEM activity in Teaching Garden

Saturday, June 8 *Beautiful Tulsa* Gather your children, grandchildren, family or friends for a slow drive through Woodward Park. Park the car and stroll through the Rose Garden. Enjoy the Conservatory, Arboretum, Teaching Garden, and the beauty of the Park. Take photographs to post on social media. Be sure to tag @Tulsa Garden Center at Woodward Park and mention it is @National Garden Club and @Tulsa Garden Club's recognition of National Garden Week (#NGW). FB/Insta @TulsaGardenClub #NGW #OklahomaGardenWeek

Wednesday, June 12 *Magical Mystery Tour IV* Learn more, page 8! [RSVP](#).

Failure: The Key to Success in a Garden

Are the plants still there that I planted seven years ago?

Well, good question. All of the autumn and lipstick sage are here; after six years, the Shrubby St John's wort is truly blooming, anemone and purple oxalis pop up everywhere. What's not here and probably only lasted a season or two: foxglove seeded twice and was gone; German statice, lantana, Muhly Grass, penstemon etc. I remember what didn't make it and try to figure out why or not plant it again. It's not rocket science: poor placement, inappropriate watering, inappropriate sun, when it was planted and dogs. I have not had to deal with pests.

I don't focus on successes as everything was done just right for them (sometimes accidentally). It's the failures that we learn from and try not to repeat. I've learned that "Sun to Partial Shade" means very little. East and south-facing beds do better overall and west is a crap shoot while north is perfect for outdoor summering of house plants. Reading carefully about each plant's needs is serious business. Choice of organic soil and fertilizer is a priority.

Well, everything's a priority but eventually we know the steps to go through with each individual plant. Failure is where I've learned everything, where I've analyzed, where I've regrouped. It is the key to true and real gardening success.

Note that I haven't addressed the issue that the garden always looks fine because of the endless new/replacement items that make it into my car. And, I won't address it.

When anyone says, "I don't have a green thumb" or "Everything I try to grow dies" a good quick reassuring response is, "Successful gardening is 50% failure. Try again." *Kathi Raun Hromas Blazer*



Kathi Raun Hromas Blazer

President, 2022-2024

Special Tulsa Garden Club Member Awards

By Judith Weaver, Member since 2016

Tulsa Garden Club flower shows are staged in accordance with National Garden Clubs' guidelines. As a result, there are established Show, Division, and Section Awards available for exhibitors. Over the decades, the Club has added special flower show awards recognizing Members who have impacted the Club and flower show programming.

Design and Horticulture divisions have these special awards. At one time engraved plaques, silver trays, glass or acrylic (physical) awards were presented, then displayed in Tulsa Garden Center Auditorium foyer. Let's look at the Special Tulsa Garden Club Member Awards.



Denise Caves Creativity Award *Highest scoring Creative Design* in the Design Division with a Rosette of green and blue ribbons



When Sue Lovelace, Member since 2004, was Tulsa Garden Club President (2011-2013), she designated this recognition award for Denise. Sue and other Members were close to Denise working on flower show schedules and active in the Club. Denise "thought out of the box" displaying beautiful creative designs. She "could make something out of nothing" and was "loads of fun." Her house was a "Garden Club Wonderland."

Sue remembers that Denise was an art teacher, musician, loved opera, ballet, the theater, and the Philharmonic.

Edith Bernard Award *Highest scoring Design by a novice designer* in the Design Division. (A Novice is a member who has not won a blue ribbon in the named division in a Tulsa Garden Club flower show.) Rosette of white ribbons

Members who have won the Edith Bernard Award are honored to be recognized as a novice designer. Jeri Keith, Member since 2023, won the award soon after she joined and wanted to know a little about Edith. Judith Carter, Member since 2007, herself a recipient, remembers hearing about Edith being an avid gardener/grower and a generous supporter of the community and the Club. Edith's estate gifted a new building to Family and Children's Services in 1972.

Patty Moore Award *Highest scoring Exhibition Table* in the Table Artistry Division with a Rosette of two shades of blue ribbons.

Joanna Chapman (member since 1982) was a mentor to Patty as well as to many Club members who are interested in table artistry. Joanna remembers that Patty's creativity was exceptional. Patty had "great table collections" and was always willing to make herself available to help members entering Exhibition Table design classes. Her support and encouragement inspired flower show entrants to create floral designs suggesting the service of food for functional and non-functional table appointments.



Spring makes its own statement, so loud and clear that the gardener seems to be only one of the instruments, not the composer.

Geoffrey B. Charlesworth

History Bite

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

YESTERDAY

Mrs. Sybil Racette, President of the Tulsa Garden Club (1954-1956), announced that the club would host its first flower show in the Tulsa Garden Center on May 7-8, 1955. The theme, "Flying Colors," was interpreted by exhibitors with the use of colorful birds, flowers, insects, and tropical fish.



Decorations, flower arrangements, table settings, and shadow boxes were on display reflecting the theme. The Junior Garden Club exhibit featured seven aquariums depicting scenes from the popular movie just released, "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea."

The bird committee of the club presented ideas on bird feeders and houses. Audubon bird prints were also

displayed.

All Tulsans interested in growing flowers were encouraged to enter the Horticulture division. Classes included irises, roses, peonies, perennials, biennials, and annuals.



TODAY

On April 6, 2024, Tulsa Garden Club held the 24th Annual NGC Petite Flower Show with the theme "Showing for Tulsa!" The public was amazed with the exhibitors' exceptionally creative interpretations including "Living On Tulsa Time," "Take Me Back to Tulsa," "BOK Arena," "Glenn Pool Oil Strike," "The Gathering Place," "Cains Ballroom," "Dining at the Mayo Hotel," "Driving on Route 66," and "Turkey Mountain Flora." Youth exhibits in photography and design were outstanding and the recycled sculpture project led by Susan Foust was a hit. President Kathi Blazer provided educational demonstrations. Thanks to Rose Schultz and Sue Lovelace for coming up with this year's theme and schedule as well as to all team members, volunteers, and participants who helped make the show a huge success.



Resources: Club Archives with The Tulsa Tribune and Tulsa Daily World newspaper articles.

73rd Annual Garden Tour



by Sandy Farris, Member since 2004



Thank you,
Patrons
and our
Hosts!



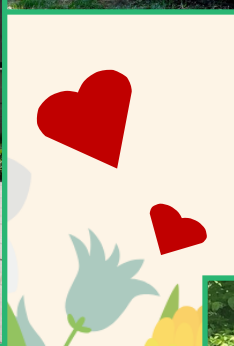
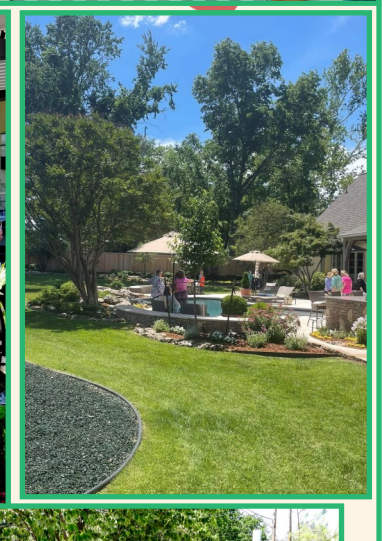
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Tulsa Heart & Soil

By Sandy Farris, Member since 2004



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National Garden Week Continues

By Susan Henderson, Member since 2021

Magical Mystery Tour IV Extends National Garden Week Celebration

Let us take you on a surprise trip, our 4th Annual Magical Mystery excursion. No planning just sign up, bring a friend, pay \$60 (by June 5 via [Eventbrite](#) or check to PO Box 521003 Tulsa 74152-1003), get on the bus at 8a.m., June 12, at Tulsa Garden Center, and off we go. We will return by 4:30p.m.



Guaranteed to please and all expenses covered for the day. Past travelers have raved about the experience!

No, Steppenwolf won't be there, although we can play "Magic Carpet Ride" on the bus.

You have a chance to travel free: everyone can guess and put their guess in a basket before we leave. The names will be drawn once we arrive and the first one to have guessed correctly will be given a check for \$60.

Hint 1 *Gingerroot* Hint 2 *Janus* Hint 3 *Fort Logan*



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

- * Receive a certificate.
- * Purchase plaque pictured to display.

Congratulations! Tulsa Garden Club applied for and received certificates and cash awards for the President's Project and others from Oklahoma Garden Clubs (OGC) and South Central Region (SCR) of National Garden Clubs!

1st Place

- * National Garden Week
- * Publication
- * Yearbook, both OGC and SCR

2nd Place

- * Digital Media
- * Flower Show Achievement
- * Yearbook Theme

3rd Place

- * Floral Design Program/Workshop

Include these hashtags in social media!

#gardeningeducation #plantoklahoma #PlantAmerica
#TulsaGardenClub #woodwardpark
#teachinggardenatwoodwardpark
#findyourspotatwoodwardpark

Join the Youth Team for GenerationGreen
nature and STEM activities in the Teaching Garden
at Woodward Park.

June 4 and/or June 7 National Garden Week

June 29 Conservatory Centennial Dedication

July 13 Pond Plant Sale

Contact [Susan Foust](#) to volunteer!

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!

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