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Next Member Meeting
11 a.m., Monday
February 3, 2025
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FEATURED GUEST
CHERYL CHEADLE, LONG-TIME CONSERVATIONIST, SHARES HOW WE CAN STOP POLLUTION OF OUR CREEKS AND STREAMS.




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Protect our Streams with Tulsa Watershed Coalition Cheryl Cheadle

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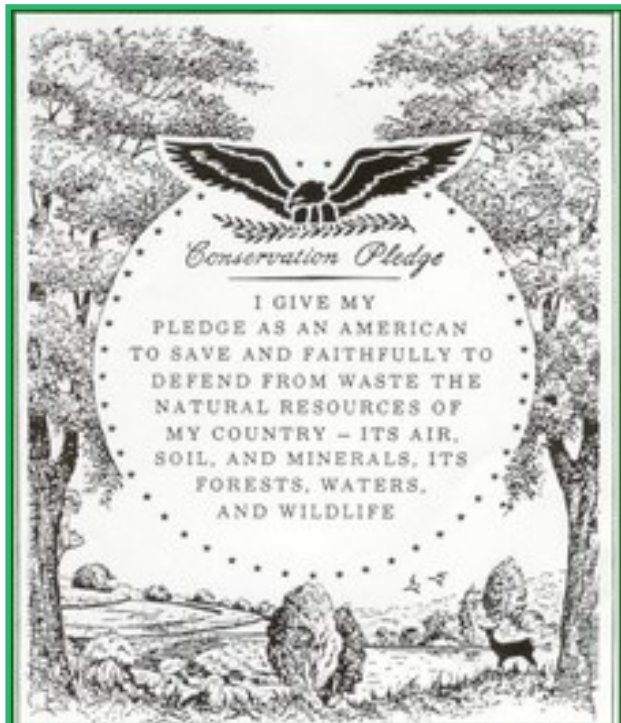
featuring
Jimmy Black
Member since 2022
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Membership in Oklahoma's largest, longest-operating garden club, and one of the first nationally-federated garden clubs, extends Tulsa Garden Club's vision to engage the community through gardening education. 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)

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President's Perspective

By Cathy Covington, Member since 2021

OUR PATH TO A GREENER FUTURE

Happy New Year! As we step into January, I hope this message finds you well rested and filled with hope for the coming year. January brings with it a sense of renewal while looking forward to new possibilities. The Tulsa Garden Club has a busy spring ahead with lots of opportunities to become involved.

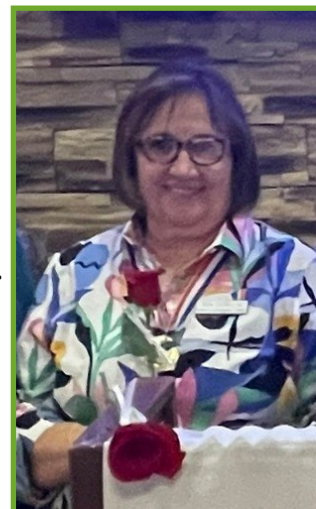
Our biggest fundraiser is the Tulsa Garden Club Garden Tour. We are teaming up with the Tulsa Homebuilder's Association this year. The Designer Showcase property will be one of the stops on our tour. Mark your calendar for May 10, 2025. We encourage all Members to become Patrons of the Tulsa Heart & Soil 74th Annual Garden Tour. More information to follow in *Member Monday, Here We Grow Again* newsletter, and during your monthly meetings for Members and guests.

Remember our upcoming meeting on February 3, 2025 at 11 AM at the Tulsa Garden Center. We will dive into all our spring events. Your thoughts and suggestions are invaluable as we strive to make all these events successful.

Let's also reach out to new neighbors and friends who might be interested in joining our ranks. Sharing your love of gardening can create a vibrant community. Welcoming new faces will bring fresh energy and perspectives to our club.

As we embark on 2025, I'm excited about new friendships we will strengthen, the knowledge we will share, and the gardens we will cultivate. Let's inspire one another with our passion and creativity. Wishing you a fruitful and fulfilling year ahead.

Cathy



Cathy Covington

President 2024-2026

MEMBERSHIP MINUTE WITH SUSAN



It was wonderful to see so many of our new Members enjoying our gathering at Cohlma's in December! We received some much-needed instruction on the art of making bows, loved our unique refreshments, and got to know other Members.

For the last few months new Members have been exposed to the wisdom of Fleta Haskins, Cathy Covington, Susan Foust, Laura Lee Ford, and others. Gathering at 10:15 am before

Member Meetings, information was shared, questions answered, and coffee consumed.

If you joined after summer of 2024, please join us. It can be tough to make friends when you are brand new and totally confused. The answer is—sit at the new Members' table. The table in the front left in the Auditorium is the place to be.

Come, join us on February 3! (Remember to join the Club's **FB Members' private group!**)

Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants as paint and the soil and sky as canvas.

Elizabeth Murray

[50 Short, Funny, & Favorite Garden Quotes, Jokes, & Puns \(empressofdirt.net\)](http://www.empressofdirt.net)

History Bite

By Carol Puckett, Member since 2014

YESTERDAY

Christmas Flower Show for the public

December 10 and 11, 1977

Christmas Tea for Members and guests

December 9, 1977

Tulsa Garden Club Greens Committee worked diligently from March until December creating dried Christmas wreaths. Kissing balls, everlasting holiday tree and red or green bows will be for sale at the show. These were part of the annual Christmas Show “The Enchanted Season” which promised another beautiful display of floral arrangements, Christmas trees, Christmas centerpieces, door decorations and table settings for holiday entertainment.

Show hours for public viewing were December 10, 1:30-5pm, December 11, 11am – 5pm at Tulsa Garden Center.

Mrs. W. H. Esser was Show Chairman.



Resources: Club Archives with The Tulsa Tribune.

TODAY

The Tulsa Garden Club Holiday Tea became a fundraiser for scholarships. Tulsa Garden Club founders had set the scholarship program up such that it would be, eventually, financially sustainable after the fundraising reached a certain level. We reached that level several years ago. Now, through the endowment with Oklahoma State University (OSU Foundation, OSU horticulture and landscape architecture students may apply for multiple scholarships.

Additionally, funds raised through the Tea, its silent auctions, raffled prizes and style shows in the past 15 years established an endowment with Tulsa Community College Foundation that supports horticulture programming for inmates of Dick Conner Correctional Center in Hominy, Oklahoma.



Grow Oklahoma: One Member at a Time

By Susan Henderson, Member since 2021

GET TO KNOW YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In each issue, one of our Board Members gives us a peek into his/her life, and shares their visions for Tulsa Garden Club. Number Two in our peek is Recording Secretary, the awesome Jane Crawford, pictured interviewing with “Positively Oklahoma!”



When I joined the Tulsa Garden Club in early 2022, it was clear that it is a hard-working club with many talented, creative and professional members. I first joined the crew for staging flower shows and quickly learned how all-hands-on-deck are required to make these amazing shows happen.

I also joined the newly-formed Youth engagement team, now called Generation Green. The team works to reach toddlers to teens and share a love of gardening, the outdoors, and the science.

Generation Green expanded its reach, this year, by working the many events in the Teaching Garden and offering workshops every Tuesday in the barn. It is my vision for Tulsa Garden Club to continue this work and reach more young people. If you are interested in being part of Generation Green, please talk to Susan Foust!

I grew up in northeast Arkansas and worked in Little Rock before moving to London. I had my family and worked in local government as a landscape architect in urban regeneration for almost 30 years. When I moved

to Tulsa in 2016, I trained as a volunteer in the Teaching Garden in Woodward Park, helping me feel that Tulsa is home and a great place to live. Although my daughter still lives in London, it gives me a great excuse to visit! My Tulsa family includes my husband Dwayne and our two cockapoos, Levi and Lily.

Now in my eighth year, Reading Partners is my other passion. I work with first through fourth-grade children who are behind in their grade levels. It is wonderful to see them learn and grow and, hopefully, improve their chances in life. We always need volunteers. If you are interested, give me a shout!

Our Schools

Our schools provide members and non-members with a range of educational opportunities on the art and science of the environment, gardening, landscape design and floral design.



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.

Gardening education is available in many forms! Ready to learn? Become an NGC Consultant?

[MORE about NGC Schools](#)

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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!

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Grow Oklahoma: Go Global. Grow Local.

By Mary Ann Donahue, Executive Director, Global Gardens

HELLO FROM GLOBAL GARDENS!

This winter, our students have been hard at work earning their own garden plots; soon they will be dreaming up and planning their spring gardens.

We are sure to see some radish crops in the coming months, as Global Gardeners love to make radish salads. Click [here](#) for our famous radish salsa recipe in our [Cookbook](#).

This semester, we will be growing all kinds of veggies with 105 classes and 10 after-school groups. To follow our progress you can connect with us on social media or join us for a [garden tour](#).

We hope to see you soon!



GARDEN KIOSK FEATURE

Snow Day Sale! Your Kiosk Team is offering a specially-discounted price of \$30 (reduced from \$40!) for the camo Presto buckets. The bucket stores flat, yet quickly pops up into a watertight container. Plus, each comes in its own zippered case for easy storing or travel.

Pick up yours and “presto!” you have a gift for your favorite gardener—gardener of any size?! —OR the handiest take-anywhere-garden-tidying-tool ever.

Purchase at this reduced price during our February 3 Member Meeting OR contact [Janet](#) or [Pamie](#) to arrange a pick up before then.



Photos courtesy, GardenWorksUSA.

Plant-A-Tree

Remember! Anyone may support reforestation—especially for our own Ouachita National Forest! Scan/click the QR to donate online or mail [form](#)/check: National Garden Clubs, Inc. 4401 Magnolia Ave St. Louis MO 63110-3492



Grow Oklahoma: Get the Dirt on Your Soil

By Tricia Gedon, Senior Communications Specialist, OSU Extension

WINTER IS A GREAT TIME FOR GARDEN PLANNING

Well-planned, properly-managed home gardens can furnish Oklahoma families with flavorful, high quality, fresh vegetables from spring through fall, as well as for processing or storing for winter.

The amount of money invested in seeds, fertilizer, pesticides and a few tools is more than offset by the enjoyment, healthful outdoor exercise, and fresh homegrown flavor.

“If you’re new to gardening and installing your first flower or vegetable beds, or if you’ve moved into a new home and starting the landscape process from scratch, choosing the site for your garden is one of the most important aspects,” said David Hillock, Oklahoma State University (OSU) Extension consumer horticulturist.

Successful gardening starts with ensuring the garden beds are located in areas that receive optimal sunlight and have rich, well-drained soil. If possible, place the beds away from established trees and shrubs that will compete with the garden for light, water and nutrients.

While these conditions are ideal, many homeowners are faced with less-than-optimal sites on which to plant their vegetable gardens. However, successful gardening is still possible with proper crop selection. If the site doesn’t drain well or the topsoil layer is too thin or sandy, consider raised bed or container gardening.

Casey Hentges, host of OSU Agriculture’s television program *Oklahoma Gardening*, said



there are a few guidelines gardeners should follow to help ensure success. “It’s important to test your soil every

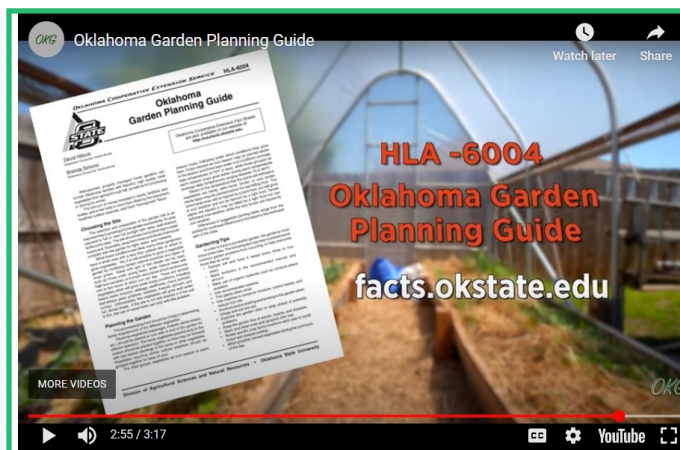
three to four years. A soil test will give gardeners an analysis of the nutrients that are available in the soil,” she said. “A routine soil test will tell them the levels of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, as well as the pH of the soil. This information is important to know before planting, so you can provide plants with the appropriate nutrients going forward.”

In a recent segment of *Oklahoma Gardening*, Hentges covers the steps of how to take soil samples in the landscape. Samples can be sent to OSU for analysis. Contact the Soil, Water and Forage Analytical Laboratory or your local OSU Extension office for more information.

Additional resources from OSU Extension and Tulsa Master Gardeners:

- [HLA-6005](#) – Mulching Vegetable Garden Soils
- [HLA-6007](#) – Improving Garden Soil Fertility
- [HLA-6009](#) – Fall Gardening
- [HLA-6012](#) – Growing Tomatoes in the Home Garden
- [HLA-6013](#) – Summer Care of the Home Vegetable Garden
- [HLA-6032](#) – Vegetable Varieties for Oklahoma
- [HLA-7313](#) – Home Garden Insect Control

[AND MORE!](#)



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Grow Oklahoma: Recycle for Your Future

By Sue Lovelace, Member since 2004

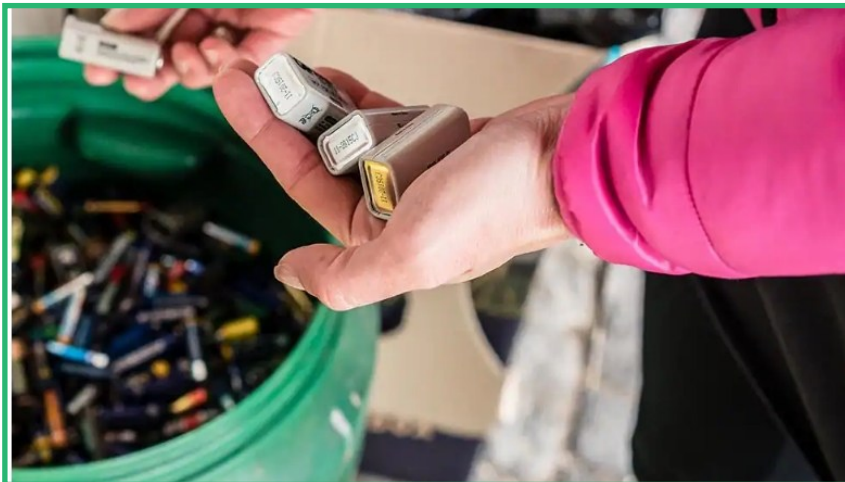
BATTERIES. LOVE 'EM. HATE 'EM. RECYCLE 'EM.

Batteries are a routine part of modern life, but despite their constant presence, it's not always clear what to do when they get used up or stop holding a charge. What not to do? Don't throw them in the trash!

When you're done with a battery, you should recycle it. Why not let Tulsa Garden Club help?

We have a container for used batteries available at check-in for each of our monthly meetings. Most batteries, regardless of type, contain toxic chemicals. Think cadmium, lead, lithium, or sulfuric acid.

If your old batteries end up in a landfill, pollutants like these can leak out and contaminate



groundwater, damage fragile ecosystems, and potentially make their way into the food chain. Improperly stored or disposed batteries can even short-circuit, overheat, and cause a fire.

When storing used batteries, do not put them in a metal container. Old batteries might not generate enough energy to power a device, but they could still spark a fire. Ideally, batteries should be stored side by side so that the contact points can't touch each other or brush

up against anything that's metallic or conductive.

There's an added benefit to recycling, and it's not just about pollution, either. The more chemicals like nickel, lithium, graphite, and cobalt we can recover from consumer waste, the less we need to mine.

Does she or doesn't he.....recycle!

Additional resources

<https://www.metrecycle.com/>

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[Where to Recycle Batteries - Energizer](#)

[How to Dispose of Batteries | Lowe's](#)

[Used Household Batteries | US EPA](#)



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