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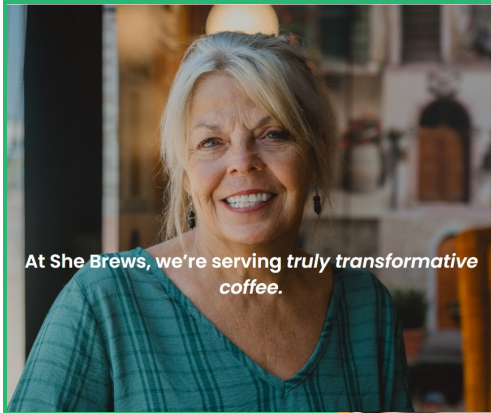
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President's Perspective

By Cathy Covington, Member since 2021

OUR PATH TO A GREENER FUTURE

March is upon us, spring is in the air, and our gardens are ready to awaken from their winter slumber. March is a pivotal month for us as gardeners; it marks the beginning of a new season filled with possibilities.

First and foremost, I want to thank all who supported us during the Greater Tulsa Home and Garden Show. It was a great success. We invited all our fellow Garden Center Plant Societies to help staff our booth at the Show and I wish to thank all of them. It's inspiring to see our community of gardeners come together.

As the weather begins to warm, it is time to focus on our spring projects in our gardens as well as all the events the Tulsa Garden Club has planned for the spring. Our next big event is the 70th Annual Springfest on Friday and Saturday, April 11 and 12, from 9am to 3pm. This will be held at the Teaching Garden at Woodward Park Event Lawn. We need volunteers to help Garden Kiosk sales and Generation Green table in the Barn during those hours. We will have signup sheets at our next meeting 11am, April 7, 2025, at Tulsa Garden Center.

Our 74th Annual Garden Tour, "Tulsa Heart & Soil", will be May 10, 2025. We have four beautiful gardens on the Tour. Be a Patron, support gardening education, and you can attend our Patron Appreciation event, May 9, in the Teaching Garden of Woodward Park. Patron gifts and signups for Cashiers and Host/esses can be done at our 11am, April 7 meeting.

Thank you, again, for your commitment to the Tulsa Garden Club!



Cathy Covington
President 2024-2026

Cathy

THE MEN OF TULSA GARDEN CLUB: MATTHEW WOODSON



Matt is a gardener with a strong and important purpose. In the greater Tulsa community, we see evidence of health issues and food insecurity. In many cases the answer is gardening. Matt founded Front Yard Farms as a passion project. He offers workshops and products, and engages people new to gardening.

Prior to his gardening focus, he spent 15 years as a surgical nurse. Ever mindful of health, Matt believes that gardening can contribute to changing the lives of those facing food insecurity. Beyond the act of growing food, gardening nurtures both body and soul.

Matt says, "Who loves a buried treasure more than pirates...? Perhaps a gardener, unearthing a bountiful harvest of sweet potatoes!"

Definitely meet Matt on April 7. He's often in the Teaching Garden with his own young family and other Generation Green future gardeners!

The more I garden the less I know, but the more pleasure I get from it.

Monty Don

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

Grow Oklahoma: 74 Garden Tours & Counting

By Jimmy Black, Member since 2022

1522 EAST 37TH STREET

William Mullen and Chris Roberts will share their garden and interior, the last home of well-known interior designer and author Charles Faudree. Bill and Chris have retained many of Faudree's signature touches while adding their own indoor-outdoor entertaining and relaxing elements.

The 1941 cottage is in Woodland Heights, just south of Eliot Elementary School, and has delights at every turn.



Four Midtown Tulsa gardens PLUS three interiors are featured during May 10, 2025 "Tulsa Heart & Soil."



GARDEN TOUR PROCEEDS BENEFIT...

One of the beneficiaries of Garden Tour proceeds is our favorite seed preservation society. Society members participated in the Pawnee County Fair, September 2024, and won the prestigious Grand Champion purple ribbon for their exceptional watermelon!



Photos courtesy [Society Facebook](#) page.

Society members received a total of 16 ribbons, most were first place blues. The Society is committed to continuing to see their seeds thrive and are honored to cultivate seeds that have been preserved for thousands of years.

Plant-A-Tree

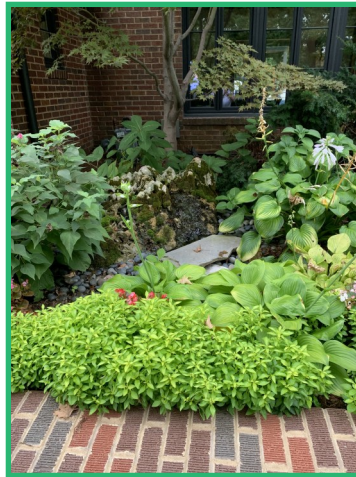
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Grow Oklahoma: 74 Garden Tours..., cont.

1208 EAST 26TH STREET

Nina and Thomas Butchko have transformed this 1929 garden in Sunset Terrace into a family and entertainment corner. Tom, owner of Tom's Outdoor Living, and his team designed outdoor living spaces with a Tulum, Mexico vibe and official Monarch Waystation!



GARDEN TOUR PROCEEDS BENEFIT...

*Passionate about plants? Like to draw, do crafts, handy with gluesticks?
Free on Tuesday mornings?*

Be a Generation Green Guru—positive, nature-loving, low input-high impact—helping with hands-on eco-friendly, gardening and STEM, gardening, and nature exploration!



Jeri, Susan, Jane and Paula during Teaching Gardening opening, earlier this month.

Paula says, I learn something, myself, every time I help a youngster dig in to the great outdoors!

Coming up:

- **1-3pm, April 3** Epic Charter School Visit
- **9am-3pm April 11 & 12** Springfest, Table **SIGNUP**

The Generation Green Team of at least 10 of us will ensure Gurus are at the ready in case of Members' illness, vacations or family emergencies.

Generation Green's mission is to promote the Tulsa Garden Club by reaching out to children and their families – spreading awareness of the importance of supporting our native environment and its pollinators in Oklahoma through the love of gardening. While volunteering, you will be forming relationships and passing on your gardening know-how.

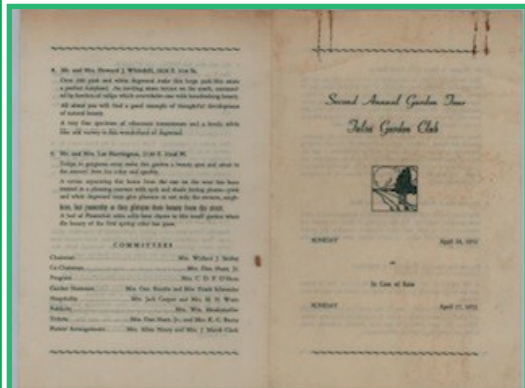
Call Susan Foust, 918-607-3977, or **email** TODAY!

History Bite

By Carol Puckett, Member since 2014

YESTERDAY

The 1952 Tulsa Garden Club Garden Tour was only the 2nd tour. It was originally scheduled on Sunday, April 20 from 10am – 5pm but was rained out. It was rescheduled to the next Sunday, April 27.



Nine gardens were on the tour, including familiar Tulsans, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lloyd Jones. Jones was former editor and publisher of the Tulsa Tribune. In fact, the Jones' even offered

refreshments in their garden.

More than a thousand Garden Guests visited that year. They reported the dogwoods, lilacs and azaleas were beautiful and that the extra rain was appreciated. The decision was made to make the Tour an annual event to the success of that event. Proceeds went to further the civic projects of the Tulsa Garden Club which included a roadside beautification of Riverside Drive, Tulsa Rose Garden, Tulsa Garden Center, Boulder Park plantings and the free Tulsa Garden Club flower shows.

TODAY

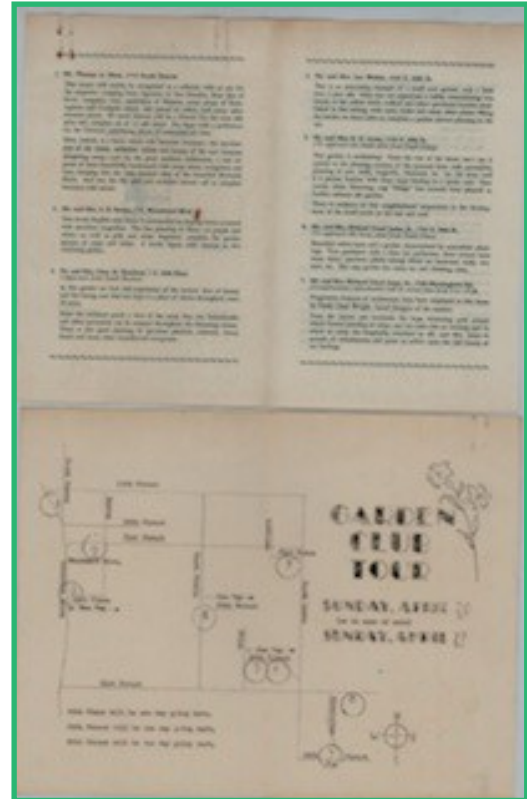
“Tulsa Heart & Soil” the 74th Annual Garden Tour, is Mother’s Day Weekend, Saturday, May 10, 2025! This year, one of our four midtown Tulsa gardens is the Greater Tulsa Home Builder Association Designer Showcase, 2150 South Owasso Place, built in 1923. That’s one \$25 Tour ticket for all four gardens, two other interiors AND the Designer Showcase! Get tickets via [Eventbrite](#), from a Club Member, or Tulsa Garden Center.

Patrons help present the Garden Tour with additional charitable support while receiving benefits. A key benefit is the **Patron Appreciation event, 6:30-8:30pm, Friday, May 9**, in the Teaching Garden at Woodward Park. Patrons will enjoy gardens to stroll, wine and specialty hors d’oeuvres, plus music by Shelby Eicher and Randy Wimmer. **[Be a Patron!](#)**

May 1* Patron donations and [RSVPs](#) received for May 9 Appreciation event signage/program, plus Tour Day signage/Tour Guide.

Join the Tour’s 75 volunteers for this 74th Annual Garden Tour. Be THE Tour “Heart & Soil” as a Cashier, Host or Hostess. Recruit family and friends! Each non-Member volunteer gets a complimentary ticket to enjoy the Tour. **[Sign up](#)**, TODAY!

***Even after May 1**, Patrons may support the Tour and formal and informal gardening education!



Resources: Club Archives with local newspapers.

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. Here's our Education Team Chair Susan Foust, pictured smiling, as always, in the Teaching Garden.



Susan Foust is from Upstate NY. She came to Tulsa in 1974 when her parents were transferred here, leaving her other grown siblings in NY. Her dad, Andy Palmer was a Rose gardener and always had a love for nature. He was an artist in oils and a photographer, on top of being an Episcopalian minister. Susan describes her mom, Ginny as a “hoot who never spoke badly of anyone.”

Susan is the youngest of four children and got her BBA and Master of Library Science from OU. She was a public, then a school librarian for 24 years. Susan was a church youth group director, a girl scout leader and the STEM coach at her school. She is a photographic artist (see SusanFoust.com) and belongs to Alpha Rho Tau Art club.

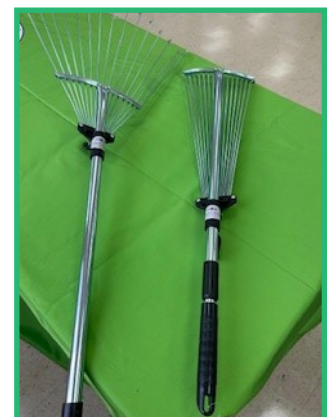
Susan joined Tulsa Garden Club about three years ago to learn more about gardening from a cohort of pros and “pros in training.” She finds gardening to be healing and uplifting and has volunteered to help the Club bring families in by organizing youth events. Generation Green has been formed as a way to promote a love of gardening to our next generation of families in Tulsa — all races and genders. She hopes to get more volunteers and to link up with other “like” groups in the Tulsa area to make a coalition of support to families who want to jump into horticulture.

GARDEN KIOSK FEATURE

Handiest telescopic leaf rakes for \$5 savings!

“Rake up” this month’s deal at your favorite neighborhood Club Garden Kiosk. Regular price is \$28. This month through April, this leaf rake is only \$23!

Purchase during our April 7 Member Meeting OR contact [Janet](#) or [Pamie](#) to “rake up” before then. Cash, check, credit card are all options.



Congratulations, #gardeningeducationpartner [Oklahoma Gardening](#), on your 50th Anniversary! Watch on OETA:

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

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

Grow Oklahoma: It's Spring!

By Heather Michaelson-Hale, Member since 2021

PREPARING YOUR GARDEN FOR SPRING IN NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA

As the frigid winter months begin to fade away, Oklahoma gardeners can look forward to the vibrant colors and fresh growth that spring brings. Preparing your garden for the upcoming season is essential to ensure a bountiful harvest and a beautiful landscape. Here are eight key steps to get your garden ready for spring in this unique region.



1. Assess Your Garden Space: Start by evaluating your garden area. Take note of any damage caused by winter weather, such as broken branches or eroded soil. Clear away any debris, including dead plants, leaves, and weeds that may have accumulated over the winter months. Trim woody perennials, prune roses, and divide any plants that have outgrown their space from last season. Cut ornamental grasses back to 4-6 inches from ground level and clip liriope down to 1 ½-2 inches to stimulate fresh new growth. Also, transplanting existing garden plants is safe in early spring.

2. Soil Preparation: The foundation of a successful garden lies in healthy soil. Evaluate your soil to determine its pH and nutrient levels. Northeastern Oklahoma's soil can vary, so consider adding organic matter such as compost or well-rotted manure to improve soil structure and fertility. Enriching the soil will aerate it and prepare it for planting.

3. Plan Your Garden Layout: Before you head out to the plant sales, take time to plan your garden layout. Consider plant types, their sunlight and water needs, and space requirements. Companion planting can also be beneficial, as certain plants can help each other thrive.



4. Choose the Right Plants: Spring is the perfect time to plant a variety of flowers, vegetables, and herbs. March is a suitable time to plant new trees and shrubs to improve your garden's structure. When frost risk decreases, switch to warm season crops like tomatoes, peppers, and squash. For efficient water usage, select species that tolerate drought.

5. Start Seeds Indoors: For those eager to get a head start, consider starting seeds indoors. This allows you to grow plants that require a longer growing season, such as peppers and eggplants. Use seed trays and a quality seed-starting mix and provide adequate light and warmth to encourage germination.

6. Mulching: Once your garden beds are prepared and planted, apply a layer of mulch. Mulch helps retain moisture, suppress weeds, and regulate soil temperature. Organic mulches, such as straw or wood chips, can also improve soil quality as they decompose.

7. Watering and Maintenance: Test your irrigation system to make sure it is functioning efficiently. As temperatures begin to rise, ensure your plants receive adequate water. Early spring can be unpredictable, so monitor rainfall and adjust your watering schedule accordingly. Regularly monitor your plants for pests and diseases and take appropriate action to maintain their health.



8. Appreciate the Process: Gardening involves both the effort put into it and the outcomes achieved. Take time to appreciate the beauty of nature as your garden begins to bloom. Engage with local gardening communities or clubs to share tips and experiences.

In conclusion, preparing your garden for spring involves careful planning and mindfulness. These steps will help you create a flourishing garden for the entire growing season. Happy gardening!