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September 2024

A path to  
a Greener Future!



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



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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' Buck\$**  
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Order bulbs and perennials to plant for fall!  
Click the Bloomin' Buck\$ image/link, choose  
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# President's Perspective

By Cathy Covington, Member since 2021

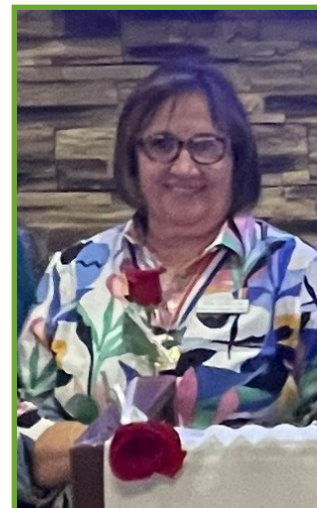
## Our Path to a Greener Future

As we start our 95<sup>th</sup> year of the Tulsa Garden Club with a new President, I would like to introduce myself. I am Cathy Covington and have been a member of the Tulsa Garden Club since 2021. My background is in the business world, so I do not have a lot to offer in Gardening Education except what I have learned on my own. That is why I joined Tulsa Garden Club, for gardening, community, and education but also because I love Tulsa.

I am excited about the programs our team has planned for the coming year. There is something for everyone. One of the fastest-growing areas for the Tulsa Garden Club is youth education. It has been amazing to see the youth programs that Susan Foust, Jane Crawford, and Kim Thompson have developed. They need volunteers so please lend a helping hand.

As members of the Tulsa Garden Club, we all get to and need to bring new ideas to create an environment that is welcoming as well as educational. We need to attract new members, like those welcomed, below, as well as retain the members we have, like those who contributed to this newsletter issue, and we can only do this with everyone's involvement.

I am looking to serving as your President. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me by [email](#), text or a call to 918.625.5605, with new ideas or how I can make your experience with the Tulsa Garden Club fun and educational.

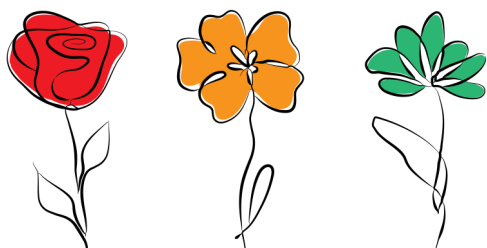


Cathy Covington  
President 2024-2026

*Cathy*

## Welcome, New Members!

Erin Chappel  
Tracey Murphy  
Judy Sherman



## Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

New Members met recently for coffee and conversation in the Helmerich Classroom. These wonderful new Members heard about our history, our work in the community, and our interesting programs (from "Old Members"!).

Beginning with our October 7 meeting, all new Members who joined January through October 2024 are invited to get to know each other better at 10:15 a.m. This will help each of us learn more about our own passions and about the many ways we can "dig in" to Club projects!

Questions? [Email](#) Susan Henderson, 1st VP, Membership.

*What do you get when you cross a four-leaf clover with poison ivy?  
A rash of good luck!*

[50 Short, Funny, & Favorite Garden Quotes, Jokes, & Puns \(empressofdirt.net\)](#)



# Keep On Learning

By Susan Foust, Member since 2022

**Join us** for the most enjoyable, no-stress three hours of your week! We learn when we help others learn and working side-by-side with future gardeners reveals more about nature and STEM activities—for youngsters and ourselves. Youth activities continue Tuesday mornings in the Teaching Garden at Woodward Park until November 26, 2024.

We have hosted visiting class groups, toddlers and pre-K kids as well as Street School and adult groups, like Pathways. Art projects are nature based and easy to make and take. We give handouts about nature, guides about planting and touch base with parents, grandparents and teachers about bringing kids into gardening. Many contacts have been made and many ideas shared!



**Be an active part of the future of gardening!**

**9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. each Tuesday until after Thanksgiving**  
Teaching Garden at Woodward Park

**9 a.m. - 1 p.m. September Monarchs on the Mountain, Chandler Park**

In the Teaching Garden or “on the road” picture yourself here (or there!) with Generation Green all year long!



Learn **more** about NGC Youth Contests & Activities!



The 9th Annual  
**MONARCHS ON THE MOUNTAIN**  
2024 MIGRATION CELEBRATION

*Celebrating Eastern Oklahoma's vital role in the amazing Monarch butterfly migration!*

**A TULSA COUNTY PARKS SIGNATURE EVENT**

Mobile Migration  
Event & Plant Sale  
Planting Days  
Merch

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**SAT, SEP 21ST**

9am - 1pm, Chandler Park

**FOOD TRUCKS, ACTIVITIES, AND MORE!**

Presentations by Dr. Emily Geest at 10am and 1:30pm.  
Tagging demo at 11:30am.

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# Garden Party

by Your Education and Membership Teams

**October 15, 2024**

It's a Garden Party! Join us, 11 a.m., at Tulsa Garden Center, to celebrate Tulsa Garden Club's 95th Anniversary.



RSVP By Oct 10 to Asst Treasurer Jeri Keith  
Text 918.851.5920 OR Gatekeeper55@gmail.com

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**Garden Party!**  
95th Anniversary Celebration

- Luncheon featuring Horticulture Centerpieces
- Garden Garage Sale
- Demonstrations
- Horticulture Share
- Design Challenge

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We will have a casual Horticulture Share with our Garden Garage Sale\*, Demonstrations and a Design Challenges. We have not done a Design Challenge for years. We provide the materials. You bring your tools. Then we design with a time limit. Big-time fun!!!

Pizza and salads for lunch will be provided along with an Anniversary Cake to celebrate our club's 95th Anniversary.

RSVP by October 10 to Assistant Treasurer **Jeri Keith** (email) or text 918-851-5920.

Questions? Email [President Covington](#).

## Generation Green Invited to Participate in TCCL *Generations Celebrations*

Tulsa City County Library (TCCL) will host *Generations Celebrations*, 10a.m.—2 p.m., November 16, 2024, to foster connections across generations, bringing together children, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins in a community-focused setting. In conjunction with Native American Heritage Month, this year's event centers around the theme, "Grow the Next Generation." Plant or garden-themed activities and crafts plus a kid's gardening set will be offered to cultivate a love for gardening.

TCCL is planning hourly themed Storytimes throughout the Garden Center, Arboretum and Butterfly Garden aims to create an immersive experience for families to explore the garden's



beauty while engaging in educational and cultural activities. Tables/booths from TCCL, such as The Seed Library, the American Indian Resource Center, the Green Team, Genealogy, and Outreach Services. Key focus is highlighting native Oklahoma plants, so there will be seeds to hand out! Tulsa Garden Club and other partners will offer activities and resources in the Teaching Garden and Barn/Welcome Center.

Share your passion for nature! Volunteer with us and invest in the future...today!

*The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature.  
To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul.*

Alfred Austin



# Our Rose Fund

by Alice Rodgers, Member since 2022

## A Rose is a Rose is...a Rose Fund!

Tulsa Rose Garden was built by men and mules in the mid-1930s when Civil Works Administration crews made a reality the 1934 designs for a formal terraced garden.

From its beginning, Tulsa Garden Club and its Members have transplanted their own roses, helped 'tend the roses, or raised funds to help purchase and care for the Garden.

And, very nearly from that beginning, the Club's Rose Fund has been the public's way to show appreciation for the Rose Garden. For decades, charitable gifts offer Club Members, community members, employee, friend and neighborhood groups, businesses and organizations the opportunity to invest in another 90 years of beauty in our beloved Rose Garden.

Charitable gifts of \$35 and more may be payable: **Tulsa Garden Club Rose Fund** and mailed to PO Box 521003, Tulsa OK 74152-1003 or via [PayPal](#).



*I contribute to the Rose Fund to honor loved ones, Club Members, and friends to keep my mother's memory alive in my heart. Her love of a beautiful yard and working in it year 'round may help with mother-daughter relationships as they walk through the Rose Garden discussing flowers and plantings. Supporting the Rose Fund is a way to celebrate family, friends, nature, gardening, and the City of Tulsa all at the same time.*

Phyllis

Thousands of tribute gifts to Tulsa Garden Club's Rose Fund over the years have granted hundreds of thousands of dollars to support Tulsa Rose Garden.

Tribute gifts of all sizes make it possible to fund labor, infrastructure, plant materials, soil, fertilizer and mulch.

In August 2024 Tulsa Garden Center repaired the fountains in the fifth and upper terrace's original "Lily Pools" with Rose Fund underwriting.





# Summer Vacation? Not for Club Members!

By Jimmy Black Member since 2022

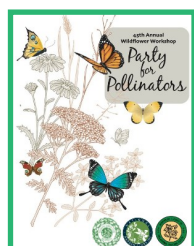
Since National Garden Week you may think we have all been lounging on beaches or simply puttering in our gardens...Ha!

Here are a few photos of some fun things you and your fellow Tulsa Garden Club Members may have been up to during Summer 2024.



LEFT: Your Student Grants Team and President Covington met our scholarship recipients during **OSU** Horticulture and Landscape Architecture's ceremony.

BELOW: Your Awareness and Youth Teams represented the Club as **Tulsa Drillers' Community Corner** in August. Kimberly Thompson and her teenage gardeners came along with President Covington, Jimmy Black, Susan Foust, and Brenda Michael-Haggard.



LEFT: Linda Martileno-Newton and Kimberly Thompson during **Oklahoma Garden Club's (OGC) 45th Wildflower Workshop** hosted at **Northeastern State University's Broken Arrow** campus. Other Club Members who joined Northeast District (NED) club members to help plan and present this "Party for Pollinators" were Jimmy Black, Kathi Blazer, Deb Cramer, Judy Grotts, Jeri Keith, Sue Lovelace, Lynn Michael, Brenda Michael-Haggard and Past-President Rose Schultz.

# Party for Pollinators

By Lynn Michael, Member since 2022

## Grow Oklahoma: Native Plants + Native Pollinators = A Greener Future

Pollinators and native plants were made for each other. In order to attract pollinators you need to have the right mix of plants. Here's a quick primer of the essentials.

Pollinators must have host plants and nectar plants for each season. Host plants are specific to the type of pollinator you want to attract so select several:



- Milkweeds for Monarchs
- Golden Alexanders for Black Swallowtails
- Violets for Painted Ladies, etc,
- Partridge Pea for sulfurs

Experts recommend three different nectar plants for each season. Consider these for spring:

- Ragworts
- Phlox
- Bluestars
- Fleabane daisies
- Mountain mints
- Beebalm

Summer nectar plants include:

- Cowpen daisies
- Ironweeds
- Gaillardia
- Penstemons
- Black-eye Susans
- Coral honeysuckle
- Purple coneflowers
- Coreopsis



Fall is the most critical time for migrating species. Tuck these into your garden:

- Goldenrods
- Thistles
- Bonesets
- Asters
- Frostweeds
- Liatris
- Sunflowers



### How many can you find in your own habitat?

- ◇ Native bee
- ◇ Fly
- ◇ Host plant
- ◇ Native wasp
- ◇ Skipper
- ◇ Native nectar plant
- ◇ Native butterfly
- ◇ Crab spider
- ◇ Other nectar plant
- ◇ Ant
- ◇ Honeybee
- ◇ Bumblebee



Remember the trees!  
Redbud, elm and maple are great early nectar sources, and all oaks are hosts to many insect species.

### Learn more!

[I Didn't Know That!: Planting for Pollinators \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/learn/conservation/pollinators/index.jsp)

[Why is Pollination Important? | US Forest Service \(usda.gov\)](https://www.usda.gov/landmanagement/pollination/)

[Natives for Pollinators - Grow Native!](https://www.nwf.org/conservation/pollinators/growing-native)

[Pollinator Gardening Tip Sheet \(nwf.org\)](https://www.nwf.org/conservation/pollinators/growing-native)

### Register your Garden!

Click on plaque images to learn more.

- Receive certificate.
- Purchase plaques to display in your own garden.



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

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