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Here We Grow Again

February 2025

*Oklahoma's legacy garden club
Established 1929*

A path to
a Greener Future!

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Next Member Meeting
11 a.m., Monday
March 3, 2025
Tulsa Garden Center

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MEMBER SINCE
2022, AND LONG-
TIME MEMBER
OKLAHOMA
NATIVE PLANT SO-
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CENTER VOLUNTEER NATURALIST,
OFFERS HER KNOW-HOW AND IN-
SIGHTS INTO GROWING OKLAHOMA
BY SELECTING NATIVE PLANTS TO
ATTRACT NATIVE POLLINATORS
(AND OTHER LOCAL WILDLIFE!).



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Native Plants +
Native Pollinators

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Tulsa Master Gardener's 2025 Annual
Plant Sale
Est. 1993

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

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Help Us Raise Needed Money!

Bloomin' Bucks
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Order bulbs and perennials! Click the Bloomin' Buck\$ image/link, choose Tulsa Garden Club.



President's Perspective

By Cathy Covington, Member since 2021

OUR PATH TO A GREENER FUTURE

As I sit here with the winter wonderland around me, I contemplate the transition between winter and spring. We step into this new month. We can feel the first whispers of spring.

Overall, this month is about preparation, care, and excitement for the season ahead. This is, also, true of the Tulsa Garden Club. The Club has teamed up with the Great Tulsa Home Builders Association (HBA) for the spring. Members can be a Host or Hostess for each of these events and be eligible for a \$100 cash prize gifted by an anonymous donor!

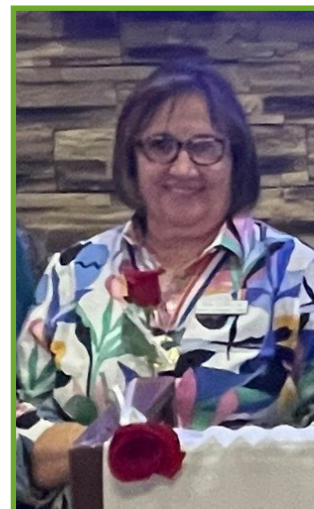
Our first event will be the Greater Tulsa Home & Garden Show, Thursday, March 6-Sunday, March 9, 2025. We will be presenting on the Gardening Stage on opening day, Thursday, March 6, at noon, 2:30pm and 5pm; then, on Sunday, March 9, at noon.

Also during the Home & Garden Show, we will host a 10'x10' booth shared with "The Plant Societies of Woodward Park". Tulsa Garden Center is helping coordinate all the clubs/societies/affiliates to offer their member and promotional materials throughout the Show.

Our next exciting event is our 74th Annual Garden Tour "Tulsa Heart & Soil", May 10, 2025. **Be a Patron** for this special Tour with four amazing gardens including HBA's Designer Showcase. We all must invite family and friends to see all the gardens AND the Showcase for the price of one (1) ticket.

Thank you, Tulsa Garden Club Members, for making this possible. I look forward to an exciting spring!

Cathy



Cathy Covington
President 2024-2026

MEMBERSHIP MINUTE WITH SUSAN HENDERSON

Congratulations! Awards applications to NGC/SCR recognize YOUR efforts:

- NGC FS-16A Flower Show Achievement
- NGC G-3 Therapy Garden
- NGC MAE-1 Membership Awareness
- NGC MAE-2A Website
- NGC/SCR MAE-4B Newsletter
- NGC/SCR MAE-5 National Garden Week
- SCR-2 Flower Show Schedule
- SCR-4 Yearbook
- SCR-5 Outstanding Yearbook Theme
- SCR YW-1 Youth Program
- NGC YW-8 Youth

Wow! You and your Club have a busy springtime ahead! Our new partnerships with Greater Tulsa Home Builders Association and Outdoor Classroom offer many opportunities to help fulfill your 95-years-young Club's gardening education mission.

Please take two (maybe three?) minutes to:

1. **Pay dues** for 2025-2026.
2. **Let us know** your interests.
3. **Be a Patron** for 74th Garden Tour.
4. **Say, "Yes!!"** to joining upcoming gardening education activities!!

I look forward to seeing you March 3.

Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all.

Stanley Horowitz

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

History Bite

By Carol Puckett, Member since 2014

YESTERDAY

The 1978 Tulsa Garden Club Garden Tour included five outstanding gardens. Tickets were purchased for this 28th Annual Garden Tour at either local downtown banks or at the first home. Adult tickets were \$2, youth tickets were \$0.25.

It was still a two-day tour then, Saturday and Sunday, April 15 and 16. Newsprint and magazines were used for publicity.

TODAY

“Tulsa Heart & Soil” the 74th Annual Garden Tour, is coming for Mother’s Day Weekend, Saturday, May 10, 2025! Regional gardeners eagerly await Oklahoma’s longest-running educational, charitable garden tour.

Since 1929, Club Members and residents have opened their own gardens in public tours to help visitors learn more about ornamental, vegetable and herb gardening, natural and functional hardscape, water management, and lighting. This 74th Annual Garden Tour offers the public's greatest opportunity to enjoy Tulsa's private residential gardens in full spring splendor. Behind-the-scenes, interiors and sneak previews of public gardens have been featured, also.

Now we utilize as many “channels” as possible to promote the Tour and build awareness for the Club’s gardening education mission. Word of mouth remains the #1 channel!

Patrons help present the Garden Tour with additional charitable support while receiving benefits. There may be more in store for Patrons this Tour! Click image to right.

Patron deadlines to note:

- **March 3 Patron gifts** finalized for printed tickets
- **May 1 Patron gifts and RSVPs** received

With four gardens and three interiors, we must recruit 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 Host or Hostess gets a complimentary ticket to enjoy the Tour. **Sign up, TODAY!**



Resources: Club Archives with local newspapers.



Four Midtown Tulsa gardens PLUS three interiors will be featured during this 74th Annual Garden Tour. We are honored to launch partnership with Greater Tulsa Home Builders Association to include the Designer Showcase, 2156 South Owasso Place.

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 Three in our peek is 2nd Vice President, Jimmy Black, pictured introducing a special guest during a recent Member Meeting.



Jimmy Black was born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He grew up working side by side with his grandparents in their vegetable gardens. As a high school student he attended Tulsa Technology Center and studied Horticulture.


Jimmy's free time is always spent either in his yard or in the yard of a friend or neighbor. During spring, summer and fall evenings you will find him in his yard visiting with neighbors as they walk by and accepting seeds or any plant he has in his yard. Jimmy and his partner Chris have three dogs that they adore and spoil, Willow a blonde lab, Gracie a chocolate lab and Harper a golden retriever.

For many years Jimmy has eagerly looked forward to the spring and one thing he loves is the Tulsa Garden Club annual garden tour. Four years ago, during the garden tour Jimmy decided that he wanted to be a part of the Tulsa Garden Club. He joined that year and realized that he found "his people".

Jimmy loves all aspects of being a member and a board member, especially seeing the empowerment groups/nonprofits smiling faces when they receive funds from the Club to make this world a better place. Jimmy is honored to be a part of the Tulsa Garden Club and is looking forward to being a part of its growth.

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

MORE about NGC Schools

OKLAHOMA
Gardening

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: Grow Oklahoma 4-H.

By Kylie Nicholson, Ag Literacy/STEM, Oklahoma 4-H

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

In September we learned about all the cycles of agriculture at Darnaby Elementary School! Of course we had to make bracelets to share with others what colors represent which cycle.

From season to season, day to night, from water to soil, there are so many cycles that make up this blue and green ball we call earth! Each one plays a huge role in agriculture!

Oklahoma 4-H has welcomed young people of all beliefs and backgrounds for more than 100 years. 4-H gives kids a voice to express who they are and how they make their lives and communities better. Youngsters have access to a wide range of practical, natural world, and STEM hands-on learning, recreation, projects, events and competitions.

OSU Extension is dedicated to improving lives and communities by offering educational programs, services and resources to all Oklahomans.



The Cycle of Agriculture

Photos courtesy, Oklahoma 4-H.

GARDEN KIOSK FEATURE

Clipping time!

These grass shears, pictured right, are the perfect gift (belated Valentine's present?) for the gardener at heart (no pun intended)!

Get these handy shears, now, for only \$20, regularly \$28, AND support the Club you LOVE!!

Purchase during our March 3 Member Meeting OR contact **Janet** or **Pamie** to arrange a grass-shearing emergency pick up before then. Cash, check, credit card are all options.



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: Generation Green Scene

By Susan Foust, Member since 2022

JOIN YOUR GENERATION GREEN TEAM

Help share hands-on activities, demonstrations and information with gardeners from the youngest to adults! Check out the calendar of events in the Teaching Garden and the Arboretum at Woodward Park and Chandler Park. Stay after March 3, 2025 Member Meeting to learn more.



Mark your calendar for “Tuesdays with Tulsa Garden Club” with Outdoor Classroom in the Teaching Garden, 9am-12:30pm, June 3-November 18, 2025.

All other times are 9am-3pm in the Teaching Garden, unless noted.

- **1pm, March 3** Orientation, TGCenter
- **March 8** Teaching Garden Opening, Table
- **March 18** Teaching Garden Spring Break with Outdoor Classroom
- **1-3pm, April 3** Epic Charter School Visit
- **April 11 & 12** Springfest, Table
- **10am-2pm, April 18** Earth Day on the Hill, Chandler Park, Table
- **9am-noon, April 25** Arbor Day, Table
- **May 3** Pollinator Plant Sale, Table
- **9:30am-12:30pm, May 6** Council Oak School Visit
- **6:30-8pm, May 9** 74th Annual Garden Tour Patron Recognition, Table
- **May 18** Girl Scout Badge Workshop Day
- **9am-12:30pm, June 3** National Garden Week
- **July 19** Pollinator Plant Sale, Table
- **Sept 13** Fall Plant Sale, Table
- **10am-2pm, Sept 20?** Monarchs on the Mountain, Chandler Park, Table
- **October 12?** Girl Scout Badge Workshop Day



The Generation Green Team of at least 10 Members will ensure program delivery with full coverage in case of 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. Be on the #GenGreen Team!

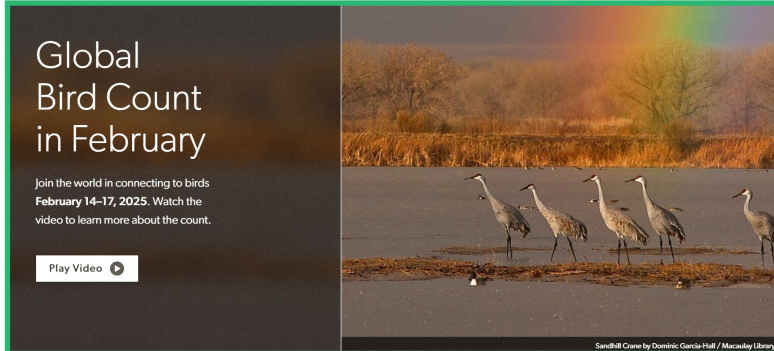
Contact Susan Foust, 918-607-3977, or email: foustsu@gmail.com, TODAY!

Grow Oklahoma: For the Birds

By Marillyn Lay, Member since 2008

BIRDS, BIRDS, AND MORE BIRDS

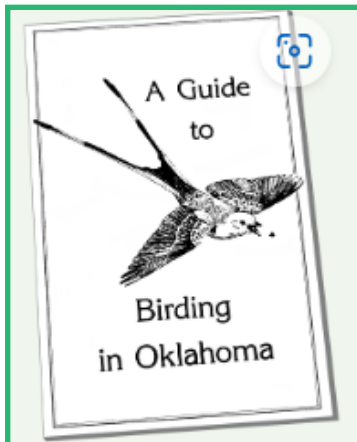
The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) was February 14-17, 2025. What birds did you see? Our classic snowbird (the junco), our resident cardinal, blue jay and wren? Have cedar waxwings devoured all neighborhood berries?



Click image, left, to play GBBC's video.

As fun as it is seeing bluebirds for the first time at our feeder, watching bird **counts submitted** across the global in real time is exciting. The GBBC web site has data and details about birds around the world. **Click** to check it out.

Let's extend the conversation that Lynn Michael will introduce on March 3 with a little bird talk. It makes sense to me that we might attract native birds at the same time we are planning and planting to attract other native pollinators, yes?



Our state bird, the very-recognizable scissor-tailed flycatcher, is one of the family of kingbirds. Its distinctive tail navigates aerobic swooping as the flycatcher snags its insect meals in mid-air. Our Garden Deva trellis features the flycatcher and our professional soccer team FC Tulsa has adopted the flycatcher as its emblem. To my dismay, *Tyrannus forficatus* rarely visits urban neighborhoods, preferring more shrubby countryside.

Ok, a scan of **Oklahoma Wildlife Department** has a long list of birds throughout the state. Many of these we see, mostly when taking "the back roads".

So if we want to focus a bit more on Green Country, northeastern Oklahoma, let's look to **Tulsa Audubon Society** (TAS). TAS meets monthly, 7:30pm, third Tuesday, at Tulsa Garden Center. These members KNOW THINGS about birds, local birds,

especially!

Now out of print, "A Guide to Birding in Oklahoma", is a most helpful interactive resource. Click the Guide cover, pictured above, to access the map of sites and detailed accounts of birders.

The TAS web page we find most interesting is the **Bird FAQs**. At least weekly we have an interesting visitor at our feeder. This page helps us learn.

Bottom line? Along with winter seed mixes, plan to incorporate into your green spaces native berry-producing evergreens and shrubs for birds' food and habitat. Leave seed heads to snack on in the dead of winter. Birds will "pollinate" freely in your 'hood.



Click image, above, to BirdAdvisors.com printable worksheets.

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