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Next Member Meeting
11 a.m., Monday
October 6, 2025
Tulsa Garden Center

The Mosquito Bucket Challenge

A Safer Alternative to Fogging

Powered by Homegrown National Park



Doug Tallamy's Homegrown National Park is an awesome resource for planting native plants to support native wildlife and ecosystems. This summer, grab a bucket and say, "Shoo!" to mosquito larvae!

Since mosquitoes lay eggs in standing water a bucket gives them a place to do that, then stops them. A natural soil bacterium called Bti (found in mosquito dunks) kills the larvae before they grow up and bite.

This method, sometimes called a "bucket of doom" or "mosquito tea," creates an irresistible breeding site and then shuts it down—without harming pollinators, pets, or people.



- Safe for pollinators
- Safe for pets and children
- Targets mosquito breeding where it starts

For more, visit [Homegrown National Park](https://www.homegrownnationalpark.org).

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***Grow Oklahoma: A Path to
a Greener Future!***

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May 22 - June 20, 2025

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Celebrating NGW, Rose Fund and 73rd Annual Garden Tour "Tulsa Heart & Soil" proceeds were presented, on June 2, to extend the Club's gardening education vision.

Plant-a-Tree and Golden Trowel honorees were recognized also .



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

With the closing of our 2024-2025 year, we must look to the future of the Tulsa Garden Club. The Tulsa Garden Clubs's vision is to engage the community through gardening education.

That means different things to different people. We have had educating speakers at our monthly meetings. We continue to grow our youth initiatives through Generation Green. We will continue with Hump Days to prepare everyone for our upcoming Flower Show in October 2025. The Garden Tour provides our community with beautiful gardens to learn about different gardening techniques and exposure to all kinds of landscape and gardening ideas.

Yet can we do more? I pose this question to ponder over the summer and bring any new ideas when we meet in the fall. Another concern I have is attracting new members and retaining new members. This is one area the entire club needs to concentrate on next year. When we get together in the fall, I need all your support and input in this area. This is my assignment to you as we go into the summer. I wish all of you a safe and happy summer. Enjoy all the work you have put into your gardens this spring.

We have accomplished so much in the past year, from successful events that have fostered growth, and collaboration among our members. As we look ahead, I encourage you to stay engaged and share your ideas. Your voice matters, and together, we can create an even more vibrant and inclusive community.

Again, thank you for a great first year.

Cathy



Cathy Covington
President 2024-2026

Thank you for helping surpass our Garden Tour goals!

Tulsa Heart & Soil

74th Annual Garden Tour * May 10, 2025



Joining me as your 2025-2026 Officers:

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2nd Vice President *Jimmy Black*
Recording Secretary *TBA*
Corresponding Secy *Sharon Williams*
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Assistant Treasurer *Dawn Young*
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A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.

Doug Larson

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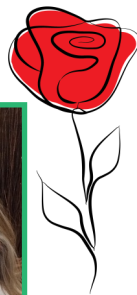
Grow Oklahoma: National Garden Week 2025

By Cathy Covington, Member since 2021

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK (NGW) CELEBRATED JUNE 1-7, 2025

NGW launched on Sunday with proclamations by Governor Kevin Stitt for “Oklahoma Gardening Week” and Mayor Monroe Nichols for “Tulsa Garden Week”, then Members...

JUNE 2 APPRECIATION LUNCHEON



JUNE 3 TUESDAYS IN TEACHING GARDEN



Everyone can grow in our garden!

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Grow Oklahoma: NGW cont.

By Jimmy Black, Member since 2022

JUNE 4 MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR



JUNE 5 FLOWERS FOR FRIENDS & DRILLERS MCELROY COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



JUNE 6 TIDY THE TEACHING GARDEN



JUNE 7 OUR FUTURE GARDENERS



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Reviving a Legacy

By Heather Michaelson-Hale, Member since 2021

THE FUTURE OF THE TULSA ROSE GARDEN

Member Heather Michaelson-Hale is Chief Horticulturist, Tulsa Parks, Culture & Recreation Department.

The Tulsa Rose Garden has long been a treasured part of Woodward Park and the cultural landscape of our city. Its graceful, terraced beds once featured hundreds of roses, admired by generations of visitors. But over the past decade, the garden has undergone dramatic changes, spurred by the devastating impact of *the Rose Rosette Virus* (RRV).

The Tulsa Parks, Culture, and Recreation Department is responsible for the care and renewal of this space. Though short staffed, our horticulture team has remained committed to restoring the garden thoughtfully, sustainably, and with deep respect for its history.

A Thoughtful Path Forward

Rather than replant the same rose-only design that left the garden vulnerable to disease, our team is building a more resilient, layered planting approach. We are integrating trial proven roses with a mix of ornamental grasses, flowering perennials, and pollinator friendly shrubs. These companion plants reduce disease pressure, improve soil health, and endure seasonal interest beyond the traditional rose bloom period.

To help educate the public, we hope to install new signage throughout the garden. These signs will explain the role of RRV, the risks of monocultures, and how diverse planting creates a more sustainable and healthier garden.



Planning the Next Chapter

Tulsa Parks is currently working with Andy Fusco, Acting Executive Director of Tulsa Garden Center, to develop a master plan for both the Tulsa Rose Garden and the greater Woodward Park landscape. This will help guide long-term improvements, maintenance strategies, and sustainable design practices to ensure the garden remains a vibrant destination for decades to come.

In addition, the Tulsa Rose Garden has been chosen as the site for an American Garden Rose Selections showcase garden on Tier 3. Developed in partnership with notable Rosarian Paul Zimmerman, this tier will feature the top performing roses from AGRS rose trials, selected specifically for success in our region. Those roses will be provided at no cost, and Paul Zimmerman has generously donated his design services for the project.

Community Partnerships in Bloom

Restoring and maintaining the Tulsa Rose Garden is a shared effort, and we are fortunate to have strong partnerships with local plant societies. The Tulsa Area Daylily Society and the Tulsa Perennial Club each maintain dedicated beds within the garden, providing support with planting, weeding, and seasonal care. Their work adds both beauty and diversity to the landscape.

The Tulsa Rose Society, a longtime advocate for the garden, is also stepping into a more active role. Members are contributing their expertise in rose care, assisting with public education, and supporting outreach efforts to help reconnect the community with the garden's evolving story.

A Vision Rooted in Resilience

The future of the Tulsa Rose Garden honors its past while embracing sustainable, adaptive horticulture. We envision a display garden that showcases beauty, biodiversity, and durability, where roses remain central, but are supported by a rich community of plants.

Plans are also underway to move Tulsa Parks' horticulture operations back to Woodward Park. This will allow staff to be more present on site, improving oversight and responsiveness to the garden's needs.

Through partnerships, strategic planning, and a shared love of plants, the Tulsa Rose Garden is poised for a new chapter, one rooted in resilience and full of promise. Special thanks to the Tulsa Garden Club for your ongoing support and stewardship, including the dedicated Rose Fund, which continues to make meaningful improvements in the garden possible.

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 President Cathy Covington during our 74th Annual Garden Tour Patron Appreciation!



I do not come from a family of gardeners. I am one of five children born in Kansas City, Missouri. We moved every five years from Kansas City to New Orleans to Houston to Denver to Oklahoma City, where I graduated high school.

After college, I moved to Tulsa and said to myself, "I am not moving again." I fell in love with Tulsa and all its beauty. I worked 43 years in manufacturing as a Materials Manager.

When I retired, I was looking for a way to learn about gardening and support causes that I believed in. I found the Tulsa Garden Club. I have been a member since 2021 and your President for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.

I have learned so much since joining the club, and I know there will be so much more to learn. Right now I am looking forward to our 100th Anniversary in 2029.

GARDEN PARTY HORTICULTURE SPECIALTY FLOWER SHOW OCTOBER 25, 2025

Watch for the updated show schedule in July on issuu.com and TulsaGardenClub.org. Plan for "Hump Days" workshops: **9:30-11:30 am, Sep 10, Sep 24, Oct 1, Oct 15.**

With October 25 in mind, note these requirements for plants to be in your possession:

- Six months—arboreal specimens must have been growing since April 25.
- 90 days—all other plants, except Combination plantings, must have been growing with you since July 25, at latest.
- Six weeks—Combination plantings must be grown together since September 13.

Questions? Contact Flower Show Chair [Linda Smith](#), 205.921.2254.



GARDEN KIOSK FALL FEATURE!

Order this garden apron in midnight bloom pattern, available for fall 2025. Make sure you get yours, \$32 each! By August 15, contact [Janet Word](#), 918.808.4386, or [Pamie Murphy](#), 918.636.9443.

PLUS, new Members may order the logo apron, \$25, in orange, green or blue. Let Janet or Pamie know!



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: 3Ls LearnLearnLearn!

By Susan Foust, Member since 2022



Teaching Garden at Woodward Park
A PROGRAM OF TULSA GARDEN CENTER

TALKS

SUMMER '25

- 12 JUNE 6:30 PM** **COMPOSTING 101: NATURE'S RECYCLING SYSTEM**
- 10 JULY 6 PM** **NO SOIL, NO PROBLEM: HYDROPONICS EXPLAINED**
- 28 JULY 9 AM** **PLANT PANIC: SOLVING PLANT PROBLEMS**
- 4 AUGUST 6 PM** **CUT IT OUT! A PROPAGATION WORKSHOP**
- 28 AUGUST 6:30 PM** **GARDENING FOR SUSTAINABILITY**

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TULSA GARDEN CENTER SUMMER PROGRAMS

I highly recommend the Educational Opportunities available to us at Woodward Park. I have taken some of these classes and look forward to learning more this summer!

Times are varied, morning or evening, to accommodate wacky schedules.

Remember to join Tulsa Garden Center to be included in all communications and enjoy any discounts or other benefits offered. Minimally, subscribe to stay up-to-date on news and activities in Woodward Park. **BIG NOTE:** construction on the north end of the Park is underway. Watch for progress updates along with entrance/access closures!

Check out TulsaGardenCenter.org/programs-overview.

TUESDAYS IN THE TEACHING GARDEN 2025 9am-noon, NOW thru November 18

Your Generation Green Team of at least 10 of us will ensure we 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 me, 918-607-3977

OR [email](#) TODAY!



Tuesdays with Tulsa Garden Club
Generation Green at Woodward Park

- 9-12:30 Teaching Garden
- Come & Go! Free kids' activity!
- Explore the Gardens, Arboretum, & Conservatory
- Every Tuesday, June - November!

Tulsa Garden Center at Woodward Park

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