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April 2025

Oklahoma's legacy garden club
Established 1929

A path to
a Greener Future!

Grow Oklahoma: 95 Years Beautifying Tulsa

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Next Member Meeting
11 a.m., Monday
May 5, 2025
Tulsa Garden Center

SPECIAL GUEST
JEFF EDWARDS IS NOW TWO YEARS
IN HIS ROLE WITH TULSA RIVER
PARKS AUTHORITY. LEARN MORE
ABOUT ZINK LAKE AND OTHER
ACCOMPLISHMENTS PLUS LONG-
RANGE PLANS FOR OUR BELOVED
ARKANSAS RIVER!



Photos courtesy River Parks Authority and TulsaPeople Magazine.



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Treasures of Tulsa

Jeff Edwards
Tulsa River Parks Authority
11 a.m., Monday, May 5, 2025
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featuring
Maggie Regan
Mary K. Oxley
Nature Center



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MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR V

8am-5pm, Wednesday June 4, 2025


A clue?!!!

Though you'll be on a bus and watch the land
go by, don't make a fuss, as time will fly.
There will be wagons and a rooster, to boot,
there will be water, but no swimsuit.

\$65* check: Tulsa Garden Club OR Eventbrite
*Incl private bus/lunch/snacks/fees
Depart-Return: Tulsa Garden Center * 2435 S Peoria AVE Tulsa



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Welcome, New Members

Diana Cox
Jennifer Hollingsworth



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' Bucks

with Brent and Becky's

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

Happy April! As we welcome the vibrant colors of spring, I hope this letter finds you in good spirits and ready to embrace the beauty of our gardens.

This month brings us exciting opportunities to nurture our green spaces and connect with nature. I encourage you to take some time to enjoy the blooming flowers and fresh greenery. With the temperatures rising, it is the perfect time to get our hands in the soil.

We have participated in the 70th Annual Springfest at Woodward Park. Our Generation Green entertained and educated our young gardeners in the Teaching Gardens. Our Kiosk was successful in selling some of our gardening supplies. We also had a tent for Garden Garage Sale items that our members donated and that was very successful. I want to thank all our members for your time and talent at this event.

Our 74th Annual "Tulsa Heart and Soil" Garden Tour will be held on May 10, 2025. We have four beautiful gardens on the Tour. As a member of Tulsa Garden Club, please become a Patron. This is our largest fund raiser! As a Patron, you will be able to attend the Patron Appreciation event in the Teaching Garden at Woodward Park on Friday evening, May 9.

The fifth Magical Mystery Tour will be on June 4th. The deadline to sign up is May 23, 2025, and the cost is \$65.

Your commitment to our club makes it thrive and grow. Let's make these next few months a blooming success.



Cathy Covington
President 2024-2026

Cathy

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM—TULSA

We love our #gardeningeducationpartners whose focus is empowerment!



Outdoor Classroom-Tulsa (OCT) is on a mission to develop and instill a Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) mindset with intentional and heartfelt commitment to inclusivity, insuring individuals with diverse learning needs and challenges are included AND thrive in their programs. This month:

- The OCTulsa team upped their youth development game working with more than 40 high school Juniors at Tulsa Rotary's Camp Enterprise.

- Several "campers" attended an OCTulsa field class as fifth graders.

We invest in positive impact! Tulsa Garden Club supports Outdoor Classroom because everyone deserves a chance to explore, discover, and grow through nature-based learning.

*The philosopher who said that work well done never needs doing over
never weeded a garden.*

Ray Everson

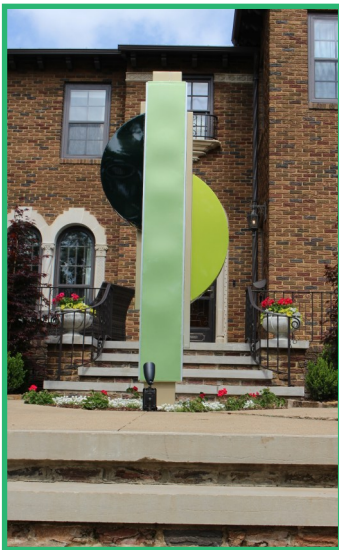
[50 Short, Funny, & Favorite Garden Quotes, Jokes, & Puns \(empressofdirt.net\)](https://www.empressofdirt.net)

Grow Oklahoma: 74 Garden Tours & Counting

By Jimmy Black, Member since 2022

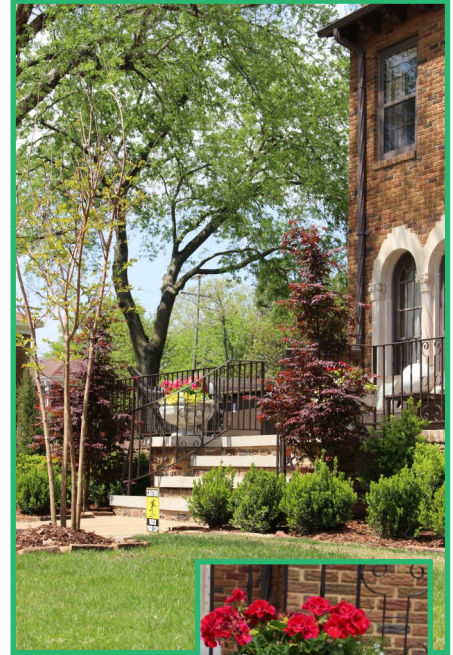
2156 SOUTH OWASSO PLACE

Anita Bryan and Timothy Faerber purchased this historic property with every intention of sharing it through our community's "Designer Showcase", May 3-May 18, 2025. Now presented by Home Builders Association | Tulsa (HBA), "Designer Showcase" has historically benefited The Foundation for Tulsa Schools. This year, our partnership with HBA affords the public one (1) single ticket for all four (4) gardens, two (2) other interiors AND this spectacular 1923 Mediterranean-style Mansion on Saturday, May 10, 2025.



Anita and Timothy turned over the 6200+ square feet interior, including vaulted garden room, to HBA members. Other than the dated kitchen, decorators and designers have freshened all the rooms. Our own Member Jane Butts has transformed the dining room, while many fixtures and the Art Deco basement with original terrazzo floors remain true to the era.

The double lot (highly-coveted in this Sunset Park neighborhood of Maple Ridge) has been re-designed by Kelley Design, Inc. New contemporary artwork with its own lighting and all new evergreens and perennials fill planting beds. A decades-old stone grotto water feature is flowing again!



Special treats for this year's Mother's Day weekend Garden Tour "Tulsa Heart & Soil" are

The 2025 Designer Showcase Tulsa is held at 2156 South Owasso Place in the historic Maple Ridge Subdivision. Volunteers have various opportunities to get involved in this incredible event. Your role as a house liaison will be to be stationed throughout the home to guide guests, manage guest flow, and provide answers to general questions during the home tours. Ticket & Boutique Volunteers will handle ticket sales and collections at the door, as well as manage merchandise sales for items in the home and boutique area.

offered by SheBrews Coffee in the wrap-around seven-(7) car garage. HBA members renovated the garage as the "Designer Showcase" event space for sponsors and other rental opportunities.



In addition to serving as a Cashier or Host/ess on Tour Day, May 10, ALL Tulsa Garden Club Members are asked to volunteer for "Designer Showcase", post-Tour, as a House Liaison (five Liaisons per shift) or with Ticket/Boutique Sales. Scan the QR codes, below to sign up for various shifts May 11-18, 2025, and to receive the map for volunteer parking.

Click image, left, for more on the Showcase and Show Pass (ticket) for the other days, May 3-9 or May 11-18.

For Questions Please Email SGentry@TulsaHBA.com

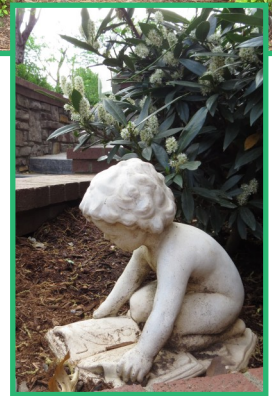
Grow Oklahoma: 74 Garden Tours..., cont.

2427 EAST 41ST STREET

Paula Marshall has designed her garden with family and beauty in mind. The Tudor home is surrounded by sweeping beds. The expanses of lawn offer plenty of run and play spaces for energy-filled youngsters.



Five Hosts will be most instrumental in greeting and guiding Garden Guests along pathways with newly-planted beds, expanded patios, and completely-refreshed pool. One Host will welcome Garden Guests to the Pool House to see Paula's extensive memorabilia collection.



GARDEN TOUR PATRONS, CASHIERS AND HOSTS

Thank YOU for giving YOUR treasure, heart, soul and precious time for this very-special 74th Annual Garden Tour "Tulsa Heart & Soil", 10am-4pm, May 10, 2025.

Each non-Member volunteer gets a complimentary ticket to enjoy the Tour. **Sign up, TODAY!**

Doublecheck your shift start time with:

Host/ess Chair **Fleta Haskins**

Cashiers Chairs **Cindy Davis** and **Dawn Young**

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

REMEMBER: FIND YOUR REPLACEMENT IF UNABLE TO MAKE YOUR SHIFT!

History Bite

By Carol Puckett, Member since 2014

YESTERDAY

The April 11-12, 1964, Tulsa Garden Club 14th Annual Garden Tour included eight gardens. Five gardens were daytime gardens, available 10 am – 5 pm. The three lighted nighttime gardens were available from 3 – 9 pm.

Gardens chosen showed results of “do-it-yourself” care in making the garden a success.

Tulsa Garden Club was the largest in the state with membership at 350. The Club invited all Oklahomans and friends from neighboring states to “drive-over” – share in viewing this array of garden beauty.

The garden tour is to raise funds for the Tulsa Garden Center and the Tulsa Rose Garden. Admission was \$1.50 for adults, and 25 cents for children. The committee chair was Mrs. Harold W. Looney.

TODAY

Get your tickets for Oklahoma’s longest-running educational, charitable garden tour, **“Tulsa Heart & Soil”**. This **74th Annual Garden Tour is 10 am - 4 pm, Saturday, May 10, 2025**. One of our featured gardens is the Home Builders Association’s “Designer Showcase”!

Gardens include: 1208 S Owasso Place, 1208 E 26th Street, 1522 E 37th Street and 2427 E 41st Street. Tickets are \$25 on [Eventbrite](#) or at Tulsa Garden Center until 3p, May 3.

Become a Patron! Patron Appreciation is Friday, May 9th in the Teaching Garden at Woodward Park. **May 1* Patron donations and RSVPs** received for May 9 Appreciation event signage/program, plus inclusion in Tour Day signage/Tour Guide.

All proceeds benefit Tulsa Garden Club gardening education projects. The Tour fulfills National Garden Clubs, Inc. objectives to educate the public and advance the art of gardening, horticulture, landscape design, floral design and environmental sciences.

2025 Tour Team Co-Chairs – Jimmy Black, Brenda Michael-Haggard

***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 always-smiling Corresponding Secretary/Care & Concern, Sharon Williams.



Sharon says, "After retiring from teaching Junior High computer science and newspaper classes, Susie Hicks introduced me to the joys and fellowship with Tulsa Garden Club. The allure for me was not only learning through excellent teaching programs but the project the Club supported at Conner Correctional Center was the deal that got me.



Helping Conner Correctional inmates learn horticulture skills and get chemical spraying certification was the one that got my heart. Then, the youth programs started in the Teaching Garden. They are wonderful in touching the younger generations and exposing them to the purpose of earth and what can grow in it.

Yes, this is the future of the Tulsa Garden Club, to educate and show Tulsa what beauty and growth our gardens can be."



GARDEN KIOSK FEATURE

"Rake up" this deal at your favorite neighborhood Club Garden Kiosk. Regular price is \$28. 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.



[Oklahoma Gardening](#) celebrates its 50th Anniversary!

Watch 74th Annual Garden Tour episode on OETA:

11 a.m. Saturday, May 3 * 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4

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

Grow Oklahoma: 3Ls LearnLearnLearn!

By Susan Foust, Member since 2022

HORTICULTURE FLOWER SHOW WORKSHOP

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 25, 2025, for the Club's horticulture specialty flower show at Tulsa Garden Center!

Plan to participate in workshops on Wednesday, May 7 and May 21 to help prepare for the show. Your Flower Show Team will offer:

- an overview of flower shows
- share the nearly-“biblical” nature of National Garden Clubs’ **“Handbook for Flower Shows”**
- step-by-step completion of exhibitor forms (online and printed spreadsheets), entry cards, and 3”x5” cards
- identification of plants’ botanical names.
- purpose of and how to navigate a flower show schedule
- understanding NGC, OGC and NED

Missouri Botanical Garden’s Plant Finder is a favorite!

Questions? Contact **Linda Smith!**



HANDBOOK for FLOWER SHOWS

Revised 2017 - 2nd Edition
Revised July 2008, July 2007, July 2002, July 2003, July 2004
NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

GENERATION GREEN NEEDS YOU

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!

Coming up:

- **9:30a-1pm April 22 GOING TO** Council Oak Earth Day, 1920 S Cincinnati AVE
- **9am-noon April 25** Arbor Day, Table in Teaching Garden



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!