

# Don't Let Up

Laura Chalus, CEO, Tulsa Garden Center at Woodward Park

I can still hear my Dad's voice, shouting over the engine noise and the rushing in my ears as I fixated on the rough terrain. I was desperately trying not to die that morning, and his repeated hollering was actually helping to propel me upward with focused determination.

It was 1984 and he had taken me on a much-anticipated fall riding trip, one which had become a rite of passage for us Fredrick kids that year. We were at Camp Gruber near Braggs, Oklahoma in the Cookson Hills with one of my Dad's business colleagues, Richard, and Richard's son, who was about my age. They were all on dirt bikes, and I had my trusty Honda Big Red 250 3-wheeler, drifting sideways around the dirt tracks and making jumps with as much Evel Knievel as I could muster. I felt well prepared, and it was a good thing too because the trail I had to climb that day was a notorious scar maker.

The heavily-wooded and rocky hillside was tricky, but not so much so that you couldn't reach the peak if you had strong control of the

handlebars and a body contorted forward so much so that you could almost kiss the headlight. The hill peaked in a trouble spot; a somewhat jutting rock with an 18-24 inch vertical face which couldn't be avoided because of large oak trees on both sides. It certainly wasn't insurmountable, but it felt nothing short of a looming cliff as I looked up and wondered how I was going to keep from killing myself.

Before departing on my suicide mission, Dad told me to stand up on the foot pegs and lean as far over the front of the bike as I could, keeping my knees bent and flexible, all while holding myself up to maintain control. If I didn't do all of this simultaneously, when the hill got the steepest any unbalanced weight would make the whole thing tip over backwards with me underneath and sliding down on the loose rocks.

Then he looked me dead in the eye and gave the most important instruction of all: Don't. Let. Up. Do not take your finger off that thumb throttle or you'll lose momentum and it will be all she wrote with



nothing but the scar on your back to show for it. I was scared to death inside, but his confidence in me was the tipping point I needed to push through without flinching. I made it to the top that day, arriving back home with only a handful of bruises, no broken bones, and a Father's words leaving a lasting impression.

During times when it seems all too easy to give up and stay on the couch watching Netflix, I find myself thinking more and more about my

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Dad's guidance that day and how the significance of his words has grown in importance over the years. So much so, in fact, that those three little words have matured into my personal mantra, inspiring me to do my best and push through adversity as an agent of change. Whether you're a teenager overcoming fear of failure (and bodily harm), or a 50 year old adult doing the very same thing, once you hit that throttle, be prepared to stay the course until the job gets done. Stick with it. Don't Let Up...



ONEOK Volunteers helping out in the historic Tulsa Rose Garden during 2018 United Way Day of Caring.

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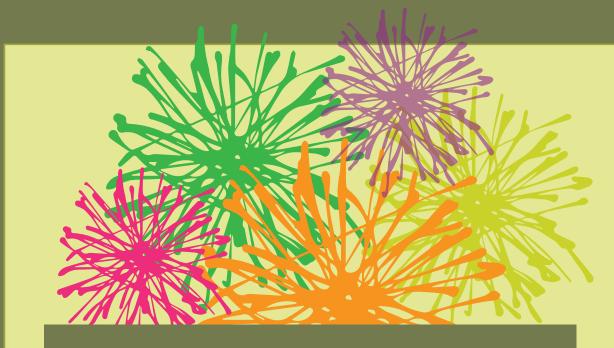
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# SPRINGFEST

at Woodward Park

TULSA GARDEN CENTER'S ANNUAL FUND-RAISING EVENT

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 9 AM-4 PM
AND SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 9 AM-3 PM
TULSA GARDEN CENTER AT WOODWARD PARK
2435 SOUTH PEORIA, TULSA, OK

TULSAGARDENCENTER.ORG/SPRINGFEST

# Linnaeus Teaching Garden Dream

Barry Fugatt, Director of Horticulture, Tulsa Garden Center and Linnaeus Teaching Garden

"If you build it, they will come." That line worked for Kevin Costner's character in the movie Field of Dreams, but would it work for a new state-or-the art dream garden in Tulsa's beloved Woodward Park? Understandably, the Linnaeus Teaching Garden dream was not met with a great deal of enthusiasm in the beginning. There was, after all, no funding, no design, no industry support and no volunteers. "Just a pipe dream," some said.

But even a pipe dream has a chance of becoming a beautiful reality when the right people buy into the dream. And that is exactly what happened soon after the Linnaeus Teaching Garden dream was announced. Dream makers began to step-up, dreamers like Joe Howell, of Howell and Vancuren Architects. Even without initial funding, Howell and Vancuren began work on concept plans and renderings that were critical in early fundraising efforts.

Joe Schulte, owner of Southwood Landscape and Garden Center, and a Tulsa Park Board member at the time, enthusiastically bought into the dream and used his influence to secure help from the nation's garden industry.

Walter and Peggy Helmerich, and the Helmerich's good friend Henry Zarrow, made generous financial gifts at a critically early point in the dream's evolution. It's very likely

that the dream might well have died of financial malnutrition were it not for their timely support.

Larry Ahrens, Vice President of nursery industry giant Greenleaf Wholesale Nursery, went to work on the garden's behalf. Greenleaf ultimately donated thousands of quality plants. Their generosity was quickly followed by other national wholesale nurseries.

Pavestone Corporation of America stepped up with an amazing offer to donate a paver package for the garden's walks and pavilion valued at over \$200,000. The company even helped pay for paver installation.

Tulsa Garden Center Board members, and then Executive Director Bonnie Hammond. deserve huge credit for believing in the dream and for making the Linnaeus Teaching Garden a Project of the Tulsa Garden Center. The Board's oversight, funding and direction was, is, and always will be critical. The Linnaeus Teaching Garden is a proud program of the historic Tulsa Garden Center.

And the Linnaeus Teaching Garden dream would never have come to fruition were it not for the support of the Tulsa Park Board and Tulsa Parks Department. The "Dream Garden" needed to be in Woodward Park, arguably the most beloved public real estate in Tulsa.



Lastly, when it comes to dream makers, look no further than the Linnaeus Volunteers. They believed in the dream a full year before garden construction ever began. Dedicated volunteers are the heart and soul of all things Linnaeus.

"If you build it, they will come." And indeed, thousands of visitors come every year to enjoy the beautiful garden and to participate in the garden's many educational programs.

The Linnaeus Teaching Garden opens for its fourteenth season Tuesday, March 3rd. Garden hours are 9:00am to 4:00pm Tuesday through Saturday. Come check out the garden "built on a dream."

Barry Fugatt is Director of Horticulture at the Tulsa Garden Center and Linnaeus Teaching. He may be reached at 918-576-5152 or email: bfugatt@tulsagardencenter.org

# THE SPIRIT OF GIN!

Girs essence is derived from the juniper berry, just like those growing in the Eastern Red Cedars that call Woodward Park home. Join us as we welcome Aaron Post, Valkyrie mastermind and cocktail expert, as he walks us through six different styles of Gin, discussing their history, production,

and flavor profiles. Each style will be accompanied by

a taste and a sample size cocktail.

Wednesday March 11th 6pm - 7:30pm



Tulsa Garden Center at Woodward Park

Register at tulsagardencenter.org/adult-programs/gin-and-juniper

# FLOWER POWER:

HOW TO MAKE YOUR YARD A
PLACE POLLINATORS CAN'T RESIST

Marcus Clayton, Perennial Club member and horticulturalist for the McBirney Mansion, will be talking about the ins and outs of an ideal pollinator garden and what steps you can take to bring all of the pollinators to your yard! Anne Pinc of Collector's Garden and Jalene Riley of Utopia Gardens will also be on hand with a collection of pollinator plants for sale so that you can get started on your project right away!

Wednesday April 22nd · 6pm - 7:30pm

Plant Sales begin at 5:30pm and will also be available when the class ends.

Tulsa Garden Center

Register at tulsagardencenter.org/adult-programs

# New Growth for a New Decade

Caty Coffee, President, Tulsa Cacti and Succulent Society

The Cacti and Succulent Society is thrilled about our educational offerings this year, and we hope you are too!

Both experienced and novice growers are invited to join us through 2020 as we explore succulent propagation, soil composition, basic care and conservation. With a new decade upon us, we are looking forward to adding some new items to our club. Our new website will be under construction soon, along with new merchandise for our annual Spring and Fall sales. We are currently working on a program that will deepen the Cacti and Succulent Society's roots in Woodward Park by way of cataloguing specimens in the Conservatory at Woodward Park and providing additional support in the Cacti room.

Have you been interested in growing some of nature's most interesting and unique plants? From cute succulents to exotic euphorbias, cold hardy plants perfect for Xeriscape, or cacti of all varieties, there's something for every plant lover! Tulsa Cacti and Succulent Society is looking forward to a year of growth and we hope you'll join us as we share our love of all things pokey, prickly, and planty!

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# Tulsa Area Azalea Society Blossoms

Paul Stratton, President and Founder, Tulsa Area Azalea Society

Many of you may already know me as "The Azalea Gardener" for Woodward Park and it is a title that I wear as a badge of honor. For the last two and a half years I have called Woodward Park my home away from home as my daily work place and through this time I have grown a new fondness and reverence for the humble azalea shrub.

Many years ago my love for the plantae kingdom was kindled by my now late great-grandmother; tending to her many beautiful iris beds that surrounded her home and property in Carbondale, West Tulsa. Every spring we would head out to the beds and clip back the winter's damage, fertilize her established specimens, introduce vibrant new

varities to her collection, and when they would open to put their stunning inflorescence on display; we would take stem cuttings for me to bring to my teachers as a welcoming breathe of spring. Now, that I am much older, my botanical skills have been honed through almost a decade of study and practice to the respect of maintaining the vast eight

acre Tulsa Azalea Garden; which is a far cry from the original 2' by 4' silk flower garden of my youth.

Through my tenure I have made it a personal goal to oversee the rebirthing of the once world renowned garden and bring forth its newest heyday. With the help of the current managerial staff in the department we have made leaps and bounds over the neglect that had befallen the garden in the recent decade, but there is still so much more room for improvement. It is shaping up to be a wonderful challenge of skill and knowledge, which is both already possessed and still yet to be acquired. For instance, when I first took my post we knew that the azaleas were dying in massive droves and common knowledge would have us blaming the Great Ice Storm of '07 and the subsequent storm of '13 which were responsible for irrevocable damage to almost 60% of Woodward's historic tree canopy. So was it too much heat? Perhaps it was not enough diffused sunlight? Still better, did the lack of



mighty oaks to block the bitter north winds in the winter cause it to be too cold? These were the questions I had to find solutions to and find them guick as we had already lost almost half of our collection when I had arrived and would still have to withstand losing more as my research stood before me to begin.

I can now happily inform you that, with no short order of science on my side, we did answer that longstanding question in the summer of 2019. Simply put, the soil pH levels were far too high to allow the azaleas to uptake and translocate their nutrients. While this is a quite simple suspect to prey victim on our beloved horticultural delight, it taught me so much more then I could have imagined about the "rose of the shade garden" and after investing all my time it begged the question of myself whether there was a local society devoted to the azalea so that I could pick the brains of more experienced gardeners for answers to other unresolved questions. I was regretfully informed that not only was there no azalea organization in Tulsa but that there likewise has never been such an organization. So the gears had been put in motion and now I must ask you, the reader, the same questions:

Do you have azaleas that could use a little TLC and don't know where to start? Have you ever wanted to plant azaleas but think they are too tedious for your yard? Or, are you experienced with azaleas and are



looking for a group of like-minded friends to meet with? Well, in all cases, I now know of an organization that can satisfy any azalea lover's needs. As of January 1st, 2020 the Tulsa Garden Center has added the Tulsa Area Azalea Society as the newest affiliate organization and we are currently accepting new members to join us in celebrating the joys of Rhododendron tsutsuji and Rhododendron pentanthera. We will meet every third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the Tulsa Garden Center at Woodward Park. 2435 South Peoria Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma. If you are interested today in paying your annual dues you can go to the Tulsa Garden Center's website at tulsaagardencenter.org.

navigate to the 'Adult Programs' option under the 'Learn' tab, click the link for the Tulsa Area Azalea Society membership, and select your desired membership level. You can also pay your dues through our Facebook page (just search Tulsa Area Azalea Society on Facebook) by clicking on the 'Shop Now' button and it will automatically take you to the Garden Center's payment page. While you're on our Facebook page feel free to give us a like and receive notifications on all of the latest azalea information and organization happenings, including our kick off celebration being planned for the month of April. We look forward to getting to know you and seeing where we can take our merry band of cohorts!





# Southwood

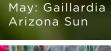
**LANDSCAPE & GARDEN CENTER** 



Tulsa Garden Center Members can purchase the Plant of the Month for 30% off the retail price. Please show your membership card at checkout. Regular retail \$6.99 to \$9.99.

Plants of the Month are subject to change. Quantities are limited. Limit of 5 per member each month.

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April: Coreopsis N

May: Gaillardia Red Shades

# Fresh Buds Set for Spring in the Park

Brian Boyaird, Program Director, Outdoor Classroom at Woodward Park

It all started with Summer collaborations to till the rich soil for a fresh start for Outdoor Classroom at this incredible 44-acre learning campus of Woodward Park. The news spread quickly. The restoration of the historic Carriage House evolved into an incredible living laboratory for older elementary students and social service groups to develop their curiosity, critical thinking skills, and on certain weather days, their perseverance and resiliency to positively affect their life journeys as continuous learners.

Over 1,342 students and adult facilitators have so far dived deep into complex STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) topics that uniquely dovetailed into the schools' planning calendars and complemented State academic standards, while getting messy in nature. We have planted the seeds of self-awareness and the buds are set for empowering a future generation of innovators and change-makers. We are changing communities from the kids up!

Outdoor Classroom at Woodward Park is not just a blip on the radar of our student's crazy busy lives, often impeded by hunger, school absences, adverse home experiences and/or negative neighborhood paradigms. Our Naturalist Educator team are mentors, delivering exemplary and curated experiences that lead



to HOPE, which is a precursor to JOY. We have established Science Clubs back in the schools and will participate in school family nights. We bring textbooks to life back in the Classroom, with an open invitation to come back often to the Park to share their adventures with others.

We hosted 34 field classes across 9 Tulsa area school districts. We partnered with Camp HOPE (Family Safety Center) on a Saturday exploring the Park. We awakened the spirits of Special Needs students (and their parents/guardians) from Moore Elementary (Union) on their first field trip ever! We will bring a special group of students from Jenks High School and Town & Country School out this Spring. We have partnered once again with the TU School of Mechanical Engineering on their Senior Design Project to capture precious energy from composting to warm the fish

tanks of our aquaponics system. We are the education partner for a National USDA grant with Teaching Institute for Excellence in STEM (TIES) and our industry partner, Symbiotic Aquaponics LLC. Twenty area teachers will learn at the Park, take their systems into their classrooms and bring their students back to the Park.

Finally, we are excited to partner with the Department of Education Program Development for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to both learn at our 100-year old park and Native American allotment land, while we learn from them about natural STEM, land use and the stewardship they have exemplified for centuries! We eagerly await a mighty bloom this Spring with Outdoor Classroom at Woodward Park!

Mvto! Myskoke word for "Thank You"

# Weekends in

Tulsa Garden Center Seed Swap

March 7th 10a-1p



Orchid Society
Show & Sale

April 18t and 19t



Barry Fugatt's "All About Vegetables Class" March 28th



SpringFest at Woodward Park

April 10th and 1





# Woodward!



Perennial Club Sale
May 2nd + Iris
Society Late
Show & Sale
May 2nd
and 3rd

Tulsa Rose Society
+ Green Country
Bonsai Society
Show & Sale
May 9th
and 10th

TULSA ORCHID SOCIETY PRESENTS

# ORCHOS: IESOF THE JUNGLE

An American Orchid Society judged show and sale Free public admission and daily orchid raffles

APRIL 18, 10AM - 5PM | APRIL 19, 10AM-4PM TULSA GARDEN CENTER 2435 S. PEORIA AVE., TULSA, OK 74114

# Elusive Ephemerals

Lynn Michael, Oklahoma Native Plant Society, Northeast Chapter Chair

Now is the time to get out and see those most elusive wildflowers, the Spring ephemerals. Ephemerals are plants whose lifespan is very short as they take advantage of a resource, like sunlight, that is there for only a short time. Ephemerals bloom before the trees leaf out, meaning that you must be out in the woods in March and early April to see things like Trillium, Rue Anemone, Trout Lily, Green Dragon and Jack-in-the-Pulpit.

Some bushes and trees bloom very early too. Witch Hazel, Spicebush, Sassafras and Elm can only be observed by those diligent enough to get out and look before those April showers bring May flowers. A great way to see these treasures is to come on a field trip with the Oklahoma Native Plant Society. Every Saturday in April we will be

visiting a different state park. To join us, get the scheduled locations at www.oknativeplants.org or send us an email for more information at ONPSinfo@gmail.com. Meet at the Tulsa Garden Center at 8:45 am to caravan to field trip sites.





#### **CLASSES AND EVENTS**

#### ▶ MONDAY, MARCH 2

#### **Tulsa Garden Club meeting** 10:00 am. Hospitality at 10:00 am, followed by the meeting and program at 10:30. Presentation "2020: Bringing Back the Monarch" by speaker Sandy Schwinn, Conservation Specialist for MonarchWatch. Org. New officers will also be elected for 2020-2021, and immediately following

the meeting will be a horticulture program demonstration by members Charlene Wells and Linda Smith.

#### **Oklahoma Native Plant Society quarterly** meeting

6:30 pm. Social time at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00 pm. Jona Tucker, former Preserve Director at The Nature Conservancy, will present a fascinating program on Thomas Nuttall's 1819 expedition through eastern Oklahoma and western Arkansas, then known as the Arkansas Territory. Tucker will also speak on some of the native flora and animals that were documented, as Nuttall is responsible for the identification and naming of many native plants in Oklahoma.

#### **Green Country Bonsai Society**

7:00 pm. Tree repotting. Bring your bonsai tree and soil and work on repotting. Spring is the best time to do it!

#### ▶ TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Linnaeus Teaching Garden Open for 2020!

#### Let's Talk Gardening!

12:00-1:30 pm. Let's Talk Gardening! is the Tulsa Garden Center's garden study group that meets for informal discussions about gardening and nature in general. LTG! meets from 12:00-1:30 pm on the first, second, fourth, and fifth Tuesday of the month. There is no charge to attend and reservations aren't required.

#### ▶ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

#### Success with Sourdough

6:00 pm. Join us with our friends from Dale & Daughter to learn the what, why, & how of creating a successful sourdough starter. In this class by Lacey Wissen, participants will learn about the necessary tools and steps for making bread in addition to the variables that can affect the outcome of bread-making. Everyone will take home their own starter, a simple sourdough recipe, and will also get to sample fresh bread. Registration is required and tickets are \$15 for Tulsa Garden Center members or \$20 for non-members. Visit tulsagardencenter.org/ success-with-sourdough to register!

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#### ▶ THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Tulsa Area Daylily Society meeting 6:30 pm. Refreshments and a social time will begin at 6:30 and the meeting will start at 7:00 pm. Dr. F. Todd Lasseigne, Garden President and CEO of the Tulsa Botanic Garden, will be the guest speaker, presenting "Incorporating Daylilies in Your Garden." Dr. Lasseigne is a highly respected plantsman, educator, horticulturalist, and leader in the field of public horticulture. He has presented numerous lectures throughout the United States and internationally.

**Tulsa Cacti and Succulent Society meeting** 7:00 pm. Cacti and Succulent Soil Workshop. Participants will learn how to construct a proper succulent and cacti soil mix by learning about necessary pH levels, which materials work best, the ratios of those materials, and more! Following the presentation, participants will create their own custom soil mix to take home. Class is free to Cacti and Succulent Society and Tulsa Garden Center members and is \$5 to nonmembers. Registration is required - sign-up at tulsagardencenter.org/cacti-soil-workshop.

#### ▶ FRIDAY, MARCH 6

#### Tulsa Council of Federated Garden Clubs meeting

9:30 am. Program to be announced. Follow @TulsaGardenCenter on Facebook for more information on upcoming meetings and events.

#### ▶ SATURDAY, MARCH 7

#### Tulsa Garden Center Seed Swap

10:00 am-1:00 pm. Join the Tulsa Garden Center and many of our friends from around town for a FREE Saturday Seed Swap! Bring your own seeds to swap with other visitors, and grab seeds from groups like Quail Forever, a local conservation group, or the Tulsa City-County Library, who will be checking out seeds from their vast seed bank. Come by to connect and get your next favorite plant!

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 8



#### Rose BINGO!

1:30 pm. BINGO for Roses! Join the Tulsa Rose Society for Rose BINGO to win roses at this annual fundraising event. It is \$5 per card to

play, and there will be lots of roses to choose from, plus free snacks!

#### ▶ TUESDAY, MARCH 10

#### **Tulsa Herb Society March Tea**

10:00 am. Visit the Tulsa Herb Society Facebook page for more information and to stay updated on meetings and events.

#### Let's Talk Gardening!

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Hosta Connection of Tulsa meeting 6:30 pm. The Hosta Connection kicks off 2020 with a new meeting time: the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. This month's presentation is "Container Gardening," presented by Tulsa Master Gardener Becky

#### **Green Country Water Garden Society** meeting

6:30 pm. Richard Butler of Oklahoma Herpetology presents, "What's Around Your Garden." Oklahoma Herpetology is dedicated to the conservation and education on reptiles and amphibians, with a primary interest on Oklahoma's native species. Their goal is to educate people of all ages about the importance of these animals and their function, or niche, in nature.

#### ▶ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

#### The Spirit of Gin

6:00-7:30 pm. Take a journey through gin, a spirit whose essence and history is rooted in juniper berries just like the ones that line the Tulsa Rose Garden, with Valkyrie owner and cocktail expert. Aaron Post, Aaron will walk through six different styles of gin, discussing the history, production and flavor profiles of each, while pairing each style with a taste, as well as a sample size cocktail tailored to bring out the particular styles flavor components. Cost is \$45 for Tulsa Garden Center members and \$55 for non-members. Register at tulsagardencenter. org/adult-programs/gin-and-juniper.

#### ▶ THURSDAY, MARCH 12

#### **Tulsa Area Iris Society meeting**

6:30 pm. Anna Cadd, internationally known iris hybridizer from California, will be Tulsa Area Iris Society's guest speaker at the March meeting and will conduct a Judges' Training School session, Saturday, March 14. Both events will be held at Tulsa Garden Center. Anna's primary focus will be spuria irises but will include information on tall bearded irises as well. As owner of Cadd's Beehive Iris Garden in Healdsburg, California, Anna and her husband received many national and international awards for varieties they hybridized and have shown.

#### ▶ SATURDAY, MARCH 14

#### Tulsa Area Iris Society Judges' Training School

9:00 am-3:00 pm. Anna Cadd, internationallyknown iris hybridizer from California, will conduct a Judges' Training School focused on spuria and tall bearded irises. For more information, contact the Tulsa Area Iris Society at 918-243-5202 or 918-863-9399.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 16

Oklahoma Mycological Society meeting 6:00 pm. Program to be announced. Check okfungi.com/events for up-to-date information.

#### **African Violet Society of Greater Tulsa** meeting

7:00 pm. Business meeting at 7:15 pm, African Violet Jeopardy at 7:30 pm!

#### ▶ TUESDAY, MARCH 17

#### **Tulsa Garden Center Book Review**

12:00-1:30 pm. Join the Tulsa Garden Center and Let's Talk Gardening! crew for a monthly book discussion in the Tulsa Garden Center Library. Meeting is open to the public and prior reading is not required.

#### Tulsa Audubon Society meeting

7:00 pm. Program "Audubon Conservation Ranching in Oklahoma" by speaker Dustin Lamoreaux, Oklahoma State Coordinator for Pheasants Forever, Inc. and Quail Forever. Both conservation groups are partnering with the National Audubon Society in implementing the Audubon Conservation Ranching Program in Oklahoma.

#### Tulsa Area Azalea Society meeting

6:00 pm. Join the Tulsa Garden Center's newest affiliated plant society at their monthly meeting to learn what they're all about! The Azalea Society will be meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm. Follow @ TulsaAreaAzaleaSociety to stay up to date on their events!

#### ▶ THURSDAY, MARCH 19

#### Story Time in the Garden

10:00 am. Join us at the Linnaeus Teaching Garden for our first Story Time session of 2020! Story Time is held for children and toddlers through second grade, 10:00 am every Thursday in June, July, August and September at the Linnaeus Teaching Garden. Parents are encouraged to bring snacks, drinks, and blankets for their family. Story Time will take place rain or shine but will be moved indoors if there is inclement weather.

# **TULSA GARDEN CRAWL**



## **SATURDAY MAY 16TH**

Hop on the party bus and explore four local gardens while experiencing local wine and beer. Wear your walking shoes so that you can enjoy your garden tours!

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PHILBROOK GARDENS
GATHERING PLACE



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#### **Tulsa Perennial Club meeting**

7:00 pm. Anne Pinc and friends will host an interactive roundtable discussion on plant division

#### ▶ FRIDAY, MARCH 20

#### **National Association** of Parliamentarians meeting

1:00-2:30 pm. National Association of Parliamentarians is a society dedicated to educating leaders throughout the world in effective meeting management through the use of parliamentary procedure.

#### ▶ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

#### **Linnaeus Teaching Garden Monthly Volunteer Meeting**

9:30 am-12:30 pm.

#### ▶ THURSDAY, MARCH 26

**Green Country Sierra Club meeting** 6:00 pm. Program to be announced. Follow @ SierraClubGreenCountryGroup on Facebook for more information on upcoming meetings and events.

#### ▶ SATURDAY, MARCH 28



Barry Fugatt's "All About Veggies" 9:00 am-12:00 pm. You truly don't know vegetables until you've heard Barry Fugatt talk about them. Barry will talk about both the old and the new and share his tips on growing vegetables and how to use them. Free admission to Tulsa Garden Center members, non-members fee is \$5. Reservations are required. Tulsagardencenter.org/adultprograms

#### ▶ TUESDAY, MARCH 31

#### Let's Talk Gardening!

12:00-1:30 pm. Let's Talk Gardening! is the Tulsa Garden Center's garden study group that meets for informal discussions about gardening and nature in general. LTG! meets from 12:00-1:30 pm on the first, second, fourth, and fifth Tuesday of the month. There is no charge to attend and reservations aren't required.

#### ▶ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

#### The Why Behind Your Wine

6:00 pm-8:00 pm. Fermentation styles and processes play a big part in why certain wines taste the way they do. Certified wine sommelier and Tulsa Garden Center board president, Andy Zanovich, will lead this lecture on how fermentation effects taste and style of wine. Come learn how the different fermentation styles create your favorite flavor and taste a handful of wines to put your knowledge to the test! Cost to register is \$35 for Tulsa Garden Center members and \$40 for non-members. Sign-up today at tulsagardencenter.org/adult-programs/winefermentation.

#### ▶ THURSDAY, APRIL 2

#### Tulsa Area Daylily Society meeting

6:30 pm. Refreshments and a social time will begin at 6:30 and the meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. Ann Large, of the Central Oklahoma Daylily Society, will be the presenter and will discuss "How to Arrange and Plan a Successful Regional Conference."

Tulsa Cacti and Succulent Society meeting 7:00 pm. Propagation Class. Participants will learn how to propagate cacti and succulents through cuttings, and will be able take home their work to grow!

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 3

#### **Tulsa Council of Federated Garden Clubs** meeting

9:30 am. Program to be announced. Follow @TulsaGardenCenter on Facebook for more information on upcoming meetings and events.

#### ▶ SUNDAY, APRIL 5

#### Tulsa Rose Society meeting

1:30 pm. Rose show preparations and tips. Rose Society show experts will be giving tips and secrets for showing great roses.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 6

#### **Tulsa Garden Club meeting**

10:00 am. Hospitality at 10:00 am, followed by the meeting and program at 10:30. Speakers Kellyn Register, Horticulturist, and Chris Gabbard, Arborist, present "A Gathering Place for Horticulture in Your Garden."

**Green Country Bonsai Society meeting** 7:00 pm. Roundtable discussion on collecting trees. Bring your tree for show and tell and participate in the raffle!

#### ▶ TUESDAY, APRIL 7

#### Let's Talk Gardening!

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#### FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, APRIL 10 AND 11



#### SpringFest at Woodward Park

Come to Woodward Park on Friday, April 10, from 9:00 am-4:00 pm, and Saturday, April 11, from 9:00 am-3:00 pm to kick off the spring gardening season! Shop dozens of plant, art, and gardening vendors, explore the Tulsa Historical Society and Museum for free, grab a bite to eat out on the tent pad, and learn all about what the Tulsa Garden Center is up to at our annual fundraising garden market. Visit tulsagardencenter.org/springfest for up-todate information on vendors, parking, food, and more!

#### ▶ TUESDAY, APRIL 14 **Tulsa Herb Society meeting**

9:30 am-12:00 pm. Program to be announced. Follow Tulsa Herb Society on Facebook for more information on upcoming meetings and events.

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## **Green Country Water Garden Society**

6:30 pm. Speaker Greg McCann presents on the physical, emotional, and spiritual benefits of water.

**Hosta Connection of Tulsa meeting** 6:30 pm. Program on hummingbirds.



Tulsa Rose Society, Green Country Bonsai Society, and Tulsa Garden Center Members are invited to a special reception to celebrate the annual Rose and Bonsai Shows.



Members will enjoy free hors d'ouevres, music, and a cash bar, as well as a unique opportunity to speak with experts who can answer your questions about some of the most popular and esteemed garden activities in the world.

#### **CLASSES AND EVENTS** Continued from page 19

#### ▶ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

#### Irrigation and Drainage Class by Tom's **Outdoor Living**

6:00 pm. Join the Tulsa Garden Center for a how-to class taught by Eric Hightower, Project Manager for Tom's Outdoor Living, and Paul Dinioa, Maintenance Manager for Tom's Outdoor Living, on proper installation and maintenance of your drainage and irrigation systems. One lucky attendee will receive a one-hour on-site visit from a Toms's crew member that includes a full run-through of your home sprinkler system. This lecture is free to Tulsa Garden Center members and \$5 for nonmembers. Advance registration is required. Tulsagardencenter.org/adult-programs

#### ▶ THURSDAY, APRIL 16

#### Tulsa Area Iris Society meeting

6:30 pm. Frank Douglas, a TAIS member and gardener extraordinaire, will present a program on growing Irises in the Tulsa area.

#### Tulsa Perennial Club meeting

7:00 pm. Josh Jonckowskit from Monrovia nurseries presents a topic focused on perennials.

#### ▶ FRIDAY, APRIL 17

#### **National Association** of Parliamentarians meeting

1:00-2:30 pm. National Association of Parliamentarians is a society dedicated to educating leaders throughout the world in effective meeting management through the use of parliamentary procedure.

#### Introduction to Botany

6:00-8:00 pm. Introduction to Botany is the second course in the Native Plant Certification Program and will introduce students to the

fundamental principles of botany and the plant sciences. This is an eight-hour course taught by City of Tulsa and Woodward Park Gardener, Paul Stratton, on April 17, April 24, May 1, May 8 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Topics covered will be the study of plant form, function, reproduction, as well as others. The class is designed to be helpful for both the new and seasoned gardeners. Cost is \$75 for members of the Tulsa Garden Center and \$85 for non-members. Tulsagardencenter.org/ adult-programs

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 18 AND SUNDAY, APRIL 19



Tulsa Orchid Society Show and Sale 10:00 am-5:00 pm Saturday and 10:00 am-4:00 pm Sunday. Orchids: Jewels of the Jungle. An American Orchid Society judged show and sale. Free public admission and daily orchid raffles!

#### MONDAY, APRIL 20

Oklahoma Mycological Society meeting 6:00 pm. Program to be announced. Check okfungi.com/events for up-to-date information.

#### **African Violet Society of Greater Tulsa** meeting

7:00 pm. Video on "Pests and Diseases." narrated by Joyce Stork.

#### ▶ TUESDAY, APRIL 21

#### Tulsa Garden Center Book Review 12:00-1:30pm. Join the Tulsa Garden Center and Let's Talk Gardening! crew for a monthly book discussion in the Tulsa Garden Center Library. Meeting is open to the public and prior reading is not required.

Tulsa Area Azalea Society meeting 6:00 pm. Program to be announced. Check @ TulsaAreaAzaleaSociety to stay updated on all news and upcoming events!

#### **Tulsa Audubon Society meeting** 7:00 pm. Valerie O'Brien, Ph.D., associate professor of biology at Tulsa Community College presents "The Arms Race Between Cliff Swallows and Parasites: Do We Have a Winner?" Dr. O'Brien will share information about cliff swallows and the insects that beset them.

#### ▶ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

#### Flower Power Pollinator Class 6:00 pm-7:30 pm. Marcus Clayton, Perennial Club member and horticulturalist for the McBirney Mansion, will be talking about the ins and outs of a pollinator garden and what steps you can take to bring all of the pollinators to your yard! Anne Pinc of Collector's Garden and Jalene Riley of Utopia Gardens will be on hand before and after the class with a collection of pollinator plants for sale so you can get started on your project right away. Class is \$5 for Tulsa Garden Center and Tulsa Perennial Club members, and \$10 for all non-members. Advance registration is required. Tulsagardencenter.org/adultprograms

Bequest made through your estate either by will or trust can provide important benefits to both you and the Tulsa Garden Center at Woodward Park.

- Reduce or eliminate estate taxes
- Change beneficiaries at any time
- Designate any amount

We would love to discuss ways to make a gift through your estate plan with you or your estate planning professional.

Please contact Laura Chalus, CEO Tulsa Garden Center at Woodward Park 2435 S Peoria, Tulsa, OK 74114 918-576-5155 Ichalus@tulsagardencenter.org www.tulsagardencenter.org



#### FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Introduction to Botany 6:00–8:00 pm. Second class session.

#### ▶ SATURDAY, APRIL 25

### Barry Fugatt's Linnaeus Teaching Garden Tour

9:00 am–12:00 pm. The beautiful Linnaeus Teaching Garden is home to thousands of plants and almost anything a home gardener could dream up. Barry Fugatt, Director of Horticulture for the Tulsa Garden Center, will lead a tour of the grounds that showcases gorgeous shrubs, perennials and annuals best suited for Tulsa area gardens, plus specialty areas such as the vegetable garden, xeric garden and butterfly garden. Tour is limited to 25 attendees and registration is required. TGC members are free, and non-members cost is \$5 per tour. Tulsagardencenter.org/adult-programs

#### Gardening Gold! Composting Class 6:00 pm." The gang from Full Sun Composting will be on-site teaching about the environmental benefits of composting, the basics of composting at home, as well as resources in the community to help your efforts along! Free for Tulsa Garden Center members, or \$5 for non-members. Advance

registration is required. <u>Tulsagardencenter.org/adult-programs</u>

Tulsa Area Iris Society Early Show and Sale

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 26

12:30-4:00 pm.

Tulsa Area Iris Society Early Show and Sale 11:00 am-4:00 pm.

#### ▶ TUESDAY, APRIL 28

#### Let's Talk Gardening!

12:00–1:30 pm. Let's Talk Gardening! is the Tulsa Garden Center's garden study group that meets for informal discussions about gardening and nature in general. LTG! meets from 12:00–1:30 pm on the first, second, fourth, and fifth Tuesday of the month. There is no charge to attend and reservations aren't required.

#### ▶ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

Linnaeus Teaching Garden Monthly Volunteer Meeting 9:30 am-12:30 pm.

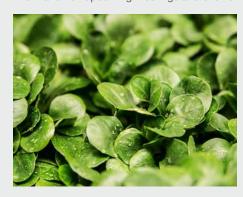
#### ▶ THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Green Country Sierra Club meeting
6:00 pm. Program to be announced. Follow @
SierraClubGreenCountryGroup on Facebook
for more information on upcoming meetings
and events.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 1

# Tulsa Council of Federated Garden Clubs meeting

9:30 am. Program to be announced. Follow @TulsaGardenCenter on Facebook for more information on upcoming meetings and events.



Introduction to Botany 6:00–8:00 pm. Third class session.

#### ▶ SATURDAY, MAY 2

Tulsa Perennial Club Sale 8:00 am-4:30 pm.

Pollinator Plant Sale 8:00 am-4:30 pm.

Tulsa Area Iris Society Late Show and Sale 12:30-4:00 pm.

#### ▶ SUNDAY, MAY 3

Tulsa Area Iris Society Late Show and Sale 11:00 am-4:00 pm.

#### ▶ MONDAY, MAY 4

#### **Tulsa Garden Club meeting**

10:00 am. "History of the Cherokee Seed Program" by speaker Feather Smith-Trevino, Biologist for Cherokee Nation Seed Program. Immediately following is Flower Arrangement/ Design Study Group with Members Charlene Wells and Linda Smith.

## Oklahoma Native Plant Society quarterly meeting

6:00 pm. Rusty Grimpe presents on his acreage near Skiatook and his participation in the Oklahoma Natural Areas Registry program.

Green Country Bonsai Society meeting 6:30 pm. Program on spring show tree prep and Pines Part 1 – Candling. Bring your tree for show and tell and participate in the raffle!

#### ▶ TUESDAY, MAY 5

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gardening and nature in general. LTG! meets from 12:00–1:30 pm on the first, second, fourth, and fifth Tuesday of the month. There is no charge to attend and reservations aren't required.

#### ▶ THURSDAY, MAY 7

Tulsa Cacti and Succulent Society meeting 7:00 pm. Cutting Swap and Plant Clinic. First portion of the meeting will be a plant clinic, so bring in your plant that you have questions or concerns about and there will be a group discussion on how to help. Afterward, there will be a cuttings swap from club member's collections!

#### Tulsa Area Daylily Society meeting 6:30 pm. Refreshments and a social time will begin at 6:30 and the meeting will start at 7:00 pm. TADS will be returning Nesting Daylilies and will have a video presentation

regarding daylilies.

FRIDAY, MAY 8

#### **National Public Gardens Day**

Introduction to Botany 6:00–8:00 pm. Final class session.

#### ▶ SATURDAY, MAY 9



Tulsa Rose Society Show 1:00–4:00 pm.



**Green Country Bonsai Society Show** 10:00 am-4:00 pm.

#### **Tulsa Garden Center Members-Only** Reception

5:30-7:30 pm. Tulsa Rose Society, Green Country Bonsai Society, and Tulsa Garden Center Members are invited to a special reception to celebrate the annual Rose and Bonsai Shows at the Tulsa Garden Center Mansion. Members will enjoy free hors d'ouevres, music, and a cash bar, as well as a unique opportunity to speak with experts who can answer your questions about some of the most popular and esteemed garden activities in the world.

#### ▶ SUNDAY, MAY 10

#### **Tulsa Rose Society Show**

11:00 am-4:00 pm. Mother's Day Rose Show. Bring your mother to the show and receive a free long stem rose!

**Green Country Bonsai Society Show** 11:00 am-4:00 pm.

Linnaeus Teaching Garden Open on Sundays 1:00-4:00 pm through Labor Day

#### ▶ TUESDAY, MAY 12

#### **Tulsa Herb Society meeting**

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## **Green Country Water Garden Society**

6:30 pm. Pond Tour planning.

**Hosta Connection of Tulsa meeting** 5:00 pm. Annual offsite meeting at Colebrook Nursery.

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#### ▶ SATURDAY, MAY 16

#### Tulsa Garden Crawl

10:00 am. Celebrate National Public Gardens Week with some of the best gardens in Tulsa. Experience curated experiences at the Philbrook Museum of Art, Tulsa Botanic

Garden, Tulsa Garden Center at Woodward Park, and Gathering Place Tulsa while enjoying great local food, beer and wine. Visit my.philbrook.org/12076/15242 to register.

**Tulsa Cacti and Succulent Society Sale** 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

#### Tulsa Garden Club 22nd Annual Standard Flower Show

1:00-4:00 pm. "Destination Paradise." Horticultural specimens from Tulsa Garden Club members and the general public will be on display. Experience amazing floral artistry from amateur floral arrangers' special educational exhibits. This show fulfills National Garden Clubs objectives to study and advance the art of gardening, horticulture, floral design, and more.

#### ▶ SUNDAY, MAY 17

Tulsa Cacti and Succulent Society Sale 10:00 am-3:00 pm.



#### **Tulsa Orchid Society meeting**

1:30 pm. Repotting Clinic! Spring is a great time of year to start thinking about whether your orchids need bigger pots and fresh potting medium so they can live their best lives and put out those blooms we all love so much. We'll hear from members about why repotting an orchid is important, how to know whether it's time for a plant to graduate up to a bigger pot size, and we'll get our hands dirty with some repotting techniques. Participants are encouraged to bring potting media and pots of their own, but there will be supplies for sale. Bring your orchid along and let the Orchid Society help you out!

#### MONDAY, MAY 18

Oklahoma Mycological Society meeting 6:00 pm. Program to be announced. Check okfungi.com/events for up-to-date information.

#### **African Violet Society of Greater Tulsa** meeting

7:00 pm. Refreshments at 7:00 pm, business meeting at 7:15 pm, followed by a program on how to take care of new acquisitions at 7:30 pm!

#### ▶ TUESDAY, MAY 19

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#### **Tulsa Audubon Society meeting**

7:00 pm. Speaker Jay Pruett, Tulsa Audubon Society member and former Conservation Director of the Oklahoma Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, presents on The Birds of Costa Rica! Jay will share photos and anecdotes related to his recent birding trip to Costa Rica.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 21

#### Tulsa Area Iris Society meeting

6:30 pm. Jerry James, a TAIS member, will present an interesting program on the History of Tulsa Area Iris Society and the Tall Bearded Iris Society.

#### Tulsa Perennial Club meeting

7:00 pm. Program on attracting birds with flowers by Tulsa Master Gardener Josie Driskell.

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#### **Conservatory Hours Change to Summer** Hours

Now open Monday through Friday, 6:30 am-1:30 pm and Saturday and Sunday, 7:30 am-2:30 pm.

#### ▶ WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

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#### ▶ THURSDAY, MAY 28

#### Green Country Sierra Club meeting 6:00 pm. Program to be announced. Follow @ SierraClubGreenCountryGroup on Facebook for more information on upcoming meetings and events.



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