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## *Gardening by the Book*

### Companion Planting

The idea of companion planting has arisen as an extremely viable new take on how plants should be situated, grown, and cultivated. It can increase the yield of vegetables, even enhancing the flavor, if planted with specific herbs. It can intensify the beauty of flowers by combining them with plants of contrasting shapes, color, and height.

*Carrots Love Tomatoes: Secrets of Companion Planting for Successful Gardening* (Storey Pub., 1998) and its sequel, *Roses Love Garlic: Companion Planting and Other Secrets of Flowers* (Storey Pub., 1998) were written by Oklahoma author Louise Riotte. These classics have taught which plants nourish the soil, which keep away bugs and which just do not get along. When planting vegetables, herbs or flowers, these give suggestions for better health and yield.

*Complete Guide to Companion Planting: Everything You Need to Know to Make Your Garden Successful* (Atlantic Pub. Group, 2011) teaches this extension of crop rotation. It is used in tandem with natural conditions and plant minerals to create the best vegetable produce. The fundamentals of companion planting and seasonal care of plants are taught.

For a comprehensive, easy-to-use guide try *Encyclopedia of Planting Combinations: Over 4000 Color and Planting Schemes* (Firefly Books, 2012). More than 4000 combinations using over 1000 plants feature innovative combinations. The principles of mixing and matching color, texture, form and foliage are discussed. Plants include small trees and shrubs, climbers, roses,

perennials, bulbs and annuals.

*The Mix and Match Guide to Companion Planting* (Ten Speed Press, 2014) is a colorful book. Its unique split-page mix-and-match system shows a directory of vegetables, fruits, and herbs. The extensive plant directory allows the reader to flip the strips and match the dots to make selections. It further explains this all-natural method to control pests, disease, and weeds without the need for chemicals.

For plant pairings that bloom at the same time, use *Natural Companions: the Garden Lover's Guide to Plant Combinations* (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, 2012). This book is organized by seasonal topics, then themes including fragrance, foliage, grasses and edible flowers. The book's emphasis is presenting flowers and foliage that will look good growing together.

*Perennial Companions: 100 Dazzling Plant Combinations for Every Season* (Timber Press, 2009) features color photographs of each arrangement. Each grouping has two, three or more perennials growing from the earliest spring to the onset of winter. These complement one another in color, form and texture, but also bloom at the same time having like requirements for sun and moisture.

Mary Moore  
Tulsa City-County Library

#### Contributions: November 8, 2014 – January 7, 2015

##### Tulsa Garden Center

Rose Garden Meeting Group  
Howell & Vancuren  
M & M Lumber Company  
Paige Martin  
Dick Watts, The Watts Company  
Jo Ratliff  
Lauren Lambricht  
Janice and A. P. Martin

##### Linnaeus Teaching Garden

David Sears  
Chevron Matching Employee Funds  
Josie Driskill  
Beverly and Kelly Friedl  
Anita Greiner  
Jo Ratliff  
Lakeside Garden Club



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# Gardening InfoFair 2015



Saturday  
February 21st

9am to 3pm

***Information! Information! Information!***

- Whether you are a novice or veteran gardener, this is truly the one day to get all the FREE information you need to start your spring project.
- Area nurseries, horticulturists, environmentalists, and landscape designers will be on hand to answer your questions.
- Tulsa Garden Center's many affiliate gardening groups will be participating. These organizations will provide information and resources on specific topics. A great way to check out clubs you might want to join.
- Attend a TGC seminar, Environmental Gardening, that will be held in the Tulsa Garden Center Ballroom from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Karen Watkins will discuss some of the more practical and cost effective ways to be environmentally conscious while creating a great garden.
- There is No Cost to attend this seminar. Call 918-746-5125 to enroll.



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# Affiliate News

## Tulsa Garden Club

The Tulsa Garden Club will be welcoming Heather Oakley of Global Gardens as the speaker for its meeting on February 2, 2015. Her program will be "Empowering Communities Through Gardening". Please join us for morning coffee at 10:00am followed by the program and business meeting.

After the regular meeting, there will be a Horticulture Study Group on Bonsai Design given by member Robin Hutchings.

Visitors are always welcome, so please come and join us!

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## Tulsa Area Daylily Society

TADS will NOT meet in the months of January and February. The first meeting for 2015 will be Thursday, March 5, 2015. The meeting will be held at Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 S. Peoria Ave., Tulsa, OK 74114. Admission to all TADS meetings is free.

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## Tulsa Council of Federated Garden Clubs

The Tulsa Council of Federated Garden Clubs will meet on February 6, 2015. The meeting will be devoted to planning the 2015 Book Review and Style Show to be held on February 19, 2015.

Contact Marillyn Lay at 918-246-9656 or [mnhlay@cox.net](mailto:mnhlay@cox.net) for ticket information or to purchase a ticket.

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## Oklahoma Native Plant Society

The Oklahoma Native Plant Society will hold its annual Indoor Outing February 7, 2015, on the campus of Cameron University in Lawton. Hosted by the newest ONPS Chapter, the Southwest Chapter, the day-long session will include speakers and workshops, concluded by an afternoon visit to the nearby Medicine Park Aquarium and Natural Sciences Center. For registration and additional information, interested individuals may consult the ONPS website, [www.oknativeplants.org](http://www.oknativeplants.org).

The Society will sponsor a booth at the Tulsa Garden Center's February 21 InfoFair. Members of Northeast Chapter are in charge of the booth.

Northeast Chapter's next meeting will take place in the Ballroom of the Tulsa Garden Center March 2, 2015. Snacks and desserts will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by a brief business meeting at 7:00 p.m. Speaker for the evening will be Audrey Frampton whose presentation will be "Wild-Crafting: Materials Always to Have On Hand." The public is invited to share this unusual program.

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## The Tulsa Rose Society

The Tulsa Rose Society will meet on Sunday, February 8, 2015, at 2:00pm in the Ballroom of Tulsa Garden Center.

The Speaker will be Dr. Laura Laughlin, retired professor and chair of the Horticulture Department, OSU-OKC. Dr. Laughlin will be speaking on bringing beneficial insects to our gardens. Dr. Laughlin hosts a garden radio show and runs an organic farm in Choctaw, Ok.

The public is invited to start the new year with The Tulsa Rose Society. Refreshments are served.

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## Tulsa Herb Society

The Tulsa Herb Society will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 10th, at 9:00am.

Marilyn Stewart of Wild Things Nursery will be the guest speaker.

The meeting will be held at Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 S. Peoria Ave., Tulsa, OK 74114. Admission to all THS meetings is free.

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## Tulsa Area Iris Society

TAIS will NOT meet in February, 2015. March 12, 2015, will be the next scheduled meeting.

Admission to all TAIS meetings is free. The meeting will be held at Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 S. Peoria Ave., Tulsa, OK 74114.

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## African Violet Society of Greater Tulsa

The African Violet Society of Greater Tulsa will meet on February 16, 2015. Refreshments will be available at 7:00pm, the business meeting will start at 7:15pm and the program, "Getting ready for the Show", will start at 8:00am.

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## The Tulsa Perennial Club

The Tulsa Perennial Club will meet on February 19, 2015, at 7:00pm, in the Tulsa Garden Center Auditorium. Join us as we enjoy an interesting speaker and continue our 20th Anniversary celebration.

<http://www.tulsaperennialclub.com/>

## African Violet Show and Sale

The African Violet Society of Greater Tulsa

Invites you to attend

Our Thirty-eight Annual Flower Show and Sale

**"Violets Celebrate Music, Music, Music!"**

Open Free to the Public on:

Saturday, February 28th 9:00am to 3:00pm

All types of African Violets and related plants and supplies will be available for sale.

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## Up With Trees

Announces enrollment for the Citizen Forester's Class.

Date and Time: 9:00am—1:00pm, every Saturday in February 2015.

Where: Up With Trees Building, 1102 S. Boston Ave.

Cost: Tax Deductible donation of \$65 (includes all materials, including lunch on the last day.

Visit UPWITHTREES.ORG for more information or to enroll.

## Oil Capital Unit of Nat'l. Association of Parliamentarians

Parliamentary Workshop

Friday, March 27th, 2015, 1:00PM—4:00PM

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 9:30am—12:30pm

Cost = \$15 in advance, \$20 at door

Contact: 918-747-8447

[kjgriffin@alumni.tcu.edu](mailto:kjgriffin@alumni.tcu.edu) or [www.meetingprocedures.org](http://www.meetingprocedures.org)



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# February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10:00am Tulsa Garden Club Regular Meeting  7:00pm Green Country Bonsai Society Regular Meeting	<b>3</b> 9:00am Tulsa Herb Society Member Activities  12:00pm—1:30pm "Let's Talk Gardening"	<b>4</b> 12:00pm SpringFest Committee Meeting	<b>5</b> 7:00pm Cacti & Succulent Society Regular Meeting	<b>6</b> 10:00am Council of Federated Garden Clubs Regular Meeting	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 1:30pm Tulsa Orchid Society Regular Meeting  2:00pm Tulsa Rose Society Regular Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00am Tulsa Herb Society Regular Meeting  12:00pm—1:30pm "Let's Talk Gardening"  5:30—9:20pm TCC Class- Principles of Floral Arranging  6:30pm Green Country Water Garden Society Regular Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:00pm African Violet Society Meeting	<b>17</b> 9:00am Tulsa Herb Society Member Activities  11:00am Anne Hathaway Herb Society Regular Meeting  12:-00pm—1:00pm Book Discussion "The Scented Room"  5:30—9:20pm TCC Class- Principles of Floral Arranging  7:00pm Audubon Society Regular Meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10:00am Tulsa Council of Federated Garden Clubs Book Review and Style Show  7:00pm Tulsa Perennial Club Meeting	<b>20</b> 1:00pm Nat'l. Assoc. of Parliamentarians Meeting	<b>21</b> 9:00am—3:00pm Gardening Info Fair  9:30—11:00 TGC Lecture "Environmental Gardening"
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00am Tulsa Herb Society Member Activities  12:00pm—1:30pm "Let's Talk Gardening"  5:30—9:20pm TCC Class- Principles of Floral Arranging	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 12:00—1:00pm TGC Board Meeting  7:00pm Sierra Club Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00am—3:00pm African Violet Show & Sale  9:00am—12:00pm Oklahoma Urban & Sustainable Garden Assoc. "Seedy Saturday" Seed Swap