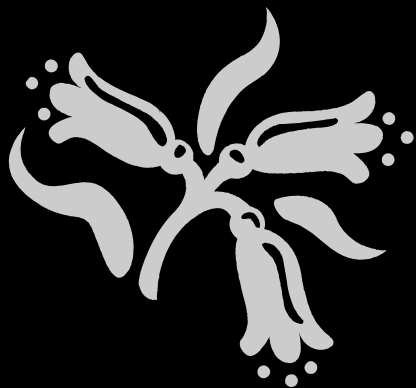


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Tulsa Garden Center News



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## Spotlight

### Tulsa Garden Center Schedules Vegetable Seminar

**Saturday, March 17th, 9:30am**  
**Working Toward Veggie Perfection**

Barry Fugatt, Director of Horticulture and two Burpee horticulturists will teach a practical, information loaded program on growing the finest varieties of the most popular vegetables.

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## GARDEN LOLLIPOP

By Barry Fugatt, Director of Horticulture

A gorgeous native shrub occupies a corner of the Linnaeus Teaching Garden in Woodward Park. It attracts little attention, however, until autumn when its sheds its leaves to reveal a delicate network of light grey branches smothered with bright reddish-orange berries. And when the autumn sun strikes the fruit laden branches, everyone takes notice. The shrub shines like a giant lollipop.

Perhaps you're wondering: "don't I need a male holly for pollination?" With the aid of bees and wind, there usually is sufficient male deciduous holly pollen floating through urban neighborhoods to pollinate the females.



Often, when garden visitors discover that the big shrub is an Ozark native perfectly adapted to our climate, many head straight for an area nursery to purchase their own 'Warren's Red' Deciduous Holly (*Ilex decidua*).

Lots of bird species also enjoy deciduous hollies. Mockingbirds and Robins pick away at the massive berry crop throughout fall and winter. Birds are particularly attracted to deciduous hollies during late winter when the fruit of many plant species has long been consumed.

Most hollies, evergreen and deciduous, are dioecious. While I'm not a fan of using formal botanical lingo outside of the classroom, it's probably justified when recommending hollies.

Dioecious simply refers to an interesting plant trait in which male (staminate) flowers and female (pistillate) flowers are borne on separate plants within a species. Hollies are either male or female. And here's the important point: only female holly plants bear fruit (berries).

Therefore, gardeners wanting lots of bright, shiny holly berries should always buy female holly cultivars. The "sex" of a nursery grown deciduous holly cultivar is typically printed on the label.

'Warren's Red' (*Ilex decidua*) is one of the best deciduous holly cultivars offered in the local nursery trade. Over time it forms a small graceful tree 15 to 20 feet in height with great form (limb structure). Berries are bright red and last late into the winter or until eaten by Cedar Wax Wings and Robins.

'Winter Red' Deciduous Holly (*Ilex verticillata*) also is a delightful deciduous holly for local gardens. It's a smaller multi-stem holly that grows 8 to 10 feet in height. It's a favorite of mine for mixed shrub borders.

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# Note from the Director



Barbie

The Tulsa Garden Center is excited to celebrate the Oklahoma Society of Impressionists 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

For many years the Impressionists have been an affiliate of the Tulsa Garden Center. We are excited to celebrate the growth of the Society as they move into the historic carriage house.

As you see them painting throughout Woodward Park take the opportunity to welcome them and make them feel at home.

## Woodward Park Welcomes a New Entity

The Oklahoma Society of Impressionists is pleased to announce that it's celebrating its' 25th year in 2012.

To help celebrate, we are moving into the Carriage House at the Tulsa Garden Center and will be hosting art classes and workshops there. Discounts will be available for Tulsa Garden Center members.



The facility will also house studios for Gil Adams and Claudia Kates Doyle.

Keep an eye out for events related to the Carriage House Studios and drop by to say "hello".

Current plans are to be open Tuesday—Saturday, from 10:00am—3:00pm.



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# Gardening by the Book

## *Garden Design*

Designing a garden can be a challenge whether working with an established garden or an empty plot. When considering planting schemes and hard landscaping materials, planning with focus and vision will help create an exceptional garden. Whether the garden is big or small, simple or complex, the variety of these designs can suit your garden, your style and your budget.

The simple guidelines in *Design and Planting* (Horticulture Books, 2006) can help in planning the layout and deciding what plants and materials to include. Ideas for features creating focal points in a new or already established garden are highlighted. Advice on plant selection will enhance any situation including a larger garden or planning for year round appeal.

For a practical guide with more than 1000 species, try *Encyclopedia of Planting Combinations* (Firefly Books, 2008). Each entry contains at-a-glance symbols and spotlights plant characteristics and cultivation requirements. The species are organized into chapters by type. Color photographs show each plant in harmony or contrast with one or more plants.

Author Lee Schneller's blueprint system describes a five step process in *Ever-Blooming Flower Garden: A Blueprint for Continuous Color* (Storey Pub., 2009). This develops a design of plants providing height, bloom and color from late spring until the end of autumn. Readers choose from a list of low maintenance plants organized by

bloom month and supported by a catalog with growing information and photos of all 220 plants.

*Garden Design: Planning, Building, and Planting Your Perfect Outdoor Space* (DK, 2009) discusses everything needed for the perfect outdoor space. Experts assist with assessing the space to create the chosen look with plants. Step by step photographs show a range of useful techniques. A guide of more than 500 plants gives advice on their usage, whether by color or by location in sun or shade.

*The Nonstop Garden: a Step by Step Guide to Smart Plant Choices and Four Season Designs* (Timber Press, 2010) offers garden schemes year round. Useful charts, descriptions and abundant photographs enhance the planting schemes. A glossary, information about plant hardiness and bloom time add to this book's practicality.

No matter how big or small the garden, try *Planting by Number: 40 Easy to Follow Plans to Create Stunning Color for Every Space* (Reader's Digest, 2005). One can use a specific plan or a mix and match approach. The photographs, illustrations and numbered diagrams help anyone plot out and plant a garden.

Mary Moore  
Tulsa City-County Library

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### **Tulsa Garden Center**

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### **Linnaeus Teaching Garden**

Deb Broome  
Barry Fugatt  
Nancy Meyer  
Scott Davidson and Julie Watt

Donations received from January 8th, 2012 - February 7th, 2012



## **Brown Bag Lecture-Thursday, March 15th**

Bring your lunch and enjoy an exciting educational experience. This lecture is **free** to the public and will be held from 12pm to 1pm at Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 S. Peoria Ave. For more information call 918-746-5125 or visit [www.tulsagardencenter.com](http://www.tulsagardencenter.com).

### ***Bountiful Containers***

Have you longed for an abundant container garden to grace your front porch, patio, balcony or to use as a focal point in a border? Or perhaps you want to grow some delicious vegetables in a container.

Learn about choosing a container, the composition of your container utilizing color and texture to enhance its look, and the care required to keep its good looks all summer.

Handouts will be provided showing different plant types which do well in sun or shade and will tolerate our summer temperatures. Bring your lunch if you wish. Free and open to the public.

## **Book Discussion Club Tuesday, March 20th**



Come join us during your lunch hour for this informative discussion. The Tulsa Garden Center's Library Book Discussion Club is free to the public and held in the Tulsa Garden Center's Library, 2435 S. Peoria Ave. from 12pm to 1pm. For additional information call 918-746-5125 or visit [www.tulsagardencenter.com](http://www.tulsagardencenter.com)

### ***Simply Flowers***

Join Sandy Cox on March 20th for her educational discussion on the book "*Simply Flowers*" by Barbara Milo Ohrbach

When you bring flowers into your home and your life, you surround your family and friends with natural beauty that creates a climate of well-being and continuity.

Simply Flowers is a very personal and imaginative book that takes the mystery out of flower arranging, making it easy and enjoyable.



## **SEMINARS**

***Tulsa Garden Center schedules a vegetable seminar just in time to help you create a great spring and summer harvest.***

### **Working Toward Veggie Perfection Saturday, March 17th, 9:30am**

Barry Fugatt and two Burpee Seed horticulturists will present an in-depth discussion on how to grow great vegetables in the home garden.

They will discuss new and improved vegetable varieties, the best cultural practices for our growing area, and how to best protect and nurture a garden in our sometimes difficult climate.

All attendees will receive a free 6-pack of vegetable seedlings from Burpee's 2012 offerings.

**Cost is \$10 per person. Registration is required. To enroll call 918-746-5125 or go to [www.tulsagardencenter.com](http://www.tulsagardencenter.com).**

## **WANTED!**

### **Rose Pruners or Those Willing to Learn!**

The Tulsa Rose Society is offering a **free** class on rose pruning, Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30am in the auditorium of Tulsa Garden Center. Annual pruning is a must for roses to perform at their best. After the classroom instruction, the workshop participants will move to The Tulsa Rose Garden to put their newly acquired knowledge to work. John Carter, Dr. Don Johnson and Mark Stelljes will be the workshop instructors.

Those who know how to prune are needed, as well as those who want to learn. Bypass pruners and garden gloves will be available for purchase or you may bring your own. If necessary, we'll help sharpen your pruners.

Help your public rose garden perform at its best this year as you learn what you should do at home.

Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be given away to those who attend. For additional information go to [www.tulsagardencenter.com](http://www.tulsagardencenter.com).

# Affiliate News



## Tulsa Area Daylily Society

The daylily society resumes meeting in March. The meeting is scheduled for March 1st, with hospitality at 6:30pm and the meeting at 7:00pm.

## Tulsa Council of Federated Garden Clubs

The Council will meet March 2nd at 9:30am for hospitality and program at 10:00am. David Hillock, Master Gardener Coordinator-Department of Horticulture & Landscape Architecture will present the program.

## Oklahoma Native Plant Society

The Northeast Chapter of the Oklahoma Native Plant Society will meet on Monday, March 5th in TGC ballroom. Hospitality will be at 6:30pm with the chapter's quarterly business meeting starting at 7:00pm.

The evening's speaker will be Jay Pruett, Director of Conservation for the Oklahoma Chapter of the Nature Conservancy. Mr. Pruett will present an overview of the Nature Conservancy preserves in Oklahoma, with emphasis on the flora, fauna and geology of each preserve, as well as management projects of each preserve. Information will include the J.T. Nickels Preserve which will be the site of an ONPS field trip on April 21, 2012.

## Tulsa Area Iris Society

Tulsa Area Iris Society will resume meeting on March 8th with a slide show on Beardless Iris. The meeting will be in the Tulsa Garden Center Auditorium. Hospitality will be at 6:30pm and the program begins at 7:00pm.

An AIS sanctioned Judging School will be held on Saturday, March 10th, 8:30am-3:00pm, sponsored by Tulsa Area Iris Society. Judging School tuition is \$15, at the door. It will be held in the Tulsa Garden Center Auditorium. Bonnie Nichols of Hillcrest Gardens will instruct on Novelty Iris, Show Judging and Judges' Ethics.

## Tulsa Rose Society

The Rose Society will meet on March 11th at 2:00pm. Mr. Lothar Behnke of Weeks Roses will speak about new rose varieties and the best varieties for gardeners to grow in Oklahoma. Weeks Roses is one of the largest wholesale rose producers in the country.

**TULSA ROSE SOCIETY'S 2ND FUNDAY SUNDAY BINGO & AUCTION**  
The Tulsa Rose society FUNDAY SUNDAY BINGO & AUCTION will be March 25th at 2:00pm in the TGC Auditorium. Roses have been donated by Star Roses, David Austin Roses and The Tulsa Rose Society. All roses will be potted and ready for spring planting. Bingo cards are a \$5 donation. and refreshments will be furnished by the Tulsa Rose Society. Everyone is welcome to come and have a great FUNDAY SUNDAY afternoon.

## Tulsa Perennial Club

We all know the importance of having pollinators in our gardens. The Tulsa Perennial Club invites the public to its meeting on Thursday, March 15th, at 6:45pm to learn more as Kenny Hammon discusses beekeeping.

## African Violet Society of Greater Tulsa

The Society will meet March 19th at 7:00pm. The program will be "Back to Basics—What am I going to do with these new plants?" presented by recent violet show winners. The program is offered to help those who purchased violets at our recent sale and need more information on the care of the plants they purchased. Our show winners are invited to lead the open discussion of the basics including putting down leaves, repotting and feeding. Come join us!

## Oklahoma Wildflowers Co-Sponsored Event

Make plans to attend a lecture by Patricia Folley on Oklahoma Wildflowers on Saturday, March 24th. The event will be held at Tulsa Garden Center with doors opening at 4:30pm and the presentation at 6:00pm. Patricia Folley is the author of *The Guide to Oklahoma Wildflowers* and copies of the book will be available for purchase. Native plants will be available for purchase from several vendors. This event is free to the public.

## The Hosta Connection

The Hosta Connection will hold its first meeting of 2012 on Tuesday, March 27th at 7:00pm in the Tulsa Garden Center ballroom. Member Kathy Supernaw is presenting a DVD of several Oklahoma Gardening (OETA) programs regarding Hostas – designing with hostas, building a hosta garden, planting hostas, and much more. If you are new to hosta gardening or a hosta pro, you are sure to come away from the presentation with some great ideas.

## Tulsa Garden Club

The Tulsa Garden Club is hosting the Northeast District Spring Convention on March 29th. Registration begins at 9:00am. Cost to attend the convention is \$20 and registration may be made at the event.

## Tulsa Orchid Society

The Tulsa Orchid Society will hold its Show and Sale on March 31st and April 1st. Show hours are 10-3 on Saturday and 11-3 on Sunday. Admission is **Free** to the public. The show will feature popular and rare orchids from around the world. It will feature daily raffles and artistic and educational orchid displays.

This is an American Orchid Society Judged Show.



# Tulsa Garden Center Tour

## English Gardens in Bloom

May 10-18, 2012

Join us as we make our way through the scenic landscape of the Cotswold region of England. Known for its quaint villages & streams that meander through the country side, we will see fields dotted with sheep and moss-covered rock walls that have stood for centuries. All of the gardens and homes will be a profusion of color. A feast for the eyes and senses.

The above includes – Round Trip Air – 7 nights accommodations – 7 continental breakfasts – 3 dinners – 2 lunches – all ground transportation while on tour - Guides when applicable – entrance fees to 9 gardens & homes, 1 musical concert & tips to guides. Luggage service will not be available at Bruern Holiday Cottages and some bedrooms are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor with no lift. Please make us aware of any special needs.

**Price for a double/twin room- per person - 2 people sharing..... \$ 3,195.00**

*Single supplement \$ 410*

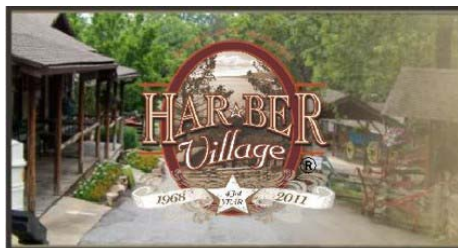
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## Tulsa Garden Center 2012 Spring Trip—April 30th



Har-Ber Village



Coleman Theatre

**Bus departs Tulsa Garden Center 7:00am>Returns at Approximately 6:30pm**

The trip includes continental breakfast at the Tulsa Garden Center, transportation fees, lunch at the Back Porch restaurant and admission to both attractions.

Cost of the trip is \$45 for TGC Members or \$55 for Non-members.

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# March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30pm Tulsa Area Daylily Society  7:00pm Cacti and Succulent Society	2 10:00am Tulsa Council of Federated Garden Clubs	3 9:00am Calligraphy Workshop
4	5 10:00am Tulsa Garden Club  12:00pm Tulsa Garden Club Study Group  6:00pm Oklahoma Native Plant Society  7:00pm Green Country Bonsai Society	6 <b>Election Day</b>  9:00am Tulsa Herb Society Crafting  <b>9:00am Linnaeus Garden Opens</b>  6:00pm Rain Barrels Class	7	8 7:00pm Tulsa Area Iris Society	9 9:00am Calligraphy Workshop	10 8:00am TAIS Iris Judging School  8:00am Calligraphy Workshop
11 9:00am Calligraphy Workshop  2:00pm Tulsa Rose Society  2:00pm Tulsa Orchid Society	12 <b>10:30am TGC Executive Comm. Mtg.</b>  <b>12:00pm TGC Board Mtg.</b>	13 9:00am Tulsa Herb Society  6:30pm Green Country Water Garden Society	14	15 <b>12:00pm Brown Bag Lecture "Container Gardens"</b>  7:00pm Tulsa Perennial Club	16 1:30pm Nat'l. Assoc. of Parliamentarians	17 <b>9:30am "Working Toward Veggie Perfection" Seminar</b>
18	19 7:00pm African Violet Society	20 9:00am Tulsa Herb Society Crafting  11:00am Anne Hathaway Herb Society.  <b>12:00pm Book Discussion</b>  7:00pm Audubon Society	21	22	23	24 9:00 Rose Pruning In Municipal Rose Garden  <b>9:30am "Cool Season Veggie" Seminar</b>  4:30pm OK Wildflower Workshop
25 2:00pm Tulsa Rose Society	26 6:30pm Calligraphy Guild	27 9:00 Tulsa Herb Society Crafting  7:00pm The Hosta Connection	28 <b>9:00 Linnaeus Monthly Meeting</b>	29 9:00am NE District of Ok Garden Clubs Convention  7:00pm Sierra Club	30	31 9:00am Orchid Society Show & Sale  <b>9:30am "Warm Season Veggie" Seminar</b>



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## **News from City of Tulsa Chief Horticulturist, Maureen Turner.....**

The other day a good friend of mine was telling me that she was feeling blue and trying to be hopeful, looking for a little sunshine to peek out of the cloudy sky. The months of January and February can be tough on people when clouds dominate the landscape day after day. It saddens me when friends get blue. I was trying to get a smile and a little laughter out of my friend, but then realized we could just sit around and mope or change our attitudes. We grabbed our jackets and went down to Catholic Charities and spent a few hours with people that have good reason to feel blue. Volunteering is an activity that always makes one feel good.

When a clinically depressed person is diagnosed, part of the therapy usually involves volunteering. Volunteering time and expertise is a win-win for everyone. So if you are feeling the blues or a little edgy because of the weather or a situation you are

in, I highly encourage you to volunteer some of your time to the less fortunate. Tulsa is a very generous city when it comes to volunteering. Volunteering can also offer a tax deduction.

There are many non-profits that could use your time and energy. If you are not certain where to volunteer or what to do, come on out to the Tulsa Garden Center and spend a few hours there. You can help in the mansion, play with flowers in the conservatory or come out to the gardens to dig in the dirt. All these options are good for the soul and the best part of it all is you don't need any special skills, except maybe a can do attitude. Come on by and visit us for a while. The experience will put a little sunshine in your day.

Hope to see you soon!