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Tulsa Garden Center News

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CENTER

SPOTLIGHT

**SpringFest 2013
Garden Market
and Festival
April 12th & 13th.**

**Members Night is
April 11th at
6:00pm.**

2013 SpringFest Garden Market and Festival

Is it Spring yet? Even a mild winter is no replacement for spring, but we can still make plans for the gardening season ahead. Tulsa Garden Center can help you create a great garden that will be the envy of your neighbors and friends. Join us at 2435 S. Peoria on Friday, April 12th, and Saturday, April 13th, from 9am to 4pm for the annual Tulsa Garden Center's SpringFest Garden Market and Festival. There will be everything imaginable to create a beautiful garden: a wide selection of plants, gardening information and garden art, unique art and craft vendors, a kids' zone with a worm display, a working beehive and hands-on activities, our bird house contest and auction, and delicious food and concessions.

Area plant nurseries will offer the newest and best plant selections for 2013. The popular Linnaeus Teaching Garden pass-along plant tent will be full of plants for sale from the gardens of Linnaeus gardeners and other friends of the Tulsa Garden Center. Take this opportunity to ask any gardening questions you might have of these professional nursery men and women and Linnaeus gardeners.

Confirmed retail plant vendors are Barron's Daylily Garden, Colebrook Nursery, Don's Vegies, Roses, Inc., Timber Ridge Farms, and Utopia Gardens.

Bring the whole family and get ready to spend a fun-filled spring day at this year's event. The outdoor children's zone will have a variety of kids' activities. While strolling around the beautiful landscape of the mansion's front lawn, you will have a relaxed time shopping for those special garden plants and accessories. Vendors both outside on the lawn and inside the historic mansion will be offering exceptional craft items for you, your home, and garden. Also inside the mansion you will find the bird house auction and a food concession area with tasty items.

Arts And Crafts Vendors and Affiliated Organizations attending are: A-Mark on the World, All About Metal, All Clay, Amber & Christmas Ornaments, B&K Enterprises, Basket Sensations, Busted Trumpet, Buzz Art, Carters Designs, Neil Cluck-Artist, Creations by Tina, Dutchess Chocolates, Ella's Dips, F. Highlander Designs, Favoring Brave, Nancy Grayson, Archana Gupta-Silversmith, J & B Jewelry, John Cox-Artisan, Kellys Soaps, Linnaeus Teaching Garden, Mud and Metal, Northeast Oklahoma Beekeeper's Association, Okie Crowe, LLC, Only Oklahoma Artist, Painted Note Cards, Donna Prigmore, Rebecca's Roasted Nuts, Scentables Candles, Stephanie's Selections, Stone Creek Décor, Tastefully Simple, The Wood Potter, Tom's Outdoor Living, Tulsa Area Daylily Society, Tulsa Garden Club, Tulsa Herb Society, Tulsa Master Gardeners, Tulsa Rose Society, Tulsa SPCA, Up With Trees, Watkins Naturals, Zedel International.

After your shopping, be sure to visit our incredible Linnaeus Teaching Garden within easy walking distance just east of the mansion. The Linnaeus Teaching Garden is a renowned state-of-the-art demonstration garden with an array of gardening ideas for the home gardener. Other close attractions include the Tulsa Rose Garden, the Arboretum, Woodward Park and the Tulsa Historical Society Museum.

Mark your calendars now to attend this spring gardening extravaganza on April 12th and 13th. Proceeds from SpringFest Garden Market and Festival benefit the Tulsa Garden Center. For more information, call 918-746-5125 or visit our website at www.tulsagardencenter.com.



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CHANGE OF ADDRESS ?

You are an important part of our organization, and we want to keep in touch with you. If you are moving, please keep us informed by calling us at 918-746-5125 with your new information. Thank you.

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Note from the Director



One of the great benefits of being a member of the Tulsa Garden Center is Member's Preview Night, where Members get exclusive access to all the best plants, crafts and other outstanding items before they go on sale to the general public on Friday.

The best part of Member's Night will be the new chef in the kitchen, Paige Martin. Paige, who spent several years catering Tulsa events as the co-owner of Pare, will be serving delicious gourmet pork tacos and margaritas. It will definitely be an event you won't want to miss!

SpringFest Garden Market Member's Night 6-8 p.m. April 11.

Newsletter News:

Beginning May 2013, *Tulsa Garden Center News* will be an on-line-only publication. You will no longer receive this newsletter in hard copy. This change will allow us to become better environmental stewards, save hundreds of dollars annually and still provide Tulsa Garden Center members with the latest news. The newsletter will also have a new look, including the addition of beautiful color photos.

You will be able to access the newsletter on the Tulsa Garden Center website at www.tulsagardencenters.com. A hard copy will also be placed in the Tulsa Garden Center Library. If you would prefer to have an electronic version emailed directly to you, please submit your email address to mblake@tulsagardencenters.com or give Mike a call 918.746.5141.

Come join us!
Barbie Raney, Executive Director

Become a Friend of Linnaeus

Volunteers of the Linnaeus Teaching Gardens are seeking people to become "Friends of Linnaeus". By donating \$25.00, you will become a Friend of Linnaeus and will receive the new beautiful custom-designed limited-edition 2013 T-shirt. The net proceeds go toward supporting the Linnaeus Teaching Gardens. Donations can be made at the Linnaeus Teaching Gardens, where the T-shirts are on display, or the Tulsa Garden Center.

In early November, Friends of Linnaeus will be invited to an afternoon tea to enjoy the garden and fellowship with other Friends of Linnaeus.

Rose Pruning Class Rescheduled

The March 23rd Rose Pruning class that was cancelled has been re-scheduled for April 20, 2013. The roses of Woodward Park need your help to look their best this spring and summer.

Tulsa Garden Center's Treasures

Have you ever noticed the framed pictures of herbs hanging in the auditorium of Tulsa Garden Center? Katherine M. Baker, a graduate student at University of Oklahoma, did and took it upon herself to research their history and write a brief article describing how they were commissioned. The article can be read at www.tulsagardencenters.com.



Vegetable Gardens

The popularity of vegetable gardening is at an all-time high. Homegrown vegetables taste great, nourish the body and soul, and provide the security of knowing where the produce comes from and how it was grown. Every vegetable gardener, no matter how experienced, wants to know more about what's going on in those tidy rows and how to handle any quandary that may arise during the season.

3-Step Vegetable Gardening (Creative Owner, 2009) details the gardening system of sow, grow, and harvest. The individual plants are categorized by their plant families. Experienced gardeners will appreciate the quick and easy reference style. Beginning gardeners can find dozens of hints and tips, including ways to keep crops fresh and full of flavor after picking.

Grow Your Own Vegetables (Octopus Books, 2010) provides advice for the beginner, from deciding where to start, to knowing how and when to plant. The book's first half helps with preparing the soil, deciding what to grow and coping with pests, weeds and other problems. The second half is an encyclopedia of the various vegetables.

Mini Farming Guide to Vegetable Gardening (Skyhorse Pub., 2012) covers starting, growing, and harvesting vegetables to their maximum potential. Each chapter highlights a different vegetable with tips on growing and dealing with particular pests and diseases. One or two creative recipes are added for each vegetable. The author's photographs give the book a special touch.

Vegetable Gardener's Container Bible (Storey Pub., 2011) explains the variety and yield of crops that can be grown in simple, inexpensive containers. Ed Smith shows how to choose the right plants, select containers and tools, care for plants, control pests without chemicals and much more. Tips for maximizing space on balconies and patios are included for this style of gardening.

Take your gardening to the next level by using Vegetable Gardener's Guide to Permaculture (Timber Press, 2013). Author Christopher Shein shows how to build an edible ecosystem in one's backyard with the least expenditure of time, effort, and the earth's resources. Gardeners of every skill can create sustainable living while working in unison with nature using this practical guide.

Vegetable Gardening the Colonial Williamsburg Way (Rodale, 2012) is authored by Wesley Greene, garden historian at Colonial Williamsburg. Organic gardening was the method used then as well as being a popular style now. Historical commentary and growing instructions for 50 vegetables are relevant for their successful planting and growth. Gardeners interested in the history of vegetable gardening will find this enlightening.

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Education

Discover Your Inner Artist!

The Tulsa Garden Center is pleased to announce two beginners classes in art. A **Beginning Drawing** class and a **Painting Nature** class.

The Beginning Drawing class will cover the basic primary shapes and the different values (light and dark) present in a drawing. The instructor will draw a still life and show how the simple shapes are in everything we see.

The Painting Nature class will be a demonstration in oil in the Tulsa Rose Garden and will demonstrate the techniques Plein Aire artists use to complete a painting in one session.

Beginning Drawing Class

Saturday, April 27, 2013, 9:30—11:30am

Cost is \$10 for TGC Members or \$12 for Non-members

Painting Nature Class

Saturday, April 27, 2013, 1:00—3:00pm

Cost is \$10 for TGC Members or \$12 for Non-members

Reservations are Required!

Please call 918-746-5125 to reserve your attendance.

Upcoming Horticulture Classes

Presented by Tulsa Community College and the Tulsa Garden Center. Classes are held at the Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 S. Peoria Ave., Tulsa, Ok. 74114. This is a Pilot Program that allows you to take credit classes as a Continuing Education Student.

Small Space and Container Gardening

Course Fee: \$75.00

March 28th—May 2nd, 2013

Thursdays, 6:00pm—8:00pm

Tulsa Garden Center

CRN 25501



Call 918-595-7200 to Enroll Today!



Brown Bag Lecture—Thursday, April 18th

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.tulsagardencenters.com.

Very Basic Orchid Basics

Whenever you walk by the orchids on display at the big box stores or supermarket, are you tempted to buy one? Do you then talk yourself out of buying because you think they're too difficult to grow?

Join Darrin Mullins, president of Tulsa Orchid Society, as he takes the mystery out of growing orchids on a windowsill. Some orchids adapt better to household environments and Darrin will let you know which will grow most successfully.

Book Discussion Club Tuesday, April 16th



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.tulsagardencenters.com

Nature's Garden

Join Sandy Cox as she reviews *Nature's Garden* by Better Homes & Gardens.

When you give Mother nature a helping hand, your backyard can become a natural habitat for wildlife of all kinds. This book offers advice on how to create a haven for birds, butterflies and yourself.

Affiliate News



African Violet Society of Greater Tulsa

The African Violet Society of Greater Tulsa will meet on April 15th, at 7:00pm. Members and guests will play a fun version of the TV game show, "Jeopardy". Refreshments will be served and guests are always welcome.

The Hosta Connection

Are you interested in Drip Irrigation and new plants for 2013? The Hosta Connection will meet on April 26th, at 6:30pm at Colebrook's Nursery, 5915 W. 31st St., Tulsa, Ok 74107. Call (918) 445-0539 for directions.

After a very brief business meeting at 6:30pm, Mary Colebrook will demonstrate drip irrigation and the new plants they have for 2013. Come early to shop. Refreshments will be served.

The May 28th meeting will be held at Tulsa Garden Center. The program will be Hydrangeas—Hosta companion plants by Butch Neumeir.

Tulsa Area Daylily Society

The April 4th meeting of the Tulsa Area Daylily Society will begin at 6:30pm in the auditorium of the Tulsa Garden Center with refreshments and fellowship. Everyone is invited and there is no charge for attending. Please come and bring a relative or friend. New members will receive a beautiful daylily for joining.

TADS has purchased the Fall 2012 full form daylily collection of Floyd Cove Nurseries. These daylilies will be given as nesting daylilies to members in good standing who joined in the fall of 2012 or prior. Members nesting these daylilies will get to keep the initial plant and return a double fan back to TADS upon plant maturity. Come and receive one of these beautiful plants for your garden.

Contact: Randall Barron—918-369-1581.

Tulsa Area Iris Society

Tulsa Area Iris Society Show and Sale
Saturday, April 27th, 1—3pm
Sunday, April 28th, 11am—3pm

Guests will be able to pre-order Iris Rhizomes for pick-up at the September 21st Sale.

Free Admission

Contact: Lee Whelpley at 918-636-4265 or
Mike Blake at 918-760-1450 for more information.

Tulsa Audubon Society

20th Annual

Wildlife Habitat Garden Tour & Plant Sale

Presented by Tulsa Audubon Society

Saturday, May 18, 2013 9:00am—5:00pm

Sunday, May 19, 2013 Noon—5:00pm

Adult Admission \$5 (same price since 1993)

Children Under 13, Free Admission

For a list of gardens on the tour and more information:

www.tulsaaudubon.org or 918-521-8894

Tulsa Garden Club

A "Symphony of Blooms"

A Standard Flower Show presented by Tulsa Garden Club, a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc. and Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc.

Saturday, April 6th, 1:00—3:00pm

Sunday, April 7th, 11:00am—3:00pm

Free and open to the public at Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 S. Peoria Ave., Tulsa, Ok. 74114.

Tulsa Herb Society

The Tulsa Herb Society's speaker for April 9th will be Jana Pirtle from Oklahoma City. She will be presenting "**Cottage Gardening in Oklahoma**", a talk about the historical roots of cottage gardening and how one might translate that into a present day garden (herbs included, of course).

Jana will speak at 11:00am at the Tulsa Garden Center. Guests are welcome to join us for this spring program. The business meeting begins at 10:00am.

Tulsa Perennial Club

It's finally Spring and time to try out some new plants. Everyone is invited to come to the Perennial Club meeting on Thursday, April 18th, at 7:00pm, at the Tulsa Garden Center auditorium. Gary Wahlgren, owner of Bartlesville's Green Thumb Nursery will discuss new and interesting plant varieties. He will bring plenty of plants to show us that will also be available for purchase.

Perennials & More Sale!

May 4, 2013

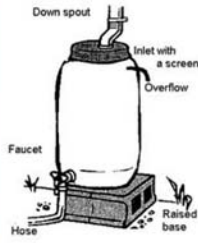
Tulsa Perennial Club members are getting plants ready for the "Perennials & More" sale at the Tulsa Garden Center Auditorium on Saturday, May 4, 9:00am—2:00pm. In addition to an interesting variety of plants, there will be a "Garden Annex" section featuring gently used gardening tools, supplies, books, magazines, etc. The public is encouraged to attend this fun event. There is no charge for admission.

Tulsa Rose Society

The Tulsa Rose Society will be meeting on April 14th at 2:00pm and will have guest speaker Steven Akers of "Back to Nature". He will speak on garden bed amendments. Refreshments will be served and guests are always welcome.



Rain Barrel Workshop



As Oklahoma enters its third year of drought, ever-increasing demands are being made on municipal water systems.

Capturing rain water is critical to save the valuable plants in our landscape during water restrictions and the use of rain barrel collection systems is the best solution.

A seminar on acquiring and using rain barrels presented by Rueben Evans, Woodward Park gardener.

**Wednesday
April 3rd
6:30pm to 8:30pm**

Admission is \$10 or \$8 if Tulsa Garden Center member.

Tulsa Garden Center
2435 S. Peoria Ave.

For information call 918.746.5125 or visit our website at www.tulsagardencenters.com



ALL ABOUT VEGGIES

A 2-hour Lecture on growing vegetables in the home garden.



Barry Fugatt will share his tips on producing successful and bountiful vegetable crops.

Dates: April 18, 2013

Location: Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 S. Peoria Ave.

Time: 6:30pm

Cost: \$10 if TGC member, \$12 for non-members

Tulsa Garden Club

"Spring in the Garden"

63rd Annual Garden Tour

May 4, 2013 10a-5p

May 5, 2013 Noon-5p

Featuring Four Private Tulsa Gardens

Lisa and Phil Goldfarb
2641 East 58th Street

Susan McCalman
2435 East 25th Place

Charles B. Rowan
4457 South Zunis Avenue

Undercroft Montessori School
Playscape
3745 South Hudson Avenue

The public's greatest opportunity to enjoy private gardens in full spring splendor. Learn more about the art of gardening, horticulture, landscape design, and environmental sciences.

Tickets \$8 at Tulsa Garden Center until May 3, \$10 at each Garden during Tour weekend.

Tour Patrons enjoy an exclusive gourmet menu and harpist Linda Paul, Friday, May 3.

Proceeds benefit Tulsa Garden Club projects including Tulsa Garden Center operations and endowment AND horticulture student scholarships at Tulsa Community College

For Tour details or to make your Patron reservation, call 918.260.1095. Check out www.tulsagardenclub.org.

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April 2013

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1</p> <p>10:00am Tulsa Garden Club Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Green Country Bonsai Meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00am TCC Class Principles of Floral Arranging</p> <p>9:00am Tulsa Herb Society Crafting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30pm Rain Barrel Workshop</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00pm TCC Class "Small Space & Container Gardening"</p> <p>6:30pm Tulsa Area Daylily Society Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Cacti Society Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00am Council of Federated Garden Clubs Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1:00pm Tulsa Garden Club Spring Flower Show</p>
<p>7</p> <p>11:00am Tulsa Garden Club Spring Flower Show</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00am Tulsa Herb Society Meeting</p> <p>9:00am TCC Class "Principles of Floral Arranging"</p> <p>6:30pm Green Country Water Garden Soc. Meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00-8:00pm SpringFest TGC Members Night</p> <p>7:00pm Tulsa Area Iris Society Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00am SpringFest</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00am SpringFest</p>
<p>14</p> <p>1:30pm Tulsa Orchid Society Meeting</p> <p>2:00pm Tulsa Rose Society Meeting</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00pm African Violet Society Meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00am TCC Class "Principles of Floral Arranging"</p> <p>9:00am Tulsa Herb Society Crafting</p> <p>11:00am Anne Hathaway Herb Society Meeting</p> <p>12:00pm Book Discussion "Nature's Garden"</p> <p>7:00pm Audubon Society Mtg.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>12:00pm TGC Advisory Council Meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>12:00pm Brown Bag Lecture "Orchid Basics"</p> <p>6:00pm TCC Class "Small Space & Container Gardening"</p> <p>6:30pm "All About Veggies" Lecture</p> <p>7:00pm Perennial Club Mtg.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1:30pm Nat'l. Assoc. of Parliamentarians Meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00am Orchid Society Show and Sale</p>
<p>21</p> <p>11:00am Orchid Society Show and Sale</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30pm Calligraphy Guild Meeting</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00am TCC Class "Principles of Floral Arranging"</p> <p>9:00am Tulsa Herb Society Crafting</p> <p>7:00pm The Hosta Connection Meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00am Linnaeus Garden Monthly Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>12:30pm TGC Board Meeting</p> <p>6:00pm TCC Class "Small Space & Container Gardening"</p> <p>7:00pm Sierra Club Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm Story Time in The Linnaeus Garden</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:00am Green Country Bonsai Workshop</p> <p>1:00pm Tulsa Area Iris Show</p> <p>9:30am Beginning Drawing Class</p> <p>1:00pm Painting Nature Class</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9:00am Green Country Bonsai Workshop</p> <p>11:00am Tulsa Area Iris Show</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Tulsa Herb Society Crafting</p>				



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