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Chief Horticulturist

Spotlight

**Affiliates Meeting
June 28th—6:00 PM**



**Tulsa Area Daylily Society
Show & Sale**
Saturday, June 9th,
9:00-3:00pm

**Green Country Water
Garden Society Pond Tour**
Saturday, June 23rd,
9:00am-6:00pm
Sunday, June 24th,
12:00am-6:00pm



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Linnaeus Teaching Garden 6th Anniversary Celebration

The Linnaeus Teaching Garden has been blessed by generous donors and the nation's garden industry since its inception. The garden is now filled with thousands of gorgeous plants lovingly maintained by several hundred devoted volunteers. Linnaeus volunteers are delighted to pass along great new plants to the gardening public.

On Saturday, June 2nd, Linnaeus Volunteers will celebrate the garden's sixth anniversary by giving away 400 new Phantom Hydrangeas (*Hydrangea paniculata*). The garden's beautiful wrought iron gates will swing open at 9am and the first 400 garden visitors will receive a one-gallon Phantom Hydrangea, a \$15.00 value.

Phantom is a marvelous hydrangea developed in Belgium. It grows 5 to 6 feet tall, thrives in sun or part shade, and produces massive 15 inch long panicles of white flowers all summer long. Each growth cycle, throughout the summer, produces more flowers.

Phantom is a new member of the "Peegee" hydrangea family, a group of plants named and first described by Carl Linnaeus in the 1700's. Peegee hydrangeas are among the easiest of all shrubs to grow. Phantom hydrangea is not at all fussy about soil type or pH. A root covering of mulch and a thorough weekly watering will keep Phantom happy throughout the summer. It makes a very nice addition to any garden, particularly when used as a free-standing specimen or as an addition to a mixed shrub border.

Here's more great news! The garden's anniversary celebration also will include a free lecture by Nicholas Staddon, Director of New Plant Development for industry giant Monrovia Wholesale Nursery in California. Nicholas is a talented horticulturist, born and raised in England, who works with plant breeders, hybridizers and plant explorers around the globe.

His lecture, "New Garden Trends and Plants from Around the World" will be held in the Tulsa Garden Center Auditorium from 10:30 to 11:30am. And, here's

even more good news. Lecture participants will receive a new perennial at the conclusion of Nicholas's lecture. Don't miss the Linnaeus Sixth Anniversary. You'll be blessed with great plants and a great lecture!



**Carl Linnaeus
1707-1778**

The Linnaeus Monthly meeting for June is cancelled because of the Bus Trip.

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Note from the Director



I'm smiling because while this newsletter is being produced, I'm on vacation in the Bahamas.

Our Linnaeus children's programs are in full swing during June.

Bring your children or grandchildren to the Linnaeus garden on Thursday mornings for Story Time in the Garden (see page 4).

Little Green Thumbs, one of our longest running and most popular programs is back on Saturday mornings. Wiggly Worms and Compost is the June program. Your children will love this one. It's very hands-on and informative.

You don't want to miss The Linnaeus Teaching Garden's 6th Anniversary party on June 2nd. Gates to the garden open at 9:00 AM and the party goes on until 2:00 PM. Barry Fugatt, our Director of Horticulture and the 300+ Linnaeus Gardeners pull out all the stops for this party. Shop, visit with our sponsors, receive free plants, and learn all about the newest garden trends and plants from around the world.

Hope to see you at The Linnaeus Anniversary Celebration.

Affiliate Council Meeting June 28, 2012

All Affiliate organizations should have a representative at this meeting. Important issues affecting your organization will be discussed.

LITTLE GREEN THUMBS 2012

Join us this summer for tons of gardening fun!
Adventures include:

- June 16: Wiggly Worms and Compost
- July 21: Incredible Edibles-Veggies and Herbs
- August 18: Rainbow of Color – Art in the Garden
- September 15: Fall Harvest Party

Ages 4-11 (ages 4-7 must be accompanied by an adult)
Classes are scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of each month,
9:30-11:30 a.m., continuing through September.

Costs:
\$10 per class for TGC member or \$15 per class for non-member.

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Gardening by the Book

Companion Planting

Companion planting or gardening is the technique of utilizing the beneficial effects that plants have on each other when grown in close proximity. The plants are used to improve their environment, microclimate and soil, and to attract and provide shelter and food for other forms of life. Confidence in working with the combinations can be learned. The plant possibilities are as varied as the gardener's imagination.

Oklahoma author Louise Riotte wrote twelve books on gardening, companion planting, and garden lore. *Carrots Love Tomatoes* (Storey Pub., 1998) describes the mixed plant culture which can provide insect control. This classic teaches how to use the plant's natural partnerships to produce bigger and better harvests. *Roses Love Garlic* (Storey Pub., 1998) lists hundreds of common and uncommon plants. The planting properties, pest problem solutions and medicinal uses are informative. Both books contain interesting facts which are entertaining and also educational.

Beginning and expert gardeners alike should try *Designer Plant Combinations: 105 Stunning Gardens Using Six Plants or Fewer* (Storey Pub., 2008). There are plants for every preference and colors for every season, with alternatives for various climates. The author especially encourages mixing annuals, perennials, and grasses to produce garden spots that are also responsive to seasonal changes. The hundreds of color photographs and designer tips make this a most informative resource.

Encyclopedia of Planting Combinations (Firefly Books, 2008) features more than 1000 individual plants in over 4000 combinations. Shrubs and small trees, climbers, roses, perennials, bulbs and annuals are all featured. Following each entry are listings of complementary plants. A set of easy to use symbols indicate the individual plant's cultivation requirements. Analyzing the combined plants according to location, soil, climate and seasons is discussed.

Author Anna Pavord selects 60 outstanding perennials, along with their bulb, annual and perennial combinations, in *Plant Partners* (DK Pub., 2001). Each growing season is highlighted with inspiring and successful pairings. Also helpful is the list of alternative planting companions in the back of the book. General growing advice is given as well as the plants' growing dimensions, qualities, and varieties.

For the beginning gardener try *Soil Mates: Companion Planting for Your Vegetable Garden* (Quirk Books, 2010). Easy to use directions will clue in the reader on boosting the harvest while reducing the work. Creating a more natural biodiversity that is less taxing on the soil is the goal. Twenty pairings of plants with preparation tips and tasty recipes make this a charming guide.

Mary Moore
Tulsa City County Library

What's a Rose Fund??

Sometimes it's difficult to know what to get someone who has everything. A creative and inexpensive way to remember someone on a holiday or on any special occasion throughout the year is by planting a rose to honor them in the Tulsa Municipal Rose Garden as a living reminder of your love or friendship. Why not make a \$20 donation to Tulsa Garden Club's Rose Fund which will go to the restoration and maintenance of the Rose Garden, located at the Tulsa Garden Center?

A rose bush will then be planted in the garden. A lovely rose card will be sent to your recipient and their name, along with your name, will be placed in the donor book located in the library at the Tulsa Garden Center.

What a great way to memorialize or to honor someone on a special day and keep our Rose Garden looking beautiful. Applications are available at the Tulsa Garden Center front desk or contact Bonnie Ballard at (918) 742-0941.

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Linnaeus Teaching Garden

None

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Education



Brown Bag Lecture-Thursday, June 21st

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.

Daylilies in the Landscape

Randall Barron, owner of Barron's Daylilies and president of Tulsa Area Daylily Society will present a program on how best to use daylilies in the landscape.

Daylilies when planted in carefully coordinated color and size groupings make a dramatic addition to any garden. They naturally increase in clump size from year to year, presenting evermore lush displays as the plantings mature.

Come and pick up some of Randall's growing secrets and advice about what daylilies grow best in our area.



Book Discussion Club Tuesday, June 19th

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

Practical Small Gardens

Join Sandy Cox as she reviews the book *Practical Small Gardens* by Peter McHoy.

This review will tell you everything you need to know when planning, designing and planting a small garden and how to put your ideas in action.

Children's Activities



Story Time in the Garden

Story Time in the Garden is held in The Linnaeus Teaching Garden every Thursday morning at 10:00 AM in the Outdoor Classroom. Admission is free. Advance registration not required.

Subjects



June 7th
June 14th
June 21st
June 28th
July 5th
July 12th
July 19th

Plants & Seeds
Bugs, Insects & Ladybugs
Works/Compost
Butterflies
Bats
Vegetables
Ponds

July 26th
August 2nd
August 9th
August 16th
August 23rd
August 30th

Fruits
Trees & Leaves
Colors in the Garden
Sunflowers
Scarecrows
Apples



Affiliate News



Tulsa Council of Federated Garden Clubs

The ever-popular Annual Plant Exchange will be held at the June 1st meeting of the Tulsa Council of Federated Garden Clubs. Exchange of plants will be limited to members of the federated garden clubs.

Tulsa Herb Society

There will be no regular meeting in June. Members will be taking a Bus Trip to visit THS member gardens in Bartlesville. This trip is for Members Only.

Tulsa Council of Federated Garden Clubs

The Council will dedicate a Blue Star Memorial By-way Marker in Veteran's Park on June 6th. This marker is a tribute to the Armed Forces of America. Dedication will be held in Veterans Park at 10:00 AM and all are welcome to attend.

Tulsa Area Daylily Society

The TADS June meeting will be Thursday, June 7th, in the auditorium of Tulsa Garden Center at 7:00 PM. There will be daylilies galore for the public to buy as the TADS members return the beautiful nesting daylilies that they've been nurturing.

Come and bring a friend, relative or neighbor and join in all the fun activities. Refreshments are served at 6:30 PM and the meeting will start at 7:00 PM. New members in 2012 get a free daylily and door prizes are given at each meeting.

For more information, please contact Randall Barron at 918-369-1581 or randallbarron@cox.net

Tulsa Area Daylily Show & Sale

"OPTICAL EXTRAVAGANZA"

TULSA GARDEN CENTER

2435 SOUTH PEORIA

SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH, 9AM – 3 PM

Contact: randallbarron@cox.net, 918-369-1581

The Sale begins at 9 am in the auditorium of the Tulsa Garden Center auditorium. There will be vendors with daylilies in all sizes, colors and shapes. These daylilies will be in bloom or have beautiful photos of each variety to help you make your choices. The sale will last until 3 pm or until everything is sold.

The TADS show will begin with judging at 9 am. Bring your flowers on scapes and ready to display. The staging for the show is in the north half of the Tulsa Garden Center Auditorium. At about noon, the partition will be removed and all the beautiful daylilies will be available for the public to view. Each of the entries will have been judged and awarded ribbons and prizes. It truly is an extravaganza of beautiful flowers of all colors, sizes and shapes.

Anyone can enter an American Hemerocallis Society registered daylily. There is a classification for every daylily. The show and judges are members of the American Hemerocallis Society and the show is sanctioned by the AHS.

There is no charge for admission, parking, or entering a daylily in the show.



Tulsa Orchid Society

The Orchid Society will meet on June 10th at 1:30 PM. A program will be presented by Nina Rach of Houston, Texas, who is an accredited AOS Judge. Her program will be on the genus *Sobralia*. Visitors are welcome.

Tulsa Rose Society

The Tulsa Rose Society will not meet at the Tulsa Garden Center in June. Instead the Society will be having a garden tour of three local gardens from 2-4 PM on June 10th. Check our website for further information: www.tulsarosesociety.org. Please join us!

The Tulsa Area Iris Society

June meeting will be on June 14th in the auditorium of Tulsa Garden Center with hospitality at 6:30 PM and meeting at 7:00 PM. The program will be Soil Structures by John Kahre of Tulsa Community College.

The African Violet Society of Greater Tulsa

The African Violet Society will meet on June 18th at 7:00 PM to see a slide program of the events and flower show from the national African Violet Convention and Show in Detroit, MI. There will also be installation of officers for the new year and refreshments will be served. Visitors are welcome. Meeting will be held at the Tulsa Garden Center.

Tulsa Perennial Club

First, thanks to everyone who came to our May 5th "Perennials & More" sale! The Tulsa Perennial Club's meeting will be held on Thursday, June 21st, at 7:00 PM in TGC Auditorium. Carla Grogg from Grogg's Green Barn will be the speaker. She will give a presentation about the benefits of including native plants in our landscape design. And, if you would like to take a native plant home with you, she will also be bringing some native plants that will be available for sale after her program. Guests are welcome.

Green Country Water Garden Society

The 20th Annual Green Country Water Garden Society Pond Tour will be held on June 23rd & 24th. Saturday's hours are 9:00 AM—6:00 PM and Sunday's hours are 12:00 PM—6:00 PM.

Cost is \$5.00 for adults, children under 12 are free. It is a self-guided tour with over 20 water gardens for your viewing. Members are available to "Show and Tell" about their gardens and answer questions. You can buy tickets at the following locations, Hardscape Materials, Southern Agriculture Stores, Southwood Nursery and GCWGS members. The booklet you receive becomes your admission ticket.

For additional information:

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The Hosta Connection

The Hosta Connection will meet on June 26th for its Annual Plant Swap in the TGC Auditorium. Meeting begins at 7:00 PM and refreshments will be served at intermission. Each attendee that wants to participate is asked to bring 3 plants for swapping with other attendees.

Tulsa Garden Center's Linnaeus Teaching Garden 6th Anniversary Celebration

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9AM TO 2PM
WOODWARD PARK
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FREE SEMINAR

"NEW GARDEN TRENDS AND PLANTS AROUND THE WORLD"

**INSTRUCTOR: Nicholas Staddon, Director of New Plant Development,
Monrovia Nurseries**

TIME: 10:30 AM TO 11:30 PM

LOCATION: TULSA GARDEN CENTER AUDITORIUM

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June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 10:00am Council of Federated Garden Clubs	2 9:00am Linnaeus Teaching Garden 6th Anniversary 9:00am Oklahoma Native Plant Society Board Meeting
3	4 10:00am Tulsa Garden Club Meeting 7:00pm Green Country Bonsai Meeting	5 9:00am Tulsa Herb Society Crafting	6 10:00am Tulsa Rose Society Board Mtg	7 10:00am Story Time in the Garden 6:30pm Tulsa Area Daylily Society Meeting 7:00pm Cacti Society Meeting	8	9 9:00am Tulsa Area Daylily Show & Sale 9:00am Oklahoma Horticulture Study Group Sale
10 1:30am Tulsa Orchid Society Meeting	11 10:30am TGC Executive Committee Meeting 12:00pm TGC Board Meeting	12 6:30pm Green Country Water Garden Society Meeting	13	14 10:00am Story Time in the Garden 7:00pm Tulsa Area Iris Society Meeting	15	16 9:30am Little Green Thumbs
17	18 7:00pm African Violet Society Meeting	19 9:00am Tulsa Herb Society Crafting 12:00pm Book Discussion Club <i>Practical Small Gardens</i>	20	21 10:00am Story Time in the Garden 12:00pm Brown Bag Lecture <i>Daylilies</i> 7:00pm Tulsa Perennial Club Meeting	22	23 9:00am Green Country Bonsai Workshop-Linnaeus Barn
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News from City of Tulsa Chief Horticulturist, Maureen Turner.....

Last month I had the opportunity to visit Mexico and walk amidst some Mayan Ruins at Chichen-Itza. It was a beautiful day with a slight breeze and lots of sunshine.

The place was mostly peaceful, except for the thousands of vendors trying to sell you their wares. It was kind of sad for me to watch and being an inquisitive person, I asked many of the vendors about themselves. Some of them told me they had never been asked that question before. Between my faulty Spanish and their broken English there were some quite interesting conversations! The tour guide we had did a fantastic job of explaining about the Maya – in fact he was a Mayan himself.

The areas around the ruins were open to walk, but no one was allowed into the buildings themselves. Many pictures were taken by both tourists and us, but one thing I really noticed about this area – no landscape – at all. There was some turf and a few trees giving shade to the vendors who arrived the earliest.

I took a moment and sat down and just looked around. My kids are pretty astute and one of them noticed what I did and asked if everything was OK. I told him everything was grand and I was just taking in the moment. He rolled his eyes and walked away. I was wondering why virtually no landscaping existed. These vendors plying their wares, many with the same things, trying to get your money

only to have the merchant a few feet away offer you a lower price. It wore me out to see them work so hard for a few dollars.

After returning from the trip, I was talking to my husband about all the jumble in my brain and we came upon that subject. We discussed economy and the almighty dollar. He pointed out that I kind of do the same thing, but instead of buying souvenirs, I buy plants. I never really looked at it that way, but he was right. My husband is an incredibly intelligent man and he helps me think outside the box.

After pondering those thoughts for a bit, the realization came to me that everyone in the world is pretty much the same. Some people like plant collections and some baseball card collections. I guess this is what makes the world go around. So whether you like baseball or camping, knitting or reading, everyone has the same world to live in and everyone is affected by their environment.

Whenever your environment becomes overwhelming or stale, come to Woodward Park and visit my world. I have a collection of plants to show you and it won't cost a penny!