



The Tulsa Garden Center at Woodward Park

Big Changes in store for SpringFest this Year!

Very limited parking in Woodward Park, along with guest and volunteer safety concerns, prompted the Tulsa Garden Center to change the event to include a free Tulsa Transit off-site shuttle service on Saturday, April 14th. The shuttle service will run from 9:00am—5:30pm, Saturday.

On both Friday and Saturday all parking in front of The Mansion at Woodward Park will be reserved as \$10 per space “Premium Parking”.



Shuttle service sites include.....

All Souls Unitarian Church
2952 S. Peoria Avenue

Helmerich & Payne parking lot
1579 E. 21st St.

For more information, please email info@tulsagardencenter.com

TULSA GARDEN CENTER INVITES
YOU TO JOIN US AT THE

CARRIAGE HOUSE PUB

AT WOODWARD PARK

...a new addition to Springfest at Woodward Park 2018!

CHEERS TO SPRING!

Stop in for a pint at the original Carriage House, just east of The Mansion. The Pub will feature a selection of brews from Tulsa Favorite, American Solera! \$10 per patron

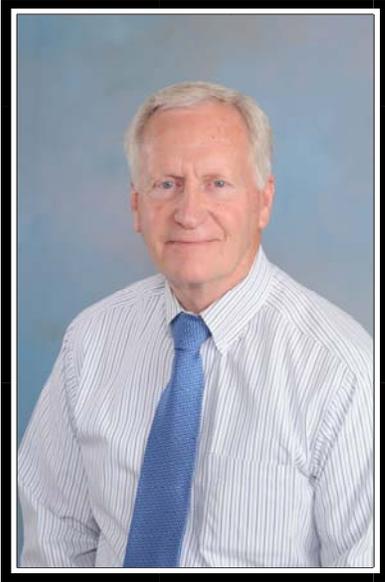
Pub Hours: April 14th- 10:00am-4:00pm

All beverages must be consumed within the 21+ pub. Security will be present.

RSVP to: www.facebook.com/themansionatwoodwardpark



Camellias



My first job out of school was working for a retail nursery in the Deep South. My job was to regularly meet with clients whose gardens we had designed, answer their questions on site and keep them happy. It was a fun job, until I met with Miss Sally, a grand old Southern lady who lived in a grand old Southern mansion on prestigious Lake Shore drive.

Miss Sally discovered gardening late in life and quickly took a deep liking to the Queen of Southern flowers: camellias.

There was a problem, however. She knew very little about gardening and still less about camellias. Even so, she had set her heart on winning a blue ribbon at the fall camellia show. And she made it abundantly clear that it was my job to make her dream come true.

When I shared Miss Sally's demand with my boss, his response was not unexpected. "Boy," he said with a deep Southern drawl, "Miss Sally spends a ton of money at this nursery. See to it that her camellias win "best of show".

I knew of only one sure way to make that happen: cheat. In college I had studied and experimented with a then relatively new plant growth hormone known as gibberellic acid. When applied directly to the floral buds of certain species, growth and development were enhanced, resulting in significantly larger flowers.

For several months prior to the camellia show, I regularly stopped by Miss Sally's garden to "treat" her most promising camellia buds with a drop of gibberellic acid. The process was simple. Vegetative buds on a camellia are long and narrow. Whereas, floral buds are more rounded. I would carefully twist and remove a vegetative buds growing next to a floral bud. This left a tiny cup at the base of the floral bud. I would then place a single drop of growth hormone into the tiny cup. The response was amazing. The flowers on several camellia varieties almost doubled in size!

Miss Sally's giant camellia blossoms did indeed win "best of Show". She was ecstatic, my boss was happy and I still had a job.

I learned a short time later that numerous camellia lovers across the South also were using gibberellic acid for their

competitive advantage and that the use of the growth hormone was not entirely frowned upon. Eventually, the use of the chemical became so wide-spread that it came to be known affectionately as "gibbing". It's still widely used today and I feel completely absolved of any wrong doing with regard to Miss Sally's camellias.

Arguably, camellias may be the most beloved of Southern plants. The great French plantsman, Andre' Michaux, explorer and botanist to King Louis XVI, established the first botanical garden just north of Charleston, South Carolina in 1786. Camellia was one of many plants this energetic Frenchman introduced to America.

Today, over 200 different species of camellia are recognized, all native to the Orient. Camellia japonica and C. sasanqua are the two species most commonly seen in local garden centers. There are many cultivars and hybrids between the two species.

It has been only a few decades since talented plant breeders introduced cold hardy camellias varieties capable of withstanding our Oklahoma winters. I'm particularly fond of the new October Magic series introduced by Southern Living Plants. Its soft pink flowers truly light up a garden for four to six weeks in the fall. There also are white and red flowering cultivars within the October Magic series.

Plant camellias in spring and be sure to select cold hardy types. Many camellias simply will not tolerate our winter weather. Choose a planting location that receives four to six hours of direct morning sunlight followed by afternoon shade. Camellias prefer a rich compost amended soil and a generous covering of organic mulch over their roots. A mid-spring application of slow-release Osmocote (18-6-12) fertilizer will keep camellias well fed for an entire growing season.

The camellia was named by the great botanist Carl Linnaeus, namesake of the Linnaeus Teaching Garden in Woodward Park.

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Hostas

Hostas enjoy great success as a carefree undemanding perennial. The wide variety of leaf color, size and texture combined with their ease of cultivation makes hostas the perfect plant for gardens of all sizes and types. These perennials appear in early spring and disappear in late fall, providing color through the seasons. They look stunning when planted together to complement each other as well as used as planting companions.

More than 100 species and varieties are highlighted in *Hostas* (Firefly Books, 2004). It offers landscape ideas, expert advice, and specific cultivar information. A list of suitable companion plants is pro-



vided to enhance and complement the hosta planting. Hostas are detailed whether being used in a large or small garden, a courtyard or container. Clear instructions on propagating and cultivating will guide the reader.

For a practical book giving aspects of their care and cultivation, try *Hostas: An Essential Guide* (Crowood Press, 2010). This takes an in-depth look at all aspects of planting and growing. A seasonal guide to cultivation is included along with propagation details. Pest and disease information with ac-

companying photographs aid the gardener.

The Book of Little Hostas (Timber Press, 2010) is a guide to those best suited to containers, windowsills, and smaller gardens. Many mimic the shapes, colors and textures of the larger hostas. A description of leaves and size is enhanced by a photograph of each plant. Companion plants to keep the hostas company are detailed. The selection of diminutive hostas will be inspirational for the gardener.

This illustrated collection of more than 750 plants is selected by specialist Diana Grenfell. *The Color Encyclopedia of Hostas* (Timber Press, 2004) includes gardening ideas and advice on pests and diseases. The entries are arranged by color with each accompanied by its description and full color photograph. Especially useful is the quick-reference list of the best hostas for different purposes.

The Gardener's Guide to Growing Hostas (Timber Press, 1996), although older, is a compact and valuable reference. This practical descriptive book includes the history and origin of hostas. It is a study of the genus with minimal photographs. Helpful details on exhibiting and showing hostas complete this guide.

The New Encyclopedia of Hostas (Timber Press, 2009) is an update to the 2004 Diana Grenfell and Michael Shadrack classic. More than 700 cultivated hostas are described, being arranged by leaf color and type of variegation. Clear cultivation advice includes recommendations of those that are suited to more challenging environments.

Mary Moore
Tulsa City-County Library

Ongoing Classes & Events

Every Monday

Tai Chi Chuan Yang Form—Slow Set

Tai Chi is a slow, graceful, rhythmic exercise which promotes good health, bone density, and balance while the gentle twisting improves flexibility and circulation.

\$15 per month for TGC members or \$20 per month for non-members.



Beginner Class—4:45—5:45pm

Advanced Class—6:00—7:00pm

(Prior experience required for Advanced Class.)

Call 918-576-5155 for more information or to enroll.

First, Second, Fourth and Fifth Tuesdays

Let's Talk Gardening!

The Tulsa Garden Center Garden Study Group meets for informal discussions about gardening and nature in general. The Study Group meets from 12:00—1:30pm. There is no charge to attend this Study Group. Reservations aren't required.

Every Wednesday—7:00—8:00pm

Ballroom Dancing

Every Wednesday evening, the Tulsa Garden Center will sponsor Ballroom Dancing sessions.

Nedra Smith will lead participants in dancing the Waltz, the Rumba, the Foxtrot and the Swing Dance. \$35 per 4 classes or \$10 per single class. Unaccompanied dancers are welcome. Reservations are required.

Call 918-576-5155 for more information or to enroll.



Every Wednesday—4:45—5:45pm

Balance for Life Exercise Class

Strength training can ward off age-related muscle loss, keep your bones strong, promote mobility and function, prevent falls, and help combat depression and cognitive decline. Karen Nelson leads the participants in low-impact, body-friendly exercises.

\$15 per month for TGC members or \$20 per month for non-members.

Call 918-576-5155 for more information or to enroll.

Single Classes & Events

Monday, April 2nd, 10:00am

Tulsa Garden Club

Sheila Kanotz, Director of Horticulture of Philbrook Gardens will give a program on the Gardens of Philbrook. Coffee will be available at 10am, the meeting will start at 10:30am.

Contact: Marilyn Lay at 918-246-9656

mnhlay@cox.net

Thursday, April 5th, 6:00pm

Tulsa Area Daylily Society

Lois Hart of AHS Region 11 will explain the importance of becoming a member of American Hemerocallis Society. After Hart's presentation, daylilies will be distributed to active members as defined by the nesting daylily program rules.

Contact: Kathryn Earle at 918-804-0748

kathrynearle1@gmail.com



The Daylily Society
Cultivar Database
www.daylilies.org

Friday, April 6th, 9:30am

Tulsa Council of Federated Garden Clubs

The Council will host hospitality at 9:30am with the meeting beginning at 10:00am. The program will be given by Cissy Mahoney on the birds of Grand Lake.

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mnhlay@cox.net



Friday, April 6th, 6—9pm

Green Country Sierra Club

The Sierra club will be sharing a table with renowned environmental artist, Julie Peppito at the First Friday Art Crawl at Living Arts of Tulsa Art Center, 307 E. Brady St.

Sunday, April 8th, 1:30—3:30pm

TGC Class—Creating a Children's Garden

Symon Hajjar of Global Gardens will discuss how to create a children's garden. This class is focused on parents, grandparents, teachers and after school workers. The class is free to TGC members, non-member fee is

\$5.00. Online registration at www.tulsagardencenter.com/events/.



Single Classes & Events

Sunday, April 8th, 2:00pm
The Tulsa Rose Society



The Tulsa Rose Society will meet at the Tulsa Historical Society for a presentation by Karen Watkins. Watkins has worked for many years at the Tulsa County Extension office and volunteers in Woodward Park and the Linnaeus Teaching Gardens. Her topic will be Companion Plants for rose gardens.

Contact: Gordon Beck at 918-409-9033
GordonLeeBeck@yahoo.com

Sunday, April 8th, 12:00—4:00pm
Green Country Bonsai Society

Bonsai workshop led by Dana Quattlebaum, professional bonsai artist. Tuition fee is \$50 and registration is strongly recommended to ensure participation. To register, please send an email to:

greencountrybonsaisociety@gmail.com.

This workshop will be held at Southwood Landscape and Garden Center; 9025 S. Lewis Ave. Tulsa, Ok 74137.



Monday, April 9th, 6:00—9:00pm
Green Country Bonsai Society

Bonsai workshop led by Dana Quattlebaum, professional bonsai artist. Tuition fee is \$50 and registration is strongly recommended to ensure participation. To register, please send an email to:

greencountrybonsaisociety@gmail.com.

This workshop will be held at Tulsa Garden Center; 2435 S. Peoria Ave., Tulsa, Ok 74114.

More Information:

www.greencountrybonsai.org

Monday, April 9th, 7:00pm
African Violet Society of Greater Tulsa

Nancy Moerer will give a program on the different methods of watering African Violets.

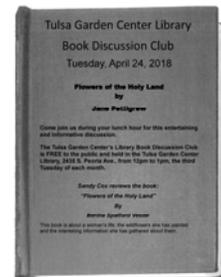


Contact: Sherrie Wallace at 918-245-3199
wallace4@hotmail.com

Tuesday, April 17th, 12:00pm—1:00pm
Tulsa Garden Center Library Book Discussion

Come join us during your lunch hour for this entertaining and informative discussion. Sandy Cox reviews the book "Flowers of the Holy Land" by Bertha Spafford Vest-er.

This book is about a woman's life, the wild-flowers she has painted and the interesting information she has gathered about them. This book discussion is FREE to the public and held in the Tulsa Garden Center Library. Reservations aren't required.



Thursday, April 19, 6:45pm
Tulsa Perennial Club



The club will hear Laura Chalus speak at this meeting. Chalus is the Executive Director of the Tulsa Garden Center and she will speak on the history of the Tulsa Garden Center.

Contact: Diane Beckert at 800-544-5533 Ext 3230

Diane.Beckert@jmwsettlements.com

Friday, April 20th, 11:00am—1:30pm
Green Country Sierra Club

At Harwell Field on University of Tulsa campus, the Sierra club will have a booth with nature designs for school kids to make. This will be a fun day of environmental and STEM activities for kids from pre-K to second grade, celebrating Earth Day: Celebrate COMMUNITY.



Saturday & Sunday, April 21st & 22nd, 10—4pm

Tulsa Orchid Society

A PALETTE OF ORCHIDS, An American Orchid Society judged show and sale, presented by the Tulsa Orchid Society and the Southwest Regional Orchid Growers Association. Admission is free to the public and there will be daily orchid raffles.

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Single Classes & Events

Saturday, April 21st, 10:00am—12:00pm

TGC Class—Ergonomic Gardening

Carla Grogg, proprietor of Grogg's Green Barn will demonstrate how they've adopted ergonomic and keyhole gardening principles in their retail nursery. Admission is free for TGC members and \$5 for non-members. This class will be held at Grogg's Green Barn, 10105 E. 61st St. Tulsa, OK.



Online registration at www.tulsagardencenter.com/events/
Call 918-576-5155 for more information

Saturday, April 21st, 10:00am—5:00pm

Tulsa Garden Club 68th Annual Garden Tour

Five Gardens and two interiors are on tour. \$10 Advance tickets available at Tulsa Garden Center, or \$15 on tour day at any of the featured gardens. Visit www.tulsagardencenter.org or call 918-740-3633 or 918-625-1161 for more information.

Sunday, April 22nd, 12:00pm—7:00pm

Earth Day Festival

The Tulsa Earth Coalition is expanding the Earth Day Festival at Guthrie Green event area. We will host local musicians with local expert environmental speakers throughout the day from noon until 7pm. There will be a Kids Zone with lots of fun activities. There will be many talented artistic vendors and many environmental information booths to browse through. There will be food trucks using recycled napkins and cups on the east side of the Green. We will also be hosting our "Hands Around The Park" unity event celebrating the value of all our parklands in Tulsa and across our country. Green Country Sierra Club is one of the founders of the Tulsa Earth Coalition. Come by our booth for your complimentary Earth Day bracelet! This is Oklahoma's largest Earth Day event!

Wednesday, April 25, 6:30—8:00pm

TGC Class—Garden Design Made Simple

A how-to workshop on designing a garden, taught by Karen Watkins. The admission is free for Tulsa Garden Center members and \$5 for non-members.

Enrollment is required. Online enrollment at www.tulsagardencenter.com/events



Thursday, April 26th, 7:00pm

Green Country Sierra Club

On Thursday evening, April 26, at 7pm, Green Country will be showing an award winning documentary, From the Ashes. This film goes beyond the rhetoric of the "war on coal" to tell the heart-breaking stories behind the battle Lines. This is about transitioning from dirty coal to renewable energies.

Saturday, April 28th, 9:00—11:00am

Rose Garden Volunteers

Come help plant Levels 3 and 4 of the Tulsa Municipal Rose Garden.

Saturday & Sunday, April 28th and 29th

Tulsa Area Iris Society Show & Sale

Show hours are 12:30—3:00pm on Saturday and 11:00am—3:00pm on Sunday. Admission to the show and sale is free to the public.



Sunday, April 29th, 1:30pm—3:30pm

TGC Class—An Introduction to Permaculture

James Spicer, founder and principal of Green Country Permaculture, will explain the concept of Permaculture and how it can be implemented.

The Permaculture garden is a lot more than an organic garden. Its intelligent design uses free, sustainable energies and resources. It is energy-wise and collaborative to minimize the impact of a site on the surrounding environment.

Admission is free for TGC members and \$5 for non-members.

Online registration at www.tulsagardencenter.com/events/ Call 918-576-5155 for

more information.



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