



The Tulsa Garden Center at Woodward Park

A #MeToo Toad Rescue



As much as I had hoped the #MeToo movement highlighting sexual harassment in the workplace would perhaps sink in to those who needed awakening the most, the struggle at times seems to continue unabated.

Interacting with numerous customers, volunteers, and local contractors on a daily basis has led to 99.9% positive and enriching experiences for me, some that will undoubtedly stay with me for the rest of my

life. There are, however, always those one or two special exceptions where you can't help but walk away feeling absolutely irate, emotionally drained, or even just terribly sad.

I was meeting with a gentleman (ha!) late last fall about the restoration of one of the Rose Garden fountains, and as I was showing him the tier 4 empty fountain I noticed a toad in the bottom. Well of course, being me, I jumped down to rescue the little guy assuming he hadn't meant to get stuck down there with no way for his stubby little legs to extricate himself. Suddenly, the contractor shifted his conversation on the merits of plaster vs. epoxy to an unsolicited remark about women's anatomy. "There's nothing I like more than to see a woman jumping on up and down on a trampoline or trying to catch a frog!" Stunned by the derogatory comment from someone I had never met before, I did what I have always done in these situations, ignored his misogyny and kept talking about the previous subject.

I realize my reaction would not have been the same choice for every woman, but this particular encounter didn't make me want to immediately confront him because I inherently knew how to hit him back where it hurt the most; in his wallet. He had just shot himself in the foot and would certainly never be awarded a bid for any work in Woodward Park, and I would make it a point to let others know what kind of man he was as well. It doesn't always happen that an incident like this affords a nicely laid path of retribution, though.

Early this spring during a flower show in The Mansion I was staffing a Rose Garden Volunteer Day. I had been working in the dirt all morning pulling weeds and pruning roses when I stopped to take a break. As I was headed into the building for some water, I saw a large elderly man stooped with a cane shuffling up to the front door. Dirt falling off my work boots and gardening gloves still on, I quickened my step so I could open the door and welcome him to the flower show. He smiled and thanked me and as I followed him over the threshold, I apologized for my unkempt state explaining I had been participating in a gardening work day. Then, to my utter horror, he turned right around, looked me square in the eye, and said with a grin, "I'll bet you're a dirty girl, aren't you?"what in the *BLEEP*!?!? Not missing a beat, I waved my arm dismissively at him while I walked away and simply said "not hardly".

One of the things I like most about working at the Tulsa Garden Center is the sense of comradery and acceptance among our hundreds of volunteers and affiliated members; men and women alike. I have never had an experience with any of the men in our park family that was anything other than supportive and respectful. We look out for each other and encourage each other to grow and learn no matter what our differences might be. That's the way it should be in our society every day, but we still have a lot of work ahead and a hard row to hoe to get there.

I have never changed who I am, my thoughts or my actions, because of my personal #MeToo experiences, and after 48 hard-fought years, I'm not about to start now. I will always ask the hard questions. I will always do the right thing. I will always stick up for the underdog. I will always act as a change agent for the betterment of my community. I will always be a saver of toads...

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Garden Color



“Way too much red in this garden”, declared the leader of a small group I was touring through the Linnaeus Teaching Garden.

“That’s right,” a companion added. “The overuse of deep red and dark purple is downright garish.”

Well, I thought. This tour is off to a dandy start.

Hoping to lighten the mood, I quoted Lady Bird Johnson: “Flowers in a garden

are like lipstick on a woman. It just makes you look better with a little color.”

“Perhaps,” the group leader shot back. “But too much lipstick will make your face look like a baboon’s bottom,”

Her response was so unexpected and hilarious that I doubled over with laughter. I could hardly catch my breath. When finally I regained my composure, we continued the tour and at virtually every twist and turn of the garden I received an ear full of unsolicited advice regarding the “proper” use of color. Even so, I thoroughly enjoyed the group. The tour left its mark, however. I can no longer look at bright red flowers without thinking of a baboon’s derriere.

My advice regarding flower colors for a home garden is simple. If you’re attracted to certain colors or color combinations, go for it. If soft pastels float your boat, that’s fine. And if flaming baboon red and deep purple are more to your liking, that’s fine too.

And for Pete’s sake, give no credence to what self-appointed “garden police” may think. Their job is to suck all the fun out of gardening with an endless list of do’s and don’ts. Experiment, try new color schemes, and swing for the fence. Critics will roll their eyes no matter what you plant. The only opinion that truly matters belongs to the gardener doing the buying, planting and watering. That’s you!

For season long color look for these new award winning All American Selection annuals at local garden centers this spring. Each has per-

formed amazingly well in the Linnaeus Teaching Garden.

Dianthus Interspecific Supra Pink

Finally, a gorgeous Dianthus that can handle our summer heat and bloom throughout the growing season.

Gaillardia Arizona Apricot

A close cousin to our state wild flower. It’s as tough as it is beautiful.



Salvia Summer Jewel Lavender

Heat loving Salvias have long been loved by Oklahoma gardeners. This Summer Jewel is well named. Its soft lavender flowers are something to behold.

Zinnia Profusion Red

My new favorite summer annual. It’s so beautiful even “garden police” have difficulty criticizing it.



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Children and Gardening

People all around the world enjoy the hobby of gardening. This activity isn't just for adults, however. Kids can plan, create and maintain their own gardens, too. They learn that gardening is a lot of fun. A garden is not just a place to grow plants, it can be an innovative space, a setting to play games or simply a safe haven. A garden can be a place for discovery, creativity, and an area that encourages children to engage with the natural world. All ages will be glad for every minute spent in one's garden.

For a colorful book that introduces children to the joy of growing vegetables in a wooden box try *All New Square Foot Gardening with Kids* (Cool Springs Press, 2014). This classic square foot gardening technique has been expanded. Dozens of

er can learn of planting, care and then harvesting tips. The colorful photo glossary of the ingredients and kitchen tools is helpful. Each step of the planting and preparing is photographed.

How Does My Garden Grow? (DK Publishing, 2011) provides instruction with fun and creative activities. Scientific experiments, art projects, cooking, and even magic tricks can teach about plants. Using a variety of containers, the young gardener can watch the entire growth process. Information is given on watering, temperature control and fertilizing suggestions. After harvesting, recipes are given as well as making crafts of the unused plant parts. The large drawings and photographs explain the process.



creative activities and learning opportunities are given for kids of all ages. Because of the simple principles and fast payoff, this is perfect for children. Gardening basics, science and math principles, and healthy eating are all valuable lessons learned. The drawings, color photographs, activities and instructions lead to many teaching moments.

Garden to Table: A Kid's Guide to Planting, Growing, and Preparing Food (Scarletta Junior Readers, 2014) has container gardening in mind. Six common garden herbs and vegetables are the introductory garden plants. Thirty recipes are included for the harvested food. A beginning garden-

The Children's Garden: Loads of Things to Make and Grow (Frances Lincoln, 2016) features 52 family projects. These outdoor activities help children develop an interest in nature, wildlife, and where their food comes from. They are suitable for entertaining groups of children or an individual child. All projects start with instructions of getting started and include tips for each one.

Mary Moore
Tulsa City-County Library

Ongoing Classes & Events

Single Classes & Events

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 aren't required.

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

Most Wednesdays—4:45—5:45pm
(see calendar for actual dates)

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.



Thursday, May 3, 6:30pm

Tulsa Area Daylily Society

Erin Porter of Hardscape Materials, Inc. will present a program entitled "To Lotus or Not to Lotus". Refreshments are available at 6:30pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00pm. The meeting is free and open to the public.



Friday, May 4th, 10:00am

Tulsa Council of Federated Garden Clubs

The May meeting will be off-site at Grogg's Green Barn for a luncheon prepared by the on-site chef. After lunch, members will tour the gardens and shop.

Saturday, May 5th, 9:00am—2:00pm

Tulsa Perennial Club Plant Sale

Shop for quality pass-along plants that have been grown in the gardens of Tulsa Perennial Club members. Selection includes perennials, shrubs, small trees, grasses, herbs and bulbs. Prices range from \$1 to \$10. Experienced perennial growers will be on hand to answer gardening questions.

www.tulsaperennialclub.com



Saturday, May 5th, 9:00am—2:00pm

Oklahoma Sustainable and Butterfly and Pollinator Conservation Association Plant Sale

Come shop for milkweed and nectar plants to sustain the butterflies and other pollinators. Also available are several types of fruit trees and shrubs.

Contact: Jalene Riley at 918-698-0468
utopiagardenstulsa@gmail.com

Saturday, May 5th, 10:00am—12:00pm

Tulsa Garden Center 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.tulsagardencenters.com/events/ Call 918-576-5155 for more information

Monday, May 7th, 10:00am

Tulsa Garden Club

Sue Welch and Marcy Smith of the Garden Trug will give an informal presentation to the membership.

Single Classes & Events

Monday, May 7th, 6:30pm

Northeast Chapter of the Oklahoma Native Plant Society

Will meet in the Ballroom of the Tulsa Garden Center at 6:30 p.m. for the quarterly meeting and program. Snacks and desserts will be available at 6:30pm, with a short business meeting to take place at 7:00pm.

The program for the evening is "Colorado's Black Canyon of the Gunnison River" and will be presented as a travelogue by Dale and Sue Amstutz.

The public is invited, and new ONPS members will be especially welcome. After the May meeting, the chapter will recess formal meetings until September, but our monthly social gatherings on the third Friday of each month will continue at 5:30pm. at the Panera Bakery Cafe at 41st and Hudson.

Again, guests are welcome to join us. For additional information about ONPS activities, consult the Society's website, oknativeplants.org.

Wednesday, May 9th, 6:30—8:00pm

TGC Class—Cell Phone Photography

A practical workshop on Cell Phone photography, facilitated by Natalie Green of Apertures, Inc. Topics that will be covered are: improving cell phone photos, the best apps, tips and tricks that work, flash or no flash, when to use HD, macro photography, and enlarging your photos.



\$15 for TGC members, \$20 for non-members.

Online enrollment at www.tulsagardencentral.com/events/

Thursday, May 10th, 6:30—7:30pm

Children's Program—Storytime Under the Stars

Bring your young children to the Linnaeus Teaching Garden for a fun filled storytime. Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas, as they are read stories about flowers, seeds and birds. There is no charge to attend and advance registration isn't required.



Saturday, May 12th, 12:30—3:00pm

Sunday, May 13th, 11:00am—3:00pm

The Tulsa Area Iris Society

Spring Show & Sale held at the Helmerich Horticultural Center at Woodward Park. Come to the show and select those Iris you'll want to purchase at the September rhizome sale.



Experienced Irisarians will be on hand to discuss how to plant and maintain your Iris.

Contact: Mike Blake at 918-760-1450

mikeb@tulsagardencentral.com

Saturday, May 12th, 10:00am—4:00pm

Sunday, May 13th, 11:00am—4:00pm

Green Country Bonsai Society Spring Show

Come and admire all the different varieties of bonsai and visit with the artists who created them. Free admission to the public.



Saturday, May 12th, 1:00pm—3:00pm

Tulsa Rose Society Show



The society is pleased to present their 71st Annual Spring Rose Show. Entries will be accepted 7:00am—10:00am and the public is invited to view the roses from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. There is no admission charge to attend the show.

Saturday, May 12th, 10:00am—2:00pm

National Public Gardens Day Tulsa Garden Crawl

The Tulsa Garden Center is joining with Gilcrease Museum, Philbrook Museum, Tulsa Master Gardeners and Tulsa Botanic Garden in sponsoring the Tulsa Garden Crawl to celebrate National Public Gardens Day.

Chartered busses will transport guests to each of the four featured gardens where they will be served either beer or wine and enjoy a docent-led tour of the garden. Pizza will be offered at Philbrook.

This is a 21+ event. Cost per guest is \$30. Advance registration is required.

Purchase tickets at:

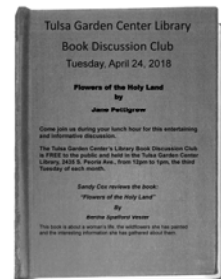
<http://my.philbrook.org/single/EventDetail.aspx?p=8102>

Tuesday, May 15th, 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 "Antique Roses for the South" by William Welch. This book lets you discover the sturdy old rose varieties that thrive in warmer climates, varieties that resist both disease and heat.

This book discussion is free to the public and held in the Tulsa Garden Center library. Reservations aren't required.



Single Classes & Events

Thursday, May 17th, 6:30pm

Tulsa Perennial Club

John Kahre will discuss the prison horticulture program he supervises that offers offenders the opportunity to gain skills that allow them to re-enter society equipped to become productive members of the workforce. Free Admission.

Saturday, May 19th, 9:00am—3:00pm

Sunday, May 20th, 10:00am—3:00pm

Cacti and Succulent Society Show & Sale



If are you looking for plants that will survive your neglect, try cacti and succulents. Multiple plant retailers will be offering a large variety of plants for most any environment.

Admission is free.

Contact: Bill Keeth at 918-241-3252

jwkeeth@gmail.com

Saturday, May 19th, 9:00am—5:00pm

Sunday, May 20th, 12:00pm—5:00pm

Tulsa Audubon Society's 25th Wildlife Habitat Garden Tour & Plant Sale

Gardens on Tour:

1748 S. Evanston Ave.

3482 S. Gary Pl.

4227 S. Madison Pl.

1504 E. 45th Pl.

3111 E. 56th St.

Tickets are \$6 and are available at any listed garden. Garden Tour Map & Info:

www.tulsaaudubon.org or 918-521-8894

Saturday, May 19th, 1:00pm—4:00pm

The Wonderful World of Color Flower Show

The Tulsa Garden Club presents "The Wonderful World of Color", An NGC Standard Flower Show. The show is open to the public with free admission. It will be held at Tulsa Garden Center.

Sunday, May 20th, 1:30—3:30pm

Tulsa Garden Center Class—Increase Your Home's Curb Appeal

Join local Landscape Designer/Horticulturist, Cherlyn Reeves, for a fun learning session on creating curb appeal. Learn several different ways to quickly add some curb appeal to your property without spending a lot of money or time—simple

things like giving the home a new coat of paint or by simply planting a new tree or sprucing up the mailbox.

Admission is \$5 to TGC members or \$10 for non-members. Online registration at: www.tulsaaduboncenter.com/events/

Sunday, May 20th, 1:30—3:30pm

Tulsa Garden Center Class—Herbal Cocktails

T. Read Richards, Beverage Manager of Oren Restaurant, will be serving three different cocktails to demonstrate the easy, at-home applications of herbs in cocktails- Muddling, Infusing and Herbal Syrup.

Admission is \$45 for TGC members and \$50 for non-members.

Online registration at: www.tulsaaduboncenter.com/events/

Monday, May 21th, 6:00pm

The Calligraphy Guild of Oklahoma

The program will be "Jubilee Script" developed by Carol duBosch. Everyone is welcome, regardless of knowledge or skill; supplies will be available for anyone who attends. Questions can be directed to the Calligraphy Guild of Oklahoma facebook page.

Monday, May 21th, 6:00pm

The African Violet Society of Greater Tulsa

The program for this meeting will be a presentation on African Violet species and how plant taxonomy was used for African Violets originally and how it has changed. There will also be a leaf exchange. The public is invited to attend.

Wednesday, May 23rd, 6:30pm

Tulsa Garden Center Class—Identifying Oklahoma Birds

A pictorial guide to identifying Oklahoma birds by Dr. Jeff Cox. Admission is free to TGC members and \$5 to non-members. Online Registration at: www.tulsaaduboncenter.com/events/

Thursday, May 24th, 5:30—7:30pm

Tulsa Garden Center Class—Hasty —Bake Grilling

Learn to grill from the Pro's and get a great meal besides. Zach and Denver will be repeating their class on grilling brisket and ribs. In addition to the grilled entrée, there will be appropriate side dishes.

Registration fee is \$40 for TGC members and \$45 for non-members.

Online registration at www.tulsaaduboncenter.com/events/



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1</p> <p>9:00am Tulsa Herb Society Member Activities</p> <p>12:00—1:30pm "Let's Talk Gardening"</p>	<p>2</p> <p>4:45—5:45pm TGC Class Balance for Life</p> <p>7:00—8:00pm Ballroom Dancing</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00pm Cacti & Succulent Soc. Mtg.</p> <p>7:00pm Tulsa Area Daylily Soc. Mtg.</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00am—2:00pm Tulsa Perennial Club Plant Sale</p> <p>9:00am—2:00pm Oklahoma Sustainable And Butterfly Assoc. Plant Sale</p> <p>10:00am—12:00pm TGC Class "Ergonomic & Keyhole Gardening" at Grogg's Green Barn</p>
<p>6</p> <p>1:30pm Tulsa Orchid Society Mtg. (Helmerich Hort. Center)</p> <p>2:00pm Tulsa Rose Soc. Mtg.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00am Tulsa Garden Club Reg. Meeting</p> <p>6:00—9:00pm Green Country Bonsai Society Mtg.</p> <p>6:30pm Okla. Native Plant Soc. Reg. Mtg.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00am Tulsa Herb Society Regular Meeting</p> <p>12:00—1:30pm "Let's Talk Gardening"</p> <p>6:30pm Green Country Water Garden Society Mtg. (Helmerich Hort. Center)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>4:45—5:45pm TGC Class Balance for Life</p> <p>6:30—8:00pm TGC Class "Cell Phone Photography"</p> <p>7:00—8:00pm Ballroom Dancing</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30—7:30pm Storytime Under the Stars</p> <p>7:00pm Tulsa Area Iris Soc. Mtg.</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12:30—3:00pm Tulsa Area Iris Soc. Show & Sale- HHC</p> <p>10:00am—4:00pm Green Country Bonsai Show</p> <p>1:00—3:00pm Tulsa Rose Society Show</p> <p>10:00am—2:00pm NPGA Tulsa Garden Crawl</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Mother's Day</p> <p>11:00—3:00pm Tulsa Area Iris Soc. Show & Sale</p> <p>11:00am—4:00pm Green Country Bonsai Show</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00am Tulsa Herb Society Member Activities</p> <p>11:00am Anne Hathaway Herb Society Mtg.</p> <p>12:00—1:30pm TGC Book Review "Antique Roses for the South"</p> <p>7:00pm Audubon Society Regular Mtg</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00—8:00pm Ballroom Dancing</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00pm Tulsa Perennial Club Mtg.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1:00pm Nat'l. Assoc. of Parliamentarians Regular Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00am—3:00pm Tulsa Cacti Society Show & Sale</p> <p>1:00—4:00pm Tulsa Garden Club Flower Show "The Wonderful World of Color"</p>
<p>20</p> <p>10:00am—3:00pm Tulsa Cacti Society Show & Sale</p> <p>1:30—3:30pm TGC Class "Creating Curb Appeal"-HHC</p> <p>1:30—3:30pm TGC Class "Creating Herbal Cocktails"</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:30pm The Calligraphy Guild Mtg.—HHC</p> <p>7:00pm African Violet Society Regular Mtg.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00am Tulsa Herb Society Member Activities</p> <p>12:00—1:30pm "Let's Talk Gardening"</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30am Linnaeus Volunteers Monthly Meeting</p> <p>6:30—8:00pm TGC Class "Identifying Okla. Birds"</p> <p>7:00—8:00pm Ballroom Dancing</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:30—7:30pm Hasty-Bake Grilling Class</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00—11:00am Rose Garden Volunteers</p> <p>Memorial Day Holiday</p>
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