



The Tulsa Garden Center  
At Woodward Park

June 2018 Newsletter

# **Tulsa Garden Center's Linnaeus Teaching Garden 12th Anniversary Celebration**



**FREE ONE GALLON "NANTUCKET BLUE"  
HYDRANGEA TO FIRST 400 VISITORS**

**HOT NEW ANNUALS FOR SALE**

**UNIQUE ITEMS CRAFTED BY LINNAEUS  
GARDENERS**

**SELECTED LANDSCAPE PLANTS FOR SALE**

**FREE PERENNIAL PLANT LECTURE BY MANDY  
GERACE OF WELBY GARDENS/HARDY BOY  
PLANTS.**

**COME CELEBRATE  
WITH US!!**



**June 2, 2018**

**9am to 2pm**

**The Linnaeus Teaching Garden**

**at Woodward Park**

**2435 S. Peoria Ave.**

**Tulsa, Oklahoma 74114**

<http://tulsagardencenter.com/ltg/>

# Garden Poetry: Why We Volunteer at Woodward Park



The Tulsa Garden Center has been providing children's gardening education at Woodward Park since 1954. Although the curriculum has evolved, from flower arranging classes in the 60's to the current science behind a monarch's migration and metamorphosis, one thing definitely hasn't changed; the love our volunteers pour into each and every individual craft project they prepare for the Linnaeus Barn Kid's Corner, to all the carefully-chosen books read during the weekly Storytime in the Garden. The narrative below was written by none other than our very own development associate, and Linnaeus Gardener!, Ms. Toni Alley. Her lovely sentiment provides but a small glimpse into the hearts of our children's program volunteers...

Enjoy, Laura

Did you know that children really love to garden? They do!  
Children enjoy getting dirty.  
And, if they grow their own vegetables, they are more inclined to enjoy eating them.  
They think it's fun to measure the growth of plants  
And watching a garden grow gives children a sense of purpose and teaches patience.  
Gardening helps build relationships with other family members  
And fosters a sense of responsibility as they learn that plants must be watered.  
Gardening builds self-esteem when children eat food that they planted  
And Improves moods and decreases anxiety.  
Gardening helps children develop fine motor skills  
As they  
Scoop up dirt, plant seeds, and pour water.  
Math skills grow as they measure plant growth, soil depth, and count seeds.  
Planning and organizing skills develop  
As they  
Learn when to plant, when to harvest, and when to water.  
They learn about cause and effect, gain understanding of systems and processes,  
And when it is time to pick fruits, vegetables, and flowers.  
Gardening promotes environmental awareness  
And  
Plus, it's just plain fun!

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# A Little Help, Please.

I was at a local nursery lost in thought among all the beautiful new plants when I heard someone behind me say: "Sir, a little help please." I turned to find a young lady who looked to be in her mid-thirties with two rambunctious twin boys and a baby in a stroller. She was clearly stressed. The yearling boys were being "boys" and the baby was upset about something. The young mom definitely had her hands full and she mistakenly took me to be a nursery employee.



I quickly scanned the sales area looking for an employee to help the young lady. There was no staff available, however. And before I could explain that I too was a shopper, she began to explain her garden situation.

"I have a small backyard," she sighed, "with nothing in it but an ugly gas meter and a sickly crape myrtle. What can I plant around my patio to make it pretty?"

Excuses quickly came to mind why I couldn't, shouldn't and wouldn't help. Before I could respond, however, the better angle of my soul whispered: "why don't YOU help the young woman?" Suddenly, none of my excuses seemed legitimate. I agreed (albeit reluctantly) to help the young lady do some nursery shopping.

To get us started, I asked a few questions: how big is the patio, is it in full sun or part shade, what's the soil like, etc. Armed with a little information, off we went: the stressed-out mom, the rowdy boys and the crying baby in search of great plants. In short order, we found them: gorgeous red foliage loropetalum, dwarf abelia, dwarf ligustrum, repeat blooming hydrangea and dwarf boxwood.

I carefully arranged the plants on a nursery sidewalk to show their combined impact and waited for the mom's approval. After receiving two thumbs-up from mom, the boys and I loaded the plants on a nursery cart and headed for check-out where I bid the sweet young family a hardy farewell. For my labor I received fist bumps from the boys, and a hug from the young mom. Honestly, I was greatly overpaid!

The plants recommended for the young family may or

may not work for every garden. Here is a brief description of each species:

## Loropetalum variety Red Diamond

Deep purple foliage with vivid red flowers in early spring and sporadically through summer and fall. Height and spread 4 to 5 feet. Full sun to part shade.

## Dwarf Abelia variety Rose Creek

Lustrous light green foliage with pink flowers. Full sun to part shade. Height and spread 3 to 4 feet. Attracts lots of butterflies.

## Ligustrum variety Sunshine

Bright golden foliage. Probably the brightest gold coloration of any nursery shrub. Full sun. Height and spread 3 to 5 feet

## Hydrangea variety Endless Summer

Repeat blooming late spring through late fall. Partial to full shade. Height and spread 4 to 5 feet.

## Boxwood variety Baby Gem

Lustrous dark green foliage, slow growing, perfect for low hedge or border. Full sun or part shade. Height and spread 2 to 3 feet.

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Dwarf Abelia



Sunshine Ligustrum

# Gardening by the Book

## FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

Nothing transforms your home like freshly cut flowers. Simple bouquets are all about the joy of cutting flowers and foliage from our gardens and bringing them inside. Fresh flowers have a powerful ability to raise our spirits and bring color and vitality to any interior. These titles help you to create flower arrangements with style and flair. Floral design has never been simpler or more enticing.



*Handpicked: Simple, Sustainable, and Seasonal Flower Arrangements* (Abrams, 2017) offers great advice and very doable projects. The section on how to prepare and care for blooms is wonderfully detailed and easy to follow with step by step simple

instructions. The projects are organized by season and contain a listing of ingredients, materials, and tools. Making arrangements utilizing a sustainable approach while reusing materials and forage is encouraged. The author focuses on a smaller variety of flowers and foliage.

*Martha's Flowers: A Practical Guide to Growing, Gathering, and Enjoying* (Clarkson Potter Publishers, 2018) has advice and lessons on gardening. Martha Stewart discusses when to plant, nurture and at the perfect time, cut from your garden. The photographs are of displays in her home and give many ideas. The flowers are organized by season, with growing and arranging descriptions for each specific plant. Large color photos show the finished arrangement.



Be inspired by more than 60 stylish flower arrangements in *Simple Flower Arranging* (DK Publishing, 2014). The authors/florists will guide you through designs and techniques using step by step sequences and helpful photography. It covers basic containers, essential equipment and supplies, with floral selections for each arrangement. Lots of expert hints and tips are organized by flower type. The easy directions are extremely helpful. There is something here for everyone's floral needs and for any occasion.



*The Flower Chef: A Modern Guide to Do-It-Yourself Floral Arrangements* (Grand Central Life & Style, 2016) has arrangements achievable by a novice on a limited budget. There are 85 projects which are presented by type of design. The techniques are described by a recipe breakdown helping with the tricks and trades of floral arranging. Step by step instructions offers details such as stem length, type of container, and how to prepare the flowers. Beautiful photographs add to the book's appeal. A very handy chart of flowers by season and color will cater to flower lovers. This is meant for everyone from beginners to decorators and party planners.

Mary Moore  
Tulsa City-County Library

# Volunteer Days in the Tulsa Municipal Rose Garden

**Because of another mild winter and early spring, we need some help putting the Rose Garden in tip-top shape. Bring your friends, some gloves and your favorite weeding tools and meet in the north end of the Garden Center parking lot.**



**It's a great chance to do a good deed, have fun, and make new friends. We will supply snacks and all the water you can drink.**



**The Rose Garden Volunteer dates for 2018, listed below, are planned for the last Saturday of each month, March–October, from 8:00–11:00am.**

June 30th

September 29th

July 28th

October 27th

August 25th

Call 918-576-5155 for more Information  
Email: [info@tulsagardencenter.com](mailto:info@tulsagardencenter.com)

## 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.

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.

## Single Classes & Events

Saturday, June 2nd, 9:00am—2:00pm

### Linnaeus Teaching Garden 12th Anniversary

Free Hydrangea to the first 400 attendees, Free plant lecture at 10:30 am and a free perennial plant to those who attend lecture. Great plants for sale and lots of ideas for freshening your garden design.



Sunday, June 3rd, 1:30—3:30pm

### TGC Class—Creating a Bonsai

Bonsai is an art form using trees grown in containers or pots that are deliberately manipulated to appear as miniature versions of full-size trees. The class will be offered on two different Sundays with same content in both sessions. Cost is \$35 for TGC members or \$45 for non-members.



Online registration is available at: [www.tulsagardencenter.com/events/](http://www.tulsagardencenter.com/events/).

Thursday, June 7th, 10:00—11:00am

### Story Time in the Garden

Story Time topic is *Weather and Rain*. There is no admission fee and advance registrations aren't required. Event will held at the Linnaeus Teaching Garden outdoor classroom.

Thursday, June 7th, 7:00pm

### Tulsa Area Daylily Society

The program for the June meeting will be on preparing daylilies for exhibition presented by Joshua Winzer. There is no charge to attend and guests are welcome to attend.

Sunday, June 10th, 1:30—3:30pm

### TGC Class—Creating a Bonsai

This is the same class as offered on June 3rd. Cost is \$35 for TGC members or \$45 for non-members. Online registration is available at: [www.tulsagardencenter.com/events/](http://www.tulsagardencenter.com/events/).

Sunday, June 10th, 2:00pm

### The Tulsa Rose Society

The speaker for the June meeting is Dr. Eric Rebeck of Oklahoma State University who will present a program on Integrated Pest Management. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, June 12th, 9:30am

### The Tulsa Herb Society

The speaker for the June meeting is Sandy Schwinn. Ms. Schwinn will be talking about choosing and growing plants in our gardens that are helpful to pollinators. Her specialty is Monarch butterflies. The public is invited to attend this meeting at no charge.

Thursday, June 14th, 6:30pm

### Tulsa Area Iris Society

Joshua Winzer will give a PowerPoint presentation on the Iris growing in the display gardens of The American Iris Society National Convention held in New Orleans, Louisiana. Guests are encouraged to attend this meeting at no charge.

## Single Classes & Events

Thursday, June 14th, 10:00—11:00am

### Story Time in the Garden

Story Time topic is *Ladybugs*. There is no admission fee and advance registrations aren't required. Event will held at the Linnaeus Teaching Garden outdoor classroom.

Saturday, June 16th, 9:00am—3:00pm

### Tulsa Area Daylily Society Show & Sale

Sale opens at 9:00am, Show opens at noon. Bare root and potted daylilies will be offered for sale. All daylilies have been grown in the Tulsa region so they are acclimated to our weather conditions, offering the best chance for vigorous bloom. The public is invited to visit this show and sale at no charge.



Saturday, June 16th, 9:00am—2:00pm

### Oklahoma Sustainable and Butterfly and Pollinator Conservation Association

A large selection of both host plants and nectar plants to attract butterflies and other pollinators to your garden. Everyone needs to help sustain the pollinators so vital to our environment.

Monday, June 18th, 7:00pm

### African Violet Society of Greater Tulsa



A new slate of officers will be installed at this meeting. The program will be a review of the national convention that was held in Buffalo, New York, in conjunction with the African Violet Society of Canada.

Tuesday, June 19th, 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 "A Roomful of Flowers" by Paul Bott. Master Floral Designer Paul Bott is full of fresh, effortless ideas for enjoying flowers in your home. The key to his approach lies in designing room by room.

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

Thursday, June 21st, 10:00—11:00am

### Story Time in the Garden

Story Time topic is *Pollinators*. There is no admission fee and advance registrations aren't required. Event will held at the Linnaeus Teaching Garden outdoor classroom.

Thursday, June 21st, 7:00pm

### Tulsa Perennial Club

Join the members of the Tulsa Perennial Club for a presentation by a representative of The Gathering Place regarding its horticulture and landscaping requirements. The public is invited to attend this presentation at no charge.

Tuesday, June 12th, 10:00a—12:00pm

### Little Green Thumbs

This is a hands-on gardening program designed to teach children ages 6 –12 an appreciation for gardening. There are 4 programs during the months of June and July. The theme for this session is Preparing and planting our garden. The Little Green Thumbs program is free for Tulsa Garden Center members or \$40 for all 4 sessions for non-members. Call 918-576-5155 to register or for more information.

Sunday, June 24th, 1:30—3:30pm

### TGC Class—Outdoor Cooking with a Dutch Oven

Walter White will demonstrate and prepare several different foods using a Dutch Oven. Learn new skills or refresh your current skills in this simpler form of food preparation. Participants will be served the food that is prepared. Tuition fee for TGC members is \$40 or \$45 for non-members.



Tuesday, June 26th, 10:00a—12:00pm

### Little Green Thumbs

This is a hands-on gardening program designed to teach children ages 6 –12 an appreciation for gardening. There are 4 programs during the months of June and July. The theme for this session is Tending our garden space. The Little Green Thumbs program is free for Tulsa Garden Center members or \$40 for all 4 sessions for non-members. Call 918-576-5155 to register or for more information.

Thursday, June 28th, 10:00—11:00am

### Story Time in the Garden

Story Time topic is *Ponds, Fish, Frogs and Reptiles*. There is no admission fee and advance registrations aren't required. Event will held at the Linnaeus Teaching Garden outdoor classroom.

# June 2018

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat  |
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|   |  |  |  |   | 1   | 2<br>9:00am—2:00pm<br>Linnaeus 12th<br>Anniversary Celebration<br><br>10:30am—11:30am<br>Perennial Lecture by<br>Mandy Gerace  |
| 3<br>1:30—3:30pm<br>TGC Class <i>Creating a Bonsai</i>  | 4<br>10:00am<br>Tulsa Garden Club<br>Reg. Meeting<br><br>7:00—9:00pm<br>Green Country Bonsai<br>Society Mtg<br><br>4:45—5:45pm<br>6:00—7:00pm<br>TGC Class Tai Chi | 5<br>9:00am<br>Tulsa Herb Society<br>Member Activities<br><br>12:00—1:30pm<br>"Let's Talk Gardening"   | 6<br>4:45—5:45pm<br>TGC Class Balance for<br>Life  | 7<br>10:00—11:00am<br>Story Time <i>Weather<br/>and Rain</i><br><br>6:30pm<br>Tulsa Area Daylily Soc.<br>Mtg.<br><br>7:00pm<br>Cacti & Succulent<br>Society of Tulsa Mtg. | 8   | 9  |
| 10<br>1:30—3:30pm<br>TGC Class <i>Creating a Bonsai</i><br><br>2:00pm<br>Tulsa Rose Society<br>Mtg. | 11<br>4:45—5:45pm<br>6:00—7:00pm<br>TGC Class Tai Chi  | 12<br>9:00am<br>Tulsa Herb Society<br>Regular Mtg.<br><br>12:00—1:30pm<br>"Let's Talk Gardening"<br><br>6:30pm<br>Green Country Water<br>Garden Soc. Regular<br>Mtg.<br>10:00—12:00<br>Little Green Thumbs<br><i>Preparing and Plant-<br/>ing our Garden</i> | 13<br>4:45—5:45pm<br>TGC Class Balance for<br>Life | 14<br>10:00—11:00am<br>Story Time <i>Ladybugs</i><br><br>6:30pm<br>Tulsa Area Iris Soc.<br>Regular Mtg.   | 15<br>1:00pm<br>Nat'l. Assoc. of<br>Parliamentarians<br>Regular Meeting | 16<br>9:00am—3:00pm<br>Daylily Show & Sale<br>(sale opens at 9:00am<br>Show opens at noon)<br><br>9:00am—2:00pm<br>Okla. Sustainable & But-<br>terfly & Pollinator Conser-<br>vation Assoc. Sale |
| 17  | 18<br>4:45—5:45pm<br>6:00—7:00pm<br>TGC Class Tai Chi<br><br>7:00pm<br>African Violet Society<br>Regular Mtg.  | 19<br>9:00am<br>Tulsa Herb Society<br>Member Activities<br><br>12:00—1:30pm<br>TGC Book Review "A<br>Roomful of Flowers"   | 20<br>4:45—5:45pm<br>TGC Class Balance for<br>Life | 21<br>10:00—11:00am<br>Story Time <i>Pollinators</i><br><br>7:00pm<br>Tulsa Perennial Club<br>Regular Mtg.  | 22  | 23   |
| 24<br>1:30—3:30pm<br>TGC Class <i>Outdoor<br/>Cooking with a Dutch<br/>Oven</i>                     | 25<br>4:45—5:45pm<br>6:00—7:00pm<br>TGC Class Tai Chi  | 26<br>9:00am<br>Tulsa Herb Society<br>Member Activities<br><br>10:00—12:00<br>Little Green Thumbs<br><i>Tending our Garden<br/>Space</i><br><br>12:00—1:30pm<br>"Let's Talk Gardening"<br><br>7:00pm<br>The Hosta Connection<br>Regular Mtg.                 | 27<br>4:45—5:45pm<br>TGC Class Balance for<br>Life | 28<br>10:00—11:00am<br>Story Time <i>Ponds,<br/>Fish, Frogs and<br/>Reptiles</i><br><br>7:00pm<br>Sierra Club Meeting   | 29  | 30<br>8:00—11:00am<br>LG Rose Garden<br>Volunteers   |