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Quarterly – Summer 2019



**Tulsa Garden Center**  
*at Woodward Park*

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# Stop and Smell the Roses

Laura Chalus, CEO, Tulsa Garden Center at Woodward Park

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Halfway into my first term as Tulsa Rose Society President, an annual Rose Show now successfully under my belt, and having just completed the first of

three surveys for new trial roses in the Rose Garden, I woke on a rare and quiet day off with a sleepy-eyed, but suddenly crystal clear, epiphany. I could scarcely

control my chuckling, scrambling for the phone to call my Mom.

When I had her on the line, grinning ear to ear, I said “Did you know that after all the years and strategic decisions I’ve poured into crafting the perfect career for my lifestyle and personality, I somehow also managed to secure one of the most absolutely delightful job “duties” EVER?!! “Oh, what is that?” she asked. “My job, almost every day, is, LITerally (channeling Chris Traeger), to stop and smell the roses.....” It took her the briefest of moments to catch my pun, and then she laughed too. “How great is that?!” I said, and she couldn’t help but agree that I had found my perfect niche.

Three years ago, after the first of two lengthy interviews for the position of Tulsa Garden Center CEO, I walked out of the Mansion and into the sunlight, smiling. I couldn’t believe I was standing here on a beautiful





day in this gorgeous place; a park I had visited so many times before when I needed a quiet place just to be. I looked left and saw the Rose Garden, and found my feet were already moving before my brain had even had time to register the movement. As I entered the garden and took a few steps, though, something was definitely NOT right. I stopped short. What in the world??!

The once beautiful Tulsa Rose Garden was completely devastated. As I haltingly started down the flagstone steps to the lower terraces, I actually began to feel afraid. Was this part of the job description I had just so excitedly pursued? Would I be expected to solve this

catastrophe? How on earth did this happen?!! And then a more visceral sense of fear hit. What if someone was hiding on the other side of those 8-foot-tall beds of raggeldy sunflowers and morning glory vines? I couldn't even see around the corners of the too-tall plants, and was all by myself to boot. This was just wrong on so many levels.

Of course what I didn't know at the time was the convoluted backstory, involving a microscopic mite, years of municipal budget cuts, and a general feeling of despair which had settled like a green shroud over the roses. The sheer neglect, juxtaposed against some of the most beautiful gardens in Tulsa, hit me in the pit of my stomach. How on earth would this ever come back?

But it has, and it is, slowly coming back to life. With the help of hundreds of community volunteers, including experts in roses and rose diseases, new life is finding its way back into this historic landscape. Even the unruliest of gardens is no match for the sweat equity of so many caring individuals. On a shoe string budget, and with a

tip of my hat to our educational mission, the original 1934 Rose Garden plans were revisited and found inspiring. Landscape architect, C. Burton Fox, initially designed the 4 ½ acres to be a beautiful botanical garden, diversely rich in plant material, while highlighting the grandeur of roses. Those plans seemed to be the perfect reset point, so that's exactly where we started.

The historic Tulsa Rose Garden embodies the hard-working and generous spirit of all who have toiled within her walls. So many great Tulsans got their start here. Whether tending to the roses themselves, raising funds for garden restoration projects, or providing thoughtful oversight, how incredibly blessed I am to be part of this do-gooders' club whose members braved weeds and thorns to create such beauty for others.

When the time comes for someone else to champion the cause, I fervently hope they will also fully embrace and cherish the responsibility they have been given, as stewards of something truly magical. Don't forget to always take time and stop to smell the roses...

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# Make the most out of summer with our new Teens' Programs

Teen Programs at Linnaeus are geared towards 12 to 18-year-olds and provide youth an opportunity to learn and experience gardening and of being in nature.



## **COOKING WITH HERBS AND CHEF RENE**

*June 6, 3–5 pm*

Learn to identify what herbs are growing in the Linnaeus Herb Garden and how to use them in dishes which will then be prepared on the grill for tasting. Pot your own flavorful herbs to take home and enjoy.

## **WELLNESS DAY IN THE GARDEN: YOGA AND HERBAL TEA MAKING**

*June 29, 10:30–12:30 pm*

Lindsay Gottlieb, an experienced yoga teacher, will lead an all-levels garden yoga and meditation practice. Rachel Calvert, a practicing herbalist, will talk about the medicinal qualities of garden herbs, then blend herbal teas to take home!

## **GARDEN SCAVENGER HUNT AND SUCCULENT PLANTING**

*August 6, 6:30–8:30 pm*

Teen photo scavenger hunt with prizes! For each group of items photographed you will be rewarded one succulent to keep. Follow the scavenger hunt to learn how to plant and care for lovely succulents.



**Linnaeus Teaching Garden**  
*at Woodward Park*

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# Don't miss The Tasting at Woodward Park – Friday, September 27

In celebration of the historic Snedden Mansion's 100th anniversary, our staff and volunteers have been busy little bees, cleaning house, planning, and making preparations for the next era of horticultural guardians. To celebrate the longevity of our mission, one that is especially relevant now more than ever, the Tulsa Garden Center is delighted to present our spectacular fundraising gala, The Tasting at Woodward Park.

For over 20 years the Tulsa Garden Center hosted An Evening of Wine & Roses, a much beloved event which truly embodied elegance in the garden. In 2017 this historic event was transformed into an updated and gorgeous experience.

The Tasting at Woodward Park not only represents a new paradigm for the Tulsa Garden Center, it also symbolizes a long-needed transition for the Tulsa Municipal Rose Garden. What was once a kaleidoscope of vibrant colors and heady scents within a monoculture of roses became a heart wrenching grey garden of disease and weeds, all because of a tiny mite. Today, though, the Tulsa Rose

Garden is quickly becoming a multi-faceted green space being modernized to include perennials, native plants, and annuals – all friendly to pollinators – as well as hundreds of new rose bushes representing varieties brought in from around the United States to be tested for resistance to Rose Rosette Disease.



The Tasting at Woodward Park will continue the tradition of matching upscale wines with delectable hors d'oeuvres to provide a stimulating culinary experience, all while enjoying leisurely strolls through some of the most beautiful gardens in Tulsa. This exclusive Garden Party styled event also includes a redesigned footprint in Woodward Park, including the ever-stunning Linnaeus Teaching Garden.

Scheduled for Friday, September 27, 2019, guests can begin arriving at 7:00 pm and will be greeted by valet parking. After checking in and receiving your commemorative wine glass, you will then be treated to a variety of high-end food and beverages, while being encouraged to stay until a culmination of fireworks concludes the evening at 9:30 pm.

Ticket prices include a discount for Tulsa Garden Center members, at \$150 per person, or \$175 for non-members. Reservations are required and space is limited to the first 400 guests. Attendees must be 21 years or older and proof of age is required.

Proceeds from The Tasting at Woodward Park benefit our mission of providing horticultural and environmental education opportunities for the community and to serve as horticultural headquarters for the Tulsa area.

For more information, email us at [daxsom@tulsagardencenter.org](mailto:daxsom@tulsagardencenter.org) or phone us at 918-576-5155.

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# A new STEM in Woodward Park

*Introducing the Woodward Park's newest outreach program*

*Brian Bovaird, Outdoor Classroom Program Director, Tulsa Garden Center*

“Today, you all are going to be scientists.” A hush of wonderment falls over the older elementary students on the bus, just before disembarking on an incredible 5-hour exploration of the 45-acres of our historic Woodward Park. The Naturalist Educator has their full attention now.

The Naturalist, clad with a compass around their neck, a bandanna, outdoor work clothes, and a really cool walkie-talkie on their belt, continues: “The #1 thing a scientist does, is make observations and collect data. Scientists look beyond the length of their arms at a smartphone. They look out the windows, at the ground they are walking



on, into the wooded areas and natural mazes off in the distance,



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*“I have never seen students that normally are not engaged, or even those with behavior issues, completely open up and come alive. I am literally moved to tears watching them “bloom.” Thank you all so very much.”*  
—Ali Upton, Former Celia Clinton, 5th grade teacher



Everyone is united and engaged as a team. Unbeknownst they are about to dive deep into Science, Technology (no batteries required), Engineering in Math (STEM) outdoors, where it naturally occurs. Their curiosity is primed to become explorers, pioneers, adventurers and innovators on a journey into Outdoor Classroom at Woodward Park.

For most of the 4,000 5th/6th graders, and teachers too, they come during the school-day from low-income neighborhoods, adverse family structures, and under-resourced schools spread across the Tulsa area.

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and up at the skies to predict the weather. The clouds have a story they want to share.

“Are there any wild animals, snakes or poison ivy?” are often the first questions asked by this now attentive audience.

*“I would absolutely recommend this field trip to anyone. It was one of (if not THE) best field trips I have taken a class on. They put a lot of effort into lining up the activities with our curriculum. The students have not stopped talking about it, and I’ve been able to reinforce our objectives with activities we did at Outdoor Classroom. The activities were fun, engaging, and very educational!”* —Teacher at Tulsa Legacy Charter School

# Irrigation and Drainage How-to Class by Tom's Outdoor Living

*Wednesday, June 26, 6:00 pm–7:30 pm*

This lecture is free to Tulsa Garden Center members and \$5 for non-members.



Join the Tulsa Garden Center for a how-to class taught by Eric Hightower, Project Manager for Tom's Outdoor Living, and Paul Dinioa, Maintenance Manager for Tom's Outdoor Living, on proper installation

and maintenance of your drainage and irrigation systems. One lucky attendee will receive a one-hour on-site visit from a Toms's crew member that includes a full run-through of your home sprinkler system.



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## A new STEM in Woodward Park Continued from page 7

They are often never told they can be something different...a scientist, an engineer, an inventor, a Naturalist teacher, a poet, an artist, or a steward of our precious natural resources. Outdoor Classroom is a giant step to building self-awareness, critical thinking and revealing HOPE, to positively affect their life journeys.

They are ready to engage, and albeit with some initial trepidation, get hands-on messy in nature. Outdoors, they will discover where mankind has developed many of the greatest innovations over the past 3,000 years. Plants (producers) convert the sun's energy to food, pesky wasp nests share the same geometric structure used in aircraft wing design, riparian zones around

our water features simulate organs in our bodies that filter out the bad, and drones are coded with "bearings and distance," just like the compass they will use to navigate through our large post-oak trees. The sun, stars and planets have a story they want to share.

Our natural ecosystem is stronger by its diversity. They will learn about the disastrous mite that wiped out the monoculture of our famed Tulsa Rose Garden several years ago.

The students realize the power of their own diversity, whether cultural differences, learning differences or that here-before-quirky kid who loves math. They are all heroes now! They need each other to be stronger for the

challenges before them. Give youth a voice!

Outdoor Classroom at Woodward Park brings textbooks to life back in the classroom. We are empowering students to leverage and nurture their own natural talents to succeed. We are changing communities from the kids up! Adventure is out there!

Please explore Outdoor Classroom as a volunteer and/or supporter. Learn how our program is nationally evaluated to achieve real outcomes for our young participants. Sign your school up today on our website. Albert Einstein quipped "We cannot solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them."



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## Cast your vote for the prettiest Salvias

Each spring, in collaboration with Southwood Landscape and Nursery, volunteers at the Linnaeus Teaching Garden at Woodward Park select twenty plus species/cultivars from a single plant genus for a side-by-side comparison trial to determine which ones perform best under local growing conditions.

The genus *Salvia* has been selected for this year's Linnaeus trialing exercise.

Represented by over 900 species of annuals, herbaceous perennials and small shrubs, *Salvia* is the largest genus within the amazing mint family. North America is home to the greatest number of wild *Salvia* species (approximately



500), with Europe and Asia a close second. From these native plant communities, plant breeders have, over the past half century, produced a huge number of gorgeous hybrids loved by bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and, of course, a great many urban gardeners.

The name *Salvia* comes from the Latin word *salvere*, meaning “to save or heal.” Many *Salvia* species thrive throughout the arid Mediterranean region and were, for centuries, prized by ancient Romans and Greeks for tonics and medicine. Today, most gardeners grow *Salvias* for their lovely flowers which come in a dazzling array of colors: deep blue, purple, red, white and cream. Heights range from ten inches upward to four or five feet.

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Salvias generally prefer full sun, but many perform reasonably well in a half-day of shade. It's wise to fertilize newly planted Salvias with a time-release fertilizer such as Osmocote or an enriched compost.

Most of the Salvias being trialed in the Linnaeus Teaching Garden are hybrids of popular herbaceous species such as *S. nemorosa*, *S. splendens* and *S. farinacea*, the latter a North American native found growing from Oklahoma south to Mexico.

Much of the early *Salvia* breeding work was done by German plantsman Ernst Pagels who, shortly after the Second World War, is credited with breeding the beloved *salvia* varieties Blue Hill and Snow Hill. Both of these revered cultivars are still in commercial cultivation today. Possibly the most common cultivar to date is May Night, also a product of German breeding. May Night was selected as the Perennial of the Year in 1997. Today, hybrid Salvias are listed as the third or fourth best-selling bedding plants in the retail nursery trade. It will be great fun discovering which of the twenty four Salvias in the Linnaeus trial/demo beds show

the greatest tolerance to summer heat, drought and disease.

*S. greggii* (Autumn Sage) is another huge favorite of mine. It's the most commonly grown of woody (shrub-like) Salvias, with new cultivars arriving on the local nursery scene each spring. Flower colors range from white to red to purple. *S. greggii* varieties tend to flower best in spring, slow in summer, and are followed by another great show in early fall. They are marginally winter hardy perennials in the Tulsa area. However, this bushy little botanical showboat typically survives temperatures in the low to mid-teens.

I invite Tulsa Garden Center members and the local gardening public to join Linnaeus Garden Volunteers in judging the Salvias in this year's trial planting. Starting in mid-June, evaluation forms will be available in the Linnaeus Visitor Center (aka Big Red Barn). Simply pick up a form and head straight for the trial beds to mark your choice for best-looking Salvias on display. Over the summer we will tabulate the results to share with our nursery industry supporters and the gardening public.

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## CONTINUING CLASSES

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### ▶ 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. Taught by Karen Nelson.

Beginner Class: 4:45–5:45 pm

Advanced Class: 6:00–7:00 pm (prior experience required for Advanced Class)

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### ▶ FIRST, SECOND, FOURTH AND FIFTH TUESDAYS 12:00–1:30 pm

#### **Let's Talk Gardening!**

The Tulsa Garden Center Garden Study Group meets for informal discussions about gardening and nature in general. There is no charge to attend this Study Group. Reservations aren't required.

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### ▶ MOST WEDNESDAYS 4:45–5:45 pm (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.

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## CLASSES AND EVENTS

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### ▶ MONDAY, JUNE 3

#### **Tulsa Garden Club**

10:30 am monthly meeting. End of year membership and guest luncheon and installation of new officers.

#### **Tai Chi class**

4:45–5:45 pm

6:00–7:00 pm

#### **Green Country Bonsai Society**

7:00 pm members' workshop. Members will bring their own trees and work on them during the meeting.

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### ▶ TUESDAY, JUNE 4

#### **Let's Talk Gardening!**

12:00–1:30 pm

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### ▶ WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

#### **Balance for Life class**

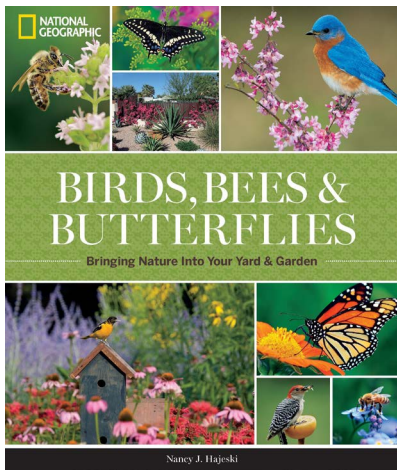
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# How-to Books on Butterfly Gardening

Mary Moore, Tulsa City-County Library

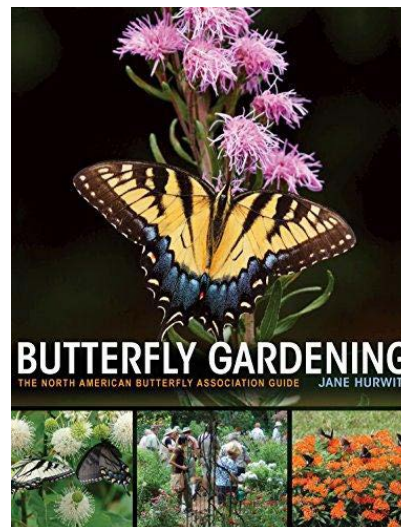
*Butterfly gardening is the practice of attracting beautiful butterflies to one's garden by growing common plants and flowers that they use for food and nectar. This simple activity will bring color, light, and beauty to your garden and home. With the relaxing and rewarding qualities of this outdoor hobby, it's not hard to see why it's sweeping the nation and growing in popularity. Not only is butterfly gardening one of the easiest ways to enjoy these enchanting creatures, but it is also a wonderful way to help conserve natural butterfly populations for generations to come.*



Full of practical information, **Birds, Bees and Butterflies: Bringing Nature Into Your Yard & Garden (National Geographic, 2016)** combines tips and advice with solid science. Engaging facts, favored plants and lovely color photography give detailed instruction for beginners. Top ten lists of the best

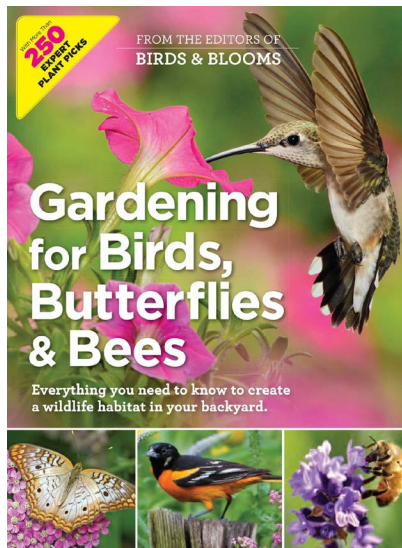
plants are available to assist any gardener. This treasure trove of knowledge provides fascinating lore and science.

For a lavishly illustrated guide to creating a garden, try **Butterfly Gardening: The North American Butterfly Association Guide (Princeton University Press, 2018.)** Over



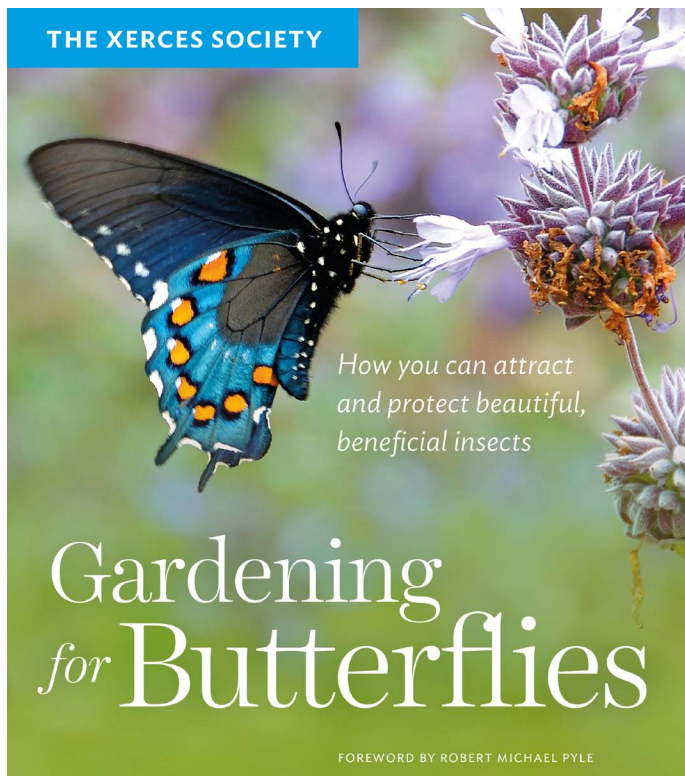
two hundred color photographs and maps provide essential information on choosing and cultivating plants. This gardener friendly book recommends regionally native plants. The interviews with experienced butterfly gardeners are helpful. Any butterfly enthusiast and all friends of butterflies will find the plant index and details beneficial. The book is broadly organized by region of the country.

From the experts at Birds & Blooms is **Gardening for Birds, Butterflies, & Bees (Readers Digest, 2016.)** This book has irresistible plants and creative garden designs. Over 250 featured plants are featured along with symbols of which insects and birds the plant will attract. The recommended nectar plants for butterflies



and bees will help to broaden the scope of your selection process. This book stresses an environmentally friendly approach to gardening. The tips, plant tricks and beautiful photos make it a handy guide.

**Gardening for Butterflies** (Timber Press, 2016) details everything one needs to create a beautiful, beneficial, butterfly-filled garden. Basics for planning landscape layouts have photographs and descriptions of 119 recommended plants. Detailed growing information will be useful for the gardener. Conservation efforts as well as pesticide-free weed and pest control are included. Those particularly interested in the ecological issues of pollinator conservation will want this book. There are chapters on designing a butterfly garden, butterfly plants, and even tagging butterflies to help track migration.



## CLASSES AND EVENTS

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### ► THURSDAY, JUNE 6

#### **Children's Story Time in the Garden – Weather and Rain**

10:00 am. Story Time will be held for children and toddlers through second grade, 10:00 am every Thursday in June, July, August and September at the Linnaeus Teaching Garden. Older children who enjoy listening to stories read aloud are welcome to attend as well. Parents are encouraged to bring snacks, drinks, and blankets for their family. Story Time will take place rain or shine, but will be moved indoors if there is inclement weather.

#### **Teens' Program: Cooking with Herbs and Chef Rene**

3:00 pm. Learn to cook using homegrown herbs by Chef Rene Jungo from Switzerland! Chef Rene has worked as a chef throughout Europe, the Bermuda Islands, Singapore, and on cruise ships. Together we'll identify what herbs are growing in the Linnaeus Herb Garden and how to use them to add flavor to certain dishes which will then be prepared on the grill for us to taste. We will also be potting several flavorful herbs to take home and enjoy in our own kitchens. This class is suited for 12–18 year-olds and the cost is free for Tulsa Garden Center Members and \$5 for non-members. Bring your appetites!

#### **Tulsa Area Daylily Society**

6:30 pm monthly meeting. Dr. Susanne Thompson will be giving a presentation on preparing Daylilies for Exhibition Judging.

### ► FRIDAY, JUNE 7

#### **Tulsa Council of Federated Garden Clubs**

10:00 am monthly meeting

### ► SUNDAY, JUNE 9

#### **Tulsa Orchid Society**

1:30 pm monthly meeting. Martin Motes from Motes Orchids in Redland, Florida will be presenting on Vanda Orchids - his specialty. His wife, Mary Motes, will also be promoting her book "Orchid Territory," a graphic novel on the orchid world of south Florida.

#### **Tulsa Rose Society**

2:00 pm monthly meeting. Raymond Jones, Horticulturist for the Tulsa County Library, will share the challenges and triumphs that he has faced with Rose Rosette Disease (RRD) in the field, as well as his practices for maintaining beautiful RRD-free landscapes at all library locations.

### ► MONDAY, JUNE 10

#### **Tai Chi class**

4:45–5:45 pm

6:00–7:00 pm

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# My Growing Love for Cacti and Succulents

*Caty Coffee, Operations Manager, Tulsa Garden Center*

I have never been a patient person; my own enthusiasm has gotten the best of me in more situations than I can count. Patience is a difficult virtue when one has a general excitement for most tasks and aspects of life. That being said, I've always enjoyed being challenged as well. Challenges always provide an opportunity for learning and growth, but this was not on my mind 3 years ago when I was gifted my very first cactus, a "goodbye" gift from a dear friend who was moving to Arizona.

This tiny, two-inch little green pokey thing had a much bigger impact on me than I could have realized at the time. I expected

this little potted thing to sit in my apartment and I would just own a cactus, end of story. It was dead within a month. Sad, black, and completely deflated, this poor plant was a sad sight to behold, and I was flabbergasted that I had killed what should have been an unkillable plant. After tossing the plant and feeling like I should have been charged with some sort of neglect, it became my mission to keep a cactus alive. I began to avidly research cacti and succulent care, species, origins, and what I had done wrong with my adventure in plant ownership. Turns out, I had done everything wrong! From placement, the lighting and over-watering because I

felt that if I "loved" the cactus enough, it would survive. Turns out, the best love you can give a cactus is the patient kind.

After finally purchasing a few varieties that I had read up on and felt that I could adequately care for, I was amazed when they stayed alive. I was astounded again when after months and months of rotating, readjusting the lighting, and careful inspection every day, my opuntia grew two almost microscopic bumps, which would eventually grow into paddles. I was ecstatic, sent photos of the bumps to my parents, and ran to the store to pick up more plants. Having learned that patience was the



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virtue my sad little cactus had needed from me, I proceeded to slowly collect different varieties, and continue to research each new plant I brought home. Thus, began my love of all things plant related, along with a new appreciation for the art of waiting, watching, and enjoying every small step along the way.

With my own enthusiasm for all things cacti and succulents, I was pretty shocked to learn that the Tulsa Cacti and Succulent Society was having some trouble maintaining membership. When the opportunity came up to create a social media presence for the group came up, I jumped at the opportunity. Thankfully,

that skill of patience has, once again, come in handy!

After making the first post and checking repeatedly to see if there were any new followers, I knew with a little time and some work, that some traction could be gained. A few months later, I'm so glad to see the page collecting more followers every day, and I'm just thrilled to be able to share my knowledge of succulent plants, and the opportunity to learn more! It's truly inspiring to see the amount of people who have an interest in such a strange collection of plants, from beginners to advanced succulent lovers. Just like the plants in question, this may be slower growth than my enthusiasm would prefer, but every little change, every new follower, every question asked is noticed, appreciated, and adds a whole new facet to my love of cacti and succulents.

If you'd like to learn more about cacti and succulents, please join us at the next Cacti and Succulent Society Meeting at 7:00 pm, Thursday, August 1 and like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/tulsacactiandsucculentsociety](http://www.facebook.com/tulsacactiandsucculentsociety). I guarantee your presence will be appreciated.



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### ► TUESDAY, JUNE 11

#### **Tulsa Herb Society**

9:00 am monthly meeting

#### **Little Green Thumbs – Preparing and Planting the Garden**

10:00 am. Little Green Thumbs is a program for children ages 6-12 designed to give them hands-on, in-depth learning experiences to introduce them to the world of gardening. Classes are held on the every other Tuesday of June and July, from 10:00 am-12:00 pm, and are taught by trained Linnaeus Gardener Volunteers. Pre-registration is required. Fees for signing up one child for all four sessions is \$40.

#### **Let's Talk Gardening!**

12:00–1:30 pm

#### **Green Country Water Garden Society**

6:30 pm monthly meeting. Erin Porter from Hardscape Materials will offer information about the latest trends in plants, materials, and koi fish for water gardens. Hardscape Materials has everything you need to build or enhance your water feature. A virtual showing of our June 8th Annual Pond Tour will also be given.

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### ► WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

#### **Balance for Life class**

4:45–5:45 pm

#### **Gateway to Wine Tasting class**

6:00–8:00 pm. Andy Zanovich, Tulsa Garden Center Board President and certified sommelier, provides guests with an overview on wine price versus value. Students will blind taste 6 wines and will be taught how to look at the wine, smell the wine, and taste the wine to determine which is a \$5 bottle of wine and which is a \$25 bottle of wine. The goal is to educate on wine in general so you will be more confident ordering wine at a restaurant or buying wine at the liquor store. Andy will also go over how to read a label and some history of wine as well. Cost for the tasting is \$35 for Tulsa Garden Center members and \$40 for non-members. Reservations are required and all attendees must be 21 or over. Please visit the website to register [tulsagardencentre.org](http://tulsagardencentre.org).

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### ► THURSDAY, JUNE 13

#### **Children's Story Time in the Garden – Ladybugs**

10:00 am. Story Time will be held for children and toddlers through second grade, 10:00 AM every Thursday in June, July, August and September at the Linnaeus Teaching Garden. Older children who enjoy listening to stories read aloud are welcome to attend as well. Parents are encouraged to bring snacks, drinks and blankets for their family. Story Time will take place rain or shine, but will be moved indoors if there is inclement weather.

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## CLASSES AND EVENTS Continued from page 15

### **Tulsa Area Iris Society**

6:30 pm monthly meeting. Gary White, former president of the American Iris Society, will give a presentation on historic irises.

▶ SATURDAY, JUNE 15

### **Tulsa Area Daylily Society Show and Sale**

12:00 pm–4:00 pm. Plant show and sale hosted by the Tulsa Area Daylily Society. Admission is free.



▶ MONDAY, JUNE 17

### **Tai Chi class**

4:45–5:45 pm  
6:00–7:00 pm

### **African Violet Society of Greater Tulsa**

7:00 pm monthly meeting. Installation of new officers and Repotting Party. People are encouraged to bring any plants they would like help repotting.

▶ TUESDAY, JUNE 18

### **Tulsa Garden Center Book Club**

12:00–1:30 pm. The graceful art of speaking through flowers. Flowers can mean anything from love, beauty, devotion, to excess and infidelity. Join us as JoAnn White leads discussion on “Tussie Mussies” by Geraldine Adamich Laufer.

▶ WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

### **Balance for Life class**

4:45–5:45 pm

### **Hemp vs Marijuana Class**

6:30pm–8:00 pm. Join us in a discussion on the differences between members of the hemp family and marijuana, led by Dr. Tracey Payton of Langston University. While marijuana and hemp are both Cannabis sativa, hemp is different in that it's a commodity crop widely used in everyday products such as paper, clothing, biodegradable plastics, paint, food, and animal feed. Langston University is working with hemp through the Industrial Hemp Pilot Program in Oklahoma. Cost

is \$5 for members of the Tulsa Garden Center and \$10 for non-members.

▶ THURSDAY, JUNE 20

### **Children's Story Time in the Garden – Pond Life**

10:00 am. Story Time will be held for children and toddlers through second grade, 10:00 am every Thursday in June, July, August and September at the Linnaeus Teaching Garden. Older children who enjoy listening to stories read aloud are welcome to attend as well. Parents are encouraged to bring snacks, drinks, and blankets for their family. Story Time will take place rain or shine, but will be moved indoors if there is inclement weather.

### **Tulsa Perennial Club**

7:00 pm monthly meeting. Toni Garner, owner of Toni's Flowers, will be presenting a hands-on demonstration on arranging perennials.

▶ FRIDAY, JUNE 21

### **National Association of Parliamentarians**

1:30 pm monthly meeting

▶ MONDAY, JUNE 24

### **Tai Chi class**

4:45–5:45 pm  
6:00–7:00 pm

▶ TUESDAY, JUNE 25

### **Little Green Thumbs – Tending Our Garden**

10:00 am. Little Green Thumbs is a program for children ages 6-12 designed to give them hands-on, in-depth learning experiences to introduce them to the world of gardening. Classes are held on the every other Tuesday of June and July, from 10:00 am–12:00 pm, and are taught by trained Linnaeus Gardener Volunteers. Pre-registration is required. Fees for signing up one child for all four sessions is \$40.

### **Let's Talk Gardening!**

12:00–1:30 pm

### **Hosta Connection**

6:30 pm monthly meeting. Speaker Jalene Riley of Utopia Gardens presents “The Wonderful World of Mints and Growing Them in Your Garden.”

▶ WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

### **Balance for Life class**

4:45–5:45 pm

### **Irrigation and Drainage How-to Class**

6:00pm–7:30 pm. Join the Tulsa Garden Center for a how-to class taught by Eric Hightower, Project Manager for Tom's Outdoor Living, and Paul Dinioa,

Maintenance Manager for Tom's Outdoor Living, on proper installation and maintenance of your drainage and irrigation systems. One lucky attendee will receive a one-hour on-site visit from a Tom's crew member that includes a full run-through of your home sprinkler system. This lecture is free to Tulsa Garden Center members and \$5 for non-members.

▶ THURSDAY, JUNE 27

### **Children's Story Time in the Garden – Birds and Bees**

10:00 am. Story Time will be held for children and toddlers through second grade, 10:00 am every Thursday in June, July, August and September at the Linnaeus Teaching Garden. Older children who enjoy listening to stories read aloud are welcome to attend as well. Parents are encouraged to bring snacks, drinks, and blankets for their family. Story Time will take place rain or shine, but will be moved indoors if there is inclement weather.

### **Green Country Sierra Club**

6:00 pm monthly meeting. Speaker Sierra Club National Outings Leader, Pat Stevens, who resides in Tulsa. She will discuss worldwide conservation issues. Pat has been a national leader for outings around the globe and in the U.S. for many years.

▶ SATURDAY, JUNE 29

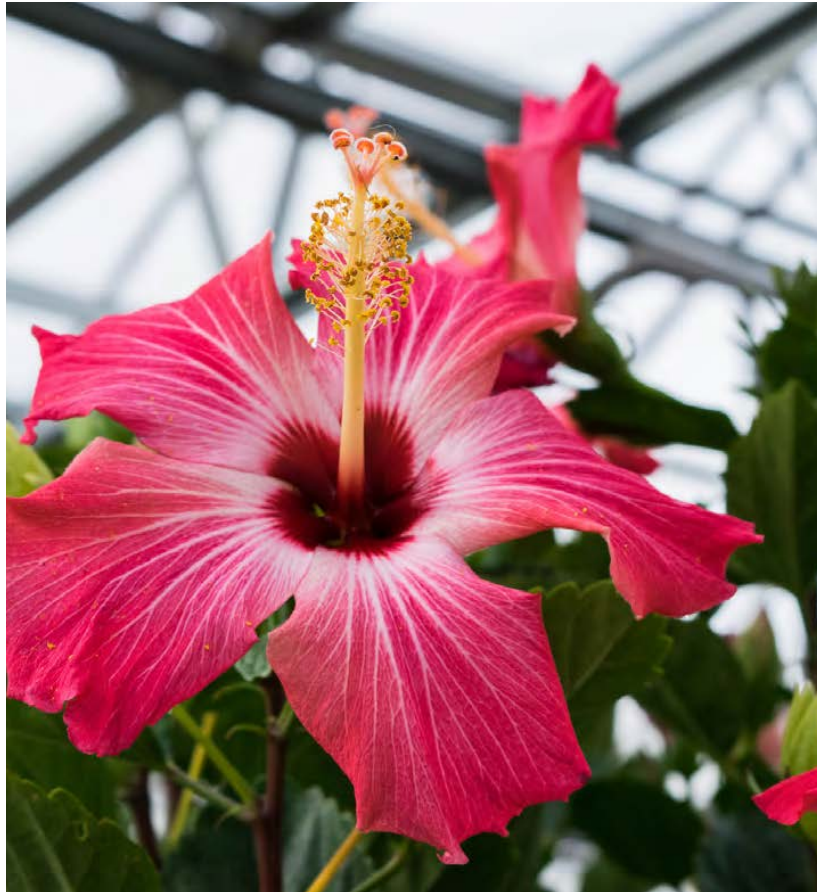
### **Woodward Park Volunteer Day**

7:00–10:00 am



### **Teen Program – Wellness Day in the Garden: Yoga and Herbal Tea Making**

10:30 am–12:30 pm. Come out and try this all levels garden yoga and meditation practice led by Lindsay Gottlieb, an experienced yoga teacher. Practicing yoga can help us feel more content in our own skin and when practiced outside the healing powers of nature boost the potency of our practice. Then we will learn from Rachel Calvert, a practicing herbalist, about the medicinal qualities of garden herbs in order to blend our own herbal teas to take home.



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## CLASSES AND EVENTS Continued from page 17

► MONDAY, JULY 1

### Tai Chi class

4:45–5:45 pm

6:00–7:00 pm



### Green Country Bonsai Society

7:00 pm monthly meeting. Steve Sanders, a member of Green Country Bonsai Society, will give a program on viewing stones and accent plants.

► TUESDAY, JULY 2

### Let's Talk Gardening!

12:00–1:30 pm

► WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

### Balance for Life class

4:45–5:45 pm

► MONDAY, JULY 8

### Tai Chi class

4:45–5:45 pm

6:00–7:00 pm

► TUESDAY, JULY 9

### Tulsa Herb Society

9:00 am monthly meeting. Award-winning author, botanist, and historian Judith Sumner presents "WWII Botany: How Plants Won the War," based on her new book "Plants Go to War." Her presentation views military history from a botanical perspective by looking at everything from victory gardens and agriculture to rubber, fibers, paper, drugs, and other plant products that supplied key wartime materials.

### Little Green Thumbs – Garden Bugs, Monsters, Inc., Insects in Our Garden

10:00 am. Little Green Thumbs is a program for children ages 6–12 designed to give them hands-on, in-depth learning experiences to introduce them to the world of gardening. Classes are held on every other Tuesday of June and July,

from 10:00 am–12:00 pm, and are taught by trained Linnaeus Gardener Volunteers. Preregistration is required. Fees for signing up one child for all four sessions is \$40.

### Let's Talk Gardening!

12:00–1:30 pm

### Green Country Water Garden Society

6:30 pm monthly meeting. Keystone Ancient Forest presentation. Learn about this 1,360 acre cross timber forest with 500 year old cedars and 300 year old post oak. The nature preserve provides habitat for a variety of wildlife, birds and 80 species of butterflies.

► WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

### Balance for Life class

4:45–5:45 pm

► THURSDAY, JULY 11

### Children's Story Time in the Garden – Worms

10:00 am. Story Time will be held for children and toddlers through second grade, 10:00 am every Thursday in June, July, August and September at the Linnaeus Teaching Garden. Older children who enjoy listening to stories read aloud are welcome to attend as well. Parents are encouraged to bring snacks, drinks, and blankets for their family. Story Time will take place rain or shine, but will be moved indoors if there is inclement weather.

► MONDAY, JULY 15

### Tai Chi class

4:45–5:45 pm

6:00–7:00 pm

### African Violet Society of Greater Tulsa

7:00 pm monthly meeting. Dr. Jeff Smith and Dr. Barbara Pershing will give a video presentation entitled "Understanding the African Violet Species."

► TUESDAY, JULY 16

### Tulsa Garden Center Book Club

12:00–1:30 pm. Join in the discussion led by Karen Greenwalt over the Illustrated Encyclopedia of Succulents, on topics such as natural history and cultivation.

► WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

### Balance for Life class

4:45–5:45 pm

► THURSDAY, JULY 18

### Children's Story Time in the Garden – Fruits and Veggies

10:00 am. Story Time will be held for children and toddlers through second grade, 10:00 am every Thursday in June, July, August and September at the

Linnaeus Teaching Garden. Older children who enjoy listening to stories read aloud are welcome to attend as well. Parents are encouraged to bring snacks, drinks, and blankets for their family. Story Time will take place rain or shine, but will be moved indoors if there is inclement weather.

### Tulsa Perennial Club

7:00 pm monthly meeting. "Summertime Perennials," presented by Naomi Starkebaum from Sanders Nursery.

► FRIDAY, JULY 19

### National Association of Parliamentarians

1:30 pm monthly meeting

► MONDAY, JULY 22

### Tai Chi class

4:45–5:45 pm

6:00–7:00 pm

► TUESDAY, JULY 23

### Little Green Thumbs – Harvest Party

10:00 am. Little Green Thumbs is a program for children ages 6–12 designed to give them hands-on, in-depth learning experiences to introduce them to the world of gardening. Classes are held on the every other Tuesday of June and July, from 10:00 am–12:00 pm, and are taught by trained Linnaeus Gardener Volunteers. Preregistration is required. Fees for signing up one child for all four sessions is \$40.



### Let's Talk Gardening!

12:00–1:30 pm

### Hosta Connection

6:30 pm monthly meeting. David Redhage, president/CEO of Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture, will be giving a presentation on native plants.

► WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

### Balance for Life class

4:45–5:45 pm

# Keep the kids engaged over break with our Children's Programs

Children's Programs are held at the Linnaeus Teaching Garden which welcomes children of all ages to learn about nature and enjoy being outdoors.



## STORY TIME IN THE GARDEN

*10:00 am every Thursday in June,  
July, August and September*

For children and infants through early elementary grades and older children who enjoy listening to stories read aloud. Guests are encouraged to bring a blanket and personal snacks and drinks for their children. After the reading, adults and children will move into the garden for a follow-up activity, feeding the fish, and fun in the barn.



## LITTLE GREEN THUMBS

*10:00 am – 2nd and 4th Tuesday of June and July*

This program consists of 4 sessions in which children ages 6-12 learn about gardening by planting and tending vegetables and flowers. It is free to members of the Tulsa Garden Center. For non-members the cost is \$40. Enrollment is limited to 15 children and must be done before the first day of class.



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► THURSDAY, JULY 25

### **Children's Story Time in the Garden – Five Senses**

10:00 am. Story Time will be held for children and toddlers through second grade, 10:00 am every Thursday in June, July, August and September at the Linnaeus Teaching Garden. Older children who enjoy listening to stories read aloud are welcome to attend as well. Parents are encouraged to bring snacks, drinks and blankets for their family. Story Time will take place rain or shine, but will be moved indoors if there is inclement weather.

### **Green Country Sierra Club**

6:00 pm monthly meeting. Speaker Grant Gerondale from the Keystone Ancient Forest Preserve will discuss the CrossTimbers forest located near Lake Keystone. A conservation easement was granted to The Nature Conservancy by the City of Sand Springs. The Preserve covers over 1200 acres and includes the oldest known living eastern red cedars, aged over 500 years.

► SATURDAY, JULY 27

### **Woodward Park Volunteer Day**

7:00–10:00 am

► MONDAY, JULY 29

### **Tai Chi class**

4:45–5:45 pm  
6:00–7:00 pm

► TUESDAY, JULY 30

### **Let's Talk Gardening!**

12:00–1:30 pm

► WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

### **Linnaeus Volunteers**

9:30 am monthly meeting

### **Balance for Life class**

4:45–5:45 pm

► THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

### **Children's Story Time in the Garden – Creatures in the Garden**

10:00 am. Story Time will be held for children and toddlers through second grade, 10:00 am every Thursday in June, July, August and September at the Linnaeus Teaching Garden. Older children who enjoy listening to stories read aloud are welcome to attend as well. Parents are encouraged to bring snacks, drinks and blankets for their family. Story Time will take place rain or shine, but will be moved indoors if there is inclement weather.

### **Tulsa Area Daylily Society**

6:30 pm monthly meeting. Guest speaker Bobby Scott of Bob Scott Daylilies in Yukon, OK will be presenting the latest introductions to the Top Gun Daylily family, which he hybridizes.



### **Tulsa Cacti and Succulent Society**

7:00 pm Monthly meeting

► MONDAY, AUGUST 5

### **Tai Chi class**

4:45–5:45pm  
6:00–7:00 pm

### **Green Country Bonsai Society**

7:00pm monthly meeting

► TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

### **Let's Talk Gardening!**

12:00–1:30 pm

### **Teens' Program– Garden Scavenger Hunt and Succulent Planting**

6:30–8:30 pm. Spend a late summer evening in the beautiful Linnaeus Teaching Garden for our teen photo-savenger hunt! There are prizes! For each group of items photographed you will be reward one succulent to keep. Following the scavenger hunt, we will learn how to plant and care for our lovely succulents.

► WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

### **Balance for Life class**

4:45–5:45 pm

► THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

### **Children's Story Time in the Garden – Spiders**

10:00 am. Story Time will be held for children and toddlers through second grade, 10:00 am every Thursday in June, July, August and September at the Linnaeus Teaching Garden. Older children who enjoy listening to stories read aloud

are welcome to attend as well. Parents are encouraged to bring snacks, drinks and blankets for their family. Story Time will take place rain or shine, but will be moved indoors if there is inclement weather.

### **Tulsa Area Iris Society**

6:30 pm monthly meeting. Topic: "Iris artifacts."

► SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

### **Linnaeus Teaching Garden volunteer program orientation**

10:00 am-noon. Reception noon-2:00 pm

► SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

### **Tulsa Orchid Society**

1:30 pm monthly meeting. Annual orchid auction fundraiser.

### **Tulsa Rose Society**

2:00 pm monthly meeting

► MONDAY, AUGUST 12

### **Tai Chi class**

4:45–5:45 pm  
6:00–7:00 pm

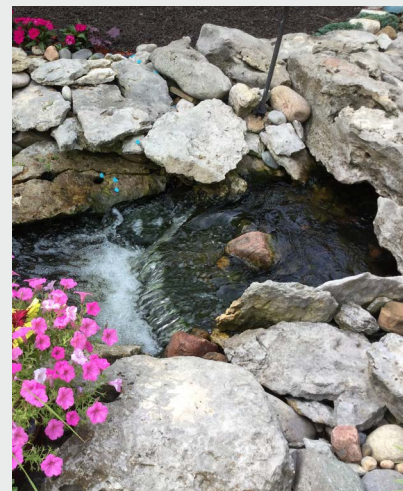
► TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

### **Tulsa Herb Society**

9:00 am monthly meeting

### **Let's Talk Gardening!**

12:00–1:30 pm



### **Green Country Water Garden Society**

6:30 pm monthly meeting. Guest speaker Tom Butchko of Tom's Outdoor Living will share his passion for the outdoors. Tom's Outdoor Living is an award-winning, full-service business doing everything from outdoor landscaping to furnishings.

► WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

### **Balance for Life class**

4:45–5:45 pm



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► THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

### Children's Story Time in the Garden – Art in the Garden, Colors and Shapes

10:00 am. Story Time will be held for children and toddlers through second grade, 10:00 am every Thursday in June, July, August and September at the Linnaeus Teaching Garden. Older children who enjoy listening to stories read aloud are welcome to attend as well. Parents are encouraged to bring snacks, drinks and blankets for their family. Story Time will take place rain or shine, but will be moved indoors if there is inclement weather.



### Tulsa Perennial Club

7:00 pm monthly meeting. Carla Grogg, owner of Grogg's Green Barn, presents "Nature. Beauty. Gratitude."

► FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

### National Association of Parliamentarians

1:30 pm monthly meeting

► MONDAY, AUGUST 19

### Tai Chi class

4:45–5:45 pm  
6:00–7:00 pm

### African Violet Society of Greater Tulsa

7:00 pm monthly meeting. During the hot days of summer, come take a break for ice cream and games before fall at the Ice Cream Social.

► TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

### Tulsa Garden Center Book Club

12:00–1:30 pm. Low care, no care, tried and true winners. Come discuss "Tough Plants for Southern Gardens" by Felder Rushing with us during the August book club meeting, led by Linda Horton.

► WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

### Balance for Life class

4:45–5:45 pm

► THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

### Children's Story Time in the Garden – Sunflowers

10:00 am. Story Time will be held for children and toddlers through second grade, 10:00 am every Thursday in June, July, August and September at the Linnaeus Teaching Garden. Older children who enjoy listening to stories read aloud are welcome to attend as well. Parents are encouraged to bring snacks, drinks and blankets for their family. Story Time will take place rain or shine, but will be moved indoors if there is inclement weather.

► MONDAY, AUGUST 26

### Tai Chi class

4:45–5:45 pm  
6:00–7:00 pm

### Calligraphy Guild of Oklahoma

6:30 pm monthly meeting

► TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

### Let's Talk Gardening!

12:00–1:30 pm

### Hosta Connection

6:30 pm monthly meeting. For the Hosta Connection's 20 anniversary, Sheila Kanotz, Garden Manager at Philbrook Museum of Art will be presenting on Philbrook's gardens and gardening tips.

► WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

### Linnaeus Volunteers

9:30 am monthly meeting

### Balance for Life class

4:45–5:45 pm

► THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

### Children's Story Time in the Garden – Seasons

10:00 am. Story Time will be held for children and toddlers through second grade, 10:00 am every Thursday in June, July, August and September at the Linnaeus Teaching Garden. Older children who enjoy listening to stories read aloud are welcome to attend as well. Parents are encouraged to bring snacks, drinks and blankets for their family. Story Time will take place rain or shine, but will be moved indoors if there is inclement weather.

### Green Country Sierra Club

6:00 pm monthly meeting. Speaker Robert Pickens, Waste Management Inc Recycle Center Manager, will present his view of our Tulsa recycling program. With 20-30 years of experience in recycling and he is one of the most knowledgeable people around when it comes to recycling.

► SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

### Woodward Park Volunteer Day

7:00–10:00 am

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**SATURDAY,  
JUNE 15, 2019**

## **TULSA AREA DAYLILY EXHIBITION & SALE**

**EXHIBITION** – Daylily gardeners are invited to enter their American Daylily Society (ADS) registered/named daylilies and seedlings in the Tulsa Area Daylily Exhibition. Registration is free and is from 7:30 – 9:30 am, CDT. ADS certified judges begin judging and awarding ribbons at 10:00 am. The exhibition opens at 12:00 noon to the general public, and is free. For more information on preparing daylilies for an accredited ADS exhibition visit <https://daylilies.org/exhibitions>

**SALE** – Doors open promptly at 9:00 am CDT. Sale includes daylilies named and registered with the American Daylily Society and unregistered seedlings. Prices start at \$5.00. This year there will also be a table of perennials for sale that mix nicely with daylilies. You'll find so many beautiful daylilies it will be difficult to choose!



**Daylily Sale: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

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