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Tulsa Garden Center News

Winter Hardy Camellias

By Barry Fugatt, Director of Horticulture

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Spotlight SAVE THE DATE!

FEBRUARY 18, 2012
9 AM TO 3 PM

GARDENING INFO FAIR

Information!
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- Whether you are a novice or veteran gardener, this is truly the one day to get all the information you need to start your spring project.
- Area nurseries, horticulturalists and landscape designers will be on hand to answer your questions.
- Tulsa Garden Center's many affiliate gardening groups will be participating. These organizations will provide information and resources on specific topics.

Camellias were the centerpiece of many gardens in South Louisiana where I grew up. But I never thought I would be growing them in Tulsa. Our winters were just too cold. However, thanks to talented plant breeders, we can now grow camellias in Oklahoma.

New cold-hardy camellias are proving to be both tough and beautiful. They easily withstand Tulsa winters and, given proper growing conditions, produce lots of radiant flowers during November and December, a time when most shrubs are brown and dormant.

Cold-hardy camellias thrive in dapple light beneath large trees. They also perform well in locations that receive direct morning light and afternoon shade, on the east side of a home, for instance. Like azaleas, camellias prefer an acidic, well-drained soil. Spade several inches of peat or well-rotted compost into the soil at planting time and cover the ground beneath camellias with several inches of mulch. Fall or spring is an excellent time to plant container grown, cold-hardy camellias. You will enjoy their glossy, deep green foliage and their large, richly colored flowers.

Camellias are relatively slow growers, requiring little or no pruning. They can reach 6 to 8 feet of height and spread over many years. They are particularly effective tucked into a mixed shrub border. They also add lots of charm to a garden when grown in large decorative containers. Scale insects can occasionally be a problem on some camellias. Ultra-Fine Spray Oil provides excellent control when applied in mid to late spring.

Varieties to look for in the nursery trade include:

- ◆ **Winter's Charm**
Lavender-pink flowers, upright habit, early fall blooming.
- ◆ **Winter's Dream**
Rich pink, semi-double, compact grower, mid-season blooming.

- ◆ **Snow Flurry**
White, very floriferous, medium size flowers, early blooming.
- ◆ **Winter's Hope**
White, semi-double, spreading habit, late bloomer.
- ◆ **Winter's Interlude**
Medium pink, upright growth habit, mid-season bloomer.
- ◆ **Winter's Rose**
Shell-pink, double rose-form, very floriferous, small leaves, compact growth habit, early bloomer.
- ◆ **Winter's Star**
Reddish pink, some with white centers up right growth, mid season bloomer.

Many other camellia varieties are increasingly available in the nursery trade. Before buying a camellia, make sure the label clearly states that it is a cold-hardy variety capable of withstanding zone 6 winters.

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You are an important part of our organization, and we want to keep in touch with you. If you are moving, please keep us informed by calling us at 746-5125 with your new information. Thank you.

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Note from the Director



The holidays are almost here! But before you get wound up in the holiday hustle and bustle, you need to make note of several TGC holiday events that are covered in this newsletter. Come help us Deck the Halls November 22 and 23. The Tulsa Herb Society will host its annual Carols and Crumpets on Saturday, December 3rd, the Linnaeus Certification Banquet will be held December 7, the Members Holiday Party is December 14, Breakfast With Santa is December 17 and the Portraits of a Garden Photo Contest in January. Many of our Affiliate Organizations will have special Holiday celebrations at their meetings this month so be sure to check the calendar so you don't miss a thing!

As many of you already know, Rebecca Fernandez, our wonderful Volunteer Coordinator, is leaving us to follow her dreams in sunny California. Rebecca's last day is November 18. Please join me in wishing her well. Though there is no replacing Rebecca, the Volunteer Coordinator position has been advertised and we have begun our search.

I would like to thank all of you for supporting the Tulsa Garden Center in 2011. Because of you we have a fabulous facility and wonderful programs. It requires many volunteers, a great staff and loyal supporters to do all that we do. The volunteers that spend so much time and effort for the Tulsa Garden Center are very important and valuable to this organization. I would also like to express my appreciation for our Board of Directors who meet monthly to keep the Tulsa Garden Center on course, growing and serving our community. Most of the people on our Board also serve on or chair a committee that supports the work of the Garden Center and many are constant volunteers for fundraisers and whatever needs to be done on any given day. Thank you to our Board for your service and dedication.

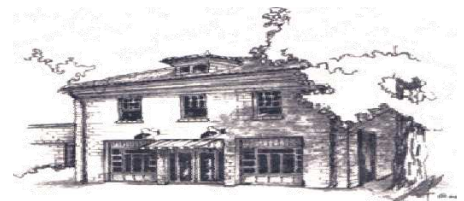
This holiday season please consider a donation to the Tulsa Garden Center for the purpose of sustaining our educational initiatives and operations. Donations of all sizes are welcomed and appreciated.

We at Tulsa Garden Center have a great deal for which we can be thankful. Foremost among those things is the support and dedication of community members like you.

Best wishes for a joy-filled holiday season and Happy New Year!

Barbie

GIFT SHOP NEWS!!



The Tulsa Garden Center Gift Shop, Dig This!, is full of really great items, such as floral umbrellas, beautifully-scented candles, gardening tools, great gifts for children and much, much more. If you haven't been by to see what we've got in store, please do!

We are having an Open House event on Thursday, December 8th, and it will be a wonderful opportunity to find holiday gifts for friends and family. Show your TGC Membership card and receive 20% off! Our hours will be extended until 7pm for the Open House.

We look forward to seeing you all. Remember to think of Dig This! when shopping for the holidays. We're open Thursday - Saturday, from 10am to 4pm.

Our new shop hours are
Thursday - Saturday from 10am - 4pm.
Come check us out!

Features



Gardening by the Book

Nature Photography

Subjects of nature offer some of the greatest rewards to photographers. Gardeners who wish to capture the fleeting moments of perfection in plants and gardens can also turn to photography. Portrait of a Garden, Tulsa Garden Center's own amateur photography contest and exhibit, is the perfect venue for both novice and experienced photographers to display their works.

Art of Garden Photography (Timber Press, 2005) focuses on digital methods and helps one make the transition from traditional photography to digital. Chapters include topics such as camera types, filters, exposure, close-ups, lighting, preparing the garden, and garden structures. Environmental photographer and author Ian Adams specializes in natural, rural, historic, and garden photography and conducts workshops and seminars.

Beginner's Guide to Nature Photography (Amherst Media, 2003) provides simple techniques and evaluates the resulting photographs for the novice. With careful analysis of lens selection, focus, depth of field and composition, beginners will see improvement. Using this book's helpful information they will learn how to start producing excellent nature photographs.

For suggestions and advice from professional photographers, try *Best of Nature Photography: Images and Techniques from the Pros* (Amherst Media, 2003). More than 35 nature photographers discuss their favorite techniques, equipment, and compositional strategies. This book has examples of wildlife portraiture, landscape images, and botanical and insect close-ups.

BetterPhoto Guide to Digital Nature Photography (Amphoto Books, 2007) is a complete photocourse in a book. Understandable exposure, color, and composition guidelines aid the reader as well as easy to follow text. These hands on lessons cover how the camera works which leads to taking great pictures.

Beginners using digital photography can advance using *Digital Techniques for Successful Nature Photography* (Amherst Media, 2006). Basic elements such as camera selection, understanding camera settings, and learning specific techniques are included. Brief lessons on landscapes, close-ups, and wildlife imaging can encourage novice photographers.

Digital Nature Photography (Amphoto Books, 2003) is a guide for those entering the world of nature photography. Examples and explanations from author Jon Cox's own works will aid the reader. He begins with equipment and basic techniques, and then devotes chapters to topics such as light and color, composition, landscapes, and close-ups.

National Audubon Society Guide to Nature Photography: Digital Edition (Firefly Books, 2008) provides practical advice for both the art and craft of nature photography. Choosing the right equipment and learning essential skills are emphasized before giving the specifics of photographing wildlife, landscapes, and close-up subjects. It is accompanied by hundreds of examples of author Tim Fitzharris' photographs.

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Tulsa City-County Library

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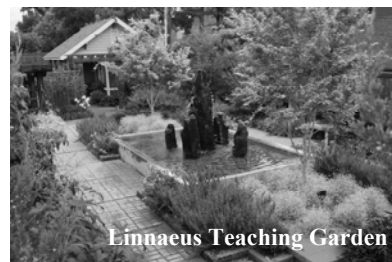
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Linnaeus Teaching Garden

Donations received from October 8th to November 7th

Education



Brown Bag Lecture

Bring your lunch and enjoy an exciting educational experience. This lecture is **free** to the public and will be held from 12pm to 1pm at Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 S. Peoria Ave. For more information call 918-746-5125 or visit www.tulsagardencenter.com.

“Calligraphy.....the art of fine handwriting”

Join the Calligraphy Guild on January 19, 2012 from 12 pm to 1 pm, for their Tulsa Garden Center's Brown Bag Lecture presentation, “Calligraphy....the art of fine handwriting”. The word ‘calligraphy’ is derived from the Greek words ‘killi’ and ‘graphos’, meaning ‘beautiful and ‘writing’. It is said that this handwriting form increases your hand-eye dexterity and aesthetic awareness.

Don't miss this educational lecture. You will learn the many aspects of Calligraphy. Members of the Calligraphy Guild will do a demo on this art, as well as how to paint simple flowers. The little flowers are easy to do and good for bookmarks or note cards.



Book Discussion Club



Come join us during your lunch hour for this informative discussion. The Tulsa Garden Center's Library Book Discussion Club is free to the public and held in the Tulsa Garden Center's Library, 2435 S. Peoria Ave. from 12pm to 1pm. For additional information call 746-5125 or visit www.tulsagardencenter.com

Garden Walls, Fences, and Hedges

Join Sandy Cox on January 17th for her educational discussion on the *Garden Walls, Fences, and Hedges* by Kathy Sheldon.



Increase both the value and the beauty of your home with the perfect border, whether it's a fence covered with blossoming vines along a side street or a dense hedge out back.

Would you like to block out the noise and pollution from a busy street? This book will give you solutions to turn your outdoor space into a paradise.

SEMINARS

Fresh Greens Wreath Making

Join Mary Lou Havener, owner of MB Gardens, and learn how to create your own 18” fresh greens wreath for the Holidays. Each participant will receive an 18 inch wire wreath frame, fresh greens, and an assortment of natural (pine cones, berries, etc.) materials to create their own design. Gloves and pruning shears should be brought to class.

Ms. Havener will show you how to re-use your frame to make a wreath for every season or holiday.

Class is limited to 20.

December 10th

9 am to 11 am

\$37 non-member

\$30 TGC member

All materials included in price of class.



To enroll call 918.746.5125 or go to www.tulsagardencenter.com/education.

“HOW TO TAKE BEAUTIFUL FLORAL PHOTOGRAPHS”



Have you always wanted to be able to capture the beauty of a gorgeous rose or any flower, but felt your photography skills were not adequate? If so, Tulsa Garden Center has just the class for you!

Join Natalie Green, owner of Apertures Photo, on January 21st from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 S. Peoria for a hands-on class to better your skills in photographing flowers. Bring your camera & a tripod (if you have one) and we will photograph the beautiful flowers & cacti in the Garden Center's spectacular Conservatory. During this two-hour class, we will discuss composition, selective depth of field, and metering. Macro lenses, extension tubes, and flash will be demonstrated.

Class cost is \$18 for Tulsa Garden Center members and \$20. for non-members. To enroll in this class call 918.746.5125 or go to www.tulsagardencenter.com/education.

Affiliate News/Feature



Hosta Connection

To all Hosta lovers,

The season has come for our Hostas to rest and get ready for spring. As do our Hostas, so does Hosta Connection. There are no meetings December – February. But come March, we're back up and meeting again on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Ballroom of the TGC.



Mark your calendars for April 24th at 7pm.: Rob Mortko, aka The Hosta Guy, will be at the TGC to present his take on hosta tissue culture. Plus, he'll have many hostas for sale - you won't find these beauties in local nurseries. So be prepared for a great presentation and the chance to enlarge your hosta garden.

Until March,
Fran Danner
Hosta Lover

Tulsa Perennial Club

The Tulsa Perennial Club will not be meeting in the month of December. We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will meet again on January 19th, 2012.

Tulsa Area Daylily Society

The Tulsa Area Daylily Society will have our Christmas dinner and gift auction on Wednesday, December 7th, and our new officers for the coming year will be installed at the December meeting.

It is always a happy occasion to welcome new gardeners to the Linneaus Teaching Garden and on November 16th the Tulsa Area Daylily Society hosted a graduation luncheon for the 2011 Linneaus students.

It has surely been a challenging year for gardeners. Mother Nature has hit us with just about all of her less desirable events including winding down the year with earthquakes. So we are looking forward to a quiet and peaceful 2012 with just enough sunshine and just right amounts of rain.



Sierra Club

Conservation issues are important to the Sierra Club. For the Green Country Sierra Club group, water issues have become a major concern.

A first priority is securing an affordable, reliable water supply for our communities. Tulsa is lucky to have an effective and efficient water utility administered by the local water board, and operated by dedicated public employees.

We want to be sure that we commit enough money to maintain our water system and to make improvements when needed.

We also want to protect the quality of our lakes and streams, including scenic rivers like the endangered Illinois River. Protecting our state's wetlands is also important.

The Oklahoma Sierra Club is starting a Take Back the Tap campaign. Water bottles are wonderful, but not the disposable kind. Buy a good, BHP-free water bottle and drink tap water. You'll save money and reduce the amount of plastic going into the trash.

Too often, we take our water supply for granted. For the sake of our lives, our homes, and our gardens, protecting the quality of our water is essential.

You are welcome to attend the Sierra Club meeting at 7 pm on January 26 at the Garden Center to learn more about our water campaign. And everyone is invited to the Green Country Sierra Club annual potluck dinner and auction, starting at 6:30 pm at the Garden Center on December 15.

David Brown
Green Country Sierra Club

AFFILIATE SCHEDULING MEETING

Thursday
January 12, 2012

6:00 pm
Ballroom



The Tulsa Herb Society

Presents

Carols and Crumpets

**An Herbal Craft Fair
Saturday, December 3, 2011
8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Tulsa Garden Center
2435 S. Peoria Avenue**

**Presenting Distinguished
Artists and Crafters
from a four state area**

Featuring: Herbal Vinegars, Live Wreaths, Teas, Chutneys, Spices, Seasonings, Soaps and Lotions, Live Herbs and Topiaries, Baskets, Pottery, Candles, Dried Florals, Tree Ornaments, Potpourri, Books, Jewelry, Chocolates, Metal Art, Vintage items, Willow Trellises, Hypertufa Planters and much more.....

Raffles: (1) Table top white wool feather tree with felt beaded cupcake, petit fours and ribbon candy ornaments with a coordinating beaded tree skirt. (2) A Woodland Santa Claus

The Snowflake Café offers a festive site to sit and visit with friends while noshing on good food. Lunch served from 11am-2pm. Reservations are not required.

Admission is free!


**For more information contact
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December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Flower of the Month Narcissus			1	2	3 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Tulsa Herb Society "Carols & Crumpets"
4	5 10:00 am Tulsa Garden Club 6:00 pm Oklahoma Native Plant Society 7:00 pm Green Country Bonsai Society	6 9:00 am Tulsa Herb Society	7 11:30 am to 1:30 pm Linnaeus Certification Banquet 7:00 pm Tulsa Area Daylily Society	8 6:30 pm Tulsa Area Iris Society 7:00 pm Cacti and Succulent Society 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm Gift Shop Holiday Open House	9	10 9:00 am to 11:00 am Fresh Greens Wreath Making Class
11 1:30 pm Tulsa Orchid Society 2:00 pm Tulsa Rose Society	12 12:00 pm Tulsa Garden Center Board Meeting	13 9:00 am Tulsa Herb Society 6:30 pm Green Country Water Garden Society	14	15 7:00 pm Sierra Club	16	17
18 7:00 pm African Violets Society	19	20 9:00 am Tulsa Herb Society 11:00 am Anne Hathaway Herb Garden Club 7:00 pm Audubon Society	21	22	23	24 TGC Closed for the Holidays
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January 2012

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29	30	31 9:00 am Tulsa Herb Society				
					 Flower of the Month Carnations	

2011
Best of Show

Photographer
Nancy L.
Keith Miller



Portraits of a Garden

Tulsa Garden Center 2012 Amateur Photography Contest & Exhibition

Opening Reception

Thursday, January 19, 2012

5 pm to 7 pm

Announcement of Winners-5:30 pm

Exhibition Hours

January 20 - 22; 24 through 28

Tuesday thru Sunday, 9 am to 4 pm

ENTRY DIVISIONS

- Seasons in the Garden
- Woodward Park / Linnaeus Teaching Gardens
- Garden Creatures
- Water Features
- Digitally Manipulated
- General Garden Photos
- Youth 12 to 18
- Children under 12
- Masters-By invitation only

ENTRY GUIDELINES

- No Professional Photographers may enter contest. Open to Amateur Photographers only.
- All entries must present a garden theme.
- Prints may be color or black and white.
- All prints must be matted with black or white two or three inch matte; NO FRAMES.
- 5" x 7" matted with a 8" x 10" matte
- 8" x 10" matted with a 11" x 14" matte
- \$5 per entry or 3 for \$10
- A maximum of 3 submissions per division per entrant.
- Entrant grants Tulsa Garden Center permission to use image(s) for publicity and fundraising purposes.
- Entrants should indicate top of submission for placement purposes.
- All entries should have signed application form attached to each entry.
- Entries must be claimed February 1-4, 7-11 during regular business hours. (Tuesday-Saturday 8:30am-4pm). All entries not claimed before February 12 become the property of Tulsa Garden Center.

SUBMISSIONS

- Entries may be submitted in person at Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 S. Peoria Ave.
- Tuesday-Saturday, January 3-7, 9 am to 3 pm
- Tuesday-Saturday, January 10-14, 9 am to 3 pm

AWARDS

- Cash awards for 1st place winner in each division, Best in Show and Masters.
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable mention ribbons awarded in each division and People's Choice.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 918 746 5125 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.TULSAGARDENCENTER.COM

Portraits of a Garden Tulsa Garden Center Amateur Photography Contest & Exhibition

Last date to enter contest is Saturday, January 14th

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I agree to terms of contest entry guidelines

Signature of adult, parent or legal guardian

Entry Division

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Masters—By invitation only | <input type="checkbox"/> General Garden Photos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seasons in the Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth 12-18 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodward Park/Linnaeus Teaching Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Children under 12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Digitally Manipulated | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Features | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Creatures | |

(PLEASE ATTACH THIS INFORMATION TO EACH ENTRY)

Features



Photo with Santa

Catered Breakfast

**Call 918.746.5125 for
cost and reservations.**

Breakfast with Santa

**Craft
Activities**

Saturday, December 17, 2011

8:30 am to 10:30 am

Tulsa Garden Center

Tulsa Garden Center Member Upcoming Events



HOLIDAY PARTY

December 14th

6:30 pm



- Come celebrate the Holidays with the Tulsa Garden Center. Enjoy the beautifully decorated mansion and party with your friends. Good food, good presents, good time.
- Ham to be provided by the Tulsa Garden Center, with potluck vegetables, breads, salads, and desserts, etc. to be brought by members. Please list dish when you call in.
- The gift exchange will be gifts of \$10 in value. Please bring gender-neutral gifts.

TGC Members FREE

Guests \$10.00

RSVP by December 9, 2011

*** Please call 918.746.5125 for reservations and to tell which dish you're bringing. Holiday attire is requested.



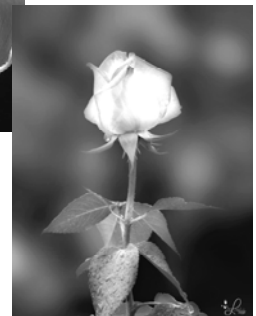
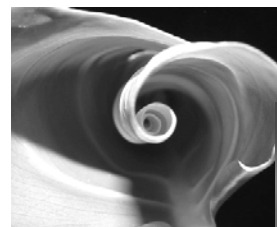
PORTRAITS OF A GARDEN EXHIBIT

MEMBERS ONLY RECEPTION

January 25th

6pm to 8pm

View the beautiful garden of photos in the Tulsa Garden Center auditorium while enjoying delicious refreshments.



TGC MEMBERS FREE

Guests \$5.00

RSVP by January 20, 2011

Call 918.746.5125 for

Reservations.

Features



Volunteer News



The year is drawing to a close, and it seems like it just started! We had a very successful 2011- we added dozens of volunteers to our roster and introduced new people to the exciting things going on at the Garden Center.

Just because it's getting cold doesn't mean we stop needing volunteers! We still are looking for friendly people to work the front desk- especially on Saturdays. Don't forget, this is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and learn about our events and goings on here at the mansion.

We also need people who are interested in retail volunteering to help out in our gift shop, Dig This!. The shop is open Thursday through Saturday, from 10am – 4pm. It's a lot of fun, and we have great merchandise and wonderful customers!

If you're interested in these volunteer opportunities, please call the volunteer coordinator at (918) 746-5136.

- Rebecca Fernandez

News from City of Tulsa Chief Horticulturist, Maureen Turner.....

The year is finally coming to a close and I'm not sure what to think. Each January I look forward to the new opportunities that life affords us and get excited thinking about the journey to come. This past year, however, has been quite a whopper. Tulsa has always had interesting weather, but all kinds of records were broken – and not in a good way. We experienced record snow, cold, heat and drought. We've seen our share of tornadoes and earthquakes as well. On the plus side, we have seen some of the most beautiful fall color ever. The hickory trees are a butter yellow color that I didn't know even existed. The maple trees are showing all their glorious colors and the oak trees are touting their stately presence.

Having said that, the arborvitae, pine trees and junipers are showing shades of tan and brown one never hopes to see. The heat we experienced at night all summer long was just too much for most of our evergreens. Pine trees and other needled evergreens need cool evenings to 'rest'. If you think about where pine trees grow naturally, they are in areas that get hot and sunny during the day, but cool, maybe even cold at night. Unfortunately Tulsa summers cannot promise cooler evenings. Don't despair though – colder weather is coming and the time to plant trees is right now.

When selecting new plants and trees, look at the tag and make sure you give your new plant the proper room to grow. If the plant says it will get 25 feet wide, be assured that it will get that wide. Look up for wires and down for utilities in the ground before planting a new tree

Many homeowners purchase live trees for the holidays and then plant them outside in January. Think of your holiday tree as a really neat investment in your future and creating memories at the same time. Pur-

chasing a living holiday tree takes a bit of research, but will definitely be worth it in the long run. Trees offer visual beauty, depth and year round interest. They are also a haven for wildlife. Birds depend on trees to provide shelter and raise their young. Nothing is more magical than watching a pair of birds build a nest and raise their young.

Give yourself a nice holiday present, improve your landscape and help wildlife at the same time.

Happy Holidays!





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October 20-21, 2011

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Tulsa Garden Center *Dig This Gift Shop*

**Check out our new gifts
and merchandise!**

Located behind the Tulsa Garden Center 2435 1/2 S. Peoria
Shop Hours 10am to 4:00pm Thursday—Saturday
Gifts for any occasion
Proceeds benefit the Tulsa Garden Center

Sandy & Tim Shoemaker

Of

The Pave-Stone Store of Oklahoma

have been acquired by Midwest Block & Brick.

“Now, as the Mfg.” pricing is lower and our variety is up.

We offer

Anchor, Allan Block, Omega Stone, Keystone, Rosetta
Retaining wall

Other available hardscape products include
Romanstone Pavers, Clay pavers, Clay Brick,
Patio products
Outdoor fireplace kits and more.....

We support the Linnaeus Teaching Garden
And Tulsa Garden Center
(Additional 5% discount (up to \$100.00) offered to
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