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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OKLAHOMA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

It's funny how spring swallows up all my time. It becomes increasingly harder and harder to sit inside and do the bills, go through the mail, write reports or write a president's message! Fact is if it's not raining (which it is at the moment) I tend to procrastinate at dangerous levels! I want to spend as much time as I can outside, allergies and all.

Communication at this time of the year can be difficult as well. Most horticultural related businesses or clubs are usually swamped with work and activities in spring. But I would say that this is the time of year to concentrate on your communication. The Oklahoma Horticultural Society can be a partner to both businesses and garden societies alike. By simply contacting our web site or our newsletter, you can get your message out there. Whether it's an Iris show in Lawton or a plant material conference in Stillwater. Let us know and we'll shout about it. All we ask is that, in return, you would shout a little about us! Our society is the perfect hub for all groups and people interested in horticulture. We are ready, willing and able to be the core of everything 'horticulture' in Oklahoma.

Business people should consider advertising in our newsletter for the very reasons I've stated. Our rates are very reasonable and you couldn't find a better demographic of people. The ads would go a long way in helping us to expand our periodical as well, which benefits both advertiser and reader.

So, I'm sounding like a salesman but I truly believe our society has only scratched the surface in it's potential. We have so much to offer Oklahoma that I think our numbers should be in the thousands. The wealth of knowledge, resources and generous members should not be wasted. As I've said before, communication leads to inspiration and that takes us to transformation. We not only transform our state into a more beautiful place, we can transform our society into an indispensable organization. All we have to do is communicate. The rain has stopped and if I write anymore it will be dark so happy gardening.

Hugh Stout, Jr.

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Glads and Tubes

by Steve Owens Assistant Extension Specialist and Host of Oklahoma Gardening

One of the most common summer-flowering bulbous plants grown by gardeners everywhere is the gladiolus. The gladiolus “bulb” that you buy and plant is not a true bulb, but a corm. A bulb is made up mostly of modified fleshy leaf bases, as in the case of the tulip and the onion. A corm is a compressed stem, so it generally looks somewhat flattened and is a more dense structure.

Another name for the gladiolus is Sword Lily, because of the long, flat, pointed leaves. The word gladiolus translates as ‘Little Sword’ in Latin. Gladiolus, or glads, as they’re sometimes called, are in the Iris family, or the Iridaceae. They are native to many countries in Africa and a few other Mediterranean countries. Several species of gladiolus exists but only a handful of them are available in the trade. There are probably more than 10,000 different hybridized varieties or cultivars that go by the botanical name of *Gladiolus x hortulanus*. These hybrids are prized by floral designers world-wide for their tall spikes of colorful blooms.

In order to have a succession of flowers, you should plant your glad corms in 10-14 day intervals from early May to early June. This method will extend the season and you will not have all your plants blooming at the same time. Putting the corms 4-5 inches deep into the soil will help prevent them from toppling in the wind or being flattened by heavy rain. The stems will be anchored better than if they were planted more shallow. Even so, you may still need to do some staking. I prefer to plant gladiolus in clumps rather than in straight lines. The concentration of color make more of an impact. Give your glads full sun or a spot with afternoon shade. They will grow in poor soil, but will perform better in one that is well-drained and amended with organic matter. Gladiolus will not over-winter most years in Oklahoma, but can be dug and stored after the first fall frost.

An interesting characteristic of gladiolus is that the flowers emerge from one side of the stem and they all face the same direction. Most of the time this direction is toward the South. Remember to place them in your landscape where they can be seen by being viewed looking Northward.

Another interesting summer blooming bulbous plant is the Tuberose, *Polianthes tuberosa*. It’s also a nice cut flower and a wonderful garden plant because it’s white blooms are incredibly fragrant. The Tuberose is


also mistakenly called a bulb, when in fact it is a tuber. A tuber is a short, thickened, underground stem that has buds, or “eyes”.

Nothing like a rose, the Tuberose is actually in the Agave family and has a very interesting history. They were highly prized by the Aztecs who loved their fragrance and would use the plants in their rituals and ceremonies, where they held them sacred to their god of art, beauty and love.

The Tuberose made its way to Europe in the mid 1500’s after the Aztecs were conquered by Cortez. By the late 1800’s it had become one of the most popular of all Victorian blossoms. The Tuberose is grown today on a wide scale in France for use in the perfume industry.

Plant the Tuberose in a full sun location with well-drained soil and deep enough so that 2 inches remain between the top of the tuber and the soil surface. They can also be used to good effect in containers. I’ve heard of some gardeners who will put three tubers in a 6-8 inch pot and then transplant the whole clump to the garden after the leaves emerge. Be patient after planting as it can sometimes take up to a month before the leaves come up. The plants produce a somewhat low rosette of foliage. The flower scape bolts to a height of about three feet and then culminates with the opening of the sweet scented white blossoms.

Available Tuberose are; the ‘Mexican Single’, ‘The Pearl’, which has double blooms, and there are a few forms that have a hint of pink in the flowers. Tuberose are only hardy north to about zones 8 or 9, so we have to dig and store the tubers over winter. Be sure to plant your Tuberose near a patio or doorway so you too can enjoy the same fragrance of which the Aztecs were so fond.

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GARDEN TOUR FOR CONNOISSEURS - 2002



June 1
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
rain or shine

The Oklahoma Horticulture Society is excited about the upcoming, fourth garden tour which will take place Saturday, June 1st, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., rain or shine. Six private gardens will be open to the public. Tickets will be \$10 in advance at ticket outlets and \$12 in the gardens on tour day. Children 6 and under are free. To view just one garden is \$5. Tickets go on sale May 20th at the outlets listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Tell all your friends, family and others.

The Tour Committee has managed to find gardens that all possess a style different from one another. The diversity of gardens this year include ones with:

30- year-old azaleas, several types of Japanese maples, porches draped with Carolina jasmine and crossvines, controlled use of Virginia creeper as a ground cover and wall cover, pollarded Rose-of-Sharons, a planted island in the middle of a driveway, a garden of low maintenance achieved mainly with the use of shrubs and trees, lots of grass and not much grass, a garden cleverly designed to give the impression of a hidden garden in spite of being next to a busy street, and an oversize children's seesaw incorporated into the middle of the garden.

As always, visitors to the gardens will come away with many ideas for their own gardens. The garden names and addresses are:

Nesbitt garden, 1703 N. Hudson
Corcoran garden, 1937 N. W. 56th St.;
Reynolds Garden, 700 N. W. 15th;
Callahan garden, 2505 N. W. 63rd;
Ruffin garden, 400 N. W. 16th,
Gummerson garden at 2525 Claremont Place..

Tickets will be available in all these gardens on tour day.

Tour sponsor this year is Ken Hutmacher of Prudential Alliance Realty. His contribution is greatly appreciated.

We hope all members will try to support this tour which is a major fund raiser for the Oklahoma Horticultural Society and its work to promote the value of horticulture in our lives, an important part of which is providing scholarships for several students enrolled in the study of horticulture.

Attention Garden Volunteers:

The garden tour is just around the corner and the volunteer committee will be calling on members to volunteer. The many members who signed up on the lists at various meetings are very much appreciated. Volunteers are needed to work three hour shifts in the gardens taking tickets, making change or answering questions. Volunteers all agree that working the garden tour is most enjoyable. In addition, all volunteers receive a free ticket to tour all the gardens. Everyone who volunteers will be told their time and garden to work about two weeks before the tour. If you haven't signed up yet, but would like to volunteer, please call Jeanie Spence (751-8799) or e-mail Sharon Beasley (gardener@telepath.com)

GARDEN TOUR TICKET OUTLETS

Tickets available beginning May 20th

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2003 GARDEN TOUR PLANS....

Planning for next year's tour starts early. The Garden Tour Committee would like to invite all members to keep their eyes out for gardens that could be on the next garden tour. It is no easy task to find six gardens each year, so help from everyone would speed the process. Remember we look for gardens that have several of the following elements: some unusual plants, a variety of plants, color in early June, interesting structures, some garden art, water features, room for several visitors to pass through the garden, and streets that can accommodate the amount of traffic created by visitors to the gardens. Although many of the gardens have been around the north central part of Oklahoma City, there is nothing to keep us from having gardens in other sections of the Oklahoma City area. If you know of a garden that would be ideal for the "Garden Tour for Connoisseurs," please call or e-mail Sharon Beasley (392-4727 or gardener@telepath.com) or John Fluitt (525-2275 or jfluitt110@cox.net) On e-mails, please type in the subject "Connoisseurs Tour" so your e-mail isn't mistaken for spam.

'FESTIVAL IN THE PARK'

It's that time again for the annual 'FESTIVAL IN THE PARK' at Will Rogers Park. **June 8** is the date to place on your calendar. This one-day event includes a fund-raising booth for the Oklahoma Horticultural Society and the society is asking you to donate some plants and time. Donate the plants that you can divide, propagate and repot from your garden as well as those you have purchased. Volunteers are needed to work the booth, selling plants and visiting with others all the while, promoting the OHS to their fullest extent.

The festival is always a lot of fun, with all of the booths from plant organizations, retail outlets, flower judging, lunch, children's activity room and the park itself. Call Shirley Kennedy at (405)787-1897 for times to work and locations around town to bring your donations. You can bring your plants directly to the park on the day of the festival, providing they are there by 10 am. Please take a few minutes and label **EACH** plant with their name and a price.

HOW PLANTS GOT THEIR NAMES

13th in a series by Warren Filley

ACANTHUS

Common Name: Bear's Breeches Botanical Name: Acanthus mollis or Acanthus spinosus

USDA Zones 5-9

AHS Heat Zones 9-5

Acanthus, or Bear's Breeches is a striking architectural perennial plant which I have had in my garden for 4-5 years. Although uncommon in Central Oklahoma gardens, they are virtually a weed throughout Greece thriving everywhere. I first noticed them growing along the roadside and sporadically throughout gardens while in Greece. Later I saw the plants at John Fluitt's office and realized I had to have some for my garden.

The botanical name is from Akanthos, the Greek word for thorn and indeed these are a spectacular thistle plant. The spinosus species is quite wide spread through Greece and is easy to grow in Oklahoma. It takes all types of growing conditions. The mollis species, however, prefers moister habitats and in the wild is only found in Northern Greece. It is, however, the soft hairy leaves or stalks of the mollis plant which resemble the rump or legs of a hairy bear and therefore the name Bear's Breeches.

It is the Acanthus leaf for which the basic pattern for the Corinthian column was drawn by the Greeks. The story goes that Callimachus, a Greek sculptor, had passed a grave on top of which a tile had been placed. Quite by accident an Acanthus plant had grown next to the grave and formed a circular fringe of leaves on the tile inspiring him to use this leafy design to top the Corinthian columns. Indeed it was quite an architectural innovation since unlike the Ionic column, the Corinthian column can be viewed from all angles and is decorative all the way around. Whether this is true or not is a conjecture, but certainly a nice tale. The archeological remains suggest that the ancient Macedonians (who proceeded the Greeks)

designed gold jewelry in the 4th Century BC with faithful reproductions of the Acanthus mollis leaf. Obviously the design had been around long before the development of the Corinthian column.

The Acanthus is a striking plant, which likes deep well-drained fertile soil in full sun or partial shade. For Oklahoma probably partial shade would be better. Mine certainly get only morning sun. Reaching a height of 5 feet with 24 inch spread, the plants can become quite large. Not only are the leaves very showy, during late spring to mid summer pure white two-lipped flowers with purple brachs are born on very tall sturdy stems. They are excellent for cutting or drying or obviously just enjoying in the yard. Mine last for several weeks without any visible deterioration, and then for another week or two of continual fading bloom. These plants are becoming increasingly available in nurseries throughout Central Oklahoma, and in fact I bought one at the Farmer's Market a year ago. Consider adding one to your horticultural collection.

CONGRATULATIONS RUSSELL!

Oklahoma Horticultural Society Board Member, Russell Studebaker from Tulsa has been recently awarded the

"GARDEN GLOBE AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR WRITING"

in the Magazine category, for 2002 by the Garden Writers Association of America.

Russell's article was one of 337 entries judged by a panel of distinguished members of the gardening, communications, and academic communities. On August 5th, the awards will be presented at a special Awards Ceremony at the 54th Garden Writers Association of America Annual Symposium in Seattle, Washington at the Bellevue Double Tree Hotel.

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Summer GardenFest -- June 8, 2002

On Saturday, June 8th, the *Oklahoma Gardening* TV program and OBGa will present the first annual Summer GardenFest. It will be a day filled with horticultural happenings, garden gala and down to earth activities. The event will be held at the OBGa headquarters garden, which contains the *Oklahoma Gardening* studio gardens. It will provide an opportunity for viewers across the state to come visit the studio set for the taping of the *Oklahoma Gardening* show, tour the gardens, and garner some expert gardening information. There is no cost to attend this event.

Everything gets started at 10:00 a.m. when Holly Shimizu presents "Herbs as Ornamentals" lecture in the OBGa Educational Building. Holly is an internationally recognized horticulturist. She is the Executive Director of the United States Botanical Garden in Washington, D.C., and one of the hosts for *The Victory Garden*, which airs on PBS. Holly has developed her own herb gardening video and has written for many books and magazines. In addition, Holly was the first curator of the National Herb Garden at the U.S. National Arboretum and has done work in England at the Royal Horticultural Society's Garden, Wisley, and at the Hillier Arboretum. She has worked at gardens and nurseries in Belgium, Holland and Germany.

At 11:30 a.m. Darrell Merrell, "The Tomato Man," will give presentation entitled "Heirloom Tomatoes and Artisan Garlic." Darrell is a tomato and garlic expert from Tulsa who often appears on *Oklahoma Gardening* and other local TV shows, much to the delight of viewers. With his trademark straw hat and overalls, Darrell's presentation on these two garden treasures is sure to entertain and enlighten all who attend.

From 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. there will be several garden demonstrations, staffed information booths and tours of both the studio gardens and the arboretum.

Demonstrations presented every 30 minutes include a children's garden activity, a floral arrangement how-to, a water garden overview, a Japanese garden primer, a cooking demonstration and a presentation on how to construct a terra-cotta "pot man."

At 1:00 p.m. and again at 2:30 p.m. Stillwater City Forester Carrie Tomlinson will give tree tours of the arboretum. She will point out recommended species for Oklahoma and talk a little about tree care basics. There will be a plant diagnostic booth staffed by OSU personnel to identify plant specimens and pest problems and give recommendations. Tours of the studio gardens will also be given periodically throughout the afternoon. An *Oklahoma Gardening* merchandise shop will be open for business as well. Food vendors will be present in certain areas on the grounds.

In case of inclement weather, all outdoor activities will be canceled. The two presentations by Shimizu and Merrell will still be held indoors in the OBGa Education Center. Please call 405-744-5404 **after 10 a.m.** to see if outdoor events are cancelled.

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upcoming events & related horticulture links*

**Wildlife Habitat Garden Tour
And Plant Sale
June 9 & 10 - Tulsa**

Make Every Home A Wildlife Habitat (MEHAWH) will host its eighth annual garden tour and plant sale on June 9 and 10. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 9 and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 10 (rain or shine). This is the once-a-year chance for the public to visit wildlife-friendly yards and to buy plants that attract wildlife. Admission is \$5 and children under the age of 13 will be admitted free.

Tickets may be purchased at any of the homes listed on the days of the tour. Yards to be on the tour are as follows. 9645 E. 25th St. Tulsa

2605 E. 23rd Tulsa

5315 S 32nd W. Ave. Tulsa

122 Sherlyn Ln. Sapulpa

222 Sherlyn Ln. Sapulpa

Plant nurseries will sell many hard-to-find plants attractive to wildlife at four of the locations. They are Clear Creek Farm & Gardens, Missouri Wildflowers Nursery, Pine Ridge Gardens and StoneBridgeGarden Center. For information, call: (918) 492-5022 or (918) 446-2720 or e-mail mehawh@yahoo.com For information ONLY on days of tour, call (918) 230-3506.

**ROGER SWAIN
LEAVES VICTORY GARDEN**

Roger Swain, host of the popular PBS-TV show Victory Garden, will be replaced by Michael Weishan for the upcoming season of shows which begins airing in May. Swain, who hosted America's longest-running national gardening program for 15 years, will continue to be active in the gardening world with public appearances at gardening shows and in his continuing role as Science Editor at Horticulture magazine. Swain's departure from the Victory Garden was prompted by the retirement of long-time producer Russell Morash, whose wife, Marion, is also retiring as Chef Marion on the show. New host Michael Weishan is the author of The New Traditional Gardener and a columnist for Country Living magazine.

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The Oklahoma Iris Society, established in 1932, is Oklahoma City's premiere iris society. For seventy years they have been educating our community about iris, providing annual exhibitions and rhizome sales and providing informative programs monthly by some of the regions brightest growers of iris. They also are the stewards of the Will Rogers Iris Garden in Oklahoma City. Easily one of the largest collections of iris in the region, with approximately one thousand varieties of iris, the Will Rogers Iris Garden is truly a horticultural treasure in our city, having been awarded for distinguished service in education by Oklahoma City Beautiful last year. With funds raised from their annual rhizome sale in July (July 12 & 13 of this year) we are able to purchase the best and brightest of the latest iris varieties to share with the public. Our club's volunteers see to the digging, dividing and cleaning necessary to prepare iris for this huge public sale.

Monthly programs, held the first Friday of the month, 7:00 PM, March through November (except May) at the Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center on NW. 36 & Portland, bring in informative and entertaining speakers to educate us on iris as well as other garden topics. The monthly newsletter also adds to the vast amount of educational material available to our members. An annual Iris Exhibition takes place on the first Sunday in May offering over two hundred entries of the best grown iris in town to be judged and for the public to enjoy.

They have also hosted the national convention of the American Iris Society in the past and are the proud hosts of the 2007 national convention, commemorating our states centennial celebration. This event brings growers, hybridizers and iris lovers from all over the world to our state and requires help from several local iris organizations. Tours of our areas best iris collections will also be a part of the activities.

They clearly love iris and would love to share their knowledge and passion with those who wish to learn more about these beautiful plants. All are welcome.

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SPRING GARDEN TOUR

by Vicky Michalik

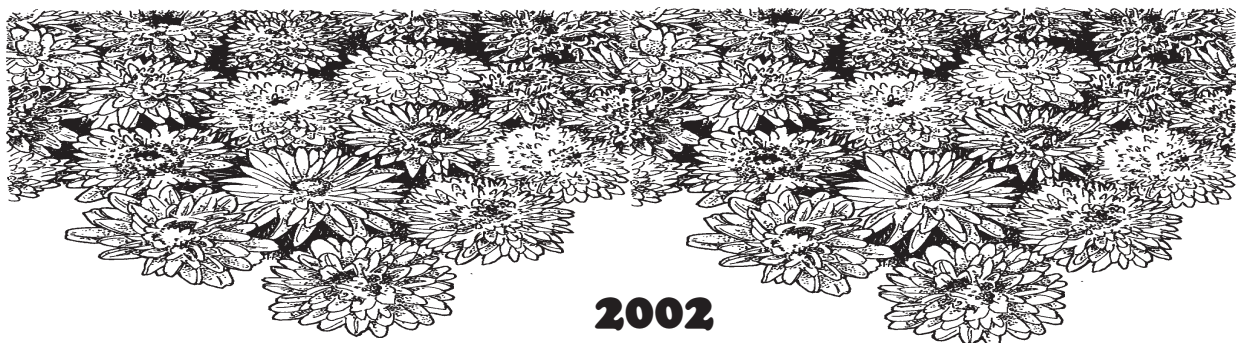


The 52nd Annual Spring Garden Tour presented by the Tulsa Garden Club ushered in spring in grand style. The two day (April 20 & 21) affair, was titled "Southern Garden Enchantment". Five residential gardens were showcased giving the public a variety of garden styles and as well as plant material in the Tulsa area to view.

The OHS planned a board meeting for that Sunday at the Tulsa Garden Center, so that they could visit gardens before and after the meeting. What a treat! And that is just what we did. A beautiful day and the gardens were in spring splendor. To pick a most enjoyed garden of the group, would be impossible. Each one had its highlights, whether it be interesting plant material, the design and hardscape or garden accessories.

I did take note of the some of the plant material used including some lacy cryptomeria, both tall and the dwarf 'japonica yokruya' varieties, leathery leafed leucothoe 'Populifolia', Shadow's yaupon holly, Zabel's laurels, 'Winterthur viburnums, redleafed 'Dissectum' and 'Bloodgood' weeping Japanese maples, 'October Glory' maples, oak-leaf hydrangeas, azaleas in bloom and too many interesting perennials, grasses and annuals to mention.

The design itself of each garden reflected each owner's personality. Some noted items included individual garden rooms, children's areas (a pet area as well!), water gardens as focal points, cottage gardens, statuary and carved tree stumps, herb and butterfly gardens and one with a "southwest flavor". After viewing the landscapes, viewers were definitely ready to return to their own gardens and try a few new plants, design ideas and continue recreating their own gardens. Something "we-gardeners" just love to do!



2002

ALL AMERICA SELECTION WINNER RUDBECKIA HIRTA 'CHEROKEE SUNSET'

Genus species: *Rudbeckia hirta*

Common name: Cone Flower

"Cherokee Sunset" is a blend of autumn colors; yellow, bronze, orange and mahogany. The flowers can be fully double or semi-double. "Cherokee Sunset" plants begin to flower in July from May transplants and will continue to bloom until frost or severe weather kills the plant. The length of bloom and late season performance were noted and scored by AAS judges. 'Cherokee Sunset' plants are upright and branching. Height is 24 to 30 inches and width 12-18 inches. Some plants may need staking. The large blooms and long stems are perfect for cut flower use in arrangements. 'Cherokee Sunset' fits into any full-sun garden.

'Cherokee Sunset' can be grown from seed started indoors or sown directly onto prepared garden soil. Many gardeners prefer to obtain plants. 'Cherokee Sunset' plants are available this spring in garden centers and nurseries. This rudbeckia was tested during a summer and performed exceptionally well the first year from seed. However, the AAS is unable to promise 'Cherokee Sunset' will over-winter as a perennial.



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Members enjoy numerous benefits including Horticulture Horizons, the OHS quarterly newsletter containing articles written especially for Oklahoma gardeners, six yearly issues of the AHS American Gardener magazine, free admission to over 100 botanical gardens, a seed-saver exchange program, and free or discounted membership to flower and garden shows across the nation. Memorable tours are frequently offered through both organizations.

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OKLAHOMA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY EVENTS 2002

>**May 28 OHS MONTHLY MEETING; "Natives and Tropicals at the OKC Zoo";** by Pearl Pearson Will Rogers Garden Building; 7pm; **BRING SNACKS PLEASE**

>**June 1 GARDEN TOUR FOR CONNOISSEURS;** OHS premium garden tour. More details in this issue.

> **June 1 HERB FESTIVAL,** CANN MEMORIAL GARDENS, Ponca City for info call 1.866.763.8092 or email: www.poncacitytourism.com

>**June 8 FESTIVAL IN THE PARK;** Will Rogers Park festival; OHS will need volunteers for plant sales.

>**June 8, 2002 SUMMER GARDEN FEST** Oklahoma Gardening TV program and OBGGA presents the first annual Summer GardenFest - a day filled with horticultural happenings, garden gala and down to earth activities. The event will be held at the OBGGA headquarters. FREE. More information inside this issue.

>**June 9 & 10 WILDLIFE HABITAT GARDEN TOUR AND PLANT SALE-** Tulsa 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 9 and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 10 (rain or shine). For information, call: (918) 492-5022 or (918) 446-2720 or e-mail mehawh@yahoo.com More details inside this issue.

>**June 25 OHS Monthly Meeting; "Natives, Newcovers & Relative Unknowns";** by Dave Edwards;

Will Rogers Garden Building; 7pm; **BRING SNACKS PLEASE**

>**June 20-30 - ENGLISH GARDENS OF THE NORTH;** escorted by Russell Studebaker; for inquiries, call Lin Kobsey at (918) 747-0077

>**July 21 OHS BOARD MEETING;** WILL ROGERS GREENHOUSE, 2:00 pm; Oklahoma City

>**September 7 GARDEN GALA** - annual event at the OKC Zoological Park with many retail, hobby, and affiliated plant groups and speakers. OHS will need volunteers.

>**September 22 FALL PROGRAM AND BOARD MEETING;** OBGGA, 1:30 pm Stillwater... more details at a later date...

>**December CHRISTMAS PARTY** -Date, etc... TBA

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>**Jan 30-Feb 2, 2003**

OKLAHOMA GARDEN FESTIVAL

>**February 22 (tentative)**

WINTER MEETING & BOARD MTG;

1:00 pm OKC Zoo

>**4TH Tuesday of each month** (

except July, August and September)

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS; Will Rogers

Garden Building; 7pm

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