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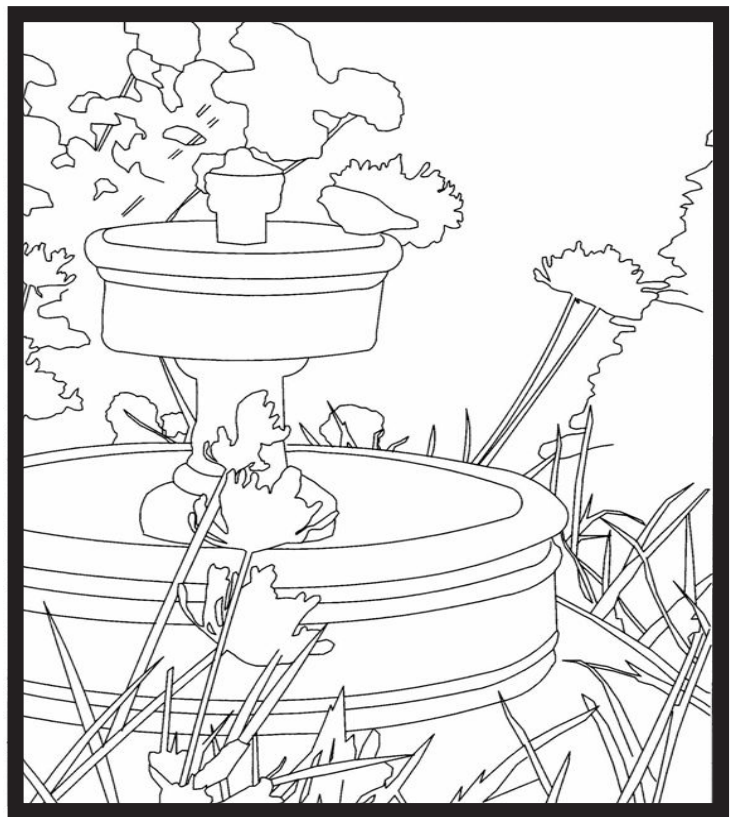
The Newsletter of the Oklahoma Horticultural Society

SUMMER 2004
JUNE/JULY/AUG

“Garden Tour for Connoisseurs”

**SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2004
9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
(come rain or shine)**

The Oklahoma Horticultural Society's premier garden tour is just around the corner. Saturday, June 5, brings us the **SIXTH ANNUAL “Garden Tour for Connoisseurs”**. **The tour, which features 6 of the most beautiful private gardens in the Oklahoma City area is a major fund raiser for the Oklahoma Horticultural Society.** The history of viewing outstanding gardens in the past, makes it eagerly anticipated by gardeners and horticulturists throughout our area. **This event, sponsored by Ken Hutmacher of Prudential**



Alliance Realty, features private gardens not generally open to the public.

Beth Wagner and Warren Filley, tour chairpersons, have chosen gardens representing a wide array of horticultural interests, giving us the opportunity to view some magnificent landscapes. Some are designed by landscape professionals while others are the work of the dedicated, self-taught horticultural hobbyists. Each garden is unique, beautiful, and offers the viewer potential ideas for their own home landscape. As in the past, Oklahoma Horticultural Society members, Master Gardeners, and other knowledgeable individuals will be present at each garden to help answer the public's questions during the tour. A new option this year is to ride the OHS tour bus. For a reasonable fee, you can ride in comfort letting someone else locate the gardens and park!

Tickets are available at \$10.00 in advance, and at all of the garden entrances on the tour day for \$12.00. Children 6 and under are free. The cost to view a single garden is \$5.00. Tickets will go on sale the later part of May at the many outlets. A listing of the gardens, OHS touring bus information and ticket sources can be found on page 5.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring sprang big time this year. Here at home we avoided the usual late freeze, which resulted in so many plants putting on a glorious show. The irises, the Wisteria, bulbs, roses, etc., were spectacular. My only regret was the monstrous hail storm we had, but that's all part of the Oklahoma experience!

Our Garden Tour for Connoisseurs committee is hard at work putting together an exceptional tour this year on June 5th. co-chairs Warren Filley and Beth Wagner have been working with Sharon Beasley, Shaun Doering, John Fluit, Steve Hill, Mary Ann Lees, Dorothy McLemore and Keith Pierce to come up with an outstanding collection of gardens. We plan to have more gardens this year, which will mean the need for more wonderful volunteers, so please bring a friend and sign up fast! Also, I know our vice president, Steve Owens of the 'Oklahoma Gardening' TV show, is planning to shoot at a few of the gardens later this month so be on the lookout for that on PBS.

The week after the tour, Saturday, June 12, is the Festival in the Park at Will Rogers Park in Oklahoma City. This is our second leading fund raiser behind the tour, so I beseech our members to make the effort to pot up some extra plants and get them, either to our chairperson Shirley Kennedy or straight to the park Saturday morning. I'd also ask you to come down and do some shopping. This festival also benefits the OKC Garden Council, which works to maintain our garden exhibition center at Will Rogers Park.

I also want to report that, with the help of Paul Johnson, our Heritage Tree project may actually be getting some legs. Paul and I are going to put together a proposal to send to the Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program to help fund our mission to seek out, register, label, map and educate Oklahomans about some of our exceptional and unique trees and shrubs. It's a very challenging and should be a very worthwhile mission for the horticultural society.

A quick word on the okhort website. We are fast becoming a hub of horticultural news, events and information. I am constantly being told of events to put on the calendar and many, many groups are wanting to 'link up' with us. Last month we had over 2,100 visitors and over 17,000 hits. Simply put, the more people go beyond our home page to our other pages, such as our links, articles, photos, etc., the more hits you have. This shows that people aren't just passing through, but actually doing a lot of exploring of the Oklahoma Horticultural Society. On top of this many visitors are from around the world with a lot of university and science connections. European country's accounted for over 200 visits since the New Year.

Lastly, I want to say a special thank you to Loretta Aaron for writing new articles for both our newsletter 'Horizons' and our website at www.okhort.org. Most of you know Loretta was the cherished garden writer for the 'Oklahoman' newspaper for more years than I'm sure she'd like to say. She is also a charter member of the 'hort' society and a recipient of the George Vaclavek Gold Medal. We are so excited to be able to provide an outlet for her creative and educational works.

Respectfully, **Hugh Stout Jr.**

ADVERTISING INFORMATION

	Members	Non-member
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1/2 page	45.00	55.00
full page	85.00	100.00

Issue	Deadline
Spring	March 1
Summer	May 1
Fall	August 15
Winter	November 15

Review of Spring 2004

by Loretta Aaron

The spring of 2004 will long be remembered by metro gardeners and those over the state. Most years, when the buds show pink on the Magnolia soulangiana, an Artic blast arrives and the tree does not have its season in the sun. All of the flowering trees and shrubs went through the season without a frost or freeze. A rare occurrence in Oklahoma. The spring flower show that featured Narcissus, -daffodils, was an educational event. Due to the perfect weather, the daffodils were perfection. Not all daffodils acclimate to our erratic weather. I have been growing daffodils for many years, and make notes of those that perform well year after year. If the cultivar is still growing well after three years, and has the same substance and form, it is usually a keeper. If not, it is thrown in the trash can.

Many years ago, when I was managing a small garden shop, the salesman from Holland would call on us in the spring to take an order for fall delivery. This was in the mid 1960's. The salesman told of a daffodil he thought was one of the best to come out of Holland in years. This was 'Dutch Master'. I ordered 100 for the shop, and planted six of them in my garden. 'Dutch Master' is still blooming well, and is of show quality. Some years it will measure trumpet, but usually large cup. Bloom is mid - season. I have noticed that it is still listed in several mail order firms. Daffodils should be grown in full sun with good drainage. They will tolerate light shade. After bloom is over, allow the foliage to remain. The foliage is necessary to mature the bulb for another year of bloom. I grow a few Dianthus plants near the maturing foliage, and this will add color in the area. I usually work a little 10-20-10 fertilizer around the maturing foliage. The ones listed below have been growing in my collection at least three years and some as long as twenty years.

Class 1 – Trumpet type

'Jules Verne', 'Bravoure', 'Breck's Colossal'

Class 2- Large Cup

There are many good ones in this class and the one's listed have been great ones.

'Ice Follies', 'Rosy Wonder', 'Fortissimo', 'Dutch Master', 'Salome', 'Fortune', 'Ad Rem', 'Johann Strauss', 'Mysterious', 'Holland Sensation', 'Prof. Einstein'

Class 3- Small Cup

I am not presently growing any in this class as I prefer the more showy ones.

Class 4- Double

All the double ones are beautiful. My experience has been that they do not return after the third year. 'Tahiti' is one of my favorites, but I have to replace it every few years.

'Replete' (This one does return and it is a large white with a pink center.)

Class 5- Triandus

'Lemon Drops', 'Stint'

Class 6- Cyclamineous

'Peeping Tom', 'Jetfire', 'Phalanope'

Class 7- Jonquilla

'Eland', 'Stroke'

Class 8- Tazetta

'Winston Churchill', 'Geranium'

Class 9 & 10

I do not grow any of these

Class 11- Split Corona

This group is among my favorite. They retain the same good substance year after year. The first one I grew was 'Mol's Hobby'. That was over twenty years ago and is still a stand-out in my collection.

'Mol's Hobby', 'Cassata', 'Mondragon', 'Tricolet', 'Palmares', 'Colbanc'

The variety, 'Wild Carnival' has been in my collection two years and has still not stood the test of time. In it's second year it is spectacular. It has a large red – orange flat cup and deep yellow perianth.

OHSWEBSITE:

www.okhort.org



TAKE THE TOUR BUS

How about treating yourself with a ride on the OHS Garden Tour bus on June 5th? This means not getting lost, hunting for a parking place or walking extra steps. This year the OHS is providing a bus to take you on the "Garden Tour for Connoisseurs". Of course, this is so very convenient. Travel and relax

with friends, while someone else locates each garden and parks. All you do, is enjoy ! This is a real bargain at \$25.00 for the ride AND the tour ticket. Lunch will be 'on your own', when the bus stops at a restaurant. There are only about 40 seats left, so bring a friend and sign up right away.

Here are the details:

- June 5, 2004 (rain or shine) - Tour date
- 8:00 AM - Bus arrives at 930 N. Portland in Oklahoma City (OSU Extension Bldg.)
- 8:30 AM - Bus leaves promptly
- The bus stops at all gardens on the tour
- Lunch break at a restaurant (on your own)
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- For information, call Wanda at 348-0788

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VOLUNTEER'S PARTY

Friday, June 25th

6 PM to dark

Once again, Hugh and Jennifer Stout have offered to host the **THANK YOU PARTY** for the

'Garden Tour for Connoisseurs' volunteers. For those of you that haven't been to their fantastic residence and garden, the address is 432 N.E 70th Street. (just east of the Broadway Extension; on Santa Fe between Wilshire and 63rd on 70th - follow the road all the way to the end; last house on the right). It will 'pot luck', so bring a food item and a chair or two.

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T I C K E T S

GARDEN TOUR FOR CONNOISSEURS

Tickets are available at \$10.00 in advance at the following nurseries and at all of the garden entrances on the tour day for \$12.00. Garden locations are listed above. Children 6 and under are free. The cost to view a single garden is \$5.00.

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34 AND COUNTING !

While looking at some of the old issues of the Horticulture Horizons, I came across this article written in 1970 by Hugh Hedger, a charter and current member of the OHS. I realized that the dreams of our founding members are the same dreams we have today for our plant society. We are now 34 years old!

Vicky Michalik, Editor
Horticulture Horizons

OHS HAS TENTH ANNIVERSARY !

by Hugh Hedger

spring 1970

The Oklahoma Horticultural Society received their articles of incorporation on April 10, 1970. At a meeting on April 23, 1970 the first meeting was held after incorporation and the By-Laws of the Society were read and approved. Previous to this date, several months of work and planning had been done to develop the ground work for the Society. The dreams and actions of several people were combined to get this Society off the ground.

In the beginning Henry Walter, Horticulturist at Will Rogers Park, Dick Moesel, Nurseryman, Charles Scales, Attorney and lay horticulturist, and myself as Horticulturist at the Oklahoma County Extension Center, began planning in mid 1969. It seems we all had visions of an organization similar to the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. We all like to dream big.

To achieve these dreams it will be necessary to recruit members who are willing to put a lot of effort into making those dreams come true. To make a success of

our organization, it is necessary to have a large membership with a high percent of willing members.

We have come a long way in 10 years, but with all the potential in Oklahoma, the next 10 years should see a much more organized Horticultural Society. With your help we can make this an organization that all of Oklahoma can be proud of.

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OHS TREASURER'S REPORT

April 30, 2004

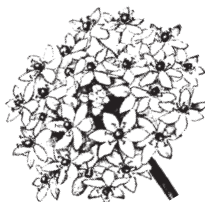
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Saturday, June 12, 2004 is the day of this year's "Festival in the Park". As you may remember, this festival has booths from plant -related groups, nurseries and greenhouses, plant judging, and numerous lectures. For the Oklahoma Horticultural Society, it is a fund-raiser and a chance to increase our membership.

We will be selling plants from our members. So if you have plants to divide, extra seedlings, or volunteers in your garden that you would like to donate, now is the time to get them potted. We ask that you label them, botanically, if possible and include a reasonable price. We usually raise a nice amount of money and all from donated plants! It is fun to donate and also to go and buy from our booth as well as others around the festival.

For questions about plants, or to volunteer to work, call Shirley Kennedy at 787-1897.

A FEW THINGS....

WHEN PAYING DUES:

- >please send your check to the OHS instead of the AHS.
- >find out when your annual dues are due, by checking the mailing label on the back of this issue.

E-MAIL REMINDERS:

If you would like an e-mail reminder about upcoming events, especially monthly meetings, send Sharon Beasley an e-mail to tell her. Her e-mail address is gardener@pldi.net.

You might want to enter her e-mail address in your address book to make the mass OHS mailing of reminders more acceptable to your server. There is sometimes a problem with the mass mailing not being accepted by certain servers - apparently being interpreted as spam. Sharon does not know what to do to get the message to those problem addresses and would be glad if any one knows the answer to that problem. She can not send individual reminders in lieu of the mass mailing due to time constraints.

OHS SUPPORTS JUNIOR HORTICULTURISTS

By Marjorie Moesel
Youth Committee Chairman

OHS member, Allan Storjohann reported that 30 to 35 kids took part in the Junior Master Gardeners Program at the Myriad Gardens this year. The youth were mostly 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. There were six adult leaders plus some of the parents helped lead the sessions. The monthly sessions were held in March, April and May. They appreciated the Oklahoma Horticultural Society's financial support.

Hugh Stout attended the state FFA Convention in Oklahoma City as our representative for sponsorship of the Diversified Horticultural -Entrepreneurship. The recipients of these awards were Matt Burdock of Harrah, Caitlyn Goss of Canute and Eric Spurlock of Marlow. Oklahoma Horticultural Society donates \$500 for these sponsorships.

Oklahoma Horticultural Society also supports the Oklahoma 4-H gardening project. We donate \$1000 to cover winners of county medals and a scholarship for the state winner in the gardening project.



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"Whether it's LOVE, FRIENDSHIP, OR DESIRE, the rose has long spoken for us, making it one of the greatest and most powerful flowers ever to grace our gardens." This quote from the recently published book, Jackson & Perkins "Beautiful Roses Made Easy", co-authored by Teri Dunn and our own OHS member Russell Stuebaker, sums up the incredible relationship we share with roses. "BEAUTIFUL ROSES MADE EASY" takes you through the history of the rose, followed by detailed information of types of roses, care, uses, companions and of course, a who's who of rose varieties. For the serious rose enthusiasts and for others that wish to incorporate roses throughout their landscape, this book is a must for their library. I particularly enjoyed the section on partnering roses with other plants to achieve striking combinations.

The companion book, titled, "Selecting, Growing, and Combining OUTSTANDING PERENNIALS", also takes you through history of this plant group followed by information on, selection, planting, growing, designing and maintenance of perennials. A thorough guide of 100 perennials is wonderful reading and the pertinent information found in the 'Growing Perennials in the Great Plains' chapter, makes this book a reference to be kept nearby for all serious gardeners. As Russell Stuebaker tells us, *"One thing that's certain about the weather in the Great Plains is its uncertainty."* And, *"not only does this climate require tough and hardy plants but tough and hardy gardeners as well."*

THE AUTHORS

Teri Dunn, freelance writer and editor, has authored numerous garden titles, including the acclaimed "Potting Places: Creative Ideas for Practical Gardening Workplaces", "Cottage Gardens", "600 Essential Plants" to name just a few. She worked many years as

an Associate Editor for *Horticulture* magazine and was Senior Copy Editor for Jackson & Perkins.

Russell Stuebaker, has been a professional horticulturist for over 30 years, including 22 years as the horticulturist for the city of Tulsa and a garden columnist for the Tulsa World newspaper since 1980. He received a Golden Globe Award for writing from the Garden Writers of America Association. He writes freelance articles for *Horticulture* magazine and contributes regularly to the Oklahoma Gardener magazine. He is a frequent lecturer and garden tour guide.

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"**Garden Makeovers**" is the topic of the day, and Tim will guide us through a number of residential projects that Garden Concepts has designed and built. The "story" of each site is presented along with the steps it took to get to the finished product. Tim's presentation will begin tentatively at 10:00 am, and other events will follow into the afternoon. This event is FREE to the public. For questions: 405-744-5404

Studio Garden Activities

11:30 a.m.— 1:30 p.m.

Children's Gardening Activity Booth

11:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

Cooking Demonstration

Dr. Barbara Brown, Extension Food Specialist

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Mark Howery, Wildlife Diversity Biologist,
Oklahoma Department of Wildlife

Growing Oklahoma Wildflowers

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Dr. Lou Anella, Associate Professor,
Ornamentals

Turfgrasses for Oklahoma Lawns

Dr. Dennis Martin,
Extension Turfgrass Specialist

12:15 p.m.—1:00 p.m. Break

1:00 p.m.—1:30 p.m.

**Cooking Demonstration,
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Oklahoma Proven Plant Selections,
and Turfgrasses for Oklahoma Lawns**

Food Vendor will be near the studio gardens. In case of inclement weather, all outdoor activities will be canceled. The presentation by Tim Thoelecke will still be held indoors. If rain is present early in the morning, please call 405-744-5404 for a recorded message pertaining to cancellation of outdoor events.

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Plant Profile: Artemisias

Artemis, the Greek goddess of the moon, is the namesake for the genus *Artemisia* whose silvery foliage glistens when lit at night. While not all *Artemisias* possess silvery foliage, all can lay claim to foliage with beautiful textures and soft colors that serve as a nice compliment to pastel blooms or a contrast to more vibrantly colored flowers. *Artemisias* have been used as medicinal herbs since the Middle Ages. Interestingly the common name 'wormwood' of some *Artemisias* is derived from its former use as a cure for intestinal worms.

While once cultivated for medicinal and culinary purposes, *Artemisias* are now used as an easy care, robust, and often fragrant addition to the perennial garden. Its strongest point is the color and texture of the foliage; the blooms are typically insignificant. Many of the plants are drought tolerant with a fragrance that is a deterrent to rabbits and deer.

Artemisias range from low growing perennials to the tall, woody shrubs found on rangelands throughout the West. *Artemisia x 'Powis Castle' (Silver Sage)* is an exceptional, large ornamental sage, about 30 inches tall and wide, that is well suited to sunny, dry areas. It has finely dissected silvery gray foliage that forms a soft mound, serving as a perfect backdrop for bright blooms. Hardy in zones 4 through 9, this plant seldom blooms so it's easy to maintain. It is also one of the few *Artemisias* that will do well in areas with humidity.

One of the more unusual members of this genus is *Artemisia versicolor 'Seafoam' (Curlicue Sage)*. This low growing plant is only about 8 inches tall but spreads to 24 inches wide. It seldom blooms but if it does, the blooms will add another 10 inches to the height. Curlicue sage is an extremely ornamental sage with its frothy, curled, silvery foliage. It is especially nice in a border combined with other drought tolerant perennials such as Lavenders and Yarrow that are also deer and rabbit resistant.

All of the sages have some fragrance to their foliage. One of the nicest is *Artemisia abrotanum 'Tangerine' (Tangerine Southernwood)* which has a citrusy scent when the leaves are brushed. This large plant, about four feet tall and wide, is great as a backdrop to highlight other plants and also serves as a barrier against foraging pests such as grasshoppers and rabbits.

source: High Country Gardens, e-zine/Feb 2003

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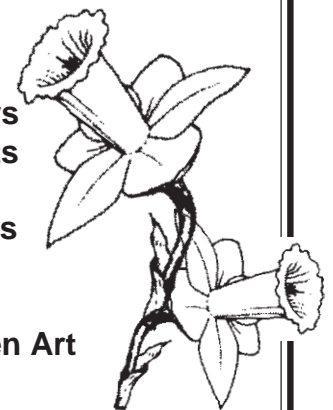
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OKLAHOMA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY 2004-5 EVENTS


- >May 25 -----OHS Monthly Meeting; Propagating Your Plants/Demonstration by Paul Johnson; Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Bldg; 7 pm; bring snacks
- >June 5 ----- OHS's Garden Tour for Connoisseurs - 9 am - 5 pm See Inside for more ...
- >June 12 ---- Festival in the Park - Will Rogers Park, OKC - see inside for more...
- >June 12 ----Summer GardenFest; 'Oklahoma Gardening' studio gardens; OBGA; 'OSU/Stillwater; see inside for more...
- >June 22 -----OHS Monthly Meeting; Wonderful Gardens of Mexico by John Fluitt: Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Bldg; 7 pm; bring snacks
- >June 25 ----Tour Volunteer's Party - President Stout Residence; 6 pm - see inside for more
- >September 19 or 26 ----- Bi-Annual Meeting & Program OBGA, Stillwater; 2:00 PM
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