

2020 Gardening Resolutions

While we don't usually wander away from providing solid outdoor gardening information for our loyal and "serious" readers, we felt this time of year might be an appropriate time to reflect upon the previous year and determine how we can do better this year. It's no different for gardeners.

Last year, some of what we did worked and some of what we did didn't work. Our gardening successes were great fun, whether it was tending to beautiful flowers or being the caretaker of delicious fruits and vegetables. But gardening can be tough. Many things conspire against us such as the heat, the cold, the rain, the lack of rain and what seems to be the constant invasion of insects who think our garden is put there just for their nutritional enjoyment.

But, what about this year? What are we going to do differently? What are our gardening resolutions? Some of your Tulsa Master Gardeners were polled this very question . . . some of their answers are:

- Do something in the garden every day so that the work doesn't pile up.
- Don't buy more plants until the last ones I bought are planted.
- Purchase the tools I have been needing.
- Clean and maintain my garden tools better.
- Keep a garden journal from year to year so I can remember what worked and what didn't work.
- Do some stretches after being down on my knees for an extended time in the garden.
- Have an actual plan for my garden rather than just buying all the pretty things (that's no fun!).
- Try to stay ahead of the weeds.
- Build in "garden time" into my day rather than just squeeze it in.
- Try some new plants rather than just do what I did last year.
- Divide some of my plants and share with friends so they, too, can have a jungle in their yard.
- Get a plan and stick with it.
- Lean more toward organic solutions.

Maybe you can find something on this list that resonates with your garden experience. The Tulsa Master Gardeners not only feel your pain but also want to help you become a better gardener. Here's some of the ways we can help:

- Read the MG articles in the Tulsa World
- Look for “Ask a Master Gardener” article coming soon to the Tulsa World
- Call our Diagnostic Center from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at the OSU Extension Office located at 4116 East 15th Street. We also take walk-ins and e-mails at mg@tulsamastergardeners.org.
- Visit our website at tulsamastergardeners.org, an extensive website with an abundance of resources in our Lawn and Garden Help section.
- Attend classes. We teach classes throughout the year, such as our Urban Gardener series, our Lunch & Learn classes at the Tulsa Downtown Central Library and our classes at the Mother Road Market.
- Watch the videos. We have a new Garden Talk video podcast with lots of current and timely garden information for you. You can find it on YouTube, Facebook and on our website.