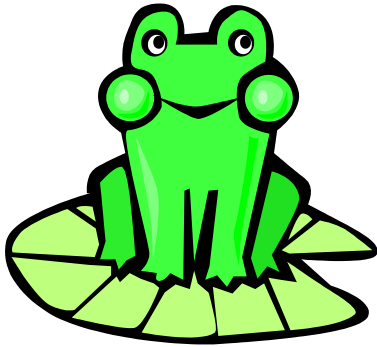


Highlights

- 📁 Home & Garden Show
- 📁 New Members

Next Meeting is April 12th at 7:00 p.m.

📁 RAIN OR SHINE -- at the garden of Ernie and Sharral Tye—2412 Countryside Drive. From 19th and Western go west to Countryside Dr., turn south, cross 24th and 2412 is on the right hand side.



What' Up Under The Lily Pad

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Home & Garden Show ...It was a tremendous success.

Rain Forest was the theme this year.



We had two water gardens connected by a stream and divided by a peninsula that had a tall waterfall on one end. Show goers were fascinated with the fogger that was floating on one side of the garden. There was a rustic wooden bridge and just next to it was a beautiful “wet” wall made of rock. It was punctuated with green plants and colorful flowers. The unusual castle rock that we placed around the



I want to thank all of you who worked so hard on this display, and especially Rick Crawford, chairman, and Melanie Unruh, designer

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extraordinary. We had so many folks help, even new members pitched in. I believe Melanie's whole family was there at one time or another. Her folks, fiancé, kids and future kids, it was a family affair!!

We had quite a few folks join SWGS as new members right there at the Home & Garden Show. We hope to see them all at the next meeting.

If you have friends who would benefit from SWGS membership, be sure to tell them that we meet at a member's garden on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. We hear programs about timely subjects. We exchange plants, and someone always walks away with a door prize. Ask them to join us at our next meeting. **This month we will meet at the garden of Ernie and Sharral Tye. See the upper right hand corner of page one for directions.**

The water garden at the Tye's was actually a SWGS project a few years ago. The Tye's had the hole dug, purchased all the supplies, and starting one morning, the company that sold the Tye's the supplies and equipment placed the liner, the waterfall and skimmer, etc. They gave handy instructions throughout the whole event. It was open to the public and many townspeople came. Since then the Tye's have added decking, a sun garden, dry creek bed and a vegetable garden near by.

What happened at the last meeting? We had a nice turn out for our March meeting at the lovely garden of John and Sally Smith. Since it was so early in the spring, we were able to see their garden at night. The lighting was lovely and we had such a nice evening. John gave an interesting talk about "Salting Your Pond." If you are wondering why someone would do such a thing to fresh water fish—it is good for them. Conrad Kleinholz, a fish expert who is a member, also gave us some good information. John and Sally were gracious hosts.

There was a St. Patrick's Day gift exchange. The gifts were all green.

The How To of Salting Your Pond

After cleaning your water garden, you may want to salt it for the sake of your fish. Use 3 pounds (of non-iodized salt without minerals or caking agents) per 100 gallons of pond water. SWGS member, John Smith, used salt intended for the recharging of water softeners. Add the salt over a period of 3 days. Add 1 pound per 100 gallons on the first day, follow it up the next day with another 1 pound per 100 gallons and complete the dosage the third day with the last 1 of the 3 pounds of salt per 100 gallons of water. The salt does two things. It will kill most of the common koi and goldfish parasites (not flukes or anchor worm) and it will cause your fish to naturally form a heavier slime coat. Their slime coat is a protective coating that helps them fight off disease and parasites. *Note: if your fish do develop anchor worm when the weather gets warmer, another SWGS member reports she has successfully used a Jungle product called "Pond Anchors Away" for that.

If you decide to salt, you will need to remove many of your plants. Some plants, like iris and umbrella palm are salt tolerant and may be left in the pond while salting. Water lilies and anacharis are a few types of plants that cannot tolerate salt, even in dormant stage. Remove these to a holding tank (plastic container or baby pool, etc.) The salt must remain in your pond for 3 weeks. After 3 weeks make a 50% water change and de-chlorinate. Wait 1 week and make another 50% water change. After this water change you may safely add the plants back to the pond. For a complete review of the source article used to write the above instructions, please go to www.ponddoc.com/WhatsUpDoc/FishHealth/SpringOutbreak.htm.

See you at the next meeting!
Bring lawn chairs.
Have plants to share? Bring them with you.

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