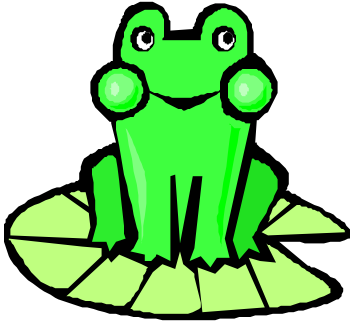


Highlights

- Water Garden Tour
- See Pg. 2 For Tour Host Only.....Pre Tour June 21st and 23rd at 7 p.m..

Next Meeting is June 14th at 7:00 p.m.

- at Stillwater Stone Yard (IROC) 6100 S. Perkins Rd. Just go south out of town on Perkins Rd, it will be on the west side. Melanie and Dan Lambert will be our hosts.



What' Up Under

The Lily Pad

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Next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on June 14th at the Stillwater Stone Yard. 6100 S. Perkins Rd. in Stillwater. You may also know this place as IROC. Dan & Melanie Lambert will be hosting this meeting. They will have **shade and refreshments** for our evening pleasure. Most important is they will give us a **lesson in choosing decorative rock** for our water gardens.

IROC has been in business for several years and has been a supporter of SWGS for all of them. Below is a picture of their water garden a few years ago. Dan and Mel have been working on it and they are excited about the presentation at this upcoming meeting. We also will be hearing a report on the June 25-26 water garden tour.



At the last meeting, Randy Stewart of Pond Liner presented us with a lot of information that we all

can put to good use. The subject was filtration for our water gardens. This was new information for me, but some of our members knew about Zeolite. Chemical filtration uses this natural media to remove and bind ammonia in the pond water. The ammonia is held until another chemical reaction causes the Zeolite to release the ammonia. Zeolite is an inorganic porous material having a highly regular structure of pores and chambers that allows some molecules to pass through, and causes others to be either excluded, or broken down. It is in many ways, the inorganic equivalent of organic enzymes, many of which also have specific sized chambers that trap chemicals, holding them where they either break down, or react with specific chemicals. Randy also brought a very nice fountain system for a prize. The first person to locate a colorful plastic frog in Lionel's garden had to say enthusiastically, "I found a frog!" Then they were declared the winner. That prize went to Rick Crawford who had to say it twice before he sounded enthusiastic enough to win. Rick is kind of "laid back."

July Meeting

We do know that the July meeting will be at the garden of Robert and Kelly Wakeling. It will be a potluck where we will honor all those folks who had their water gardens on the tour this year. **That is when the "favorite gardens" voting results will be announced.** There will be three categories of water gardens this year and a "favorite" garden will be voted on in each category. The three categories this year will be: small, medium and large. Small water gardens

will be those under 1000 gallons. Medium water gardens will be those 1000 to 2000 gallons. Large water gardens will be 2000 + gallons.

Your water garden tour committee has been working very hard to pull this tour together. We believe we have wonderful water gardens on the tour this year and are so anxious for all of you to see them. Whether it is a 25 foot waterfall or a Japanese style garden, you will see it all this year on our tour. Here is a sneak preview. See below. Whose water garden is this? Come to our next meeting for the answer.



New Members

We welcome Bob and Joanne Huss as new members; we look forward to visiting with them about their water garden. We also had some visitors to our last meeting who purchased the Hickman's water garden. The Hickman's were on the tour a couple years ago. Also Lionel's friends, who were newly wed, came to our meeting. I believe he helped put in Lionel's water garden years ago.

Tour Committee Meets:

The tour committee met again and has been keeping in touch by email. The decision to upgrade the tour booklet this year to include 4 pages of color was a good one. Melanie reports that we have already sold the three color page ads. That will more than cover the increased cost. She is working on the cover which will be a montage of colored photos of several of the water gardens on this year's tour. Don Davis is putting together all the black and

white ads. It is going to be such a nice presentation. We hope we did not leave anyone out that wanted an ad in the booklet. Don is also arranging all the water garden descriptions, maps, etc. There will be a full progress report at the June 14th meeting.

Community Project

We have had one request from the community, to be our next "community project." They had read the Newspress article. We do need to decide upon a project. That will be on the agenda for the next meeting. **Bring your ideas for a worthy project** with you to the June meeting. We will discuss them all.

Some of you have been to the "Real McKoi" in Edmond. Last year they ordered a Victorian tropical water lily. That is the one that gets tremendously large leaves that look like giant cake pans. The blossoms are large too. The Victorian lives for only 6 months and it must be ordered in February I think. Last week they were planting one in their water garden that they propagated from seed. Isn't that exciting! Let's cross our fingers. They may have one to sell next year.



WG Tour June 25th 9-3; and June 26th 1-5 p.m. Cost \$5 per car

Tickets will be sold in Stillwater at: O'Higgins, Oasis, Aqua Mart, and Kinnunen's; in Perry at least at Wood N'Stuff, and the Chamber; in Perkins, at the Whistle Stop, and in Shawnee at Pond Liner. Pre-tour for tour hosts

only: This is a whirl wind tour of all the gardens on the tour. Tour hosts won't be unable to see the gardens on tour day. We leave from the Holiday Inn Parking lot at 6 p.m. sharp, on Tuesday, June 21 to see Stillwater gardens and Thursday June 23rd to see Perry gardens. Don't miss out.

See you at the meeting...Bring lawn chairs. Bring plants to exchange.