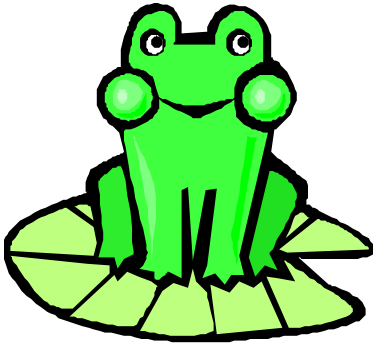


**Highlights**

- 📁 Community Project
- 📁 New Members

**Next Meeting is May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

📁 -- at the garden of Lionel Arnold, 2132 University Ave., Stillwater, OK . From 6<sup>th</sup> and western, go north on Western to University and turn right. 2132 will be on the north side side of the street.



# What' Up Under The Lily Pad

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Next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on May 10<sup>th</sup> at Lionel Arnold's garden. 2132 University Ave. Lionel's garden is one that has attracted many visitors over the years. The water garden is surrounded by lovely shade gardens that have already been touched by the lavender blooms of clematis and other spring flowers.

## Community Project



Randy Stewart of Pond Liner will be our guest speaker. He will be talking about filtration and taking your questions.

The community project at Westhaven nursing home has been completed. There is a fountain there that was donated years ago, we believe around 1982. It had several tiers that had been repaired over the years. Administrator, Susan Kirby and SWGS president, Sharral Tye came up with a plan to make part of the fountain into a planter and the main basin into a small fountain with a few fish. One lovely day last week the fountain was transformed. It has a faux finish now, but one that reflects the same granite look of before. Smooth black river rock is in the bottom and a small pump and fountain head

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sends out a nice gentle flow of water that catches the eye and the ear. Resident, Christy Neal, helped by painting a turtle. She made it a red slider by painting a little red on its cheeks. Resident, Doris Rains, enjoyed the afternoon sun and digging in the soil to help plant the area around the fountain. She also did a nice job of pruning the pink rose bush that acts as a backdrop to the faux granite fountain. "I love what you did out there. It looks great," Susan Kirby said. We can feel good about this project. The two residents that helped were quite enthusiastic and there was a steady group of onlookers as the work progressed. All were so supportive and appreciative.

### Tour Committee Meets:

On Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> the tour committee held their first meeting. The creative juices were flowing. We want to upgrade the booklets this year, adding some color. A collage of host garden pictures will be on the front page in color. To help pay for this there will be more choices in ad size. We already have several garden hosts committed and several more that we will be talking to soon.

We are going back to the old tradition of letting the public vote for their favorite garden. Those will be announced at the July meeting which is an appreciation meeting for the hosts. It is also a tradition that meeting be a potluck.

Something new that we are excited about is that

**Guess who got married!!!!!!**  
**Yep, Dan & Mel!!!**  
**Congratulations!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

those gardens who wish to, may also open their garden for a "twilight" tour from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**A full report will be given at the May 10th meeting.**

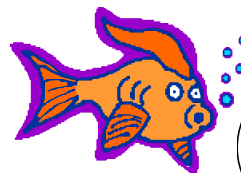
**The April meeting** was hosted by Ernie and Sharral Tye. Although it did not rain this year, the night air was still a little cold, so the meeting was held indoors after a tour of the garden and the water garden.



Sharral said she took the advice of another member and accurately measured the number of gallons that her water garden holds. "This month we did a complete water change so I took the opportunity to read the meter before and after filling. I had estimated my water garden at 1200 gallons, but it is actually only 1000 gallons. Now I can be more accurate in figuring the amount of chemical I add to my water to get rid of chorine and other harmful things.

The club was very happy to meet new members Miyoung and Lyon Lee. They have a new water garden and were very happy to talk to folks who could answer some of their questions. They also were happy to receive plants that were donated by members who had too many. The iris should be blooming yellow about now.

A student from OSU asked the clubs help in a marketing project of a future solar pump. Members filled out a brief survey.



Mel cleaned out a water garden and found 90 of me, and now she thinks she can just give us away. I hope there are some nice folks at the next meeting that will give us a home.

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