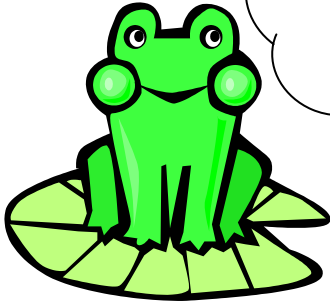


## Highlights

Wichita Trip

WG Tour



Now here is something to croak about. SWGS is taking a trip ---to Wichita.

May 20<sup>th</sup>. We are going to see the Botanical Gardens, the Wichita Art Museum, and and,

## Meeting

Come to our May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7p to hear Laura Payne talk about "bog gardening. We will meet at the home of Emie and Sharral Tye, 2412 Countryside Drive. From 6<sup>th</sup> and Western, go south on Western to 19<sup>th</sup>. Then turn west on 19<sup>th</sup> to Countryside Drive. If you get to Sangre you have gone too far. Turn south on Countryside to 2412.

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# What's Up Under The Lily Pad?

Corky and Peggy Gaston were wonderful hosts for our April meeting. We can report that their new fish are doing great, darting in and out of cover. The water garden was already sporting some Parrot's Feather and a few other early plants. It was obvious that they had brought this water garden into balance and that it was a healthy environment that fit right in with their front yard. We enjoyed an informative presentation by Randy Stewart of Pond Liner, Shawnee, OK on disappearing waterfalls and new products. Also **member Lionel Arnold told us about the wonderful trip to Wichita** he has planned for our group on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May. For a preview of the botanical garden, our first stop, go to [www.botanica.org](http://www.botanica.org). Click on **gardens** and then on each titled garden listed, for a picture. I am so looking forward to seeing these beautiful garden sites.

We will leave Stillwater at 8:00 a.m. from the Holiday Inn parking lot at 2515 W 6th. We will have drivers and cars designated to continue on to rendezvous with our members in Perry. We will meet with the Perry group at Braums on Fir street at 8:30 a.m. From there we will travel north to Wichita, making a rest stop at the Kansas information center on I-35. Our first stop will be the botanical gardens. We will have a guided tour at "Botanica" and then we will head on to the Wichita Art Museum where we will have lunch. About 1 p.m. we will tour the art museum on our own. Permanent collections include paintings by Homer, O'Keefe, Kuhn, and Remington. Current exhibitions include prints by African American Artists Jean & Robert Steele, and Bruce



Connor's "Artist of the Beat Generation". Also there is a Steuben Crystal collection. We will end our excursion at the Ulrich Museum seeing the Martin H. Bush sculptures. A web based tour is available at

[www.wichita.edu/sculpture](http://www.wichita.edu/sculpture). We will head home about 4:30 p.m. We already have 14 people going on the trip, but there is no limit. Transportation will be paid for by the club. Entry into the Botanica is \$4.50, and that is for a guided tour. Entry into the art museum is free. Lunch will run about 7-8 dollars. Let us know at least by May 12<sup>th</sup> if you want to go. We want to arrange transportation. Please call Kathy Peacock at 377-2082 or 880-1152 (cell) to reserve a spot. If you told us at the meeting that you will be going, please confirm by emailing Kathy at [silkair@cox.net](mailto:silkair@cox.net).

**A little friend of mine**, pictured above, is immersing herself into the wonderful hobby of water gardening and especially fish. "We had them eating out of our hands," Elizabeth Bradley said. This picture is taken at the Tye's water garden. **Our next meeting is there on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. 2412 Countryside Drive.** See directions in upper right hand corner. **We will be learning about bog gardening.** Are all bogs the same?

Check out the web site... [www.stillwaterwatergardens.org](http://www.stillwaterwatergardens.org) excellent pics, links, etc. will be posted there.

Certainly not. Do you build a bog for Lotus the same as you would for Pitcher plants? Come find out about this unusual kind of gardening and the many ways you can add a bog garden to your existing garden. **Laura Payne of Oklahoma Gardening** will be our speaker.

**Our water garden tour will be June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.** We are looking for water garden hosts. So far we have 3 confirmed and are looking for many more. Talk to your water gardening friends very soon. We do not want to have to rush to get the booklet to press this year so we need information in early. Our first “tour committee” meeting will be at Sharral Tye’s house on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. If you have volunteered or would like to be on the committee, please come. **We need help to:**

- Secure paying advertisers. Mostly this is calling back our people from last year. \_\_\_\_\_
- Gather information about ponds and put into Word format to give to Dearing Printing. –Sharral Tye will do this.
- Cover for booklet in color. –Conrad Kleinhoz and Melanie Lambert
- Map out a route to all the water gardens. \_\_Ron & Nancy Frazier\_\_
- Get word out on marquees \_\_\_\_\_
- Deliver booklets to places of sale and keep them supplied \_\_\_\_\_
- Put out signs the day of and take down the day after \_\_\_\_\_
- Plan the pre-tour for the hosts \_\_\_\_\_
- Secure a special rock or plaque for each host announcing their participation \_\_\_\_\_
- Put out “favorite garden” voting containers at every water garden host’s garden and pick up afterwards \_\_\_\_\_

**A lot of preliminary work was done for us last year. Yea!**

**Do you have an interest in water gardening?**

**Come to one our meetings.**

**We have a good time and you will get quality information.**

Don’t forget to bring your lawn chairs, fish, and plants to share to the May meeting.

**Stillwater Water Garden Tour June 24-25. Saturday 9-3 and Sunday 1-5 p.m.**

**We need about 17-18 water gardens, can yours or your friend's be one?  
Call Sharral 743-1122 for information**