

## Highlights

📁 HOME SHOW March 31<sup>st</sup> & April 1<sup>st</sup> 2007

📁 We Met in the Garage

## Next Meeting is April 10th at 7:00 p.m.

📁 OSU Botanical Garden: Drive west on 6<sup>th</sup> to Sangre, turn right and go 1 ½ miles to Virginia (watch for the OBGA Oklahoma Gardening sign), then ¼ mile east to the gardens on the south side. Go through the gate to the far south side of the gardens to the large parking lot. We will be in the first large building on your left as you enter the parking area, the education building,



# What' Up under the Lily Pad

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## April Fool!

I am so glad the **Home Show (Payne County Expo Center at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Fair Grounds Road)** will fall on April Fool's Day this year. Actually it starts Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and continues on Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup> from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Our April Fool joke will be a water feature made from old rusty car parts. You have to see this. Members Ernie Tye and Don Peacock joined Glen Summers of Ken Garrett's Garage fame to put this thing together. There is an old rusty radiator that boils over and a fan blade that turns when the water hits its blades. It is a masterpiece. After it makes an appearance at the Home Show, it will occupy a place of honor at Ken's garage **as a thank you for allowing us to have our first meeting there.** Our St. Patrick's Day party/meeting was a great success. It was well attended and we really had fun. Sharral Tye popped popcorn. It was her first time doing that with a theatre type machine. The table that Kathy Peacock and new member Debbie Skinner set, was a "green" delight. They made a great lime jello cake and had a tiny wheelbarrow full of chocolate candy (that

was the dirt). There was a pair of small gollashes that topped it all off. Great job! We had three new people join our group: Debbie, Tami Krehbiel, and Joyce McKee. We welcome all of you and appreciate you joining us. I know your membership will be beneficial to us all.

**HOME SHOW!** Sharral Tye is setting up the **schedule for manning the booth.** She needs at least two people for Saturday 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and at least two people on Sunday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.. The rest is covered. Call her at 612-0698 to sign up. There will always be at least one long time member there to help, so please don't hesitate. It is fun and you will be doing the community a service.

**Set up** (digging dirt and getting your hands wet, etc.) will begin on Friday, at noon in the arena of the Payne County Expo Center. Conrad Kleinholz is at the helm so if you can help, give him a call at 612-5537.

**Take down** will start on Sunday immediately following the final bell (5 p.m.). Let Conrad know if you are available for that too. It goes really fast when we all pitch in.

**Public is welcome to attend SWGS meetings.**

The first of three articles appeared in the Stillwater Living Magazine. The series is called “Water Gardening Through The Ages.” The first article was about how to get kids involved in gardening and water gardening. The second will be about adults in their early and middle adult years. The third will focus on water gardening with the elderly.

Sharral Tye will appear (hopefully with one of you readers) on the Morning Edition TV show. It tapes at 7 a.m. and it airs that same evening at 6:30 p.m. There are usually two segments 6 minutes each. Sharral would love to have another member join her on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Let her know if you are interested.

**Our next meeting will be at the OSU Botanical Garden**, (see directions on page 1, upper right hand corner). We will be in the education building. Tami Krehbiel will be talking to us about “Rustic Structures and Water Gardening.” Bring a friend. We want to emphasize this year that **the public is invited** to any of our meetings.

**Save the date—Stillwater Water Garden Tour – June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**. Please let Sharral know if you are interested in being a tour host. It is a great way to share your water garden with the community, and a great way to get support from other water gardeners. **Please let us know if you know where water gardens are located in our communities—Stillwater and Perry this year. Call Sharral Tye at 612-0698.**

## Water Gardening in the Middle Ages

I was lying in my hammock today, contemplating my wind chime, when it hit me. The reason for a person our age (that is not a kid and not a senior) to have a water garden. I will confess that when I was younger, in my twenties and thirties, the most I could muster were a few indoor plants. I was really into Creeping Charlie as I recall, probably because it was hard to kill. When we lived in Parkview Estates we were fortunate to have one of their lakes in our back yard. When we started looking for another house, I had to have one with water in

the yard. We finally settled on one without it, but my husband promised I could put in a water garden. Had we found a house with a functioning water garden, I would have been delighted. The value of that home certainly would have been elevated in my view. Have you ever noticed on TV landscaping backyard makeovers, the renovated yard almost always has a water feature. It is usually a stream or a water fall, a water garden, a pool—or some combination of those. Does a water feature of some kind raise property value? Kelly Hackler of Kelly Hackler, Realtors will offer some important insights into how water features can add to property value. You will have to buy the May edition of Stillwater Living Magazine to read her comments. I think something that one should not lose sight of is the “value” that a water garden can add to our pleasure. We are a hard working society. To have a serene garden with the sound of water and the sight of beautiful plants at a pond’s edge is truly a blessing.



When I was a kid, family gatherings were spent around the dining room table. Today they are in our “garden rooms”—outside. The joy of having fish to watch, name, and feed is wonderful and so relaxing. Fish are the best pets to have really. If you are not there to feed them a day or two—they will just do “take out” only in their case it is more like “take in.” Nutritious food that the fish love is right there naturally inside the pond. The food you give them is kind of like dessert. It will make them bigger faster, kind of like people. Hmm. “Get those hands wet!”

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**Water Garden Tour June 23rd-24th--9a-5p and 1-5p**