

Highlights

📁 Water Garden Tour is this month

📁 Trip to the Myriad in OKC is this month

Due are due—only \$10 per family. Send your checks to Sally Smith 4606 S. Hunters Circle Stillwater, OK 74074

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

📁 Don & Kathy Peacock's water garden 2812 W. 17th in Stillwater. From 19th and Sangre drive east on 19th to Surrey Hills on your left. Turn left there on Surrey Drive. When you come to a T, turn left onto W. 18th. It will curve around north to 17th. Turn right on 17th to 2812 which will be on the left side of the street. Enjoy the front entrance and then walk along the right hand side of the house to the back yard.

📁 **Rain or Shine we meet this Tuesday at the Peacock's.**



What' Up under the Lily Pad

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2007 Water Garden Tour of Stillwater

The Stillwater Water Garden Society will hold their annual water garden tour on Saturday June 23rd from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday June 24th from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The booklets will be on sale at: O'Higgins, Oasis, Stillwater National Bank @ 6th & Main, Keathly's, and Quality Plants. The cost is \$5 and that is your ticket for a tour that promises you will see beautiful water gardens, sun gardens, shade gardens, natural ponds, garden rooms, waterfalls, pools, fountains, water features, and a great bunch of people who share a common goal—to make their home and Stillwater Oklahoma more beautiful. That booklet is good for the whole car load of people. However there is only one ballot per booklet to vote for your "favorite garden" in three different categories—large water garden, medium water garden and small water garden. So if you want to vote, you can buy a booklet to let us know what really turned your fancy. The booklet also has precise directions to each water garden and a description of each.



Save the date—Stillwater Water Garden Tour – June 23rd and 24th.

Join us on a **Trip to the Myriad in Oklahoma City--June 30th** Call **Kathy Peacock at 377-2082** to let her know you will be joining us. **Time to leave has not been set, but it will be in the morning.**

The June Stillwater Living Magazine is on the racks. Check out the article about our water garden tour.

Public is welcome to attend SWGS meetings.

More on Plants

Last month we talked about picking the right lily. This month let's talk about a group of plants that are common in our ponds besides lilies—marginals. SWGS member and master gardener Dot Turman made a **list of marginals** that she and many of us welcome to our water gardens. We like them because they are beautiful and easy to grow, and adapted to our zone 6.

Pickerel Rush, I have tons of this in my bog garden. Mine is blue I guess, (looks more like purple to me). It is strong and has a pretty leaf. The flower sits nice and pert at the tip.

There is the Saggittaria. I have the red Saggittaria. The stems are reddish. This plant gets quite tall and will put out a long stem and toward the top a dainty white flower with a yellow center will appear. Those flowers can be a little messy if you don't have a skimmer to catch the yellow pollen. In my book, the stems are what make this plant. I can watch the reflection of the water on the plant and sometimes it looks like there is water moving up the stems from the surface. My Saggittaria is in about 2 ½ feet of water, but that may be because it is so large. Do pay attention to the depth you plant your marginals. Oklahoma is windy, so you may be tempted to put your potted marginals too deep to keep them upright. I placed an umbrella plant too deep last year, and its leaves started looking dry. I finally figured out that I was slowly drowning it. I brought it out; put it in a heavy clay pot to keep it from falling over in the wind; and placed it on a pile of bricks I had carefully stacked on the pond's bottom. Wahl a--it was a happy camper for the rest of the season. The Umbrella Palm is a tropical; we will get into tropicals and floaters next month.

Dot remarked that some marginals will do fine in deep water (0 to 12") while others prefer to have their roots in shallower water (0 to 6") This can be important. For instance, Variegated Taro is listed at 0 to 2". Many can be grown outside the pond if kept moist.

Lizard's Tail can get quite bushy and I have put it in about two feet of water to try to keep it from falling over. It is doing great. I have another small one that is in about 10 inches of water and still in the typical black water garden pot. It is growing and happy too. Why is it called Lizard Tail? It has a tight, fuzzy, and curvy white flower that resembles a lizard's tail.

Another common marginal is Arrow Head. Its leaf is shaped like an arrow head and it too is usually found near the edge (margins) of a pond...

Thalia is a tall slender plant with a purple flower that lasts a long time, but looks like it is made of paper. Mine sits in 3 feet of water and towers above the surface.

Horse Tail can be invasive, so you might consider keeping it in a pot. Some people call it scouring brush because the pioneer women used to use it for that purpose.

Dot's List of Hardy Marginals

Pickerel Rush (*Pontederia cordata*) comes in white or blue and is a US Native Plant. zones 3-11
Sagittaria (*Sagittaria graminea*) also a US Native Plant. zones 5-11
Lizard's Tail (*Saururus cernuus*) US Native Plant. zones 4-9
Thalia (*Thalia dealbata*) US Native Plant. zones 6-11
Horse Tail (*Equisetum hyemale*) US Native Plant. zones 3-11
Cattail (*Typha latifolia*) US Native Plant. zones 2-11
Sweetflag (*Acorus calamus*) US Native Plant. zones 4-11
Variegated Sweetflag (*Acorus calamus* 'Variegatus') zones 4-11
Square Rush (*Eleocharis quadrangulata*) US Native Plant. zones 4-11

“Get those hands wet!”