

Highlights

- 📁 We are maturing.....SWGS turned 12 years old in April.
- 📁 Meeting new folks

Next Meeting is May 8th at 7:00 p.m.

- 📁 Lionel Arnold's water garden 2132 W. University Ave. in Stillwater. From 6th and Western drive north on Western to University Ave. Turn east on University Ave. and in the second block on the north side of the street is a yellow house. We will be in the back yard. Bring your lawn chairs and any plants or fish you would like to share.

📁 **Rain or Shine we meet this Tuesday at Lionel's**



What' Up under the Lily Pad

A little SWGS trivia

The Stillwater Water Garden Society met for the first time on April 25th, 1995. The president was James Mason, my water garden guru for many years and I am sure some of you had him on your short list too. He helped me so much. He was president for two years. In 1997, John and Rosie Dearing took over. The Dearing Printing & Trophy Company still helps us with our tour booklets each year. Fred and Sheri Stanton were president in 98 and 99. Clarke and Jackie Randle in 2000 and Connie Gaches in 2001 and 2002 all made their mark in our history. James McDonald was the president in 2003 and I became president in 2004. Our pond tours have been great each year. We heard from several people at the April meeting that they attended at least one tour before they put in their water gardens and got inspiration from the gardens they saw. I certainly concur with that. I will bet many of you can name a water garden you patterned your water garden after. I got my inspiration from the Crane's water garden in Perkins, OK.

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We had several new members join at the April meeting. Welcome to: Paulette Kraybill who had a wild story to tell about unwanted night time visitors to her water garden. Joan Huss joined and promised to talk her husband Bob into putting their water garden on the tour this year. Yea Joan. Bob and Sandy Schrock were the winners of the free membership given away at the Home Show. We are so glad to have them. Bonnas Warden joined as did Terry and Janis Boyce. Welcome to all. We hope you will come to the May meeting at this



garden shown here. You will be glad you did.

Public is welcome to attend SWGS meetings.

At the April meeting, member Tami Krehbiel gave a wonderful slide presentation on “rustic structures.” We were glad to see that she actually had built quite an ambitious structure herself. She gave us some good pointers on what not to do as well as how to complete a happy rustic project. She did a nice job of relating it all to water gardening. Thank you Tami.

The tour committee met. We had a lot of returning committee members and that made it easier to figure everything out. We came up with a list of over twenty water gardens that we know would make an exciting tour this year. Members will be contacting those folks soon. The deadline to place your water garden on the tour is May 15th.

Your fearless leader has been busy this month making appearances on behalf of the club. The first was in Perry before the Master Gardening club there. Jane Carter of Perry arranged that. There were about 15 people there and Sheryl Mandeville of Perry rejoined.

On May 30th I got up really early (for me) to tape a TV show that aired on Channel 3 at 6:30 p.m. that evening. That turned out to be a great experience. I met Monty Waldron from Cushing who told me they have a lot of really pretty water gardens there. We will try to make contact with more folks in that town to see if they would like attend some of our meetings.

Save the date—Stillwater Water Garden Tour – June 23rd and 24th. 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. **Call Sharral Tye at 612-0698.**

The May Stillwater Living Magazine is on the racks. Check out the article “Water Gardening in the Middle Ages.” Thanks goes to Kelly Hackler who helped with this article.

Ahhh choices choices. Too many so let’s narrow it down a bit. You are looking for lilies and want to pick the right one because you don’t have a huge water garden and only part of it is suited to lilies so you want to choose wisely. Let’s say you have already decided to choose only one new lily. You know it needs at least 6 hours of sunlight to really do its thing; it can’t be near the waterfall because lilies don’t like moving water.

How do you feel about “yellow”?

The "Charlene Strawn" is a medium sized yellow lily and it smells nice. The petals are wide at the base with points on the end. The flowers on this lily push up and seem to sit above the green lily pads. The "Chromatella" is popular with its really large yellow flower. It sports two colors of yellow and sits directly on the leaves. Although a large flower, it is suitable for all water gardens one hundred square feet and larger. A medium version of the Chromatella is the "Moorei" lily. The flower is smaller and will have brown spots in the leaves instead of the purple you sometimes see. This plant is more suited for the small water garden. "Sulphurea" is yet another yellow lily grown in the small water garden. The flowers are taller than others, held above the leaves of the plant while at the same time the petals point upwards to reach the sun. Changes you can make in the water garden include the use of the miniature lily, the "Helvola". This small lily is only about two inches wide and it will fit in the smallest of water gardens or creatively used in the container water garden.

The point of describing the various types of yellow lilies is to show you that you do have choices. Be sure to consider the size of your garden and the size the lily will **become**. *Keep those hands wet. Sharral*

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