

Highlights

- 📁 HOME SHOW April 5th & 6th
- 📁 We are trying a **new meeting time**, the 3rd Monday, at 7 p.m.
- 📁 Our Next Meeting is April 21st 2008, at 7 p.m.

Next Meeting

Monday, April 21st at 7 p.m. At the water garden of Corky and Peggy Gaston, 5701 Pecan Hill Ct. in Stillwater. From 6th and Western go west on 6th to Range Road and turn south, go to Trenton Dr. (Pecan Hill Addition) turn east on Trenton to Pecan Hill Street, turn south (right) there, and at the end of that street is 5701 Pecan Hill Ct.



What's Up under the Lily Pad

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Big Change!!!!

Make a note of this. We are going to meet on the 3rd Monday of the month this year. We picked the 3rd Monday to avoid some date conflicts we often hear about. We hope this will allow the opportunity for more people to attend our meetings. This month we will meet at the water garden of Corky & Peggy Gaston. See directions in upper right hand corner. The Gaston's water gardens have been



on our water garden tours in the past. They have a water garden at the entry to their home and this one in their back

yard. This garden was installed by Pond Pro of Shawnee, OK. They are sending a speaker to share information with us on new products such as foggers, lighting, and pondless water features. They will answer any ponding questions you have.

We had a fogger in our Home Show display that came from Pond Pro. They will be bringing a couple of those down for those of us who might want to purchase. Pond Pro has always been quite generous with door prizes for our club. We appreciate that. If you need product, you might call in your order and ask if they could deliver it that night.

Our first meeting was held in March at the home of Ernie and Sharral Tye. The first meeting of the season is always a St. Patrick's day party



celebrating the coming of the "green". Everyone brought a green gift to exchange. We talked about

Pictured here are members Dot Turman and Barbara Kirby at our first meeting. One of them was the lucky winner of a water feature donated by a member of the community, Adair Holmes. Thank you, Adair.

Congratulations, Jim and Barbara Kirby.

Public is welcome to attend SWGS meetings.

our plans for this season which included some ideas for meetings. We chose a Home & Garden Show committee and a Tour committee.

Desert Oasis

Designing a garden centered around plants that use less water leads to not only a lower water bill, but also a garden that takes less care. Our Home & Garden Show display this year depicted that. Our plantings were mostly ones that require little care and little water. Now think about that for a minute. You don't have to go out every day to water your water garden plants. They are covered. If you plant drought tolerant plants in the garden and around your water garden, they won't require daily watering either. You could spend most of your time in your garden enjoying it. What a good idea!

Several SWGS members, I call them the "worker bees", divied up the tasks to present the public with another "stupendous" Home Show display. We have this thing down to a science. It took us 3 hours to put up and less than an hour to tear down. Member Roger Whitaker put up the white fence you see and lent us some strong backs at just the right time. Thanks Roger for all your attention. We know you had many responsibilities that weekend as a member of the Stillwater Builders Association.



To picture a "Desert Oasis" think about: rock outcroppings, dry creek beds, decorative grasses, etc. All of those things add to the easy care of a garden and save on water. Ok some of what you see here may not be drought tolerant—that's the oasis part. Member Kathy Peacock arranged to use a beautiful succulent arrangement from her daughter's greenhouse. We had two Mother of Thousands in

bloom. Lowe's donated many plants, and none were hurt in the filming of this movie I might add. IROC and Danny Chance let us use their rock. The hit of the display was the fogger which Sally Smith donated for the day. *Pond Pro will be bringing a couple down for the meeting, in case of interest.

Below are some drought tolerant plants and the ones in **bold** were ones we used at the Home Show and are probably still available at Lowe's.

Bluebeard, a tall plant, produces clusters of blue flowers atop silvery foliage. Try some plants in intermediate heights: moonbeam coreopsis, purple coneflowers and "Autumn Joy" stonecrop. Working in tall **ornamental grass** adds interest, especially when the breezes blow. "Purple Fountain Grass" an annual in these parts can be left to dry for winter interest. Finally, mounds of a shorter, drought-resistant ornamental grass clustered in groups or used as an edging always look good. At the Home Show we used a **Japanese variety** with a greenish yellow tinge that is different and interesting. Of course "**Blue Fescue**" is always a hit. Lamb's ears is soft to the touch and it adds a lovely pale green color to the garden, not to mention a touch of lavender in the flower spikes that appear. Of course any number of **cactus and succulents** are interesting. Many cacti will have to be brought in before the first frost. That is true also of succulents such as "**Mother of Thousands.**" However, in the middle of the winter, this mother gives rise to a beautiful pink umbrella type flower that lasts and lasts. I know fog would not be seen in the desert, but the fogger was **just too cool** to leave out.

Remember--our meeting date has changed to the 3rd Monday of the month. That's April 21st at 7 p.m. Particulars about our next meeting will always be announced on our web site, so click in regularly.
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At our meetings we enjoy mingling with those who have a love of water gardening and quite a bit of knowledge to pass on to those who have a need to know. We exchange plants as well as ideas and fish too. Don't miss out. See you April 21st.