

## Highlights

Favorite Water Gardens

September trip to Linnaeus Garden in Tulsa

## Next Meeting

Monday August 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m. at Oklahoma Gardening's Studio Gardens. From 6<sup>th</sup> & Western, go west on 6<sup>th</sup> (HW 51) to Sangre. Travel 1 ½ miles north on Sangre to Virginia (watch for the OBGAs Oklahoma Gardening) sign. Then ¼ mile east to the gardens on the south side. Follow that road straight back. The education building is the first building on your left.



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OSU bus there and that will be fun. Some features of Linnaeus are: the Linnaeus Walk, the Entry Pavilion, the Water Garden Boulder Area, the Greenhouse, the Fruit and Veggie Area, the Fountain Garden, the Herb or Sensory Garden, and the Barn (Linnaeus Learning Center). Come to our next meeting to hear more about the trip. It will be a day of fun, beauty and learning. \*\*\*Programming note, since we are taking a trip in September that is in lieu of a September meeting, sooooo no photo contest this year. The trip will be on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> so mark your calendars.

**At this month's meeting, Monday August 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m. we will meet in the Education Building at Oklahoma Gardening's Studio Gardens. See the directions above. We will be able to stroll the grounds of Oklahoma Gardening and then hear a presentation by David Hillock on planting around the water garden. He is their Extension Consumer Horticulturist. Don't miss it.**

If you have questions that need answers, email me at [stye@suddenlink.net](mailto:stye@suddenlink.net). I will see if members have the answers.

We really made the papers!!! Did you see the nice articles in the Newspress and the Perkins Journal? We may have made it into the newspapers of a few smaller towns too. It is always good to get the word out that water gardening is alive and well.

By now you all should know that the "favorite" water gardens were picked with Early Autumns and Coca's water gardens tying for favorite small. Hazel Colbert's made favorite medium and the Thompson's was favorite large. Congratulations to all of those folks. You can rest assured that you all were someone's favorite water garden. Pictures of all the gardens on tour are in the July newsletter, available on our website.

Ok then, what is coming up? A trip to the teaching gardens in Tulsa, called the Linnaeus gardens. Lionel Arnold is planning that. We hope to take an

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

My water lilies are blooming like crazy but I miss my freckle faced lilies. I believe those are tropicals and I just did not get one this year. My luck in wintering them over is zero. Have you ever noticed that sometimes some of the leaves are freckled and some are not on the same plant. Also some have different clefts. I wondered if the difference had to do with new growth. An Austin Texas writer notes that usually the spots will remain, but there are many varieties that have different patterns on the leaves. The varied shape is probably just because it is new growth. The early leaves come out very arrow shaped and then become round as newer bigger ones come out. This is more common on tropicals.

**Still trying to treat my large shallow shelf like a container garden...** I have really been trying to get my unidentified lily to bloom in that spot. It has not, but the leaves are pretty this year. That's probably because I have been feeding it more. It may just not have enough depth to bloom.

Earlier this spring I watched a Martha Stewart program on table top water gardening. She planted a lily in one. I had my doubts it would bloom, and of course since the program was only a ½ hour, I never found out. However I have learned that if you want to do container lilies, the dwarf lilies are what you need. *Nymphaea 'helvola'* is the ideal miniature or dwarf water lily for an 18" x 18" container. The only problem is - trying to get one! They are usually available in the spring. Another yellow possibility is *Chromatella*. *Aurora* is a changeable lily going from yellow to orange to red. *Perry's Baby Red* or *Dwarf Red* might be good choices for a red lily. *Berit Strawn* is a light orange lily. For white, possibly try *Walter Pagel*. Most of these are noted as good for tub gardens. Of course, different weather and zones could impact their growth and flowering habit.

