

Highlights

- 📁 St Patrick's Day Party/Meeting 3/14/11 "Go Green"
- 📁 A peek into the SWGS programs coming up
- 📁 Fabulous link to pictures, videos and descriptions of plants you have been looking for

March Meeting is Monday March 14th 7:00 p.m.

- 📁 At the Tye's water garden. From 6th & Western, travel south on Western to 19th. Turn west on 19th to Countryside Drive. Turn south on Countryside Drive. Cross 24th. We are the 2nd house on the right. 2412 Countryside Drive, a southern colonial with a circular drive.



What' Up under the Lily Pad

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Welcome Back! Are you ready to get back in the saddle again? If I know some of you, you are not only ready but are chomping at the bit. We are starting off our season with our **Annual St. Patrick's Day Party/Meeting**. Kathy Peacock is heading this up again this year. She does such a great job. A very nice time is planned at the Tye's home. There will be a time to greet each other and share our spring garden and water gardening plans. It's a good opportunity to get some of your questions answered too. And, if you recall, we enjoy exchanging "green" gifts in honor of the St. Patrick's Day theme. Anything green in color or something for the garden no matter what the color is would be in order. You don't have to participate, but if you bring something, you go home with something neat!

Some of us may see March and April as the perfect time to add a water feature or upsize a pump or even put in that water garden we have been dreaming of. I found a website that has a **pond planning calculator, a pump cost calculator, even**

a TDH calculator (don't worry; I didn't know what TDH was either—just trying to impress.) The site is www.venturakoifarm.com. (To go directly to this web site, highlight it; right click; and click on open hyperlink or just put your cursor on it and press (Ctrl + click.)

Folks, I am so excited about SWGS this year. A few of us got together to do some brainstorming about monthly programs etc. Some great ideas came forth. Also, we have a tour this year—one day only, Saturday, June 25th. We already have five water gardens committed to be on the tour. At our March meeting, there will be a short presentation on what to expect if your water garden is on the tour. It really is fun, a great way to serve your community, and who doesn't want to share the pleasure that we all enjoy in water gardening. I hope you will consider being on the tour.

We will plan a **late September trip** to somewhere beautiful. We already miss the contributions of Lionel Arnold who has planned some nice trips for us in the past. You may have received a nice e-mail from him recently from North Carolina where he has moved. We are so glad he is getting settled in.

SWGS meetings are open to the Public

Thank you so much for your contributions over the years, Lionel. I, for one, will miss dropping by to visit your lovely garden here in Stillwater.

Chop Chop Bzzz Bzzz—Oh What a Talent It Is...

Have you ever noticed how many wood workers we have in our club? We need to take advantage of their talent. Maybe they will show us: how to build a bridge over our water gardens, or a way to camouflage pumps in our landscapes, or who knows what a woodworker may come up with. They are clever people. I see a great program in our future. If you work with wood, contact Bob Cramer and come up with a great program together.

Our **April meeting** will be at the Cramer's water garden. Sunset comes at 8:08 p.m. that evening. **Jake Music from MK Lighting** will be on tap to tell us all about what is available in lighting inside the water garden and in the landscape around it. Don't miss this beautiful sight. Earlier that evening, member **Dot Turman** will give a demonstration on dividing and repotting water garden plants. If you want to do it along with her, bring your own pot, plant, hand shovel, and gloves.

SWGS will be participating in the **Home & Garden Show on April 1st and 2nd**. We will need some help in setting up, tearing down, and of course being available for a shift of a few hours to tell people about why you love water gardening so much. We always pair you up so you will have someone to talk to during slow times.

Folks who help with set up on Thursday get an added bonus. The Stillwater Builder's Association serves a great supper to those who contributed hours by setting up their organization's display. That is so nice of them to do that, and those who have given several hours to the task **really** appreciate it.

Selecting Plants for your Water Garden

There are four classifications of plants in and

around the water garden: marginals, submerged, floating, lily and lily-like. There's a web site I find very helpful. The contents are alphabetized and there are colored pictures, descriptions and some even have short video segments that tell more about the plant. You can tell which entries feature videos, by the video camera icon next to its name in the list. To activate the video, place your cursor on the picture on the right hand side of the page you have selected, and click on the bar that will appear below it. This is a Florida web site, but I think you will find it helpful. [CLICK HERE](#) to link to this page. Just in case the link does not work for you, go to [http:// plants.ifas.ufl.edu/node/21](http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/node/21). (You have to put <http://> not www.)

All water gardeners have water lilies on the brain. Well why not, they are so beautiful. There are the "hardies" and "tropicals". What is the difference? Tolerance to cold for one thing. The hardies can be cut off and sunk into your pond at 2 ½ to 3 feet during the winter and survive--not so with tropicals. A nice thing about tropicals is they can bloom all day and into the night (which is when most of us entertain). Hardies usually bloom a little bit above the water; tropicals prefer resting on the surface. Tropicals have fluted leaves with an interesting fleck in them. For so much more information about lilies, follow this link: <http://www.victoria-adventure.org/waterlilies/differences.html> .

First things first: I hope to see you at my house on March 14th. Be thinking about being on the tour. Enjoy any spring like weather the Lord sends our way. And of course.... **Get Those Hands Wet!**

Sharral Tye,
President

